POSTMASTERS TO FACE EXAMINATION

Those of First, Second and Third Class Will be Appointed Under New Rules

GOES INTO EFFECT APRIL 1

Some Democratic Leaders Roundly Denounce the Plan, But Mr. Burleson Tells Them It Is No Use to Protest.

Washington, March, 7.—Postmaster General Burleson announced today that after April 1 the appointment of all postmasters of the first, second and third class would be subject to competitive examinations. Nominations will be sent to the Senate as in the past but in making selections the President will be guided by the results of examinations and will send in the names at the head of the lists.

Whether the Civil Service Commission, under which fourth-class postmasters are now named, will conduct the examinations has not been determined.

The President's forthcoming order will provide for a form of modified civil class classification under which all vacancies, whether caused by resignation, removal or death, will be filled by competitive examination. Those already in the service will continue without examination until the expiration of four years term begnnng wth ther last appontment and wll then, t s understood, have to undergo the competitive test.

A hornet's nest was stirred up by the announcement at the capitol where scores of members were in their offices preparing to leave for home. The order was roundly denounced by some of the Democratic leaders and several members construed it as a move to get combined Democratic and Republican support in a politically uncertain House.

Representative Carlin and Glass, of Virginia, were in a group of Democrats who called on the Postmaster General toda, and who were told about the plan. Democratic Leader Kitchin, of the House, delayed his departure for North Carolina to go to the Postoffice Department to register his protest.

Most of the congressmen who saw Mr. Burleson went on the latter's invitation to discuss the new play for systematizing postal accounting by establishing central auditing postoffices in county or district groups.

One Southern member asked if the Postmaster General had called them there to ask their views or to tell them what had been done. "I am telling you what is going to happen," he replied. The postmaster general is quoted as having told them that it was too late to protest as the order had been determined upon and would be carried out. He intimated that he was not the author of it but that it was a measure of efficiency and economy.

Another member suggested that the order would put many Republicans in office and still another wanted to know what would happen if the one man certified from the examination were a negro. The Postmaster General, according to those present, replied that the examinations would have to take place and there would be "no special privilege to anyone."

WAS CONSTRUCTIVE AND PROGRESSIVE

(Continued from Page One.)

taxation some assets now escaping their share of the tax burden and make the measure apply on a just and equitable basis to all and render more effective various sections of the law that experience showed to be in need of readjustment for effective administration, and make more certain the actual collection of the taxes due the State.

He said that one of the most progressive measures the committee put through, and one that is generally pronounced especially important, is that providing for an entirely new and uniform and up-to-date system of accounting for the State departments and the State institutions.

Special Tax Commission.

He regards the provision that the committee procured for the creation of a special commission to investigate the taxing system of this State and of other states and the devising of a modern system for North Carolina to be recommended to the Legislature for adoption as a most important movement. This committee can report to the next General Assembly or a special session if one is called. The present system of taxation, he says, is generally admitted to be antiquated and entirely unsuitable for the best interests of the State and the people at large, and the desire is to give the people an up-to-date and equitable system of taxation.

As to Fisheries Law.

In the matter of State fisheries legislation Senator McNider said that the legislation at this session has granted adjustments of the law that the State Fish Commission was especially desirous to obtain. The burden of fish taxes has been reduced materially for the small fishermen and maintained with some downward tendency on the larger fishing interests. The commission as now constituted has been left intact and its control and regulation of the industry strengthened instead of weakened as various bills were intended to do. The tax on fishing vessels is charged to gross instead of net tonnage. A tax of five cents per gallon is imposed on the scallops industry, which is developing considerably in this State. The tax on catches of fish for personal or home consumption is eliminated, much to the satisfaction of the fish commission by whom the tax was regarded as unnecessary and really unjust. The powers of the board to control its affairs has been amended in such way as that it will be possible to cut the cost of the administration of the department at a saving of probably $2,000 annually.

Baltimore, Mr., March 7.—United States Senator France, who voted against the cloture bill in the caucus today, declared tonight that when the bill comes up in the Senate he will vote for it, believing that at this time he should uphold the President. He said that in general he is against cloture.

