

POSTMASTER WARD RESIGNS TO GIVE TIME TO BUSINESS

Sends His Resignation to Postoffice Department—Wants to Quit as Soon as Possible.

SUCCESSOR NOT NAMED SO FAR

Mr. Ward Will Devote All of Time to His Growing Wholesale Business in This City.

W. B. Ward, for the past eighteen months postmaster at Concord, has forwarded his resignation to Washington, to become effective as soon as possible.

Mr. Z. Bentley, for the past twelve years associated with the F. M. Youngblood Wholesale Company, which was formerly owned by A. F. Hartsell, has purchased an interest in the Ward company and hereafter will be identified with the sales department and management of that business.

The successor to Mr. Ward will be named by the President and the usual procedure will be followed in making the appointment.

EXPECT DISCHARGE OF ELEVEN DRY AGENTS

That Number Probably Will Be Dismissed by January 1st, Says Merrick.

Charlotte, Dec. 15.—Eleven North Carolina prohibition enforcement agents probably will be dismissed from the service by January 1st, leaving thirty men to check violation of the Volstead law in the state, R. Q. Merrick, prohibition administrator for North Carolina and Virginia, said here tonight.

The state's quota of officers now is 43, but two are probably for liquor transferred to Chicago, it was stated. Mr. Merrick was here today in conference with E. C. Sharpe, of Charlotte, and A. G. McDuffie, of Fayetteville, deputy administrators.

Under the reorganization plan Mr. Sharpe will have fifteen men for the western part of the state and Mr. McDuffie the same number of the eastern section. Heretofore about three-fourths of the officers were used in western North Carolina.

"Liquor violation in the eastern section is just as bad as in the west," the dry chief said. "The west has its mountains and the east its swamps and both are equally good for liquor making."

In Man's Right to Get Drunk, Court Rules. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 17.—It's a man's right to get drunk when and as often as he pleases in this province, the appellate division of the Ontario Supreme Court ruled.

The court sustained the decision of a lower court dismissing an action for adultery brought by Mrs. Victoria Lang, of Kitchener, Ont., against her husband, Jerome Lang. She sought to prove adultery with the statement that he was continually drunk.

"That's not cruelty," Mr. Justice Riddell said in the court's decision, "a man may get drunk every day of his life. A man in this country, under certain circumstances, has a right to get drunk if he wants to, at least that has always been the law as I know it."

He suggested that Mrs. Lang should have exercised more discretion in selecting her husband.

Co-Ed Held for Robbing Bank



Here is Rebecca Bradley Rogers, twenty-two-year-old Austin, Tex., student and stenographer, who was arrested on charges of holding up and robbing a bank at Buda, Tex., of \$1,000.

JOHN HALL MANNING IS LOAN COMMISSIONER

Raleigh Man Chosen Unanimously to Direct Distribution of Fund to War Veterans.

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—In accordance with expectations, John Hall Manning of Raleigh, was selected as Commissioner of the World War Veterans Loan Act by the advisory board in executive session late Thursday, by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Manning is a prominent and ardent supporter of the loan act, so that Manning's selection did not come as a great surprise.

It was announced by W. N. Everett, secretary of state and chairman of the advisory board, that Manning would be formally inducted into office Monday morning, December 20, and at once would take up his duties as commissioner of the act.

According to a resolution adopted by the board, the marketing of the \$2,000,000 bond issue authorized for the loan fund, will be placed in the hands of the council of state and state treasurer, since all the state's bonds are marketed in this manner.

Now that the fund is ready for actual operation, members of the board anticipate increased interest in the fund, although indications so far stamped of there would be no stampede of those seeking loans, and some are still doubtful as to whether the act will prove of much benefit.

Manning will be required to devote as much of his time to the office of commissioner as the advisory board deems necessary, it was announced. His salary will be \$3,500 a year.

Christmas at the Kidd-Frix Company. If you will check over the list of Christmas presents in the half page ad. of the Kidd-Frix Co. today you will be sure to find something you want.

Notre Dame is sending a hockey team East this winter to meet Yale and other big universities of that section for the first time.

Mystery Writer, Missing 11 Days, Found in Hotel; Memory Gone

Harrogate, York, England, Dec. 17.—Agatha Christie, mystery writer of mystery tales and wife of Colonel Archibald Christie, whose mysterious disappearance from her home at Sunningdale on the night of December 3rd has kept the whole countryside astir, came direct to Harrogate, and has been resting and enjoying herself ever since.

Mrs. Christie is a popular guest at the hotel; she sang and danced and played billiards. Some of those who became acquainted with her said she showed no sign of abnormality.

Mrs. Christie is the daughter of the late Frederick Miller, of New York. The day after her disappearance her automobile was found abandoned in a hedge along the road. In succeeding days searching parties, consisting of scores of police, residents of the district and friends of the missing woman, aided by airplanes and tractors combed the entire area of Surrey Downs and dragged a sinister body of water known as the "Silent Pool."

CHANCELLOR MARX QUILTS WHEN VOTE WAS AGAINST HIM

The Reichstag Voted 249 to 17 on Vote of Non-Confidence to Chancellor.—Named to Post Last May.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The bourgeois coalition cabinet of Chancellor Marx formed last May after the overthrow of the Luther ministry, today was defeated in the Reichstag on a non-confidence motion introduced by the social democrats.

