

CIVIL SERVICE MEN SEEKING NEW POSITIONS

Indianapolis Federal Workers
Expect G. O. P. to Return
to Spoils System.

REPUBLICANS MAY STAY

Civil service employees of the Government, working in the various offices in the Federal building, began to look about for other jobs to which they may be assigned by the Democrats in 1913. An apprehension of action on the part of Neal is contained in the fact that out of the sixty-five storekeepers and guarners stationed at Government bonded warehouses who were supposed to be under civil service only, the majority of them have been used to get rid of those not Republicans, either among which was the trumping up of charges under which dismissal could be made according to civil service regulations.

The principal point of Republican motives arising in the minds of local Federal employees comes from recent Washington dispatches, indicating that President Wilson's proclamation putting all postmasters practical under civil service is to be overthrown and the fact that the Republicans in the Senate are holding up appointment of a number of presidential nominees for Indiana postmasters because they happen to be Democrats. Senator Harry S. New has been quoted as flatly stating he believes that the President should stop nominating postmasters because the incoming administration ought to have that privilege. There seems to be a general fear among Republican Senators, Washington dispatches state, that some Democrat may accidentally land a Federal job in Indiana.

Outside of the postmasterships, some of the most desirable offices the Republicans have in view are the posts of the collector of internal revenue. Collector William L. Elder has no hopes whatever of remaining in office longer than it will take the new administration to go through the necessary procedure to appoint a Republican successor.

With a Republican collector in, the Democratic subordinates expect to be kicked out bag and baggage. The large number of Republicans who have been retained in office, despite the fact that Democrats were in control for the last eight years do not have the fears for their jobs that the Democrats do.

The collector of internal revenue has the power to appoint, without regard for civil service, fifty-five field deputies and one division chief deputy as well as a chief deputy collector who remains in the Indiana office.

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Since none of these offices are under civil service the new collector is not expected by friends of the merit system to retain even the most efficient of the men in the field. However, there are approximately 110 office employees under the collector who are civil service appointments. These are in fear of the return to the spoils system.

Should the Republican collector desire to weed out all Democrats in his force, regardless of civil service regulations, he will find ample precedent in the acts of Elam Neal, the collector who was ousted by the Democrats in 1913. An apprehension of action on the part of Neal is contained in the fact that out of the sixty-five storekeepers and guarners stationed at Government bonded warehouses who were supposed to be under civil service only, the majority of them have been used to get rid of those not Republicans, either among which was the trumping up of charges under which dismissal could be made according to civil service regulations.

The civil service employees are hoping that the effects of friends of the system in Washington who are urging Republicans to extend it instead of cripple it, will be successful. The Republican party has made the claim in the past that it has always been a true friend of civil service reform. The employees at the Federal building say they sincerely hope this is true.

To Conduct 'Carry On' Sale for Rainbow Men

A "carry-on" sale of handknit woolen socks for the benefit of veterans of the Rainbow Division, suffering from disease or wounds contracted overseas, was begun today by the Rainbow Cheer Association in the corner room of the Fletcher Savings and Trust Company building at Market and Pennsylvania.

All of the money that comes from the sale goes to the comfort of the service men of the 150th Field Artillery, who are now confined in hospitals scattered throughout the country. The socks, originally were made for the boys, but after they had been collected by the Cheer Association the shipment almost was prevented by a postoffice department order.

Mothers of the service men, forming the membership of the Cheer Association, now wish that the sick and disabled profit from the socks. The association has never ceased its work since its organization and the sock sale is a part of its "carry-on" policy.

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MOTHER-IN-LAW QUESTION LIVES

Woman Admits It on Stand in
Chicago Case.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The mother-in-law question is always with us.

Mrs. Fannie Breler, 4814 Calumet avenue, admits it.

She was a witness for her daughter, Mrs. Bertha Smith, at the hearing before Superior Judge Lewis, who granted the complainant a divorce and \$10 a week alimony from Edward A. Smith. The latter was characterized by both wife and mother-in-law as an arguer with both tongue and fists.

"He was always picking an argument," Mrs. Breler testified.

"They lived with you, did they?" asked Judge Lewis.

"Yes, but that isn't the reason," declared Mrs. Breler.

"There wasn't any family trouble between you and Smith?" persisted the judge. "There wasn't any mother-in-law question, was there?" she retorted.

"Yes, but that isn't the reason," philosophized Mrs. Breler.

"You didn't provoke him to strike her, did you?" was the court's next query, having reference to an occasion when husband, wife and mother-in-law mingled in a milling mix-up.

"No; I wasn't there at first," the latter explained. "When I got there he struck her the second time, and I got it."

"You went and butted in and you got yours," was the conclusion arrived at by the court.

"I got it," Mrs. Breler admitted.

Mrs. Smith admitted the truth of an inference drawn by the judge that her husband was "just an ordinary brute."

THE GODDESS VESTA.

Vesta was the goddess of the home and fire, and her temple was the oldest in Rome. It contained no image of the goddess, but had a fire which was rekindled by friction on the Roman New Year and attended constantly by the vestal virgins.

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