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**CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE BEGINS RAILWAY INQUIRY**

Proposed by President to Better Condition of Carriers.  
 MAY CHANGE PRESENT SYSTEM

Officials of Roads Prepared to Advocate Federal Incorporation, Supervision of Securities and Extension of Authority of Interstate Commerce Commission.  
 Washington, Nov. 20.—Ten members of Congress, five Senators and five members of the House of Representatives, began here today an inquiry into the subject of public control and supervision of railroads that may lead to the revolutionizing of the whole scheme of governmental regulation of the country's transportation lines. Incidentally the committee is to look into the question of government ownership of railroads, telephone and telegraph lines and express companies.  
 The members of the committee which will conduct this important investigation are Senator Newlands of Nevada, chairman; Senators Robinson of Arkansas, Underwood of Alabama, Cummins of Iowa and Brandegee of Connecticut, and Representatives Adair of Georgia, Sims of Tennessee, Cullip of Indiana, Esch of Wisconsin and Hamilton of Michigan. The inquiry was recommended by President Wilson in his message to Congress in December of last year. He described as its purpose to determine what could be done "for bettering the conditions under which the railroads are operated and for making them more useful servants of the country as a whole."  
 Prominent Men as Witnesses.  
 In order to obtain the views of all interests affected by the operations of the transportation lines the committee has invited prominent shippers, bankers, representatives of commercial organizations, railway executives, economists and others to appear before them.  
 The first to be heard are railroad commissioners of various states who began their evidence today. Their testimony is directed chiefly to opposing any enlargement of the federal authority over commerce that would detract from the powers now exercised by state bodies. They will be followed shortly by officials of railway labor organizations who are expected to register their opposition to the increase of governmental authority over wages and conditions of labor.  
 Chief interest in the hearings centers in the proposals that will be put forward by representatives of the railroads, for it is reported that they will advocate an extension of federal authority over rates and securities to the practical exclusion of state control of these matters. It is understood also that they will go on record in favor of federal incorporation of all railroad lines.  
 Legislative Program of Railroads.  
 From an authoritative source is obtained the following outline of the legislative program which the railroads will ask the committee to consider in its investigation: They will endeavor to demonstrate to the commission that one of the principal defects in the present system of railroad regulation is the lack of coordination resulting from the simultaneous and conflicting regulation by the federal government and by the 48 states. They will, therefore, ask that entire governmental control of the rates and practices of interstate carriers, except purely local matters, be placed in the hands of a federal body so that interstate traffic may be regulated without reference to state lines, leaving to the state commissions jurisdiction only over local matters and local public utilities. As a part of this plan, a compulsory system of federal incorporation is to be recommended, accompanied by federal supervision of railroad stock and bond issues.  
 A reorganization of the Interstate Commerce Commission will be asked in order to enable the commission properly to exercise its increased powers. It is also proposed that the preparation and prosecution of cases against the railroads shall be delegated to some other agency of the government, possibly the Department of Justice, so that the commission may devote its energies to its administrative functions.  
 With the commission thus relieved of some of its present duties and equipped to handle its business more promptly, the railroads will urge that the period during which the commission may now suspend proposed increases in rates be reduced from ten months to 60 days, with provision for reparation to be paid to the shippers if the advance shall be declared unreasonable.  
 They will also ask that the commission be given the power to prescribe minimum as well as maximum rates so that in meeting complaints of discrimination the commission may order the advance of a rate which it considers too low.  
 One of the most important recommendations for which the railroads will ask favorable consideration is that the commission be specifically authorized to take into account in rate regulation the effect of rates upon total earnings in the light of expenses.  
 While the Newlands Committee is required, under the resolution creating it, to submit a report by January 2 next, it is not anticipated that the Committee will have come anywhere near completing its labors then.

**Artists Thrill An Audience of 300**

Great Dane, Contralto, Baritone and Mrs. Skovgaard Especially Favorites of the Company.  
 Through the enterprise of the L. D. S. church La Grande has again been refreshed musically. When the Skovgaard company last evening edified a La Grande audience of approximately 300, musical ears were thrilled as they haven't been for a long time. Among the singers Mary Maiben Allen, contralto, and A. N. Engle, baritone, stood out above the rest. One of the gems of the evening was the skilful way Miss Allen sang an aria from Donizetti's "La Favorita." Her full, melodious voice found great opportunity to show itself in the opera selection and she displayed that she possesses musical culture and a voice of rare quality. The baritone's biggest number was the prologue from Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci" always a difficult thing to handle even by masters—few others dare undertake it. Sweetness and music in his not robust but melodious voice best came out in a duet from "Don Giovanni" with Miss Heynes. Mr. Engle is a young man, comparatively new in opera, but that he has a bright future, none will gainsay who heard him last night. The very best in him is shown in moderately low tones where there is charm in his singing.  
 Then the Dane! Well, commentaries upon his playing are out of place. He interpreted more than a dozen selections which only those who are more than ordinarily proficient can handle at all. His unostentatious manipulation of the violin, bringing out the qualities only an inspired player can on a Stradivarius can, he swayed his audience with the delicate strokes and shadings. It is entirely out of place to analyze his playing. He is a genius, an artist, and that suffices.  
 Alice McClung-Skovgaard was greeted vociferously when she came out to render her number and she has lost none of her genius with the piano. She is an artist, a true artist.

One criticism that an audience not entirely schooled in music and the classics would lodge against the program is the lack of popular encores. The audience was very appreciative—extremely so—and the performers were equally responsive; but many wanted to hear the great Dane play some simple things familiar to all of us. In that particular, alone, was the program aught but one of the highest type of perfection.

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