NO EXTRA WORK ACCOMPLISHED

Famous 4:30 o’Clock Closing Order for Clerks Has Failed to Bring About Expected Result.

DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES WATCH CLOCK FOR CLOSING HOUR

No Longer Labor Without Reference to the Exact Minute as in Former Days, Say Division Chiefs.

Just what has been accomplished by the order increasing the working hours of the Government clerks by half an hour is an open question, according to information received by The Times from the various departments.

As a matter of fact, it would seem, in the first place, that prior to the issuing of this order it had been the custom of the clerks, in a majority of the departments, to do their work without special regard to the exact hour at which they closed their desks. The order that they should be at work until 4:45 by, it would seem, had the effect of causing the clerks in more than one department to watch the closing hour very closely, yet others, with the small detail work of some departments—absolutely no increase in the amount of work accomplished.

HOW WATCH CLOCK.

According to officials of several departments, the clerks who have formerly done their work without reference to the exact hour of closing the working day have been inhibited by the extension order to count the minutes, so that when 4:45 comes, their desks are closed, with perhaps an actual decrease of the amount of work accomplished.

There is a general belief that the new order will work a certain disadvantage when summer time comes. It is pointed out that no matter how devoted a clerk may be to the work of his office, when the time comes to remove his family to the country for the summer he may find the uncanny feeling that he remains on duty until 4:30 p.m., a personal inconvenience. The clerks say that they feel that they will be forced by the order to abandon the pleasure and privilege of living out of the city during the hot months, in his regular work. A majority of the cases, outward bound, leave just a few minutes too late for the Government employee to get to the station. They make the additional half hour. Their hope is to get the railroad companies to change schedules, but it is pointed out that this will be a very difficult task.

ARMY MACHINERY WORKS SMOOTHLY.

The last heavy concentration of orders, and under the regulations made by the new order, the Army Departments worked without the usual stoppage in the movement of supplies.

Opinions Vary.

Some officials of the Army, who have come to the view that the new order will work for the betterment of the service, say that the change is one welcomed by all.

One official of the War Department said: "No, I do not believe the new order will work any change. In the main, the men will do the work they have always done. It will not have any effect on their work, and the men will do it just as they always have done."

Another official, who has been informed of the regulations of the new order, said he did not believe the change would work any change for the betterment of the service. He said that the men would not be able to do their work as well under the new order.

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The owner of the Blakeyse collection in New York, who is one of the largest collections of tapestries in the United States, has sold the famous "Dido Set" to Mr. McLean, a Washington millionaire, for a figure that is said to be over $50,000.

The "Dido Set" is a set of six tapestries that were woven in the 18th century by the Barberini family. The tapestries are notable for their intricate design and rich colors, and are considered to be some of the finest examples of the art form.

John R. McLean, a prominent Washingtonian, is known for his love of art and history. He is a member of the National Geographic Society and has been a contributor to its magazine. McLean’s collection includes works by some of the greatest artists of the 20th century, including Picasso and Matisse.

The "Dido Set" is expected to be displayed in McLean’s new home, which is under construction near the White House. The home will feature a large gallery dedicated to the tapestries and other collectibles.

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