

WILSON ASKS ACTION RAILROAD LAWS

President in Address Puts Completion of Labor Leg- islation to Front.

PROGRAMME IS OUTLINED

Power Commerce Commission to Advance Rates to Meet Wage Requirements Regarded as Indisputably Clear.

POINTS IN PRESIDENT'S AD- DRESS TO CONGRESS.

Early consideration urged of remaining measures of "settlement and regulation" of difficulties between railroads and brotherhoods.

Increase of Interstate Commerce Commission membership, provision for public investigation and assessment of industrial disputes and grant of power to President to control railroads in National emergency again recommended.

Senate urged to act on following measures, which have passed House:

- Foreign trade combinations.
- Greater freedom for Porto Ricans.
- Corrupt practices act.
- Attention of Congress called to necessity for vocational education.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The text of President Wilson's address to Congress is:

"Gentlemen of the Congress.—In fulfilling at this time the duty laid upon me by the Constitution of communicating to you from time to time information of the state of the Union and recommending to your consideration such legislative measures as may be judged necessary and expedient, I shall continue the practice, which I hope has been acceptable to you, of leaving to the reports of the several heads of the executive departments the elaboration of the detailed needs of the public service and confine myself to those matters of more general public policy with which it seems necessary and feasible to deal at the present session of the Congress.

"I realize the limitations of time under which you will necessarily act at this session and shall make my suggestions as few as possible; but there were some things left undone at the last session which there will now be time to complete and which it seems necessary in the interest of the public to do at once.

Railway Labor Legislation Urged.

"In the first place, it seems to me imperatively necessary that the earliest possible consideration and action should be accorded the remaining measures of the programme of settlement and regulation which I had occasion to recommend to you at the close of your last session in view of the public dangers disclosed by the unaccommodated difficulties which then existed and which still unhappily continue to exist, between the railroads of the country and their locomotive engineers, conductors and trainmen.

"First, immediate provision for the enlargement and administrative reorganization of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the House of Representatives and now awaiting action by the Senate, in order that the Commission may be enabled to deal with the many great and various duties now devolving upon it with a promptness and thoroughness which are in its present constitution and means of action, practically impossible.

"Second, the establishment of an eight-hour day as the basis alike of work and of wages in the employment of all railway employees who are actually engaged in the work of operating trains in interstate transportation.

"Third, the authorization of the appointment by the President of a special body of men to observe the actual results in experience of the adoption of the eight-hour day in railway transportation alike for the men and for the railroads.

"Fourth, explicit approval by the Congress of the consideration by the Interstate Commerce Commission of an increase of freight rates to meet such additional expenditures by the railroads as may have been rendered necessary by the adoption of the eight-hour day and which have not been offset by administrative readjustments and economies, should the facts disclosed justify the increase.

Compulsory Investigation Advocated.

"Fifth, an amendment of the existing Federal statute which provides for the mediation, conciliation and arbitration of such controversies as the present by adding to it a provision that, in case the methods of accommodation now provided for should fail, a full public investigation of the merits of every such dispute shall be instituted.

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OLD ENGLISH RECIPE FOR CATARRHAL DEAFNESS AND HEAD NOISES.

If you know someone who is troubled with head noises, or Catarrhal Deafness, cut out this formula, and hand it to them, and you will have been the means of saving some poor sufferer perhaps from total deafness. Recent experiments have proved conclusively that Catarrhal Deafness, head noises, etc., were the direct cause of constitutional disease, and that salves, sprays, inhalers, etc., merely temporarily relieve the complaint and seldom, if ever, effect a permanent cure. This being so, much time and money has been spent of late by a noted specialist in perfecting a pure, gentle, yet effective tonic that would quickly dispel all traces of the catarrhal poison from the system. This effective prescription which was eventually formulated, and which has aroused the belief that deafness will soon be extinct is given below in understandable form, so that anyone can treat themselves in their own home at little expense.

Secure from your druggist 1 oz. Parmitin (Double Strength), about 75c worth. Take this home and add to it 1/2 pint of hot water and 4 cc. of granulated sugar; stir until dissolved. Take one tablespoonful four times a day.

The first dose should begin to relieve the distressing head noises, headache, dullness, cloudy thinking, etc., while the hearing rapidly returns as the system is invigorated by the tonic action of the treatment. The small and mucous droppings in the back of the throat, which are the result of the presence of catarrhal poison, and which are often entirely overcome by this efficacious treatment. Nearly ninety per cent of all ear troubles are directly caused by catarrh; therefore, there must be many people whose hearing can be restored by this simple home treatment.