Chancellor Marx Resigns. Berlin, Sept. 17.—(AP)—The government of Chancellor Marx today resigned after being defeated in the Reichstag 249 to 171 on a vote of non-confidence.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Easy Today at Decline of 7 to 14 Points.—Trade Buying Reported. New York, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The cotton market opened easy today at a decline of 7 to 14 points under further liquidation, combined with local and southern selling, which was encouraged by easier Liverpool cables and reports of better weather in the South.

The decline of 11.90 for January and 12.40 for May brought in some trade buying, however, and the market steadied upon reports that a Memphis authority estimated gains to December 13th at 15,500,000 bales, or somewhat below figures recently talked of in the trade here.

Developments in the Forstie case. Smithfield, N. C., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Developments in the Forstie alleged murder case outwardly ebbed today waiting on the trial possibly next week.

Three Indicted in Forsyth Killing. Grand Jury Returns True Bills Against Stephenson, Separk and Evelyn Britt. Smithfield, Dec. 16.—True bills were returned this afternoon by the Johnston county grand jury against Robert Separk and Robert Stephenson, of Raleigh, and Evelyn Britt, of Durham, charging them with the murder of Louis G. (Mighty) Forsyth.

PAUL SCHAEFFER IS HELD IN GREENSBORO. Is Said to Be Wanted in Pennsylvania for Killing Man and Wife. Greensboro, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Paul Schaeffer, wanted at Harrisburg Pa. on a charge of clubbing George D. Shull and his wife to death on a farm in Perry county, today was held in jail here pending arrival of Pennsylvania officers.

Waring Awaiting Trial. Durham, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Awaiting trial before Judge W. M. Bond tomorrow, Coroner L. M. Waring was at liberty following indictment by a Wake county grand jury alleging malfeasance in office.

Two Men Escape From Chain Gang. Two white men—Spurgeon Crisp and John Boe—made a successful get-away from the Iredell county chain gang Saturday night. They won their freedom by cutting their chains with a bolt clipper.

Another Fatal Relief Bill. Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—A companion measure to Senator McNary's new farm relief bill was introduced in the House end of the Capitol today by Representative Fulmer, of South Carolina, Democrat.

WITNESS SEEKS TO SHOW GUNMEN WERE DOWN ON MELLETT

Louis Mazer Predict Mellett Would Get "Bumped Off" for Actions.

Canton, O., Dec. 17.—(AP)—That Louis Mazer left the home of "Doll" Carey, underworld figure, carrying a gun the night Don E. Mellett was slain and had not returned at 1 a. m. was brought out in the evidence today at the trial of Patrick Eugene McDermott, charged with the murder.

Other Witness Tells of Seeing Mazer Carrying Gun on Night the Canton Editor Was Murdered.

Testimony pertaining to Rudner was given by Stanley Baltzy, Masillon druggist, who said that two weeks before the murder Rudner told him "something is going to happen in Canton."

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Eleven Colleges Asked to Be Represented at Charlotte Conference. Charlotte, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Formation of a new athletic association composed of colleges in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina is contemplated in invitations sent out from here today to eleven colleges in the three states.

Aviation 23 Years Old. Newport News, Va., Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Junkers all-metal airplane and its party of four, among them Miss Herta Junkers, hopped off from Langley Field at noon today for Kill Devil, near Fayetteville, N. C. where Miss Junkers this afternoon will place a wreath on the spot from which the Wrights took off on the first successful airplane flight in this country 23 years ago.

Will Take King to Paris. Bucharest, Rumania, Dec. 17.—(AP)—It has been decided to take King Ferdinand to Paris for treatment at a radium sanatorium. He has been gaining in strength daily since his recent operations, and is expected to be in condition soon to make the trip.

Poultry, Pet and Hobby Show TONIGHT AT 8 P. M. Admission For Children and Adults 10c

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ITALIAN LEADER IS ANXIOUS TO TRAVEL TO UNITED STATES

Mussolini Says He Has Always Wanted and Often Thought of Making Visit to United States.

DEFENDS ACTIONS OF HIS REGIME. Also Denies Some of Many Charges That Have Been Made Against Him During Past Several Years.

BY P. H. WINNER. Rome, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini has always longed to visit the United States, he told a correspondent for the Associated Press in an interview at his office in Chigi palace.

"I have often thought of visiting America," the Duce declared. "In fact, as long as I can remember I have always wanted to see your country. The people which build rapidly with its own hands such colossal fortunes and formidable power could not fail to attract me strongly."

"Then my sympathy is greatly increased when I notice that despite the fact that an ocean divides us, our revolution and the work of fascism have been more quickly and more completely understood in America than in many other countries separated from us by a few hours train journey."

"America's understanding our movement is easily understood if it is considered our pioneers raised with their robust arms on the virgin soil of America a temple to a new goddess, which is the same to which all fascists have raised a similar temple on the banks of the Tiber—energy."

The recent drastic national defense decrees, he said, were issued for the sole purpose of protecting the "productive rhythm of the Italian nation."

"Look there," he said, pointing to a corner of his huge desk where lay a great mass of newspaper clippings. "I call that corner of my desk the poison deposit. It is a collection which my press officer sends me every day of all the criticisms, calumnies and insults which daily are printed against me and fascism in certain foreign papers."

"Now, many of these articles are sent from Rome and Milan. When there is the terrible censorship of which so much is spoken in America, I must recognize one thing, he continued ironically. "There is when it is a question of inventions to discredit fascism certain journalists give proof of an inventive power which could well be used to write a movie scenario."

"They have not as yet invented—it would be the height of absurdity and ridiculousness—that I purposely invent the attacks on my life one after another."

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