

### 300,000 POSTAL EMPLOYEES GIVE HAYS SEND-OFF

#### Retiring Official Promises "Outside" Support in Welfare Activities.

Postmaster General Will Hays announced his "outside" support of welfare activities of postoffice employees yesterday noon. He received the thanks of the 300,000 members of the National Welfare Council of the department for his "great service" to the postoffice employee, at a farewell luncheon at the Raleigh Hotel.

After leaving the Postoffice Department I do not propose to lessen my interest in the welfare of the postal workers," Mr. Hays told the council members. "There is nothing in my position that prevents me from continuing to be interested in the welfare of the employees. It has been fully demonstrated to me in the splendid co-operation received throughout the entire postal service."

Besides members of the National Welfare Council, others present at the farewell dinner to "Postmaster Hays" included Hubert Work, First Assistant Postmaster General, W. Irving Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster General, H. H. Bilyny, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Lee K. Frankel, welfare director, George W. Perkins, executive secretary, and other officials. The chief of the division of correspondence.

**Resolution of Thanks.**

The representatives read the following resolution adopted by the council:

"That the National Welfare Council of the Postoffice Department, recognizing the sincere sentiment of more than 300,000 postal workers, expressed in their behalf thanks and appreciation to Postmaster General Hays for the great service he has rendered and for the enlightened policy he has instituted and which has greatly contributed to raising the postal service of the United States to a higher level of efficiency and dignity."

In concluding his expression of thanks Postmaster General Hays praised the co-operation of the postal leaders in their efforts to co-operate in improving the service.

"I have been told that the leaders of the postal organization were generous and they used acrimony in their criticism of me. But I have since found them to be the best willing to do everything possible to co-operate in improving the postal service," he said.

**Postmaster General Hays.**

M. O. Chance, Washington postmaster, represented the first and second class postmasters. Others present were: Third and fourth class postmasters, V. H. Stonestree, supervisory postoffice employees, V. Burke, Joe Wilson, W. H. Haycock, railway mail supervisory employees, R. P. Williams, railway mail, William Collins, H. W. Strickland, rural letter-carriers, William Brown, Federation of Postoffice Clerks, G. E. Hyatt, T. F. Flaherty, United National Association of Postoffice Clerks, C. P. Francis, J. J. Grogan, letter-carriers, E. J. Gallagher, E. J. Carroll, postoffice laborers, J. H. Bosche, Federal employees, Luther P. Stewart, Gertrude McNally, Women's Auxiliary of Postoffice Clerks, Mrs. Mary V. Hallas.

### WOMAN SOLOMON GIVES BABE TO CHILDREN'S GUARDIANS

#### Judge Sellers, However, Declares Mrs. Mattio Is Mother, and Not Mrs. Peck.

"We judge this child to be the child of Mrs. Mattio," Judge Sellers declared yesterday in a decision handed down in the case of the child of a suitable home and commit him to the Board of Children's Guardians during minority. Mrs. Mattio may make suitable contribution to his rearing. "Bring on the beach case."

Thus, with a final rap of the gavel, Judge Kathryn Sellers decided that Mrs. Mattio was the mother of the 3-month-old boy both claimed, at the last hearing of the case before the juvenile court yesterday.

The rare Latin stolidity, Mrs. Mattio, 1889 Lewis street northeast, accepted the court's decision, while Mrs. Peck, of Tuxedo, Md., left protesting that she would appeal the decision.

### FITZGERALD URGES PAYMENT OF BONUS

#### Ohio Representative Points To \$1,000 Bounties of Civil War Time.

Representative Roy Fitzgerald, of Ohio, speaking before the Lincoln Post at the University Club last night, stated that the soldier bonus is no new thing in our legislation. He pointed out that during the last part of the civil war bounties as high as \$1,000 were offered to encourage enlistment.

