

**BURLESON BELIEVES IN GOV'T OWNED TEL. & TEL. SYSTEMS**

The Annual Report of U. S. Postmaster General Shows Developments and Innovations of Service for the Year.

Washington, Dec. 9.—A surplus of \$2,842,851 in post office operations for the fiscal year 1919 was announced in the annual report today of Postmaster General Burleson. The figures are subject to some adjustment which would increase the surplus, Mr. Burleson said, adding that this was the sixth time in the seven years of the present post office administration that revenues had exceeded expenditures.

An aggregate surplus of more than \$35,000,000 as compared to an aggregate deficit of more than \$39,000,000 for the preceding seven year period is shown in an appended table.

The cause of the change is immediately apparent, the report says of this comparison. Whereas the revenues under this administration increased \$737,597,838 or at the rate of 56.68 per cent., compare with the seven year period prior to the time it assumed office, the expenditures increased only \$643,335,795, or at the rate of 42.49 per cent.

Much of the criticism leveled at the department's financial policy, Mr. Burleson said, "was due to lack of complete and accurate information." "The facts, as presented," he added, "tell a story of achievement. They do not call for explanations or apologies and none are given. The administration stands squarely on its record."

Dismissing improvements in the service, Mr. Burleson said nothing had been left undone within his authority "to effect readjustments in the interest of all the people and not in that of any special class," adding:

"Because of the curtailment of money may be termed 'special class' postal facilities there has grown up strenuous hostility upon the part of a limited number of 'special interests,' the expense of whose private business was largely paid by the Government instead of by themselves. This has particular reference to the modifying of the second-class mailing privileges which had until the advent of the present administration been grossly abused."

Improvements made are summarized as follows:

"Inauguration of the air-mail service; establishment of the 'space system' in determining the compensation of railroads for carrying the mail; readjustments of railway mail service in the interest of both improvement and economy; readjustments of organizations in post offices, methods of service, and distribution of supplies, on a basis of sound business principle; inauguration of rural and city motor vehicle service and village delivery service; extension of box and collection service and postage-stamp, money-order and registry facilities to patrons on star routes; improvements in the registry system, insured parcel post, and methods of handling dead letters; readjustment of rural delivery service, providing more equitable distribution of facilities to patrons already served and extensions of facilities to those citizens who had theretofore been denied any service at all; complete reorganization of the equipment and supply services through the extension

**DOM. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE REPORT**

Maritime Province Firms Reported Nominal Decrease During Week Ending Nov. 22 — Anticipated Increase in Following Week.

The Dominion Employment Service, summarizing the returns at the end of November from the Maritime Province firms, reported a nominal decrease during the week ending November 22nd, but anticipated an increase of 127 persons, or 3 per cent, during the week ending November 29th. The decrease was accounted for by reductions in lumbering of 1.3 per cent; food, drink and tobacco, 1.5 per cent; vehicles, 1.3 per cent; quarrying and mining, 3 per cent, and railway construction, 5 per cent. All other groups registered increases, metals making a gain of 1.5 per cent; building and construction, 2.9 per cent; commercial and mercantile, 2.6 per cent, and railway operation, 5 per cent. Railway operation expected a gain of 9.0 per cent, accounting for the large anticipated increase for the groups as a whole, and more than offsetting a reduction of 3.7 per cent, in the food, drink and tobacco group.

**TORONTO SMALLPOX SITUATION FAR FROM ABATING**

Seventy-Six New Cases Reported in Forty-Eight Hours — 1,702 Under Quarantine

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 15.—Seventy-six new cases of smallpox within forty-eight hours, with forty-four patients discharged in that period, is the smallpox record here today. There are now in the city 651 cases, with a total of 1,702 persons under quarantine. Local health officials say that there is no indication that the epidemic is abating.

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**ARE WORKING FOR DRASTIC DECREASE IN CLOTHING PRICES**

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Twenty-four dollars and a half is a "fair price" for a man's suit or overcoat, the federal price regulating commission, working under direction of District Attorney Clyne announced today.

A fair price for women's suits was fixed at \$25, women's dresses \$18.25; men's shoes \$5.95 and women's shoes \$4.95.

Officials of five of Chicago's biggest retail stores prepared the price list, which follows: Men's suits \$24.50; men's overcoats, \$24.50; men's shoes, \$5.95; men's hosiery, 25 cents; men's underwear, \$1.35; women's suits, \$25; women's dresses, \$18.25; women's coats, \$13.90; women's shoes, \$4.95; women's hosiery, 25 cents; women's underwear, \$1.25; boy's suits, \$5.90; boy's overcoats, \$8.50; children's underwear, 75 cents; hats, shoes and all other staple articles of clothing, the committee declared.

