

SOCIALISM SPLITS ORDER OF HOBOES

Many Refuse to Follow "Millionaire" How and Organization Disbands.

CONVENTION IS FAILURE

Factions to Reorganize into Rival Bands—Vagrancy Laws of Southern States Are Angriely Criticized by Speakers.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 2.—The National hobo convention came to an end today and, according to official announcement made by President Jefferson Davis, the hobo organization, which James Ends How founded in St. Louis eight years ago, has been wrecked on the rocks of socialism and a thing of the past. Davis declared the attempt to hold a National hobo convention in New Orleans had proved a flat failure, which he attributed to the efforts of "Millionaire" How and others to use the hoboes for the dissemination of socialistic propaganda.

Davis entertained a motion, suggested by himself, and declared the hobo organization disbanded. How continued to urge political and religious principles to the last, but the hoboes appeared to be disinterested in the matter and magnific utterances of Jefferson Davis and never failed to join with the president in helping to howl down How and his cohorts.

Separate Organizations Probable.

It is said that How and Davis likely will organize separate associations of the "migratory workers."

"A hobo is not a barhouse bum, a mere tramp nor a vagabond," said Davis. "He simply is a workman out of employment, who in the exigencies of his peregrinations is compelled to ride freight trains, go hungry and occasionally has to seek lowly employment in order to get a bite and a bunk."

A delegate proposed today that the hoboes petition Congress to "stop bulls from sapping" bobs who are merely trying to ride a freight train.

The resolution was defeated.

Vagrancy Laws Criticized.

The vagrancy laws of Georgia, Florida and Texas were bitterly criticized today by several of the hoboes. One delegate declared he believed one-half of the men of Georgia are acting as deputy sheriffs and he would pay only 50 cents a head and consequently hoboes are not bothered there as they are in Georgia, where the bounty is \$1.

Inspector of Police Reynolds advised the delegations to clear out of the city before morning or they would have to stay in the parish prison until after the Mardi Gras visitors have departed.

Hobo Union Planned.

At the conclusion of a secret session of the leading spirits of the convention it was announced tonight that plans had been perfected for organizing hobo unions and affiliating with the American Federation of Labor. The name chosen for the new organization is the "International Itinerant Workers' Union, Hobos of America."

F. A. Fitzgerald, organizer of the American Federation of Labor in the State of Louisiana, assisted in organizing the new union.

C. Jefferson Davis, of Chicago, was elected president; J. Raymond Fredericks, Cleveland, secretary; and Peter M. H. Wynshaw, New Orleans, treasurer, and Robert W. Gillespie, National organizer.

James Ends How was barred from the meeting which affected this organization.

BIGGER PACKAGES BY MAIL FAVORED

Hitchcock in Report Shows Desire to Lower Some Parcel Post Rates.

POSTAL BANKS SUCCESS

System Will Be Self-Supporting When Deposits Reach \$50,000,000—Penny Letter Rate at Expense of Second Class.



James Ends How, St. Louis "Millionaire" and Deposed King of the Hoboes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Postmaster General Hitchcock's annual report, made public today, tentatively suggests reduction of some parcel post rates and increasing the limit of weight beyond 11 pounds; recommends civil pensions for postal employees; an increase in rates on second-class mail, which may pave the way for 1-cent letter postage; the consolidation of the third and fourth classes so books and papers may be forwarded by parcel post and points out that during his administration expense of operating the Postal Service has been cut down \$15,000,000.

In course of a statement on the condition of postal finances, Mr. Hitchcock says:

"The transformation of a deficit into a surplus has been accomplished, not by curtailing the service, but by developing it along profitable lines. While postal facilities have been greatly enlarged, extensions have not been made in a haphazard manner, but only when shown on investigation to be justified by conditions."

Savings Bank System Extended.

The establishing of postal savings banks at 100 offices was completed early in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1912—the year covered by the report. Since then the system has been extended to 407 fourth-class postoffices, as well as to 645 branch offices and stations in the larger cities. There are now 12,812 postal savings banks at which patrons may open accounts. The number of depositors is approximately 350,000 and the deposits aggregate about \$28,000,000, not including \$1,314,140 withdrawn and invested in postal savings bonds.

On the basis of the present monthly net increase of deposits, it is estimated that the gross income of the postal savings system for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, will amount to \$700,000 and the interest payable to depositors to \$300,000. The income of the system for the fiscal year will meet the interest payments and the total expense of the central office, but will be approximately \$275,000 less than enough to cover the entire expense of the service. However, as Postmaster General's report says, "It is expected that when the deposits have increased to \$50,000,000, which at the present rate they will do soon, the system will be self-sustaining."

Larger Packages Favored.

The report contains no references to subjects which have developed since December 1 and, consequently, the Postmaster General's report as to the parcel post has to do only with the preliminary work of establishing the new system, which went into effect on January 1. The report says that he recommends not only that the parcel post rates be reduced, but that the weight of packages be increased to 11 pounds. "It is believed that the parcel post rates should be reduced, but that the weight of packages be increased to 11 pounds," he says. "The parcel post is a thoroughly organized one that basis the scope of the service in its usefulness to the public should be still further enlarged by increasing the weight limit. If properly developed under efficient management, the parcel post will prove to be a most important factor in reducing the cost of mailing."

Books Regarded as Parcels.