"Great Britain with a national debt amounting to 45 per cent of her national resources, France with a national debt amounting to 53 per cent of her national resources, have paid bounties to their soldiers, while the United States with a national debt equivalent to only 1 per cent of her resources has delayed the payment of this obligation. Four European countries owe this nation \$1,000,000,000, and they prefer to pay their veterans before they pay interest on this debt," Representative Fitzgerald stated.

"The Dent law, passed in March, 1915, obligated the United States to pay to war contractors for damages suffered through the signing of the armistice \$2,000,000. It is only fair that an adjustment be made with the veterans who suffered financially and economically through their war service," he stated.

"The means of raising revenue, either through taxation, revenues, or bond issues, can be as easily adjusted as when the Dent law was passed."

Lincoln Post voted to close its charter when 200 members are enrolled. Plans were discussed for the acquisition of a permanent meeting place. Plans were made for the acquisition of a permanent meeting place. Plans were made for the acquisition of a permanent meeting place.

### FATHER-IN-LAW ARRESTS MAN

#### Waits in Daughter's Place Under Arrangement For Meeting.

Wanted, it is said, on three charges of grand larceny and as an escaped prisoner, Alfred James Wright, 22 years old, was tricked into arrest last night by his wife and father-in-law.

As he stood on Thirteenth street near F street northwest, waiting for his wife, Marion Wright, 22 years old, 448 M street northwest, Wright had not been seen for weeks. Wright was approached by the father-in-law, William G. Hurley, of the M street address. He was forcibly marched to headquarters where he was held. He gave his address as 417 Virginia avenue southeast.

Wright is accused of stealing \$100 worth of cloth from the tailor shop of Azael Furr, 335 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. He is also said to have stolen two typewriters from a local concern. While serving a one-year sentence for grand larceny, Wright is accused of having escaped from jail last April.

Prior to his commitment to jail, the accused is said to have eloped with Miss Hurley. They were married in Washington. It is said, after which the bride is said to have been deserted.

According to the father, arrangements were made for the couple to meet on Thirteenth near F street shortly after 8 o'clock last night.

### PRESSMEN STRIKE IN NEW YORK ENDS

NEW YORK, March 1.—New York's newspapers, which were forced to reduce their Wednesday morning editions and some of their afternoon editions to eight pages, have been restored to full size following settlement of the strike of pressmen.

The pressmen who walked out of the morning papers were to abide by the decision of Judge Martin B. Mantou, of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, as arbitrator. They had repudiated the agreement by walking out.

**Mrs. Hitt May Build.**

LEESBURG, Va., March 1.—Mrs. Katherine Elkins Hitt, well-known in Washington society and who was recently divorced from her husband in Paris, will build a handsome country residence at Middleburg, Loudoun County, it is reported. The little town is a center for hunters and horse lovers.

### Parsonage Sold at Auction.

LEESBURG, Va., March 1.—The old Baptist parsonage here, on Market street, was sold at auction today, to be wrecked and removed within thirty days. This is the first actual step toward the building of a postoffice.

### REMOVAL SALE

"We reductions on our stock of Draperies, Curtains, Window Treatments, Upholstery, Store and Supply."

### PEPCO MADE 9.18 PER CENT IN 1921, SAYS COMMISSION

#### Company Estimate is 7.66 Based on Its Own Valuation.

Potomac Electric Power Company earned 9.18 per cent in 1921, according to figures given yesterday by the Public Utilities Commission at a public hearing on electric rates held in the board room of the District Building.

The rate was based on the commission's valuation of the property owned by the Potomac Electric Power Company. According to the company's figures, based on their own valuation, the rate was 7.66 per cent.

The greater part of the hearing yesterday afternoon was taken up by company representatives in explaining how they arrived at their figures. One difference between the two valuations resulted from the company's attempt to include their income tax as a part of the operating expense.

**Commission's Previous Stand.**

William F. Ham, president of the company, and an array of legal talent—consisting of S. R. Bowen, Osborne Yellott and John S. Harshbarger—insisted that the income tax properly belonged under operating expense.

In 1920 the Public Utilities Commission took the stand that "the income tax should be paid out of the profits, and that like all other taxes, it was a part of the company's expense."

