

EMPLOYEES WANT HIGHER SALARIES BEFORE PENSIONS

Increased Pay Would Result in Greater Efficiency, Says J. W. Buck.

NO CHANGE IN PAY SINCE 1858, HE ADDS

In Other Fields Advances Have Come With Higher Cost of Living.

Why Salaries Should Be Raised First

Higher salaries will solve the superannuation problem. Without increased salaries the contributory form of retirement would be a hardship.

By JOSEPH W. BUCK, Editor of the Washington Investigator.

Congress should first increase the salaries of the civil employes and then provide for the retirement of superannuated employes.

Present needs should be considered first; in other words, as thousands of men and women are today struggling with conditions that are akin to real poverty because of the low salaries paid by the Government.

Questions Are Inseparable. The questions of salary increase and retirement are inseparably linked and each will have a bearing on the other when considered by Congress.

Advocates of the contributory plan of retirement frankly admit that the adoption of the scheme by Congress without a provision for an increase in salary would be sure to work a hardship.

However, if salaries were increased there is a possibility of Congress being forced to allow pensions for the superannuated. It is doubtful, though, whether Congress be liberal enough to grant pensions and then turn around and raise salaries.

Salary Question Predominant. Ample evidence has already been presented by The Times to demonstrate the urgency of an immediate increase and why the salary question should be given priority.

WEATHER REPORT

The indications are that the cold wave in the East will be followed by rising temperature during tonight and Sunday, except that colder weather will overspread the upper lake region and the Mississippi valley Sunday.

Forecast for the District. Fair and continued cold tonight, Sunday, increasing cloudiness and warmer, probably followed by rain or snow Sunday afternoon or night; lowest temperature tonight, about 22 degrees; moderate to brisk east to south winds.

Table with 3 columns: Time (8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m.), Temperature (22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28).

CONDITION OF RIVERS. HARPER'S FERRY, W. Va., Dec. 31.—Both rivers clear.

How Washington Will Usher in the New Year

Capital prepares to welcome the New Year with a noisy greeting. Hotels and cafes will be thronged by gay watchers, and tables are at a premium.

Midnight watches will be held in a number of churches and special services will be held from 11 to 12 o'clock.

Usual noise-making crowds will throng Pennsylvania avenue and other principal streets of the Capital.

Major Sylvester would put a ban on all unseemly noise at midnight, and also intends to stop the popping corks at this hour.

Christmas decorations remain in place in hotels and homes, and will lend brilliance to New Year Eve celebrations.

WASHINGTON READY TO GREET NEW YEAR

Thousands Will Welcome Arrival, Each in His Own Way.

The good old year of 1910, with its successes and its disappointments, its comedies and tragedies, its joys and sorrows, is passing today.

At 12 o'clock tonight, while this and other nations celebrate, Father Time will throw into the discard another number, and will introduce to a waiting and watching public, the figure 1 in lieu of the 0 that everybody has grown so used to during the last 365 days.

The Capital is ready to welcome the New Year. With the weather of today, New Year eve and its merrymaking never seemed more in order. Everybody is impatiently biding time until the night shall fall and the last six hours of the year shall be bidden.

At the Churches. The devout will celebrate the event with church services and midnight watches. Hundreds who are unable to attend the special church services will remain up at home awaiting the toll of the bells and the echo of the whistles that shall proclaim the passing of another milestone in the journey of life.

In the Restaurants. The hotels and restaurants of Washington are making the most extensive preparations today, and already tables are at a premium. The proprietors are rubbing their hands gleefully in anticipation of a real busy night.

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SNOW PREDICTED TOMORROW NIGHT

New Year Will Open Clear and Cold, However, According to Forecast.

Before 1911, the new born year, is one day old she is to be christened, and probably will wear a mantle of white, for it has been predicted by the weather bureau that there will be rain or snow tomorrow evening.

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The weather bureau will make her debut amid dark surroundings, for unless the prospect of the weather bureau are correct, tomorrow will be marked by increasing cloudiness and warmer temperature. This is to be followed by rain or snow.

