KILL RAILWAY BILL, IS LABOR'S DEMAND

Reorganization Measure Is Branded as Oppressive.

WAGE CLAUSE PROTESTED

Entire Act Makes Public and Employes Both Subservient to Capital, Is Charge.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Organized railroad workers and union labor in general, holding the redrafted railroad reorganization bill to be destructive of the employes' constitutional privileges and liberties, tonight called on congress to defeat the measure in its entirety.

Representatives of the 15 railroad unions, at the close of an all-day conference attended by President Gompers and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, made public a memorial to congress embodying this declaration:

"The pending bill deprives citizens employed on railroads of the inviolate right to enjoy gains of their own industry. The returns to capital are fixed upon an arbitrary basis; the rate which the public must pay and wages which labor must receive must accommodate themselves to this basis fixed for capital.

Service to Capital Charged.

"This act makes the public and labor subservient to capital. For these reasons herein set forth and many others we request and respectfully urge that the bill be defeated in its entirety."

Information was given out that letters of protest against the wage provisions of the bill would be sent to President Wilson and Director-General Hines. Later it was decided to make the first fight in congress, and intimations were given that if defeated there, the workers then would carry the battle to the White House hoping that the president might veto the legislation.

People Also Addressed

The memorial, addressed to the people, as well as to the two houses of congress, declares that the bill in enunciating a principle for basing the financial return of investors subverts the principles of American government. This provision, it holds, would constitute "an abandonment of government for the common good, the establishment of government for private interest, special privilege and class benefits."

Provisions for arbitration of disputes are attacked because of the manner in which the special arbitration boards would be constituted and because of the way in which they would operate. The arbitration boards, including the permanent federal board of nine members, might be so composed, the memorial declares as to eliminate labor from representation. Procedure of these boards as set forth in the bill, the memorial states, "would destroy all discipline and lead to chaos."

Final Fight Aspect Forecast.

Director-General Hines in conference with a committee of leading railroad executives received a pledge of their co-operation in the establishment of a committee of experts to gather data bearing on the wage problem. The executives expressed a desire that solution of the wage problem be expedited and Mr. Hines said that the time and method of constituting the committee of experts would be recommended to the president as soon as a conference with the railroad union officials could be held.

Forecasting at least one aspect of the final fight to be made on the reorganization bill in the house, Representative Barkley, democrat of Kentucky, filed late today a statement of reasons for refusing to join in approving the conference compromise measure, which he attacked as conferring "financial favors" on the carriers that would force increased rates aggregating $1,250,000,000, and add to the cost of living generally. Proponents of the measure, however, are confident that the compromise bill will be approved by the house before adjournment Saturday.

Course Held "Inconceivable."

Attacking the financial provisions, Mr. Barkley declared "it is almost inconceivable that congress could be induced to adopt such a course," referring particularly to the provision that rates yielding 6 per cent on the book value of the roads with any excess earnings be divided between the carriers and the government so as to create a "jackpot" to aid weak lines.

He revealed that the conferees on railroad legislation expect congress soon to be asked for an appropriation of $600,000,000 to wind up the affairs of the railroad administration.

Attacking the railroad bill section by section, the memorial declares first that the railroad employes expect just treatment and the continuation of their "unalienable right to have an equal voice, representation and vote in any tribunal created by law or mutual agreement which is to establish the compensation we are to receive."

Bill Is Declared Illegal.

It then is charged that the pending bill violates the fundamental provisions of American government in the sections regulating the financial returns to investors, because "particular and exclusive privileges" were conferred in guaranteeing dividends.

The sections creating a railroad labor board are quoted to show that unions are required to nominate men to represent them within 30 days from the passage of the bill, and after the interstate commerce commission has held hearings and promulgated the method of procedure for such nominations, but that no provision is made to require the commission to formulate regulations in sufficient time to permit the employes to comply with the act.

In having the commission define "subordinate officials" who shall come within the labor provisions of the act, according to the memorial, special consideration has been granted to a class of employes comprising less than 5 per cent of the total on an equal footing with the recognized standard organizations.

Tribunal Outline Opposed.

"This special consideration also permits a situation to arise," the memorial continues, "that could result in the appointment of 'three subordinate officials,' three representatives of the carriers, likewise 'subordinate officials,' and three members constituting the public group, as the constituent members of the railroad labor board. Labor board? Without a representative of 1,900,000 organized railroad workers on it!"

Sections establishing a method of procedure for the adjudication of labor disputes by groups of not less than 100 employes "would destroy all discipline and lead to chaos," the memorial asserts, because they would encourage workers to disregard existing agreements and long-established orderly methods of procedure.

