

## PATRONAGE QUIZ MAY BE PUSHED BY BROOKHART

Postoffice Head Reported  
Ready to Reinstate  
Ousted G. O. P.

*By Scripts-Howard, Newspaper Alliance*  
WASHINGTON, April 3.—Reports that Postmaster-General Brown may reinstate Republican elements in Georgia which were denounced and driven from the fold at the Kansas City convention, may be investigated by Senator Brookhart's senate patronage committee, it was learned today, and the cabinet member may be summoned as a witness.

In view of the President's assertion that scandalous conditions in the southern G. O. P. had been corrected, which was his comment on the Brookhart committee's recent report, Senator McKellar said today he favored continuation of the inquiry to throw light on the Georgia situation. Brookhart announced he planned to convene the committee to discuss whether Brown and Walter Newton, Hoover's political secretary, should be called to tell what steps have been taken.

**Plays Leading Part**  
Brown and Newton have directed the movement to substitute better elements in the southern G. O. P. in the four states of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Mississippi mentioned by the President in his reform statement a year ago. As dispenser of postoffice patronage, Brown has played the largest part in determining who should be recognized.

Now, however, the committee has been informed that Brown and Newton recently conferred with Ben Davis, ousted Negro national committee man, and with Davis' lieutenant, G. S. Flanders. Davis is said to exercise control in Georgia, although he was displaced by Josiah T. Rose, a Hoover man, more than a year ago.

Seeks Marshal's Post

The recent conferences with Davis here are said to look toward a compromise under which he would share patronage authority with Rose, and the nomination of Flanders for United States marshal was supposed to be the first step in this direction.

In view of the denunciation and ousting of Davis at Kansas City, which was regarded as the beginning of the reform drive, Brookhart and McKellar admit they are interested in getting at the facts. Though there is some doubt whether the committee has any funds at its disposal, it has not yet been discharged, and Brookhart asserts it can resume its work at any moment it cares to.

## Escapes Death by Gas



The beautiful duchess of Leinster (above), once the toast of England as a musical comedy star, is recovering in a London hospital after being found unconscious in the gas-filled kitchen of a tiny apartment where she resided for several weeks with an unidentified man under the name of "Mrs. Williams." The duchess separated from her husband some time ago.

Raskob's known contribution to the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, and some other matters he declined to reveal.

### APPROVE WAGNER BILLS

*By United Press*

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## DEPRESSION TO BE STUDIED BY JAPANESE DIET

Government Will Be Made  
Target at Session for  
Acute Conditions.

*By MILES W. VAUGHN,  
United Press Staff Correspondent*

TOKIO, April 3.—Japan's critical financial and economic situation likely will have a considerable effect on the special session of the diet called April 21 by Emperor Hirohito.

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## Sez Hugh:

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*By O'NEAL*

joined the ranks of the unemployed, now nearing a million.

The sensational decline in the price of silver, China is on a silver basis and produces much raw silk. With the silver dollar in China the last in many years, foreign silk buyers immediately found it highly profitable to purchase China's raw silk in huge quantities, despite the fact it is inferior in quality to Japan's raw silk.

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## GREATEST GOLD FIELD IN WORLD WILL BE MINED

'Leadville Johnny' Brown's  
Widow Signs Working  
to Syndicate.

*By United Press*

TOKIO, April 3.—Mrs. J. J. Brown, widow of the Colorado mine owner, Leadville Johnny Brown, signed a contract today with a group of Arizona and Montana copper miners whereby they will operate in rich, virgin gold fields of the Rocky mountains.

The fields include eighteen mining claims totaling 265 acres around Leadville, exclusive of the Ibex and Johnny mines, from which \$70,000 worth of gold already is said to have been produced.

The contract, signed in the presence of the American consul-general, was with a group directed by Arthur Curtis James.

"Geologists claim this field is the greatest remaining gold basin in the United States," Mrs. Brown said.

"My husband staked claims there thirty years ago, but they was not able then to extract ore from them."

"The field never has been touched and there is no estimate of how much gold there is in it, but certainly I believe it will be greatly in excess of \$100,000,000."

"The new field does not include the Ibex and Johnny mines, but they are in the same veins."

### STUDENTS BALLOT WET

North Carolina U. Is 2 to 1 for Repeal in Straw Vote.

*By United Press*

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., April 3.—Of 944 students voting in a poll conducted by the college newspaper, 658 University of North Carolina students favored repeal of the eighteenth amendment, 142 favored modification, and 142 favored enforcement of present laws. Enrollment is 2,700.

## Buffalo Law Is Suspended

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