Barber asserted that it was never the intention of Congress to take the income tax out after figuring the net return.

The cost of money was introduced into the testimony by Mr. Ham, when he asked that the evidence of the recent street railway hearing in regard to the rate that bankers and brokers demand for the loan of money be included. He summed up the position of the company by stating that any cut in rates would be felt by the public in the quality of service.

During the testimony Mr. Ham frequently quoted from President Harding's speech of ship subsidy.

In Prince Georges County, Md., representing the Federation of Citizens' Associations, to ask him if he believed in municipal ownership. Mr. Ham replied that this question was one for the Commission to decide.

**Cost of Extensions.**

Further evidence tended to show that the valuations arrived at by the Commission and by the company differed also in that the company included the cost of extension as a part of their expense for the year, while the Commission spread it over the years in accordance with the weight of the cost resting on the company each year.

The present rate for electricity furnished to private homes is 8.075 cents per kilowatt hour. The customer is actually paying 10 cents per kilowatt hour.

In summing up for the company, Mr. Ham stated that the service rendered was of such a high character that complaints were rare except in cases of error in bills. Clayton, summarizing the testimony, urged that the Commission make their reduction so as to benefit the retail consumer rather than the wholesale consumer.

### WOMEN'S FIGHT UP TO PRESIDENT

#### Trade Union League Committee Urges Defeat of Equal Rights Move.

Representatives of the National Women's Trade Union League called upon President Harding yesterday to ask his support in their fight against the blanket legislation for equal political and civil rights promulgated by the National Woman's party.

Led by Mrs. Raymond Robbins, the committee told the President that the proposed amendment to the Federal Constitution and the State bills, which have already been passed by the legislatures of Wisconsin and Maryland, would nullify the landmark industrial legislation of 1907 years ago.

"To destroy industrial laws for women merely because the same laws do not exist for men is to lower the whole level of industry," they pointed out.

Mrs. Robbins advocated specific measures in specific instances to rectify existing discriminations, rather than the wholesale destruction of the laws which have been known to the President of the declaration adopted by the conference of women's trade unions Sunday, citing legal authority as to their contentions in regard to the disastrous result of this proposed legislation. Mrs. Ethel M. Smith, women's representative of the minimum wage board of this city, and secretary of the league, was a member of the committee.

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### COAL OPERATORS ACT TO AVERT BIG STRIKE ON APRIL 1

#### Illinois Owners Invite Farrington to Discuss State Agreement.

CHICAGO, March 1.—The threatened nation-wide strike of bituminous coal miners on April 1 may be averted if the policy committee of the miners will allow district presidents to frame state wage agreements with operators instead of insisting on a blanket contract, it was indicated here tonight.

Illinois operators made overtures to Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois miners, to meet with them on March 8, to discuss a State agreement. The operators also sent John L. Lewis, president of the miners, a copy of their proposal to the Illinois district chiefs.

**Says Sanction is Possible.**

Farrington said today that the conference would be held if Lewis and other members of the policy committee would sanction it. He expressed the personal opinion, and as a member of the policy committee, that sanction for State conference was entirely possible.

"It has been done before, and it can be done again," he said. "We have had district agreements in the past and this method now seems to me to be the logical procedure. Of course, this depends upon the agreement of Lewis and other members of the policy committee."

**Other Regions to Act.**

It is expected, following the proposal of the Illinois operators, that the operators of Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania will also ask State conferences with the miners in those districts. It is believed that John Brophy, president of the Fairfields district, in Pennsylvania, will also favor State agreements.

In extending the invitation to discuss wages to the miners, the Illinois operators said they have accepted two invitations from Lewis to talk wages, and that both meetings have been called off.

In justice to the public, to the miners, and to the operators, we can see no reason why, because of the failure to confer in other States, a definite attempt to reach an agreement in Illinois should not be made," it was stated.

