

WILSON BELIEVES IN A. S. BURLERSON

Campaign For Official Head of Postmaster General Sadly Overplayed Game

Washington Correspondence of Baltimore Sun.

It is now reasonably certain that the campaign for the official head of Postmaster General Albert S. Burler son was a sadly overplayed game, and that in-astiate campaigners, by their lack of moderation and ordinary good sense, have defeated their own purpose. They have driven President Wilson bodily into the Burler son camp.

There will be no early change in the head of the Postoffice Department. Some time in the distant future Mr. Burler son may ask to be relieved, or the President may intimate that his resignation would be accepted, if offered, but there is not the slightest likelihood of any swift de- cisive action in that direction. The present Postmaster-General will not be disturbed for some time, if at all.

The answer is very simple. President Wilson has set himself against what he regards as more clamor in the Burler son case. He has gone over the facts and circumstances of the Burler son perform- ances of the last year or more, and while there have been some obvious shortcomings and some pronounced failures, there does not seem to have been any mal-administration or any peculiar transactions which bring Mr. Burler son's integrity, fidelity or patriot- ism into question. The President can forgive a great deal in a subordinate who is honest, faithful and patriotic.

Had Much To Forgive. And in the Burler son case there is a good deal to forgive. Of this there is not the slightest doubt. He has been unfortunate in his dealings with or- ganized labor and has alienated many such workers from the Democratic party. His handling of the wire ser- vices was a distinct disappointment from almost every point of view, although he may have done as good a job in that direction as anyone else could have done. The break-down of the mail ser- vice overseas caused more dissatis- faction among the American soldiers than any other one thing.

Those, and other shortcomings must be charged against the Burler son ad- ministration, but they involve no official crimes. They do not damn the postal head. They do not exactly make him out a wrecker or a marplot. He has been pightheaded, a fact which he has often confessed, but his view of that is that he has merely been courageous in the face of his baiters. He has been a fighter and has never failed to give blow for blow, but the man who does not fight when he is assailed commands very little respect from friends or enemies.

Whatever his faults, Albert Burler son has been faithful to the Wilson ad- ministration. He has blundered along in many situations perhaps, but he has tried first and last to serve Woodrow

Wilson and the Democratic party. If he had thought as much of the country as he has of his chief and his party, he probably would have had a happier time as Postmaster-General. He would have had fewer critics and made fewer ene- mies.

Stands By Loyal Aid. President Wilson has a warm spot in his heart for the kind of loyalty that Mr. Burler son has demonstrated and the kind of service which that official has sought to render. Moreover, the Presi- dent has never allowed himself to be stamped into an attitude of disfavor toward a subordinate in whom he him- self believes. This is particularly true if Mr. Burler son is led by any circum- stance to suspect that the real assault is aimed at the man higher up and not at the subordinate at all.

It is only necessary to recall the Daniels, the Baker and the John Skel- ton Williams cases to be assured of that. The President firmly believed in the capacity of Josephus Daniels during all the long period when the latter was being abused from end to end of the coun- try and he stood by the Secretary of the Navy throughout the whole of that un- pleasant ordeal.

More recently, Newton D. Baker was the object of the opposition assaults. He was hammered even more savagely than Mr. Daniels and the fight upon him had a far more serious aspect than upon Mr. Daniels, since it came in the midst of war, when the President needed the un- faltering support of the whole country. But Mr. Wilson conceived the idea that the fight to drive Mr. Baker into retire- ment was in reality a fight upon the President himself; that men dared to attack the Secretary of War who dared not attack the head of the government, and that in facing the Baker detractors he was, in fact, facing his own enemies.

Baker Held in Cabinet. In such circumstances the President could not repudiate Mr. Baker without repudiating his own policies and it is now morally certain that there never was a time when the Secretary of War was in the slightest danger of dismissal. It is known that he offered to withdraw if that act would relieve the President of embarrassment, but that offer was summarily rejected. It is even believed that Mr. Burler son acted in the same generous fashion and that his offer like- wise was turned down.

AVIATOR ALIGHTS ON ROOF IN NEWARK, THEN FLIES OFF.

Former Army Lieutenant's Sudden Whim Causes Him to Perform New Feat in Aviation.

New York World. Edwin E. Ballough, who runs a de- livery airplane for L. Bamberger & Co.'s Newark department store, estab- lished a new stunt record in this coun- try yesterday afternoon by alighting with his machine, with a passenger aboard, on the roof of a building in Newark, and taking off again from the roof.

The only previous occasion on which an airplane has landed voluntarily on a roof was when Jules Vedrines alight- ed on the roof of the Galleries Lafay- ette at Paris last January. Paris police regulations prevented him from trying to make a getaway from the roof. Vedrines, a daring exhibition and army pilot, was killed a few weeks later while trying to fly from Paris to Al- giers. He won \$5,000 for landing on

the roof and was fined 25 francs for dropping down within the walls of the city.

Ballough neither won a prize nor paid a fine. His feat he attributed to sud- den impulse. His passenger was Chris M. Wagner, a photographer, who went up to get panoramic pictures of the Port Newark shipyards and Quarter- master's depot, from which army food- stuffs are being shipped to New York. It was the roof of one of the Army Quartermaster's Stores Buildings Bal- lough picked for his landing. Describ- ing the adventure, he said:

"At first he flew a few thousand feet above Port Newark, but the haze ob- scured our vision of the yards, so we came down a bit. Then we had some fun for several minutes in seeing how close we could come to ships, derricks and other uprights without touching them. The plane was in good trim, and all other conditions were splendid at the height we assumed. At times, as we banked and swooped around we could almost reach out and touch the objects we skimmed."

"Finally I took her up to where the Quartermaster's warehouses are situ- ated, and flew very low. All of a sudden the idea to try a landing flashed across my mind. Until then I had never thought of the stunt. So I de- cided to take a chance, and picked out one of the buildings nearly 1,000 feet long and about 50 feet wide.

"The plane landed beautifully, easily, but I had to watch out, for the build- ing had a peaked roof, tapering to both sides. I straddled the peak and trust- ed to luck, for once the wheels make a landing, I have very little control over the steering apparatus, and there was always the fear that the plane would turn a little to one side, which would send us over the side of the building. That would mean a smash."

"For a minute I thought, too, that the plane would not stop in time, but

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would go on down to the end of the building, as I shouted to Wagner to jump out and hold her back. But this wasn't necessary, as before he was able to climb out I had her stopped about sixty feet from the end."

Most of the big crowd which wit- nessed the stunt thought it was a forced landing. All who could com- mand access to the building made their way to the roof with offers of assist- ance and, when they found the landing had been voluntary offered congratula- tions on the nerve of the flyer and his passenger.

After the handshaking Ballough told Wagner to resume his seat and the motor was speeded up for a take-off. There was a run of about ninety feet before the plane slid off the end of the building, dropped a little and turned its nose upward. A few minutes later Bal- lough landed at the Elizabeth plant of the Standard Aircraft Corporation, and later in the day made his regular store delivery flight to Ashbury Park.

Ballough is a resident of Newark. He was a lieutenant in the Army Air Service.

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