MR. DEVINE DENOUNCES ACTION OF SENATOR STONE

Richmond, Va., March 7.—Miles J. Devine, president of the Cook County Democracy of Chicago, speaking tonight before the sixty members of the organization which accompanied him here, en route fro mthe inauguration, and a large gathering of local people, denounced the attitude of Senator William J. Stone, of Missouri, in opposing President Wilson's armed neutrality measures.

"The Cook county Democracy," he said, "comprising some of the best known Democrats of the West, has no sympathy whatever with the attitude of Senator Stone in this crisis. We are solidly behind the President. His policies are our policies, and we are against any man who tries to cripple him in this critical hour. In saying this I speak for the entire organization."

TO INSPECT SOUTHERN SITES FOR PROPOSED NITRATE PLANT

Washington, March 7.—Secretaries Baker, Lane and Houston and a detail of army engineers, composing the board which w ll determine the location of the $20,000,000 government nitrate plant, left Washington tonight for a tour of proposed sites in South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. The first hearing will be held at Columbia, S. C., tomorrow. The trip will be completed March 16, after which another tour will be made through the West.

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL MISSING NEARLY A MONTH

New York, March 7.—A reward of $1,000 to arouse public interest in the search of Miss Ruth Cruger, 18-year-old high school graduate, who disappeared from her home in this city on February 13, was offered today by her father, Henry D. Cruger. The girl has not been seen by her parents since she left home to go to a sporting goods store where she had left her skates to be sharpened. The proprietor of this store disappeared after he had been questioned by detectives.

ENGLAND IRRITATED OVER REPORTS FROM HOLLAND.

London, March 7.—The report current here that Holland is determined to lay up her ships rather than expose them to the dangers of the German submarine war zone is causing so much irritation that it would not be surprising if the governments of the Entente should adopt retaliatory measures, unless negotiations between London and The Hague reach a successful conclusion.

Saturday is "Heart Day."

Asheville, N. C., March 7.—Mayor J. E. Rankin has named next Saturday, March 10, as "heart day", for the benefit of the Carolina Children's Bureau. In a proclamation, the mayor sets forth the objects of the bureau, declaring that it is doing a great work for crippled children in the State and ends with an authorization to sell hearts in behalf of the association. The funds raised through the sale of hearts will go toward carrying on the work of the bureau.

Bat Cave Folks Rejoice.

Asheville, N. C., March 7.—People of the Esmeralda Inn and Bat Cave section are rejoicing over the action of the Legislature in passing the bill to place seventy-five convicts at work on the Hickory Nut Gap road. The prospect of again having a road to Asheville, after being cut off practically since the flood last July, has caused the people of those sections to take a new lease of life.

CHINESE FLOUT DUTCH.

Snub Attempt to Win Them for East Indies Defense.

(Dispatch from The Hague.)

The attitude of the Chinese inhabitants of the Dutch East Indies toward the question of the colony's defense has been attracting attention in the last few months. In view of the new schemes for conscription it is of considerable importance, for these Indo-Chinese number several hundred thousand, and their industry and intelligence render them a more influential factor even than the actual figures indicate.

Hitherto their attitude has been disappointing to the Dutch authorities. On the occasion of the big native demonstrations held some time since in favor of strengthening the colony's defense forces, the most widely read Chinese paper at Batavia, the capital, flatly declared that Holland would be defeated in any eventual conflict with Japan, and that it would therefore be foolish for the Chinese to take the side of the Dutch; further, that its countrymen were not inclined to support such a movement on account of the treatment meted out to them by the government, desiring rather to be and to remain Chinese.

For three centuries the Chinese have lived under the Dutch tri-color, but it was only a few years ago that they were recognized as citizens o fthe colony. Beyond the happiness engendered by the possession of riches obtained by their own industry, their position has been far from an enviable one. Up to the present day they have been placed on a level with the "subjected" population of the Indian provinces. The Dutch rulers have recently made some concessions. For instance, Chinese are now at liberty to move about Java without the special passes formerly obligatory, and to settle outside the special quarters previously assigned to them.