**Have Studied Terms.**

"We have studied and discussed terms among the Illinois operators and rates on which we are willing to make a contract, and we think an opportunity should be given the Illinois operators to discuss with you and your assistants in Illinois the whole problem of producing coal. We believe also that by an earnest effort on the part of the operator and the miner the serious problems involved can be settled, and settled fairly, for those interested in the industry as well as the public."

It was pointed out in the statement that the operators of the international union do not prohibit State agreements.

Farrington said that he would meet with the other chiefs of the Illinois miners Friday to decide on a course of action.

### Mary and Hubby Away From All

#### Not Even Telephone Links Estate of Royal Honeycomb to Outside World.

SHIPMAN, England, March 1.—Princess Mary and her new hubby are, honeycombed on the Earl of Bradford's vast estate of 15,000 acres, Weston Park, finally safe from all the rigorous formality of the last few days and absolutely divorced from the world at large.

There are no relatives, no court attendants, at Weston Park, and the only other persons present are a few discreet servants. The estate is surrounded by a high wall, but this is not necessary to keep out the villagers, who, despite their affectionate enthusiasm for the couple, are maintaining a decorous aloofness in response to hints from within.

The couple had planned to go for a canter through the forests in the morning, but the train kept the princess indoors, and the vicar took a stroll through the grounds.

Viscount Lascelles informally advised the villagers that he and the princess fully appreciated the tremendous enthusiasm with which they had been received, but hoped their privacy would not be disturbed.

The desire for seclusion even caused the vicar to refuse to allow a telephone to be installed at the mansion. Not a single wire connection will connect the place with the outside world.

### FREED ON PLEA OF SELF-DEFENSE

Paul L. Chapman, colored, 26 years old, of 426 E. street northwest, who was indicted on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the stabbing and killing of Randolph Burroughs, also colored, of the same address, was freed yesterday by District Attorney Peyton Gordon.

Burroughs was killed in a quarrel over a debt of \$5 cents January 12. Chapman pleaded self-defense. His attorney was Armand W. Scott. Gordon instructed his assistant, Bertrand Emerson, Jr., to nolle prosequi the case.

### Dr. Abbot to Give Address.

Dr. Charles G. Abbot, assistant secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, will address the Washington Society of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at the University Club at its weekly luncheon tomorrow. This is one of a series of talks by prominent men given at the weekly luncheon of the society.

### Lions Club Hears Leader of Order

Ewen W. Cameron, international president of the Lions Club, yesterday spoke on "Lionism" at the local club's weekly luncheon at the Willard Hotel.

Members of the local club, headed by Caleb Connor, president, attended the "Lionism" of the Baltimore Lions Club.

Virgil F. Bourne has been designated chairman of the charter night program.

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### MONROE SCHOOL NOT TO CLOSE ON ACCOUNT OF GAS

#### Demands of Columbia Heights Citizens Fail to Move D. C. Officials.

School and District government officials yesterday stood on their refusal to close the doors of the Monroe school, Columbia road and Georgia avenue in answer to complaints that gas from the furnace filled the rooms of the building.

The refusal was based on reports from school and health department physicians that tests of the air taken from the rooms showed comparatively no signs of gas.

In spite of the reports of the physicians, Columbia Heights Citizens' Association leaders announced last night the society would demand closing of the school, having its own report of Dr. Stephen Bain, chairman of the special committee appointed to investigate. The executive committee, on Monday asked that the school be closed pending installation of a new heating system. Dr. Bain declared at that time that "gas escaping from the worn-out furnace in the twelve-room building is endangering the lives of the 500 pupils."

Engineer Commissioner Keller said yesterday that he had received reports from government physicians and experts that the building was not filled with gas from the furnace and that conditions were not unsafe for the pupils in any way and that in view of this no action to close the structure would be taken. Further tests of the air will be made by physicians today.

Inspection of the school for possible gas leakage occupied Dr. William C. Fowler, District health officer, nearly two hours yesterday.

Samples of air taken in the school rooms were tested by Dr. T. M. Price, District health department chemist. The test showed that the amount was well below the limit allowed.