SCHOOL TEACHERS CAN'T 'FARM OUT' THEIR POSITIONS

Must Not Employ Substitutes Indefinitely, Rules Comptroller.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS ENTITLED TO FULL PAY

Instructor Should Not Draw Salary When He Does Not Work.

Comptroller's Views As to Substitute Teachers

Comptroller of the Treasury rules school teachers must not "farm out" their positions.

Substitute teachers cannot be engaged for an indefinite period.

Substitute teachers must be paid the full salary drawn by the regular teacher.

Comptroller declares that when teachers are incapacitated their names should not appear on rolls, nor should they receive any part of their salary.

Order of Board of Education permitting hiring of substitute for indefinite period cause of decision.

A decision which upsets the whole system of employing substitute teachers in the District public schools, which declares that a teacher has no right to "farm out" his position for an indefinite period, and which goes further and declares the substitute entitled to the full salary allowance of the regular teacher, was given today by the Comptroller of the Treasury.

The opinion of the Comptroller, in answer to a question raised by Auditor Tweedie, of the District, may affect any one of the 1,800 teachers employed in Washington. It simply means that when a teacher becomes ill, he may employ a substitute, provided the substitute is paid the full amount received by the regular teacher, and provided the substitute is not used more than sixty days.

Board Exceeded Rights. The Comptroller decides that the Board of Education has no right to authorize a teacher to employ a substitute and pay less than the regular teacher is receiving.

In other words, if a teacher is unable to teach, he must be considered off the rolls. He is "doctored," so to speak, and his salary must go to the man or woman doing his work.

The teacher who employs a substitute has no right to get his work done at bargain prices, decides Comptroller Tracwell.

For thirty years a list of substitute teachers, available in times of emergency, has been kept by the Board of Education. These substitutes generally were employed for not more than sixty days. The Board of Education recently issued an order for the "indefinite" employment of a substitute, and this

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Two men alleged to be card sharps who had fleeced the passengers on the liner Campania were arrested today, when the vessel reached quarantine, in answer to a wireless request sent to the police by one of the passengers.

The prisoners gave their names as J. B. Harvey and J. E. Bell. The arrests revealed the story of a fight in the lounging room of the ship, after one of the passengers had charged Leonard and Moody, of the central office met the liner. According to the story told them by the passengers one of the players lost \$50 in the game to Bell.

A remark of another passenger aroused his suspicions, and the next day, when he met Bell in the lounging room, he accused Bell of sharp practice. Bell made an indignant denial and angry words led to a fist fight, which was stopped by the liner's crew.

MOISSANT DASHED TO DEATH AS AEROPLANE TURNS TURTLE



JOHN B. MOISSANT.

SOMERSET FORTUNE WAS DARING AIRMAN

Figured in Wild Stories Like Veritable Hero of Romance.

SALVADOR EXPLOITS PROVED HIS BRAVERY

Headed an "Army" and Seized and Held Treasure Ship Single-Handed.

In Nicaragua and other Latin-American countries, Johnny Moissant bore a reputation that was little short of legendary. In his latter day aviation career, he established a reputation for bravery that was almost unequalled.

Moissant was born in Manteno, Ill., nearly forty years ago, and was taken to Chicago as a boy. He was the second of six children. His father was a baker, and three of the sons followed the same profession. Their bakery failed and an uncle gave the boys sufficient money to go to San Francisco.

WAR TALK SCOUTED BY BARON UCHIDA

"Japan Does Not Want Philippines," Ambassador's Emphatic Statement.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 31.—John B. Moissant, the most famous of American aviators and long-heralded as the most daring airman of the world, because of his feat in being the first to cross the English Channel with a passenger, was fatally injured today when his aeroplane was dashed to the ground at the height of 300 feet at Harahan, ten miles from this city.

The accident was caused by the machine becoming unmanageable, it struck a treacherous bank of air which whirled it out of the aviator's control before he knew what had happened.

