#### \$2,342,851 SURPLUS IN THE POST OFFICE, BURLESON SAYS IN REPORT TO CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 5.—A surplus of \$2,342,851 in postoffice operations for the fiscal year 1919 was announced in the annual report of Postmaster General Burleson. The figures are subject to some adjustment which would increase the surnent which would increase the surnent which would increase the surnent which would increase the surney of the present postoffice administration that revenues had exceeded expenditures.

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the interest of all the people and not in that of any special class, adding:

"Because of the curtailment of "Because of the curtailment of what may be termed 'special class, postal facilities there has grown upstrentous hostility upon the part of a limited number of 'special interests,' the expense of whose private business was largely paid by the Government instead of by themselves. This has particular reference to the modifying of the second-class mailing privilege which had until the advent of the present aduntil the advent of the present and until the advent of the present and until the advent of the present and until the advent of the present ansugration of the air mail service, establishment of the 'space system' in determining the compensation of railroads for carrying the mail, readjustment of railway mail service in the interest of both improvement and economy, readjustments of organizations in postoffices, methods of service and distribution of supplies on a basis of sound business principle, inauguration of rural and city motor vehicle service and village delivery service, extension of box and collection service and postage stamp, money order and registry system, insured parcel post and the methods of handling dead letters, readjustment of rural delivery service, extension of box and collection service and postage stamp, money order and registry system, insured parcel post and the methods of handling dead letters, readjustment of rural delivery service, extension of box and collection service and postage stamp, money order and registry system, insured parcel post and the methods of handling dead letters, readjustment of rural delivery service, extension of box and collections excited and service and obstraction because of the equipment and supply service in the equipment and supply service and included the proportion of the equipment and supply service and included the proportion of the equipment an

plus, Mr. Lurleson said, adding that this was the sixth time in the seven vears of the present postoffice administration that revenues had exceeded expenditures.

An aggregate surplus of more than \$55,000,000, as compared to an aggregate deficit of more than \$59,000,000, as compared to an aggregate deficit of more than \$59,000,000, as compared to an aggregate deficit of more than \$59,000,000 for the preceding seven-year period, is shown in an appended table.

"The cause of the change is immediately apparent," the report says of this comparison. "Whereas the revenues under this administration increased \$737,597,818, or at the rate of 50,68 per cent compared with the seven-year period prior to the time it assumed office, the expenditures increased only \$643,335,795, to at the rate of 42.49 per cent. The difference between the increase in revenues, less losses, equals the amount of the net change in favor of the public treasury."

Answers Criticisms

Much of the criticism leveled at the department's financial policy. Mr. Burleson said, "was due to lack of complete and accurate information."

"The facts, as presented," he added, "tell a story of achievement. They do not call for explanations or apologies and none is given. The administration stands squarely on its record."

Discussing improvements in the service, Mr. Burleson said nothing had been left undone within his authority "to effect readjustments in the interest of all the people and not in that of any special class," adding:

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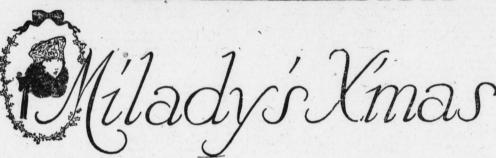
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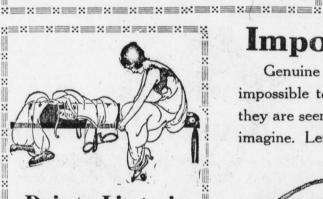
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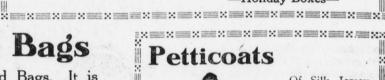
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