Every person who is troubled with head noises, catarrhal deafness, or catarrh in any form, should give this prescription a trial.

—Adv.

and completed before a strike or lock-out may lawfully be attempted.

"And sixth, the lodgement in the hands of the Executive of the power, in case of military necessity, to take control of such portions and such rolling stock of the railroads of the country as may be required for military use and to operate them for military purposes, with authority to draft into the military service of the United States such train crews and administrative officials as the circumstances require for their safe and efficient use.

"The second and third of these recommendations the Congress immediately acted on; it established the eight-hour day as the legal basis of work and wages in train service and it authorized the appointment of a commission to observe and report upon the practical results, deeming these the measures most immediately needed; but it postponed action upon the other suggestions until an opportunity should be offered for a more deliberate consideration of them. The fourth recommendation I do not hesitate to renew. The power of the Interstate Commerce Commission to grant an increase of rates on the ground referred to is indisputably clear and a recommendation by the Congress with regard to such a matter might seem to draw in question the scope of the Commission's authority or its inclination to do justice when there is no reason to doubt either.

Other Recommendations Renewed.

"The other suggestions—the increase in the membership of the Interstate Commerce Commission and its facilities for performing its manifold duties, the provision for full public investigation and assessment of industrial disputes, and the grant to the Executive of the power to draft into and operate the railroads when necessary in time of war or other public necessity—I now very earnestly renew.

"The necessity for such legislation is manifest and pressing. Those who have entrusted us with the responsibility and duty of serving and safeguarding the Nation in such matters find it hard, I believe, to excuse a failure to act upon these grave matters or any unnecessary postponement of action.

"Not only does the Interstate Commerce Commission now find it practically impossible, with its present membership and organization, to perform its great functions promptly and thoroughly, but it is not unlikely that it will be unable to do so in the future. It is not only difficult to add to its duties still others equally heavy and exacting, it must first be perfected as an administrative instrument.

"The country cannot and should not consent to remain any longer exposed to profound industrial disturbances and to the additional means of arbitration and conciliation which the Congress can easily and promptly supply. And I will agree for nothing that I do not doubt as to the power of the Executive to make immediate and uninterupted use of the railroads for the concentration of the military forces of the Nation wherever they are needed and whenever they are needed.

"This is a programme of regulation, prevention and administrative efficiency which argues its own case in the mere statement of it. With regard to one of its items, the increase of the efficiency of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the House of Representatives has already acted; its action needs only the concurrence of the Senate.

Industrial Process Must Not Stop.

"I would hesitate to recommend, and I dare say the Congress will hesitate to act upon the suggestion, should I make it, that any man in any occupation should be obliged by law to continue his employment when he is desired to leave. To pass a law which forbade or prevented the individual workman to leave his work before receiving the approval of society in doing so would be to adopt a new principle into our jurisprudence which I take it for granted we are not prepared to introduce. But the proposal that the operation of the railroads of the country shall not be stopped or interrupted by the concerted action of organized bodies of men until a public investigation shall have been instituted which shall make the whole question at issue plain for the judgment of the opinion of the Nation is not to propose any such principle.

"It is based upon the very different principle of a concerted action of powerful bodies of men shall not be permitted to stop the industrial processes of the Nation, at any rate before the Nation shall have had an opportunity to acquaint itself with the merits of the case as between employe and employer, and to form its opinion upon an impartial statement of the merits, and opportunity to consider all proper means of conciliation or arbitration. I care not for anything in this proposition but the justifiable safeguarding by society of the necessary processes of its very life. There is nothing arbitrary or unjust in it unless it be arbitrarily and unjustly done. It can and should be done with a full and scrupulous regard for the interests and liberties of all concerned as well as for the permanent interests of society itself.

Three Important Bills Await Senate.

"Three matters of capital importance await the action of the Senate which have already been acted upon by the House of Representatives: The bill which seeks to extend greater freedom of combination to those engaged in promoting the foreign commerce of the country than is now thought by some to be legal under the terms of the laws against monopoly; the bill amending the present organic law of Porto Rico; and the bill proposing the thorough and systematic regulation of the expenditure of money in elections, commonly called the corrupt practices act. I need not labor my advice that these measures be enacted into law. Their urgency lies in the manifest circumstances which render their adoption at this time not only opportune but necessary. Even delay would seriously jeopardize the interests of the country and of the Government.