**A WOMAN JUDGE.**

The children of any home are commiserated if so unfortunate as to be brought up without the well-balanced training of a father's and mother's united interest in their welfare. The children of the community who by reason of our wretched social and economic conditions are "erring angels" and committed offences beyond the corrective agencies of the home or the school, are not granted the consideration of anything but the masculine point of view, however fatherly that might chance to be, writes Mrs. Elizabeth Becker in the current number of the Women's Century.

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**STANDARDIZATION OF WAGE OFFER TO BRITISH RY. MEN**

Secretary of the National Union Sees in it the Settlement of the Wage Question

London, Dec. 15.—J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, announced today that the government had made a new wage standardization offer to the railwaymen. He said he was unable to pledge acceptance of the proposition, but declared he believed it contained a germ which would result in the settlement of the wage question. The offer is to be discussed with the government on Wednesday.

Mr. Thomas repudiated rumors that there would be a suddenly called railway strike before Christmas.

**OBITUARY**

Special to The Standard. Wellesley, Mass., Dec. 15.—Shortly after 6 o'clock this evening Minda G. Olson, aged 51 years, was found dead on the bathroom floor in the home of Myron Grove, 44 Dover Road, this town. Death was due to convulsions. She came here from St. John, N. B., three days ago in response to a telegram from her sister, Lillian Tremblay, a domestic at Wellesley College, who had secured the position with the Grove family for her. Another sister, Mrs. Paul John Paulson, of Fredericton, N. B., also survives. Burial arrangements are as yet undecided.

Special to The Standard. Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 14.—Henry Paddock, aged 82, a leading citizen, died today, he was representative four years, town treasurer fourteen years, selectman ten years, and an officer of the Pacific National Bank fifteen years. He was high in Masonic circles and had received the 32nd degree in the Scottish rite.

Mr. Paddock was a Canadian by birth, and education, coming from the old Paddock family of Westfield, N. B. A sister, Grace M. Mervoise of Westfield, N. B., is among the survivors.

Special to The Standard. Medford, Mass., Dec. 14.—James A. Gowing, aged 53, of 24 Washington street, formerly of St. John, N. B., died here at three o'clock this afternoon, following an illness of one month. Gowing's death was due to heart disease, culminating with pneumonia. He came to Medford from St. John three and a half years ago, then in the very prime of health. A brother, Edwin A. Gowing, of Dover, N. H., and a nephew, Frances P. Gowing of St. John, survive.

Special to The Standard. New Britain, Conn., Dec. 14.—Wm. H. Hart, a founder and for fifty years active head of the Stanley Rule and Level Co. here, died today, aged 84. He retired from business activities in January, 1918. Mr. Hart was a native and former resident of Gagetown, N. B., coming to the States at the age of 22.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 15.—The community was shocked this evening to learn of the death of Mrs. Dugald McGachy, at the young age of 29. Mrs. McGachy has been seriously ill for the last few days, and this afternoon it was found that her only hope was in an operation. She was taken to the hospital and operated on, and although

everything possible was done, the young life passed away this evening. She was very popular on the border and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends. She is survived by her husband, who is foreman of the shipping department of Ganong Bros., Ltd.

Thomas Bagley At Norton, December 15th occurred the death of Thomas P. Bagley. In his passing the community has been robbed of a noble and worthy citizen and his relatives of a loving and kind husband and brother, and many of a true and loyal friend. Possessing a personality rare in its humor and kindness he endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. He leaves to mourn their sad loss a sorrowing wife, formerly Miss Lucy McGinnis, of Southfield, N. S., and a little nephew, Harry, around whom the affection of the deceased were tightly woven. Three brothers survive: Elmer and Francis of Norton and William of Portland; four sisters, Mrs. William Ross, Mrs. Nellie Connors, Mrs. Frank Barnes, all of Portland, Me., and Mrs. Alice Parkinson of Boston.

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**ST. OPENING.** A rink opened last night in the Thistle, St. Anselm's Carling Bunks for very short time the real curlers will be in progress.

**TRAINS WERE LATE IN CITY YESTERDAY.** The reported an hour and fifteen minutes. The Maritime was late, and the Boston three hours.

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