### Wants Mountain Laurel As U. S. National Flower

Representative Herbert W. Taylor of New Jersey introduced a joint resolution yesterday in the House urging the adoption of the mountain laurel as the national floral insignia.

The resolution provides that the laurel be recognized as the national flower on all state occasions and ceremonies, both foreign and domestic, where the United States or its representatives participate.

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### Anniversary Sale of Dresses \$25

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Spring Sports Suits, made of Tweeds, Herringbones and Homespuns. All shades and sizes. Smart new suits that regularly sell to \$45.00. Sale price—

### Skirts \$5.00

25 Skirts, plain, plaid and striped material. Wonderful values that surely won't last long. Anniversary price—

### Hosiery Children's Wear

A Beautiful Full-fashioned Black Silk Hose, silk throughout. A splendid \$3.00 value. Anniversary **\$2.00** price—

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Boys' Wash Suits, made of excellent quality galatea, linen and rep. in middie and Dutch Daddy styles. One of the biggest values in this sale. Sizes 2 to 6 years. Anniversary **\$1.25** day price—

Boys' Milan Braid Hats, in black, navy, brown and combinations of tan and brown. Trimmed in grosgrain ribbon, for 2 to 6 year kiddies. Anniversary **\$1.35** sary special—

Girls' Jaunt Spring Hats, made of good quality Milan braid in all shades of colors and styles. Sizes for girls 12 years. Birthday **\$1.50** price—

Rompers made of excellent quality gingham, in an assortment of patterns. 2 to 5 years. Anniversary price to **95c**

Girls' Peter Pan Shirt Waists, in pongee and Balkan style, of white linen, with collar and cuffs of checked gingham. Sizes 8 to 14 years. Anniversary **\$1.35** sary price—

Children's Muffin Drawers, with cluster of tucks and hemstitched hem—12 year sizes. Anniversary **25c** special—

Dresses for little tots. Materials are gingham and chambray, in checks and stripes, trimmed in solid shades to harmonize. Sizes 2 to 4 years. Anniversary **\$1.00** sary price—

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Group No. 3—Dresses marked to **\$10.00**. Sale price **1/2 Off**

### PRAISES ACTION FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

#### Senator Weller Congratulates Woman's Party on Maryland Bill.

Senator A. E. Weller, of Maryland, yesterday wrote Mrs. Theodore T. Forbes, of Baltimore, a member of the legislative committee of the Maryland branch of the Woman's party, congratulating her and the women of Maryland upon the passage of the equal rights bill by the Maryland house Tuesday.

The letter follows:

"My dear Mrs. Forbes: Permit me to congratulate you and all other Maryland women upon the passage of the equal rights bill in the house yesterday, and to express the hope that it will promptly pass the senate. I am heartily in favor of the removal of the disabilities of women under the law, as provided by this bill. Assuming you of my continued co-operation in all measures benefiting the women of our State, believe me,

"Sincerely yours,  
(Signed) O. E. WELLER."

### THREE ARRESTED FOR THEFT IN D. C.

Charged with the theft of an automobile and an overcoat, three negroes were arrested yesterday in Oxford, Pa., and returned to the District. The prisoners gave their names as Rudolph Hawkins, 18 years old, 1825 Tenth street north; Earl Booker Sharperson, 20 years old, Twelfth and T street northwest; and Andrew Jackson, 20 years old, 1225 Georgia avenue northwest. All are charged with grand larceny. The automobile was the property of Lieut. Gall Morgan, 3500 Fourteenth street northwest. The overcoat belonged to W. H. Haviland, same address.

### STARDS GEM Worth \$65,000.

LEESBURG-ON-HUDSON, N. Y., March 1.—A lone burglar scaled a ladder to an upper window of the country home of Henry Graves 3d, here, while his family was at dinner, ransacked bureau drawers and escaped with two diamond bracelets and other jewelry valued at \$65,000. A servant gave the alarm. Dr. Graves fired at the robber, but without effect.

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