Attack on Unions Charged.

"Failure to designate and treat with the standard recognized organizations representing approximately 95 per cent of all the employes," the protest goes on, "can be construed to mean nothing less than that the provisions of this act are primarily based upon a determination to annul existing agreements and destroy the organizations which negotiated them."

This charge is said to be strengthened by provisions making ineligible for appointment to the labor board any person connected with a carrier or organization of employes, or owning any stocks or bonds thereof.

Finally, it is said that the labor board receives power to prevent any pay increases for railroad employes, regardless of what the circumstances may be.

Increased Rates Predicted.

Declaring that increased rates are inevitable under the compromise bill, Mr. Barkley's statement predicted the advance would be "more than 25 per cent above present rates," which he quoted Director-General Hines as estimating "would mean an added burden of between two and three billion dollars in the cost of living."

In addition to a "clear loss" of $700,000,000 from the government operation of the roads, Mr. Barkley asserted that with loans already made and those possible under the bill "there will be invested in the railroads more than two billion dollars of the people's money, which they have paid in taxes."

"I insist that these financial favors, taken directly from the treasury and the people," declared his statement, "are more than sufficient, without on top of them guaranteeing dividends and earnings for the future, as provided in the bill, which involve an additional indirect tax upon the people of more than two billions annually."

RAILROADERS LEAVING WHITE HOUSE AFTER CONFERENCE.

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Left to right—Timothy Shea, acting president of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen; B. M. Jewell, president of the railway employes' department of the American Federation of Labor, and E. J. Manion, president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, leaving the White House after momentous conference with President Wilson in an endeavor to reach a settlement of the railroad question.

RAILROAD OFFERED CANADA

Shareholders Agree to Proposal to Turn System Over.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The shareholders of the Grand Trunk railway system, after much discussion today, agreed to the proposal to turn over the system, both in Canada and the United States, to the Canadian government, the proposition being laid before the stockholders by Sir Albert Smithers, chairman of the board of directors. A dozen dissenters held a meeting later and adopted a resolution protesting against the terms accepted.

Under the terms offered by the government, the latter agrees to assume the debentures of the company and also an issue of 4 per cent, "guaranteed" stock, the holders of this stock to receive in exchange 4 per cent non-voting certificates. The common stock and the several preferred issues of the company are to be purchased by the government at a price to be fixed by arbitration. The holders will receive pro-rata 4 per cent nonvoting certificates, redeemable at par at any time after ten years.

ALLIES FORESEE PERIL

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the treaty of Versailles and the Franco-American pact.

While conciliatory, the premiers' reply to his original note was argumentative. Mr. Wilson in his answer is understood to have met the argument point by point, and is believed to have again called attention to the principle of self-determination as enunciated in his 14 points and his other declarations during the war, which were accepted by the central powers as the basis for peace.

Although it makes clear that the American government has not changed the position it took when the original Adriatic agreement was made at Paris, the president's note is not regarded as the final chapter.

Premiers Leave Way Open.

The premiers, in their reply to the original communication, are said to have left the way open for agreement along the lines previously accepted by the United States, and with the receipt of the American note it will be for them to decide whether the ultimatum previously sent to Jugo-Slavia embodying the settlement to which the United States did not subscribe will stand.

Lane to Aid Salvation Army.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Franklin K. Lane, who retirese on March 1 as secretary of the interior, accepted the national chairmanship of the Salvation Army's second home service appeal, May 10 to 20.

TARIFF BUREAU TO STAY

PORTLAND AND SEATTLE FIGHT FOR LOCATION.

Railroads Serving Northwest Will Continue Joint Publishing Service After March 1.

That the tariff bureau created under the railroad administration will be continued as a joint publishing bureau for the railroads in the Pacific northwest is generally understood to be settled, but there is a difference as to where it should be located according to rumor in railroad circles.

Seattle is the choice of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul traffic officials. It is claimed because the line has no trackage or terminals in Portland. However, the bureau is officially composed of the lines serving the northwest, Union Pacific, Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Spokane, Portland & Seattle, and the Southern Pacific is nominally regarded as a member as the bureau also publishes tariffs that involve in part its business.

The Union Pacific, North Bank and Southern Pacific are desirous of retaining the bureau at Portland, whereas it is claimed that the action of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern is in the balance with the influence of the Milwaukee to induce the traffic officials to place the bureau at Seattle. Not only traffic men of the railroads, but shippers have become interested in the question, and are strongly averse to having a change made in the location of the bureau.