THE PRINCE A GOOD MECHANIC

Wales Repaired Motorcar For a Woman Driver in London.

(Chicago Tribune).

The Prince of Wales, who was in London on leave recently, was walking with a brother officer when he found the woman driver of an official motorcar in difficulty owing to a breakdown.

The Prince of Wales spent nearly 20 minutes in energetic effort, which happily ended in the engine again running smoothly.

As she was thanking her unknown assistant the prince looked at his wrist watch and remarked: "Heavens! I shall be late." So the young woman said: "Jump in and I'll take you anywhere you like. It's the least I can do after the trouble you've pulled me out of. Where do you want to go?"

"Thanks, awfully," was the reply. "Home, please."

"Where's home?" she inquired, smilingly at the way he had naively imagined his address would be known.

It was only when he replied: "Buckingham Palace," that she realized that her principal mechanician had been the heir apparent.

COOK PORK WELL.

Bureau of Animal Industry Issues Fresh Warning.

(Washington Special.)

"Eat no pork or pork products unless they are cooked, if you would be certain of avoiding trichinosis." This is the warning issued by the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture. The warning has been issued so often that it would appear that it had been accepted by nearly everybody as an important rule of eating, but every year the bureau's attention is called to numerous cases which indicate that the warning is not heeded. In packing plants where pork products to be eaten raw are prepared for the market under the supervision of government inspectors the packers are required to heat the product sufficiently to destroy harmful organism, or to subject it for a considerable period to extreme cold, which accomplishes the same purpose. This treatment, however, is not to be construed as an indorsement by the bureau of such dietetic practices.

The government's supervision of raw pork products is limited to the establishments which prepare such products for interstate shipments. It can exercise no supervision whatever over countless small establishments which serve a limted trade, or over persons who kill and prepare pork for their own use. It is among farmers that every year about hog-killing time there is an outbreak of trechinosis—a serious, painful and often fatal disease, often traced directly to organisms in raw pork. In such cases it is usually found that farmers have made raw pork into special forms of sausage, which are eaten without cooking.

All pork should be cooked thoroughly. The organisms cannot live at a temperature above 100 degrees, hence if the pork is well cooked they are killed and rendered harmless. A practical rule is to cook pork until it has lost its red color throughout all portions, or, if a trace of this color is still present, at least until the fluids of the meat have become more or less jellied. The bureau advises that it should be made plain to every person concerned with the preparation of food that the warning to cook pork well cannot be violated without grave danger.

HE'S LITTLE, BUT A CAVE MAN.

When "Bill" Johnson's Wife Left He Yanked Her Back.

(Chicago News.)

The cave man is not extinct. "Bill" Johnson is a cave man, desp te the fact he wears No. 6 shoes and a 14½ collar. "Bill" has a cave man's soul. Some time ago his wife fled his cave, which is out in Calumet avenue. Bill, who drives a wagon for a grocery, came home and found a note saying:

"Do not follow. Bood-bye, Mabel!"

"Bill" went forth with a paleozoic glint in his eye. A few nights later he connected. She, Mabel, was playing the piano in a State street "movie" house. "Bill" spotted her. The show was nearly over and he waited. Approaching her at last, he smote her once, twice and dragged her from her place by the hair.

Thus Mabel quit her job, "Bill," however, was apprehended. He appeared in front of Judge Mahoney with his wife, who produced a black and blue eye, a torn lip and various other bruises as evidence. The testimony went as follows:

Cave Man "Bill"—Your Honor, my wife deserted me for nothing. She doesn't know when she's well off, I found her playing in a bad place. I took her away.

Judge—You beat her up, "Bill" Johnson.

Cave Man "Bill"—I did, sir, for her own good.

Judge—Mrs. Johnson, what have you got to say?

Mrs. Johnson—I'd like to go home with "Bill" if he'll take me. I'm sorry I did it.

Judge—Call the next.