Perhaps the most important recommendation contained in the report is that the third and fourth classes of mail be consolidated so that books and other printed matter may be forwarded by parcel post. At present the postage charges for these two classes of mail bear no fixed ratio to each other. For certain weight and sizes the parcel post rates are lower than the third-class rates, while in other cases they are higher.

"This condition," it is pointed out in the report, "is likely to result in much confusion and should not exist. Packages containing books or catalogues do not differ in any essential particular from other parcels, and they should be handled by parcel post. Prior to the enactment of the parcel post law the department urged that these two classes of mail be consolidated, and the recommendation of such action is now renewed."

The report directs attention to the approval of the commission, headed by Associate Justice Hughes, of the United States Supreme Court, of the Post-office Department's recommendation that the postage rate on second-class mail be increased from 2 to 3 cents a pound. In the opinion of the Postmaster-General, favorable action by Congress on the report of the Commission should be made on a car space basis and the cost of the roads of the mail transportation.

The report recommends that "civil pensions, based on length of service, should be granted by the Government to postal employees when they become superannuated. It is likely that the expense of such a system would be more than offset by gains in efficiency."

JAIL TERM IS PROPOSED

ALBANY GUN CLUB WOULD RE-VERSE GAME LAWS.

"Game Hog" Would Disappear, It Is Argued, Is Sterner Justice We're Meted Out by Courts.

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Local sportsmen assert that the preventing of hunting with dogs will not result in the expected protection of the game code, as well as a fine score of wounded birds will get away only to die later and that the hunter, failing to get these birds, will go on to Salem tomorrow evening to consult with the game committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Members of the Albany Gun Club assert that the law protecting female birds has not proven satisfactory. They argue that in a great many cases where a bird is killed rapidly and a hunter cannot tell the sex of the bird before firing and that in this way hundreds of hens are killed every season. It is pointed out that the law is designed to be caught with the dead females, hunters leave them on the ground and go on hunting until they set the limit of male birds.

The change the Albany County men expect to argue for is to permit the shooting of birds of both sexes but establish a limit of five birds a day and provide a jail sentence as well as a fine for violation of the law as regards the day's limit. They go even further and argue that the jail sentence be made compulsory. If the sixth pheasant a man killed in one day meant a term of 15 or 30 days in jail all "game hog" work would soon be a thing of the past, they assert.

Members of the Albany Gun Club take the same view as to deer. They approve the reduction of the season limit from five to three deer but want the privilege of killing deer as well as birds, except that they want a jail sentence provided for those who violate the limit on deer.

MOTHERS ARE ACCUSED

Two Boys Found Dead in Bed and Coroner's Jury Holds Women.

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Cuban Hardware Dealer, His Wife and Children Among Dead.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Feb. 2.—A coroner's jury held tonight for the grand jury Mrs. Pearl Bell Stebbins and Mrs. Nell Carpenter, mothers of two boys who were found dead of gas asphyxiation in the same bed this morning.

The boys, George Stebbins, 12 years old, and Ralph Carpenter, 6 years old, were discovered dead when Mrs. Carpenter, accompanied by a man, returned to her home early this morning. It was testified that Mrs. Stebbins was seen to enter the house in which the boys were sleeping late last night and that another man and a woman waited for her outside the house.

Boy Will See Inauguration.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Centralia will have at least one representative at the inauguration of President Wilson, a letter being received here yesterday by J. P. Guerrier that the cadet corps of the Culver Military Academy at Culver, Ind., will act as an honorary escort. Vice-President Marshall at the inaugural ceremonies. Charles Guerrier, a Centralia boy, is a member of the corps.

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WORRELL'S SAMPLE CLOAKS and SUITS

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PASCO SUED FOR \$6438

Contractor Charged With Not Having Complied With Specifications.

PASCO, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—A. R. Garey, contractor for Pasco's new City Hall, has filed suit against the city, alleging that he has fulfilled the terms of his contract, but that the Council is wrongfully withholding part of the money due him for services performed. Suit is brought for \$6438.42.

Mr. Garey declares that he is willing and able to pay all claims filed against the City Hall by sub-contractors, laborers and others.

The city has authorized the employment of an architect to check over the plans and specifications and to complete the work, and Garey's bondsmen, the Pacific Coast Contracting Company, will be used for the sum necessary to complete the work.

The city contends that the contract has not been completed by that referring to the plans and specifications, and that the building is not completed.

DEFENSE LEAGUE FORMS

National Organization Stands for Preparation for War.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—To work for a large Navy, an adequate Army, the improvement of the National Guard and for all things that will better prepare the United States for war, the National Defense League was organized here today.

Representative Kahn, of California, was elected chairman of the executive committee and to the board of directors.

While the league will work to strengthen all the forces which would make the country better prepared for war, it says in its constitution that it "believes in universal peace, but firmly believes that preparation for war is the best guarantee of peace."

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Cuban Hardware Dealer, His Wife and Children Among Dead.

HAVANA, Feb. 2.—An explosion in a hardware store at Cienfuegos resulted yesterday in the death of 10 persons, including the proprietor and his wife and their two children. Scores were injured.

The office of the Cuba Submarine Telegraph Company, on the opposite side of the street, was badly damaged and several employees were injured. The instruments were destroyed, resulting in the interruption of communication, which was restored today.

A large quantity of blasting power was kept for sale at the store.

FRUIT RAISERS FAVORABLE

Northwest Exchange's Proposition Is Liked at Wenatchee.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Growers of some of the fruits in the Wenatchee Valley generally