

JOHN'S WILLIAMS QUILTS R. R. JOB

Action Delayed Due to Attack by McFadden, He Tells Hines

STAYS AS COMPTROLLER

Enemies Say Withdrawal May Help Director in Floating Loan

Washington, March 10.—Announcement is made of the resignation of John Skelton Williams as director of the Division of Finance and Purchase of the United States railroad administration, to become effective March 15.

Mr. Williams took the position, in his letter of resignation, which was made public by Director General Hines, that he had hoped to retire as financial director of the railroads early in February, but did not feel it was proper to do so until Congress acted on the resolution of Representative Louis T. McFadden, of Canton, Pa., demanding an inquiry into Mr. Williams' official conduct as comptroller of the currency and director of railroad finance.

Mr. Williams reviewed his controversy with Representative McFadden, reiterating the charge that the Pennsylvania "mailboxes and cowardly attacks" was the result of the comptroller's administration against Mr. McFadden's "gross abuse of the trust committed to him as an official."

Director General Hines announced that Mr. Williams would serve the railroad administration in an advisory capacity as chairman of a finance committee, chairman of an advisory committee on purchases and as a member of the director general's staff, continuing as heretofore to provide staff conferences in Mr. Hines's absence.

Henry B. Spencer, formerly vice president of the Southern Railway, who has been chairman of the central advisory purchasing committee, will succeed Mr. Williams as director of purchases and Mr. Hines will assume personal direction of the finance division, because of the pressing financial problems which have arisen by virtue of the nonpayment of the railroad mortgages.

Mr. Hines will be assisted by Charles E. Eddy, a New York attorney, who has been acting as associate director of the finance division.

There was considerable speculation in Washington as to possible relations between the withdrawal of the comptroller as the director of purchases and the imminent financial undertakings of the administration to obtain funds in the money market to finance the needs rendered acute by the failure of Congress to pass the \$750,000,000.

200 I. W. W. ROUNDED UP

Trunkfuls of Inflammatory Literature Seized in Waterbury

Waterbury, Conn., March 10.—Nearly 200 sympathizers of the Industrial Workers of the World, including Alexander Chernoff, of Chicago, national organizer of the I. W. W. movement, were arrested in a raid by police in the city last night.

Two trunkfuls full of I. W. W. literature, with a large red flag bearing Russian letters and two trunks containing the organization of an I. W. W. local in Waterbury and New Haven, also were taken to the police station.

Most of the money taken into custody said they were in no way connected with the I. W. W., saying they simply attended the meeting to hear the speakers, but among the pamphlets confiscated by the police were found membership cards containing the names of a number of the arrested men, who live in Waterbury.

Municipal Appointments

City appointments announced today include Thomas Quinn, 2919 North Third street, holder in the Bureau of Public Property, \$3,25 per day.

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WAIIF OF WAR STRANDED UPON SHORE OF AMERICA

His Soldier-Father Killed, Mother Dead of Broken Heart, Plucky French Lad Awaits Uncle Sam's Mandate About Keeping "Stowaways"

Special Program in Evening Public Ledger—Newport News, Va., March 10.—His father, buried somewhere in the gray mud of France or in Flanders fields, his mother dead of a broken heart, his only other relative, an aged grandmother, lost in invaded Lorraine months ago, and he himself 4000 miles from home, this is the story of little Noel Texeire, a fourteen-year-old French lad who came into this port some days ago as a stowaway, and now is in the immigration detention camp in Norfolk, whether he can be allowed to stay in this country, or must be shipped back to France because he is under sixteen years of age, the minimum for immigrants, according to law, is the question on which hangs the destiny of this plucky little black-haired lad, whose plaything here has been devoted mostly to watching soldiers march away or come impromptu, crumpled home again.