As the aeroplane tilted it shot downward, with Moissant underneath clinging to it. He struck the earth first and the heavy machine crashed down upon him.

The motors were apparently working without a break, when disaster overtook the intrepid flyer. The machine seemed to turn turtle without giving the operator a second's notice.

Without Warning. The machine fell toward earth with sickening suddenness. Those who beheld the accident looked on in horror-stricken. Moissant could be seen attempting to right the plane and then clinging for his life to the framework as he shot downward with the speed of a plummet.

Confident of Success. Moissant had left this city at 9 o'clock this morning to compete for the Michelin Trophy. He was confident of establishing a new distance mark and cheerfully bantered with those about him as he climbed into his seat upon the aeroplane.

His mechanic tinkered about the machinery for a few moments while Moissant conversed with a few friends. A cheer from the spectators sent him speeding on his way. Moissant turned his car away from the aviation grounds and was soon lost from sight as he winged his way toward Harahan.

INTREPID AVIATOR CRUSHED BY WEIGHT OF HEAVY MACHINE

Disaster Comes in Effort to Win Michelin Trophy Near New Orleans.

FLYER TIPS OVER WITHOUT WARNING

Three Hundred Feet Up Accident Occurs, and Airman Dies on Way to Hospital.

Death Toll During Week in Aviation Ranks

The present week has been marked by an unusual number of aeroplane fatalities. On Wednesday, the outset of a contemplated flight from Paris to Brussels and return, Alexandre Laffon and Marquis Mario Paula were killed by the 200-foot fall of their machine.

THIRD BIG FAILURE ON THE ROBIN LIST

Collapse of Alleged Frenzied Financier's Trolley Line Swells Total.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The collapse of the third concern with which Joseph G. Robin, the alleged bank wrecker was identified, came today in the announcement that a receiver had been appointed for the South Shore Traction Company.

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The proceedings against Robin have been postponed indefinitely pending his recovery. On Tuesday the January grand jury will begin the consideration of evidence in the bank-wrecking cases which will be submitted by District Attorney Whitman.

District Attorney Whitman was out of town today, and will not return until Tuesday morning. In his absence Acting District Attorney Nott has charge of the investigation which is going forward into Robin's affairs.

Insane Man Arrested At the White House

The White House police today arrested a colored man who gave his name as Silas Johnson, of Madison, Ill., on a charge of insanity, and sent him to No. 1 precinct police station.

NEPHEW WILL SELL TOLSTOY'S ESTATE

Kustinsky Arrives to Close Deal With Carnegie or Rockefeller.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Among the passengers arriving here today upon the Atlantic liner Campania was Michael Alexandrovitch Kustinsky, a nephew of the late Count Tolstoy, who has come to America to sell the Tolstoy estate at Yasnaya Polyana, Russia, to either Andrew Carnegie or John D. Rockefeller, probably to Mr. Carnegie.

The price asked for the estate is not known, but the children of Count Tolstoy, commissioned Mr. Kustinsky to drive as satisfactory a bargain as possible.

The reason the Tolstoy family is so anxious to have Mr. Carnegie purchase the estate is because they want a great memorial to peace erected there in conjunction with a museum and an educational institution, and one agreement in the bill of sale will be that the grounds of the estate be maintained just as they were while the philosopher and novelist lived.

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Cody Makes New Mark In Endurance Flights

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Captain Cody, the British aviator, today established a new English endurance and time record by flying 100 miles in four hours and fifty minutes.

Cody's flight establishes a new record for the prize offered to the English aviator who makes the longest sustained flight in the United Kingdom in the year 1910.

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Johnson was wandering around the grounds and demanding to see the President. He showed no violence or any sign of evil intent, but his appearance and manner indicated that his mind was unbalanced. He said he was thirty-seven years old, and had been here for several days.

Eight Men Meet Death In West Virginia Mine

MATEWAN, W. Va., Dec. 31.—Eight men, two Americans and six Italians, were killed this morning by a fall of slate in Lockford mine, of the Red Jacket Coal Company.