

BURLESON REMOVES POSTAL OFFICIALS

Mackay, Deegan and Cook Believed From all Connection with Government Operation of Their System. Move Marks Culmination of Feud of Long Standing.

Washington, March 22.—Differences between the management of the Postal Telegraph & Cable Company and Postmaster General Burleson, which have been acute ever since the government assumed control of the telegraph and telephone systems, culminated today in an order by the postmaster general summarily relieving the chief officers, directors and owners of the Postal Company from all duties in connection with government operation of their system.

In the place of Clarence H. Mackay, president of the company, the order appointed A. F. Adams, president of the Kansas City Home Telephone Company, and member of the government's general telephone and telegraph operating board, to take over management of the entire Postal system. In announcing the action, post office department officials said Mr. Adams took over control today.

W. W. Cook, general counsel, and William J. Deegan, secretary, were named specifically with Mr. Mackay in the removal order.

The department announced the action was made necessary by failure or refusal of the Postal officials to follow instructions, efforts to embarrass and discredit government control and failure promptly to put a new wage schedule and the eight hour day into operation.

Officials said informally they assumed the Postal Company would seek to interfere with execution of the order by some court action. The officers relieved retain their connection with the company itself, the postmaster general's authority extending only to actual control and operation.

Last January Mr. Burleson removed Edward Reynolds, vice president and general manager, of the Postal on the ground that he was obstructing operation.

New York, March 22.—Refusal by the Postal Telegraph Company to sanction an increase of telegraph rates if deemed unjust and award of a 19 per cent wage increase to employees instead of 5 per cent advance ordered by Postmaster General Burleson were said today by William S. Deegan, secretary of the company, to be the "rea-

sons" for the removal today by Mr. Burleson of Clarence Mackay, president, and other officials of the company.

Mr. Deegan declared in a statement that "we shall not surrender or abandon our fight against Burleson's usurpations."

The order removing the officials was served at noon today without previous notice, said the statement which continued:

"Burleson gives as a reason for the order that we have failed to carry out his orders and instructions. We do not know what Burleson refers to in the way of orders and instructions. It all is a pretense.

"The statement by Burleson that we failed promptly to put into effect the wage schedule is a distortion. We announced an increase in wages of all our employees on March 5, effective from January 1, which was more generous than that ordered by Burleson. The Burleson schedule was based entirely on the Western Union plan of organization which is different from ours, and it was impossible to apply it to our organization. Burleson's operating board admitted this and told us to do the best we could. Burleson's statement on the wage schedule is a deliberate attempt to distort facts.

"We did refuse to assent to a proposition made by Burleson's operating board of Bell Telephone and Western Union officials to increase telegraph rates, but this never reached the form of an order. Burleson carefully refrains from mentioning this and this may be why he has removed our officials."

The statement which declares the action of the postmaster general to be "one of the most despotic acts in the history of the government," and this purpose "evidently is to destroy the Postal Telegraph system," says the men who were appointed to take over the property know nothing of the telegraph business.

Baltimore, March 22.—Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company, who was in Baltimore today, said tonight:

"Until I shall have had the opportunity of reading and studying the full text of the order dismissing me from the service of the company, I prefer to make no comment about it. A statement will likely be issued by the company in New York tonight. I will wait until I get back to New York to read the order and will probably make a statement then."

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This money is being borrowed from the banks of the country, and Uncle Sam is issuing short-term certificates of indebtedness in anticipation of the coming Liberty Loan and of the federal income taxes. If the banks were not speedily paid back, their resources would be gone, and as they could make no loans, credit operations would be hampered and business stagnate.

How about it? Will we finish our job—that of paying the war bills, as our immortal heroes finished theirs of vanquishing the Hun? They were not quitters, even when called on to make the supreme sacrifice. Will we be quitters, when there is all to gain and nothing to lose?

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OVER HALF MILLION MEN RETURNED

Strength of the A. E. F. on March 20th was 1,470,676.

Washington, March 22.—The total number of the members of the American expeditionary forces returned to the United States has passed the half million mark. The War Department announced today the actual figure on March 20 was 500,034, including 27,940 officers, 2,146 nurses, 2,683 civilians and 448,241 men of the army, 13,550 navy personnel and 4,474 marines.

The strength of the expeditionary forces March 20 was 1,470,676. This included 24,199 men of the navy comprising hospital units, big gun crews and similar auxiliary forces serving in connection with the army's work in France. The marine contingent on that date had been reduced to 23,502 including the brigade attached

to the Second division and various marine regiments assigned to duty at the embarkation camps and other army centers in France.

On February 28, the total strength of the forces in France and those en route home was placed at 1,677,024. Deaths reported this month numbered 2,339 while the troops landing in this country and embarking from France from February 28 to March 20 numbered 204,009.

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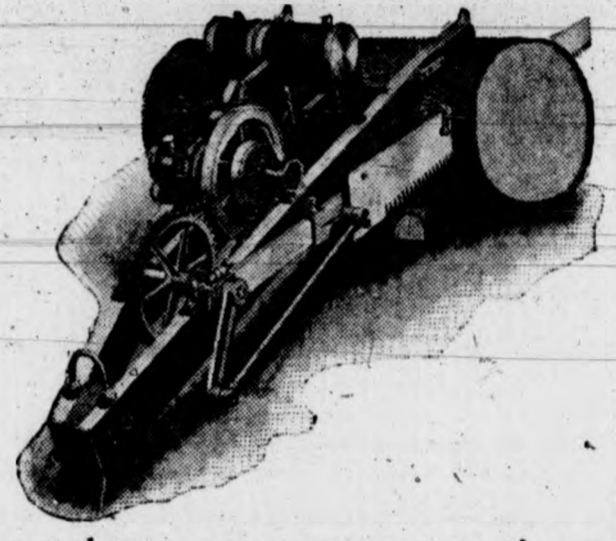
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