R. C. NELSON AT TARBORO, WILL GO ON TRIAL TODAY

Faces Charge of Killing Two Policemen and Wounding Mayor

Tarboro, N. C., March, 7.—R. C. Nelson, charged with the killing of policemen Ranson Gwatney and Pat Riggin and seriously wounding Mayor J. P. Keech, at Tarboro last Saturday, while the officers were conducting a raid on his home in search for liquor, will be put on trial tomorrow, the grand jury having found a true bill of indictment against him. Mayor Keech is reported as slowly improving.

Hopewell Y. M. C. A. Burned

Petersburg, Va., March. 7.—The Young Men's Christian Association building at Hopewell was destroyed by fire of unknown origin at an early hour today. The loss is estimated at $50,000. The clubhouse was destroyed by fire recently entailing an additional loss approximately $45,000. The Dupont Company erected the Y. M. C. A. building.

VILLA TROOPS DRAW NEARER THE BORDER

(Continued from Page One.)

cavalry are now stationed at Fort Hancock.

The Mexicans, numbering approximately 400, have been at the San Martin ranch for three days and 40 of the band came to the San Juan mine, nine miles across the border to Fort Hancock yesterday to buy supplies.

As An Aid To Your Digestion You should TRY

HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters

It tones, invigorates and strengthens the entire digestive system

WILMINGTON LADY HAPPILY TELLS OF DAUGHTER'S GAINS

Mrs. R. A. Evans Tells How Her Daughter Gained 7 Pounds on Tanlac After Suffering for 3 Years. "She Looks and Feels So Much Better," Parent Says.

"I recommend Tanlac because it has helped my daughter, Mrs. Clemmons, so much and is the best medicine she has ever taken," declared Mrs. R. A. Evans, of 1015 South Second street, this city, to the Tanlac Man.

"For the past three years my daughter had been in poor health," continued Mrs. Evans. "She was prescribed for and tried various remedies, but with very little satisfaction. She was all drawn at times when stomach spells came on her. She had severe pains in her stomach. Any kind of food seemed to cause these spells and she was very weak and nervous and, of course, didn't sleep well. An operation was suggested, but we saw Tanlac advertised and now, thanks to it, my daughter feels and looks so much better. She doesn't suffer from misery in her stomach; she can eat anything now; her strength is increasing and she has gained seven pounds," Mrs. Evans ended smilingly.

Genuine Tanlac is sold in Wilmington exclusively by the Bellamy Drug Store. Each town has its Tanlac dealer.—Adv.

War News Summary

Momentarily there is a cessation in the attacks by the British forces along the Ancre and Somme fronts which recently have given to King George's men considerable ground held by the Germans at varoius points. Bombardments alone are reported in these regions and also along the line held by the French.

Considerable aerial activity has taken place between the British and Germans. London reports that three German machines were brought down and three others forced to descend damaged, but says four British machines were felled by the Germans and that seven others are missing.

There is little fighting of moment except the usual artillery duels and infantry actions by reconnoitering parties, in progress on any of the other fronts. The rout of the Turks toward Bagdad is being kept up by the British who have now advanced to within ten miles of Ctesiphon, which is 28 miles from Bagdad. The British reports record the Turks as being demoralized and leaving behind them large quantities of stores and numbers of guns.

Petrograd reports that the Russians have captured the Asadabad summit, a strategic position ten miles southwest of Hamadan, Persia, from the Turks.

The destroyer Cassini, one of the Allied Mediterranean patrol boats, has been sunk by a submarine. Seven officers, including the captain, and 100 members of the crew perished. Berlin reports that the Russian armored cruiser Ryurik has been badly damaged by striking a mine in the Gulf of Finland.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 7.—A washout today at Mascot, on the main line of the Southern Railway 12 miles east of here has necessitated the detouring of trains over a branch line between Knoxville and Morristown. Mines in the vicinity of Mascot also were flooded today.

