



EXECUTIVES CLASH OVER RESOLUTIONS

Governors and Mayors Indulge in Hot Debate.

MAYOR BAKER IS PROMINENT

"Don't Get Excited," Portland Official Tells Milwaukeean.

DO SOMETHING, IS DEMAND

Oregon Mayor Complains Because of Procedure of Conference Which Seems to Progress Slowly.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Bitter controversy raged in the conference of governors and mayors today before the report of the committee on resolutions, making a great variety of recommendations on public questions, finally was adopted. Even after the viva voce vote delegates from the west, led by Mayor Rolph of San Francisco, attempted to force a record vote to show they dissented from the majority, but were overruled by Secretary of Labor Wilson, who presided.

During the debate on the resolution the action relating to public utilities was attacked vigorously by Mayor Hoan of Milwaukee, who moved that it be stricken out, the motion being supported by Mayor Meyers of Minneapolis, E. M. Harber of Kansas City and others. Mayor Hoan wanted to know who sent the "stacks of telegrams" which Governor Cox reported had reached the committee favoring the declaration. He and Mayor Meyers declared the clause interfered with local sovereignty, and Mr. Harber said it was like that given by the war labor board in the Kansas City strike did more harm than good.

Mayor Baker Replies.
Mayor Baker of Portland, Or., answering for his colleagues of the committee, Governor Cox, Governor Bilbo of Mississippi, Governor Sprout of Pennsylvania, Mayor Peters of Boston and George Foster Peabody, representing the governor of New York, said the telegram referred to by Mayor Hoan had been addressed to President Wilson who sent them to the committee. "They came from the traction interests," shouted Mayor Hoan.

"Don't get excited," the Portland executive replied. "I've pulled that corporation stuff just as you are doing and it goes well with your constituents, but I advocate this section because we ought to have some government agency to help us in difficulties which cannot be settled locally."

Motion to strike out the clause was defeated, 24 to 21.

Westerners Are Disappointed.
At the morning session dissatisfaction of western delegates at what they regarded as the failure of the conference to achieve concrete results broke forth in a storm of debate, during which Secretary Houston, who was to have spoken, left the room in the department of interior, where today's sessions were held.

When a motion to refer the resolution to a committee was made one of the delegates said the rule of the conference called for submission of resolutions without their being read. Judge Lewis, representing Arizona, immediately protested against a gag rule.

Discussion became general, and in reply to criticism of the resolutions committee, Mayor Baker of Portland declared the western delegates were much dissatisfied with the procedure of the conference and wanted something done. It was at this point that Secretary Houston departed.

Partisan Subjects Discussed.
Adjournment was taken after Mayor Rolph and Governor Cox of Ohio, chairman of the committee on resolutions, had risen on questions of personal privilege concerning their championship of opposing sides in the debate.

The resolutions which Governor Cox announced were submitted unanimously after elimination of all partisan subjects, condemned doctrines which inveigh against God and government. They also recommended that the government should "not only prepare for the transportation necessities of property, but use the railroads as the means of helping private industry" by carrying out the programme of improvements.

Expressly disclaiming approval of fixing of costs, the resolutions sanctioned government approval of price schedules as a step toward establishing a new basis of values. Reduction of freight rates on all building material, especially road material, was suggested. It was declared that reduction of wages should come only as a result of reduced living costs.

Federal Agencies Wanted.
Recommendation was made that the federal government continue "its helpful offices" with a view to averting "serious consequences" in the financial affairs of public utilities. Settlement of government contracts, lifting of governmental restrictions on industry and materials as soon as possible and continuation of the federal survey of natural resources started by the war were asked. The conference also deplored discontinuance of federal employment agencies, and urged demobilization of the army by local draft boards.

The controversy between Governor Cox and Mayor Rolph arose out of a

PORK PRODUCTS OFF CONSERVATION LIST

EXPORT REGULATIONS LISTED BY FEDERAL BOARD.