"Immediate passage of the bill to regulate the expenditure of money in elections may seem to be less necessary than the immediate enactment of the other measures to which I refer; because at least two years will elapse before another election in which Federal offices are to be filled; but it would greatly relieve the public mind if this important matter were dealt with while the circumstances and the dangers to the public morals of the present method of obtaining and spending campaign funds stand clear under recent observation and the methods of expenditure can be frankly studied in the light of present experience; and a delay would have the further very serious disadvantage of postponing action until another election was at hand and some special object connected with it might be thought to be in the mind of those who urged it. Action can be taken now with facts for guidance and without suspicion of partisan purpose.

"I shall not argue at length the desirability of giving a freer hand in the matter of combined and concerted effort to those who shall undertake the essential enterprise of building up our export trade. That enterprise will presently, will immediately assume, has indeed already assumed, a magnitude unprecedented in our experience. We have not the necessary instrumentalities for its prosecution; it is deemed to be doubtful whether they could be created upon an adequate scale under our present laws. We should clear away all legal obstacles and create a basis of undoubted law for it which will give freedom, without permitting unregulated license. The thing must be done now, because the opportunity is here and may escape us if we hesitate or delay.

Porto Rico Law Needs Amendment.

"The argument for the proposed amendments of the organic law of Porto Rico is as follows:

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PROGRESSIVE BID FOR HARMONY MADE

Overtures for Complete Re- union of Party Forces Are Made to Republicans.

VOICE IN AFFAIRS ASKED

Permanent Progressive Advance Through Democratic Party Is Declared Impossible—First Step Is Outlined.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Overtures to the Republicans for a voice in the man- agement of party affairs in return for Progressive support were made today in a statement which followed a con- ference of C. H. Rowell, of California; Clifford Pinchot, Raymond Robins, James R. Garfield, William A. White and Harold L. Ickes.

Permanent progressive advance through the Democratic party is impossible, the statement says, in announcing that a National conference of Progressives and Progressive-Republicans is to be called within four months in the hope of bringing about re-organization of the Republican party.

"The first step toward providing Progressive representation in the party, it was suggested, could best be brought about by giving the present Republican campaign committee the functions of the executive committee.

"The result of the election has shown that the only hope of victory for any political party in America lies in securing and retaining the support of the Progressive voters," the statement says.

"In spite of certain Progressive achievements, the merit of which we do not question, it is clear to us that permanent progressive advance through the Democratic party is impossible.

"We welcome the enactment of Progressive measures by any party. But we are firm in the conviction that in the existing two-party system constructive progressivism may best be achieved through the Republican party. But to any either of these ends the Republican party must be thoroughly Progressivized in organization, leadership and principles.

Conference to Be Called.

"We propose to join with other Progressives in calling a National conference of Progressives and Progressive-Republicans to be held during the next four months. Such a conference might well take steps toward reformulating Progressive principles and considering how to put them into effect.

"An immediate practical step toward Progressive representation would be to give the present campaign committee in the party organization the functions of the executive committee of the party. This committee consists of 10 regular Republicans and six former Progressives. This would give the Progressives votes as well as voices in the party council. A demand from the proposed conference for such representation in the Republican organization could not be ignored by any who are seriously desirous of party success and nothing less than this could be accepted as a first step toward securing the confidence of the Progressive voters of the country.

Progressives Not Penitents.

"We believe the Republican party can give the Progressive voters through the Republican party can best secure the measures of political reform and social justice to which they are entitled. To obtain this, there must be some guarantee that Progressive support before election will insure Progressive influence in the determination of Republican policies after election.

"The Progressives are not suppliants nor penitents. They are American citizens seeking justice and are ready to fight for it. The only harmony that is desirable or possible is the harmony of justice."

MINT FACING SUSPENSION

Relief by Congress for Philadelphia Plant Is Asked.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The Philadelphia mint will be forced to suspend coinage at the busiest period of the year unless Congress provides immediate relief. Acting Secretary Newton, of the Treasury Department, so advised Congress today and submitted a deficiency estimate.

He said the condition was due to unprecedented demand for coins, extraordinary volume of deposits of foreign gold and a marked rise in the prices of all supplies.

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