W. B. Reduso, No. 703-$3.50

W.B. CORSETS

REDUSO
Back and Front-Lace
FOR STOUT FIGURES
Make large hips disappear; bulky waist-lines more graceful; awkward bust-lines smaller and have the "Old Corset" comfort with first wearing. Both medium and low bust.
$3.50 and $5.00

NUFORM
Back and Front-Lace
For SLENDER and AVERAGE FIGURES
Give Style, Comfort and perfectly fitting Gown at most Economical Price.
$1.00 to $3.00

W. B. Nuform, No. 929-$2.00

At All Dealers

WEINGARTEN BROS., Inc., New York Chicago San Francisco

STOMACH ACTS FINE! NO INDIGESTION, GAS, HEARTBURN, ACIDITY

"Pape's Diapepsin" fixes sick, sour, upset stomachs in five minutes.

You don't want a slow remedy when your stomach is bad—or an uncertain one—or a harmful one—your stomach is too valuable; you mustn't injure it with drastic drugs.

Pape's Diapepsin is noted for its speed in giving relief; its harmlessness; its certain, unfailing action in regulating sick, sour, gassy stomachs. Its quick relief in indigestion, dyspepsia and gastritis, when caused by acidity, has made it famous the world over.

Keep this wonderful stomach sweetener in your home—keep it handy—get a large fifty-cent case from any drug store and then if anyone should eat something which doesn't agree with them; if what they eat lays like lead, ferments and sours and forms gas; causes headache, dizziness and nausea; eructations of acid and undigested food—remember as soon as Pape's Diapepsin comes in contact with the stomach it helps to neutralize the excessive acidity, then all the stomach distress caused by it disappears. Its promptness, certainty and ease in overcoming such stomach disorders is a revelation to those who try it.

When any of the family catch cold

Grandma knows that Dr. King's New Discovery will stop the cough and quickly relieve the most stubborn cold.

From one generation to another it has been recommended in bronchial affections, until to-day mothers find their children like Dr. King's New Discovery as well as grandma said she did when she was a child. Nearly a half century of use recommends it to you. Try it.

Your druggist has sold it ever since he opened his store.

Just plant the Tape a row at a Time.

Better Results—Less Labor WITH PAKRO SEEDTAPE FOR BETTER GARDENS

Better results because only finest, selected seeds from prize winning strains are used. They are properly spaced in thin tissue paper tape which absorbs and holds moisture, giving quicker and better germination, and healthier plant life. Less labor, because you plant a whole row at a time, and no thinning out is necessary on account of proper spacing in the tape. More economical, because absolutely no waste of seeds.

Pakro Seedtape is made by the American Seedtape Co., 71 West 23rd St., New York City. Get it at your dealers. Price 10c per package

C. H. BORNEMANN
620 Orange St.
Wilmington, N. C. Phone 833

YOUR DRINK MUST SUIT YOU

Get it at our fountain just as you want it.

Try our "Milk Chocolate" (mixed with ice cream and whipped cream). It's served in a 10 oz. glass and is a liquid delight. Nothing could be more delicious. And a full United Certificate goes with every 5c spent.

Skilled dispensers. Courteous Service

112 FRONT STREET, Corner of Princess Street

UNITED CIGAR STORES

Wanamaker's NEW SPRING CATALOG

of wearing apparel for women and children is being distributed—free for the asking.

Presenting fashions worn in New York at the time the catalog is issued, many people find that it offers merchandise and a service not always to be had in their home towns.

If this be true in your case, the reader of this, we shall be glad to send you a copy. But we always advise looking and buying at home first.

Most things in the catalog are delivered free in the United States.

Write name and address plainly and simply say: "Send Catalog No. 45." A postal will do. Address:

JOHN WANAMAKER, New York
8th to 10th Street, Broadway to Fourth Avenue

MR. MERCHANT: We Can Save You Money on OVERALLS
Prices and Quality Right.
It Will be to Your Interest to Let Us Quote You.
LOW FREIGHT RATES.
Coast Brand Overall Co.
MARION, S. C.

CAPE FEAR MACHINE WORKS
Best Equipment for Best Service
Machine, Engine, Boiler Repairs; Iron, Brass, Aluminum Castings. Make Boilers, Tanks, Stacks.
On R. R. Track and River Front, Foot Church Street
WILMINGTON, N. C.

DRESSED POULTRY
The Quality, The Article, The Price. The Best. Always to be Had at
DAVIS & HINTZE
PHONES: 48-49-50. FRONT STREET MARKET