Action of Commission Expected to Destroy Ability to Further Stabilize Hog Prices.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Removal of pork and pork products from the export conservation list was announced tonight by the war trade board, effective tomorrow. At the same time the board rescinded the regulations by which all applications for licenses to export these commodities to European allies were required to bear a certificate from the food administration showing that the administration had approved the sale price.

The food administration in an announcement simultaneously said this action would destroy its ability to further stabilize the price of live hogs and that it probably would result in the price of hogs and pork increasing beyond the stabilized prices which the administration had desired to continue to March 31.

The war trade board's announcement also said that it has been advised that the allied provisions export commission had been dissolved and that purchases of foodstuffs for shipment to Great Britain, France and Italy would no longer be made by that commission. This commission was organized early in the war and all foodstuffs for the allies bought in America were purchased through it.

TORNADO SWEEPS 3 TOWNS

Great Property Damage Done and Some Lives Lost in Alabama.

MOBILE, Ala., March 5.—At least three towns in southern Alabama were swept late today by a tornado. Great property damage and some loss of life have been reported.

The towns struck were Eufaula, Pollard and Flomaton.

At Eufaula, a town of about 6000, E. J. Seary was killed by falling debris and three other men are reported to have been caught beneath a falling building. The property loss at Eufaula was estimated in early reports at \$500,000. Practically every residence was said to have been damaged and a number of business houses destroyed.

Several business buildings were destroyed at Pollard. A heavy rain which accompanied the tornado did considerable damage in the vicinity of Pollard. The property loss at Flomaton is not believed to be large.

CUBAN STRIKE SPREADING

Sugar Factories May Be Affected by Labor Troubles.

HAVANA, March 5.—The general strike, which began last midnight, was spreading today into the interior of Cuba. Reports were received here that the sugar factories might be involved. Traffic in Havana was at a standstill. No disturbances have been reported.

RAIN FAILS TO MAR WELCOME HOME TO OREGON BOYS WHO



CONTINGENT OF 69TH REGIMENT, COAST ARTILLERY CORPS, LEAVING THE UNION STATION YESTERDAY MORNING TO MARCH UP VICTORY WAY (SIXTH STREET) WITH MULTNOMAH GUARD BAND IN THE LEAD.

PHONE STRIKE NOW ORDERED ON COAST

9000 Operators and 3000 Linemen to Quit Work.

WAGE DEMANDS INSISTED ON

Burleson Alone Has Power to Prevent Action Decided On.

COMPANY TO BE IGNORED

Recognition of Brotherhood, Persistently Refused by Postmaster-General, Also Insisted Upon.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—A strike of 9000 telephone operators and 3000 linemen in California, Washington, Oregon and Nevada has been ordered by the executive committee of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in the event that Postmaster-General Burleson does not speedily grant wage demands of the brotherhood. It was announced here today by T. C. Robbins, personal representative of L. C. Grasser, vice-president of the I. B. E. W.

Mr. Robbins today received a telegram from Charles P. Ford, secretary of the brotherhood, indicating that a recent referendum of the workers in the four states mentioned favored a strike.

Company to be Ignored.

Mr. Robbins announced receipt of another telegram from Grasser authorizing him to advise electrical workers' organizations in coast states to "pay no attention to wage increases offered by Burleson through the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company."

The respective unions were cautioned in the telegram from Ford to take no strike action on their own account, "or they would be properly disciplined."

The male workers demand an increase of from \$4.75 to \$6.40 a day and the girls from basic wages of \$3 and \$4 a week to a flat wage of \$3 and \$4 a day.

Brotherhood Recognition Refused.

Recognition of the brotherhood or any of its subsidiary organizations persistently has been refused by Burleson, brotherhood officials contended, and this concession is sought also. The increases offered by Mr. Burleson through the telephone company ranged from \$5 to \$5.50. No mention was made of the operators in this offer.

Mr. Robbins said he understood that

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TRACTION OFFICIAL TRIED

Brooklyn Man Charged With Manslaughter as Result of Wreck.