In the detention camp Noel now has a companion, another French boy of the same age, who stowed away a little later from Marseilles and is also waiting to learn his fate. But the story of Noel is a rather tragic one. The other lad is more of an adventurer. Noel lived in Bordeaux with his mother and father. There were no other children, and when he was seven he went to school. Two years later war came, and he has known nothing but trouble since. His eyes filled with tears as he recalled the jolly times when he went with his "père" down to the river playing in the woods. But then the war came.

One day his father appeared in his sky-blue uniform and marched away. The last time the lad saw his "daddy" was when "père" leaned out the window of a car loaded with poles and waved farewell.

The father was coming home on a "perambulator," but he was killed. This broke the mother's heart. She was ill three months. The boy nursed her as best he could, and when the end came he went out into the world alone.

He struck up with some American soldiers, worked in their camp kitchens, and one day jumped on a truck bound for the pier. When the Antigon was two days at sea he crawled out and was fed and made happy.

Charles Leon Guillay, the other stowaway, has a father and mother in Marseilles. He ran away from home, joined an American infantry company and went to the front. Lieutenant Alfred Williams, of Schenectady, befriended him, promising to send him to the states, where he could live in the Schenectady home. But Guillay ran away before the final arrangements were made, and shipped on the General O. Brown, arriving here and being rejected. It is thought he will be cared for by Williams's family.

Radical increases are noted in the townships immediately surrounding Philadelphia, and in which many well-known Philadelphia families have their suburban homes or country places.

In Lower Merion township alone, the Main Line section, the increase is in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000. In the township north of Philadelphia (Cheltenham, Abington, Springfield), the increase is in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

Taxable real estate values in the various large communities are:

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WHOLESALE MARKET TO BRING DOWN PRICE

Meeting Here Aimed to Reduce Haulage for Consumer's Benefit

Plans for a wholesale marketing center on the Delaware River wharves, to cost \$2,000,000, will be discussed at a mass-meeting in the Academy of Music on Wednesday night under the auspices of the Philadelphia Vegetable Growers' Association. United States Senator George D. Elkins will be the principal speaker.

To reduce the cost of foodstuffs, according to the farmers, it is necessary to discontinue the several wholesale marketing centers scattered around the city.

One big wholesale marketing center adjacent to the proposed Penn Memorial bridge would be the greatest boon to Philadelphia consumers, because all the farmers who sell their stuff to Philadelphia consumers would ship to that one point, according to W. P. Thierkison, who is interested in the "get-together" meeting.

One of the reasons for the high cost of living today is the duplicate hauling, stuff is delivered to Thierkison and Market streets in cars and much of it is then hauled by foot-truck to each street or Callowhill street. That hauling represents a considerable tax on the consumer, though the farmers get no more. Director MacLaughlin will attend the Wednesday meeting as representative of Mayor Smith and he hopes to hear more of the plans for the big marketing center.

Representatives of the farmers' association, the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Chambers of Commerce and organized labor will be on the program of speakers. A luncheon in the Bellevue Stratford will precede the big meeting. The mass-meeting starts at 8:30 o'clock.

BOOM IN BUSINESS SEEN BY BURLESON

Says Postoffice Revenues for February and January Point to Prosperity

Washington, March 10.—A large increase in postal revenues is given by Postmaster General Burleson as "one of the most accurate barometers of present business conditions" in forecasting a period of pronounced industrial prosperity.

Mr. Burleson said: "Admittedly, the revenue of the postal service is one of the most accurate barometers of present business conditions, because the postal revenue comes from every community in the United States."

"During November there was a pronounced decline in postal revenues due to the nationwide prevalence of influenza and the signing of the armistice. Revenue in December showed a returning movement toward normal conditions, while during January and February the revenue greatly exceeded for those months the average annual increase during the last thirty years."

Judged, therefore, by the reliable business barometer of the postal service, it is obvious that, notwithstanding the fear of business depression expressed in some quarters, this country is on the threshold of a period of pronounced industrial prosperity."

Rio President of Wurttemberg

Wurttemberg, March 10.—(By A. P.)—William J. Blox, Premier of Wurttemberg, has been elected president of the local National Assembly, according to a dispatch from Stuttgart, which has been received here.