FATHERS AND SONS MEET

Banquets Held Throughout City in Observance of Week.

Father and son week, promoted by the Young Men's Christian association, is being observed throughout the city and vicinity today by banquets at which fathers and their sons will sit down together, many of these being held in churches and by various other organizations tonight. Among the features for this evening is a supper to be given at 6:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the "Y," when members of the Hi-Y clubs of the city will get together.

Arthur N. Cotton of New York, international secretary of the Hi-Y clubs, enrolled in more than 2000 high schools of North America, will be present at the supper this evening and will address the members. Mr. Cotton has been in the city for three days, holding conferences with J. C. Meehan, secretary in charge of the boys' work division of the local association; Kenneth Irle and George C. Warner, associate secretaries in charge of the two departments here, and others interested in this branch of the work.

CROSS AVOWS CANDIDACY

Republican Nomination for County Judge Is Sought.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Harvey E. Cross is the third avowed candidate for the republican nomination for county judge. After considering the matter for several weeks, he made up his mind Wednesday to make the race. He was a member of the 1919 legislature, and was joint senator from Clackamas and Marion counties many years ago. Mr. Cross is a well-known attorney, owns considerable property at Gladstone, which he originally platted, and has been prominent in Chautauqua affairs since the Gladstone Park association was established.

L. L. Porter of West Linn, and E. L. Pope of Park place, are already in the race. O. D. Eby of Oregon City, is mentioned as a possibility on the democratic ticket.

PAY TO CLIENT PROTESTED

Attorney Says Accident Commission Acted Without Authority.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—On the ground that the workmen's compensation act did not give authority to the industrial accident commission to pay $4000 in a lump sum to his client, Mrs. Blanche Dibbern, following the accidental death of her husband, Lee Roy Keeley is demanding that the commission refund the money to the state. Unless Attorney-General Brown institutes suit against William A. Marshall, chairman of the board by next Monday night, Keeley says he will go before the Marion county grand jury and urge an investigation of Mr. Marshall on a charge of misappropriating funds belonging to the state.

The commission paid the $4000 to Mrs. Dibbern because they considered she was a non-resident of the state. Their investigations showed that her husband had registered and voted in Seattle.

Keeley already has been much before the public in connection with the Dibbern case. Phases of his contract with the widow were included among the charges on which Keeley Tuesday was denied permission to practice in Oregon, and on which a further hearing has been granted.

It is said that Keeley laid his case before Max Gahlar, district attorney, here today, although Mr. Gahlar declined to make a statement.

BATTERY DEALERS MEET

150 Willard Men Convene for Two-Day Session.

Pacific coast dealers for the Willard Storage Battery company are holding their fourth annual convention at the Benson hotel, with approximately 150 in attendance. The meetings started yesterday and will continue through until this evening.

Among those attending from the Willard factory and who addressed meetings yesterday were: S. W. Rolph, manager of renewal sales; H. S. Bentley, manager of sales promotion; S. E. Baldwin, advertising manager, and E. Elmo Martin, efficiency expert.

The meeting will be brought to a close with an automobile trip over the Columbia river highway tomorrow. Officials of the Portland Storage Battery company will be hosts on this trip.

GRESHAM CLUB ORGANIZED

Republicans Seek to Further Party Interests for 1920.

GRESHAM, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—At a mass meeting in Modern Woodmen of America hall here Tuesday night, the organization of the Gresham Republican club was perfected. Officers were elected and by-laws adopted. The officers chosen are: D. S. Johnson, president; H. L. St. Clair, secretary; and John Brown, treasurer.

The objects of the club are stated to be the study of the qualifications of candidates, the issues of the next presidential campaign, and to further the interests of republicanism in the state and nation.

English Educator to Speak.

At the regular weekly luncheon meeting of the Oregon Civic league at the Benson hotel tomorrow, Dr. Ida Smedley MacLean of Cambridge, England, will speak on "Some Phases of International Relations." Dr. MacLean is one of a group of speakers touring the United States with a view to bringing about an interchange of information regarding the British and American systems of higher education.

Salem Auto Show Opens.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Salem's annual automobile show opened at the armory here last night with more than 40 pleasure cars and trucks on exhibition. One of the feature exhibits of the show is an automobile ambulance, which has been shown at practically all of the more important vehicle shows held in the United States.

Philomath College Grows.

PHILOMATH, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The regular registration for the second semester in Philomath college was completed yesterday with nearly all the old students in attendance and several new ones, including new students from eastern Oregon and southern California. This year's registration is the largest in the recent history of the school.