MINNEOLA, N. Y., March 5.—Selection of a jury in the manslaughter case of Thomas F. Blewitt, first of four officials of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company to be tried as the result of a wreck on one of the company's lines last year which cost the lives of more than 35 persons, was completed in the state supreme court here today.

Introduction of evidence will begin tomorrow.

CENSORSHIP IS REMOVED

Plaint of American Officials Causes Britons to Act.

PARIS, March 5.—As a result of representations of American officials, the British government has consented to the removal of all censorship on business, commercial and all other messages.

GOVERNMENT WILL CLING TO RAILWAYS

Failure of Appropriation Does Not Daint Officials.

DIRECTOR HINES CHEERFUL

Efforts to Be Made to Keep Operations on Normal Scale.

RATE RISE NOT PLANNED

Hope Is Expressed That Improvement Programme Can Be Carried on to Give Employees Work.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The government today determined to retain control of the railroads despite failure of congress to provide funds for the railroad administration and to have the roads finance themselves for the next few months through private loans on the open market or through advances by the war finance corporation.

Efforts will be made to maintain operations on a normal scale and to carry on as much of the improvement programme as possible in order to avoid throwing employees out of work or otherwise disturbing industrial conditions.

No attempt will be made to solve the problem by raising rates.

Railroads Will Be Aided.

These assurances were given by Director Hines in a public statement and in an address to the conference of governors and mayors meeting here. At the same time it developed that the war finance corporation has about \$27,000,000 resources available and much of this may go to railroads to supplement the same they can borrow until congress meets again and has opportunity to appropriate funds.

After protracted conferences between secretary Glass and other officials of the treasury and the war finance corporation, it was stated that "measures probably would be devoted to keep the railroads off the money market as much as possible and minimize interference with the forthcoming victory loans."

Although officials appeared optimistic, they explained that much manipulating of financial machinery would be necessary and a definite programme could not be developed for some time.

Officials Seem More Cheerful.

Their somewhat cheerful attitude was

WIRELESS TELEPHONE USED IN MID-OCEAN

DOCTOR PRESCRIBES FOR SICK MANY MILES AWAY.

Six Physicians Confer Regarding Treatments by Means of Late Invention.

NEW YORK, March 5.—The wireless telephone and the wireless telegraph were used in mid-ocean by Lieutenant-Commander A. E. Younie, senior surgeon on board the transport Sierra, to prescribe for patients on the transport Powhatan and the British steamer Pollac, which were many miles away.

The Sierra, which arrived here today with the Powhatan, received a wireless message in mid-ocean from the captain of the Pollac stating that one of his crew had been taken ill. The message gave symptoms and asked for a diagnosis and treatment. Acting on his information and subsequent messages concerning the sick man's case, the Sierra's doctors prescribed treatment by radio and at last reports the sick man was considerably improved in health.

While the Sierra and Powhatan were 15 miles apart at a point about 500 miles north of the Azores, the wireless telephone was used for a consultation of the doctors on board the two transports. Six doctors each put on a telephone set and attended "the consultation, which was called on to determine treatment of certain cases which had developed on the Powhatan."

OFFICERS ARE RAID VICTIMS

Paris Resort Closed as Result of Police Inspector's Visit.

PARIS, March 5.—Much comment has been aroused by the raid made on the Franco-American Partisan club by Inspector Tanguy of the Paris police. The inspector says he suspected that various games of chance were in operation there and declares he discovered that champagne was being sold at \$15 a bottle and that orangeade cost 1 franc a glass.

The evidence, the inspector added, was sufficient to warrant closing the club. Thirty men, including several American officers, and 10 women were in the club when the inspector and his men walked in Monday night.

BANK SURPLUS INCREASED

Amendment to Federal Reserve Act Boost to Depositors.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Amendment of the federal reserve act by the congress just adjourned has resulted in increasing from \$22,729,900 to \$39,468,340 the combined surplus of the 12 federal reserve banks, said a reserve board statement today.

As amended, the law permits the federal reserve banks to retain as surplus their net earnings, including those for 1918, up to 100 per cent of their subscribed capital and 10 per cent thereafter.