BIG BOOST SHOWN IN REALTY VALUES

Montgomery County Property Assessed for Taxation at \$139,383,641

MAIN LINE IS INCLUDED

Increase of \$3,000,000 for 1919 Shown in Lower Merion Township

The total value of taxable real estate in Montgomery County is \$139,383,641. The amount of money at interest, including bonds, mortgages, judgments, stocks and other like valuables, is \$128,515,654. The aggregate value of all property taxable for county purposes is \$146,312,598. The aggregate value of all property taxable for state purposes, and including money at interest, is \$128,549,784.

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The National Bank of Germantown

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PACKERS' EARNINGS GROW

Wilson and Company's Profits \$7,631,535 in Year

Chicago, March 10.—(By A. P.)—The annual report of Wilson & Co., packers, shows net earnings for the year ended December 28 last equal to \$7,631,535, a share on the common stock, as compared to \$7,323,842, as compared to \$7,118,188 in 1917, were distributed.

The future for the packing industry seems promising, said Mr. Wilson, "and for some years to come it will be necessary for close cooperation among the producers, packers and the government (keeping in sight the interest and welfare of the consumer) to properly take care of our share of the burden in helping feed the rest of the world."

WAR CHIEFS INSPECT CAMPS

Secretary Baker and General March on Tour

Detroit, Mich., March 10.—(By A. P.)—Secretary of War Baker and General Peyton C. March, chief of staff, making an inspection tour of army camps, arrived here this morning en route to Camp Custer, near Battle Creek. The party remained less than half an hour in Detroit, leaving shortly after 8 o'clock for Camp Custer.

ARMY MOTORTRUCK DRIVER

Edward Atkinson, of the motor transportation corps at the Schuylkill Arsenal.

THIRD National Bank PHILADELPHIA

CONDITION AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MARCH 4, 1919

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UNION NATIONAL BANK PHILADELPHIA

A Commercial Convenience in a Commercial Community

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OFFICERS: J. S. McCLURE, President; J. S. McCLURE, Vice President; LOUIS S. SHULBERGER, Vice President; SAMUEL CAMPBELL, Vice President; SAMUEL CAMPBELL, Vice President; SAMUEL CAMPBELL, Vice President.

THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA

CHESTNUT ST. AT FIFTH

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WILLIAM POST, President; WILLIAM Y. CONRAD, Vice President; ALBERT H. ASHBY, Cashier; STANLEY E. WILSON, Asst. Cashier; D. R. A. CARSON, Asst. Cashier.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA

315 Chestnut Street

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Includes Resources, Liabilities, Deposits.

W. A. LAW, President; THOMAS W. ANDREW, Cashier; CHAS. H. JAMES, Asst. Cashier; HARRY J. HAAS, Vice President; CARL H. CHAFFEE, Asst. Cashier.



THE GIRARD NATIONAL BANK PHILADELPHIA

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Includes Resources, Liabilities, Deposits.

JOSEPH WAYNE, JR., President; ALFRED DARRATT, Asst. Cashier; A. W. PLEKFOED, Asst. Cashier; DAVID J. MYERS, Asst. Cashier; WALTER P. FRENCH, Assistant Cashier.

FRANKLIN NATIONAL BANK

Chestnut Street West of Broad

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J. A. HARRIS, Jr., Vice-President; E. E. SHIELDS, Asst. Cashier; J. WM. HARTZ, Cashier; W. M. GIBBANS, Jr., Asst. Cashier; M. D. REINHOLD, Assistant Cashier.

THE BANK OF NORTH AMERICA

THE OLDEST BANK IN AMERICA

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CHARLES H. HARDING, Pres.; SAMUEL D. JORDAN, Vice Pres.; E. N. KROMER, Cashier; W. J. MURPHY, Asst. Cashier; R. S. MCKINLEY, Asst. Cashier; C. M. PRINCE, Asst. Cashier.

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