Myers Still Waiting.

F. S. Myers, deposed postmaster of Portland, said yesterday he is still waiting for official word from Washington as to a date when he is to have a hearing before the senate committee on postal affairs. He says he is ready to answer whenever he receives this word.

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Colgate's Dental Powder ..... 15¢
Oriental Lotion $1.35
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Nikk Marr Face Powder, two sizes—50¢ and ..... 75¢
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EDITORS TO MEET AT "U"

ANNUAL CONFERENCE CALLED FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

"Good Business" and "Good Editing" Will Be Principal Topics Under Discussion.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Newspaper men from all parts of the state will be here Friday and Saturday to attend the second annual Oregon newspaper conference. Dean Eric W. Allen of the school of journalism is expecting about 50 editors to attend this year's session.

Friday afternoon will be devoted to "Good Business." Henry M. Hastings of San Francisco will speak on "A Fair Price, Uniform in All Shops, and How to Attain It." George Huntington Currey of the Vale Enterprise will talk on "A Scientific Cost Analysis in a Country Shop"; Robert W. Sawyer of the Bend Bulletin, on "Cost Accounting After One Year's Experience"; Lloyd Riches of the Oregon City Enterprise, on "How to Be Absolutely Sure About Your Prices"; and Dean Eric W. Allen on "Free Offer to Oregon Publishers."

The Saturday programme will be given over to a discussion of "Good Editing." Elbert Bede of the Cottage Grove Sentinel will speak on "Live News and Strong Editorials"; Joe D. Thomison, Hood River Glacier, on "The Struggle for Honest and Complete News"; N. J. Vanskike, Milton Eagle, on "What We Did to Our Paper"; and George P. Cheney, Enterprise Record-Chieftain, on "Fair Returns for Honest Values."

President P. L. Campbell will be toastmaster at the banquet at the Eugene chamber of commerce Friday evening.

KEELEY TO GET HEARING

Supreme Court Recedes From Order Barring Attorney.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The Oregon supreme court, in an order issued here today, receded from its position of Monday, when it ruled against the permanent admission of Lee Roy Keeley, a Portland attorney, to practice law in Oregon and granted him permission to present his case before the court. In another order the court granted Mr. Keeley an extension of his temporary permit under which he has been practicing law since he became a resident of this state. The latter order, according to the court, will continue in effect until the case is finally disposed of, which probably will not be later than March.

Keeley appeared before the court in person and charged that a grave injustice has been done him for the reason that he never had been given an opportunity to present or argue his case or to compel the attendance of witnesses in his behalf.

"SAFETY FIRST" URGED

Illustrated Lecture Given 1600 City School Students.

Police Lieutenant Frank Ervin delivered illustrated lectures on the "safety first" campaign now being carried on in the schools at the Montavilla and Rose City Park schools before an audience of 1600 students yesterday.

William Schmitt, Julius Miller, Russell Terriss and William Schmie were appointed guards at the Rose City Park school. These students are authorized to report violations of the traffic laws which come under their attention in the vicinity of the school.

Lieutenant Ervin will speak at the Failing school today.

Judge Sustains Demurrer.

BEND, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Circuit Judge Duffy today handed down an opinion sustaining the demurrer filed by Charles J. Dugain in the $10,000 damage suit for alleged slander brought by Irene Neelands of this city. Insufficient facts to constitute cause for action were alleged in the complaint, the court ruled.

MRS. L. P. JUNK IS DEAD

Ex-Portland Woman Succumbs at Chepek, Wis.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Mrs. Lois Peebles Junk, at one time prominent in musical circles in Portland and Salem, died recently at Chepek, Wisconsin, according to a telegram received here today.

Mrs. Junk was a daughter of the late George Peebles, superintendent of the Salem public schools, and made her home here prior to about two years ago when she went east with her mother. She composed a number of popular songs during her residence in Oregon, and was planning to go to New York to continue her study of music when stricken with illness. Besides her mother, Mrs. Junk is survived by a daughter, Miss Genevieve.

She also has an uncle, Dr. L. F. Griffith, assistant superintendent of the state hospital residing in this city.

Masonic Body Elects.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Directors have been elected by the Masonic Building association of this city as follows: George Cochran, L. H. Russell, E. E. Kiddle, G. S. Birnie and C. W. Noyes. The directors elected E. E. Kiddle, the state highway commissioner, as president; L. H. Russell as vice-president; George Cochran, secretary, and G. S. Birnie, treasurer.

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