69TH ARTILLERY IS WELCOMED BY RAIN

Long Period of Anxiety Ends at Station.

BOYS MARCH IN GREAT PARADE

Crowds Cheer as Warriors Proceed Up Victory Way.

PORTLAND CITIZENS HOSTS

Breakfast Served at Auditorium and Theaters and Dances At-ford Entertainment.

BY HARRY M. GRAYSON.

Although Jupiter Pluvius played a prominent part in the reception of the 69th regiment, coast artillery corps, yesterday by bursting forth with copious quantities of good old Oregon rain, he failed to put a damper on the celebration which will be remembered by the home-coming heroes and their Portland hosts.

With whistles blowing and hundreds of relatives, sweethearts and friends cheering wildly, the special troop train, stabled into the union station at 8 A. M., it carried four officers and 475 enlisted men, composing the Oregon and Washington contingent of the 69th regiment, coast artillery corps, whose homes are in this section, were in the party.

Relatives Embrace Heroes.

There were many touching scenes as mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers embraced these heroic sons of Oregon who left Puget sound for New York last August and who have spent five months of hard training in France. Many tears were shed because sons and brothers were safely home, but when old bumpy noses and bright eyes gazed upon a welcome that you simply cannot understand. This was the case when a goodly number of the 69th regiment, mustered out of the service and home for keeps, clasped hands with their old "buddies" of the original coast artillery corps.

Here and there in the surging crowds were little eddies of human emotion as mothers broke the strain of anxiety of months and wept unashamedly as they kissed their boys. Wives also gave vent to a joy that bespoke months of anxiety and held up in their arms miniature doughboys and very young women with a marked military dash to their get-up, babies grown out of all proportion to the mental pictures the family men had been carrying of those "back home."

The Multnomah Guard and kilted bands played during the initial welcome.

Boys Enjoy Oregon Rain.

At 9:15 A. M. W. J. Hofmann, chairman of the entertainment committee, had the parade under way. It proceeded up Victory Way in Liberty Temple, down Morrison street to Third street, and out Third street to the municipal auditorium, while thousands of umbrella-covered Portlanders howled like lions equipped with leather lungs.

Considering the very inclement weather, the city looked its best in patriotic attire. A shower of confetti shot out of a gun from a window in the Meier & Frank store added color to the festivity. Eyes of the battlers twinkled like fireflies in the emerald grass and clad in heavy overcoats they seemed to enjoy the first Oregon rain they had seen in months.

Chief of Police Johnson and aides in his automobile and a squad of motorcycle policemen cleared the line of march. They were followed by City Commissioner Bigelow, Oscar E. Overbeck, chairman of the official reception and welfare committee, and Charles F. Berg, secretary of the committee, who rode in Commissioner Bigelow's car. Next came an automobile filled with women members of the committee.

Major Marion Heads Parade.

Major Phillip P. Marion, commander of the train, led the procession proper, being followed by Multnomah Guard band. The 69th followed the band, split at random in two divisions marching in a column of squads. The kilted band of the Willamette Iron & Steel Works followed the homecomers. Three lines of Salvation Army bands, led by local officers and like number of platoons of Red Cross canteen workers garbed in their classy rubber capes, closed the triumphant procession. Captain Hardy, sole survivor of the Perry expedition, and William Reid, father of the old Third Oregon, were conspicuous figures.

Thousands leaned out of windows of office buildings to voice their joy at the safe return of this crack Oregon regiment. Practically every business house and school in the city excused employees and students for the occasion.

Breakfast Served at Auditorium.

It was a drenched bunch of fighters who filled into the auditorium for the elaborate breakfast prepared by H. W. Kent, secretary of the Portland Caterers' association, and Mrs. C. B. Shinnick, C. A. Bigelow, city commissioner, representing Mayor Baker, delivered the address of welcome. Mrs. Lulu Dasi Miller and Jane Burns Albert sang.

After breakfast the men were set free to enjoy the programme arranged for them. The Multnomah Amateur

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