

RAILROAD POLICY BILL COMPLETED

Strike Penalty Incorporated by Senate Commission.

WAGE CLAUSE INSERTED

Government Control and Operation Scheduled to End 30 Days After Enactment of Measure.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—After adopting provisions to end railroad strikes by penalizing employees who go on strike or others who foment strikes, the senate interstate commerce commission today completed the draft of a bill to establish a permanent railroad policy.

Government control and operation of the roads would end 30 days after enactment of the measure.

Provision was made for the establishment of a federal commission on wages and working conditions. This commission would have a number of subordinate, regional committees for prompt settlement of local disputes.

La Follette Opposes Penalty. On the vote on final adoption of the anti-strike provisions, Senator La Follette, republican, Wisconsin, alone dissented.

The committee's anti-strike clauses, which now are expected to remain in the bill as reported out next week, follow those in the original Cummings bill, except that the penalties against interference with interstate commerce would apply to those who foment railroad strikes, such as outside labor leaders, as well as the railroad employees.

The federal committee on wages and working conditions would be composed of eight salaried members, four nominated by the railroad employees and four by the companies.

Appeal Is Provided. Decisions of the regional committees would be subject to appeal to the general committee. The regional committees would be composed of six members, evenly divided between employees and employers.

Another provision of the bill opposes repeal of the Adamson eight-hour railroad law.

Persons convicted of fomenting or engaging in strikes would be held guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine not exceeding \$500, or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both.

The railroads would be divided into competitive regional systems with the Interstate Commerce commission empowered to fix rates insuring a return of 5 1/2 per cent upon actual values plus one-half of 1 per cent for improvements.

The plan for adjusting the financial obligations of the government and carriers growing out of government control provides that a net balance of about \$100,000,000 owing by the carriers shall be carried by the government at 5 per cent interest for at least ten years, with new notes of the railroads as security.

The earnings made by the government, above the net amount loaned to the roads, will be paid to the roads to offset their indebtedness to the government.

WEST POINT PLACES OPEN

NATIONAL GUARD TO FILL 15 VACANCIES IN 1920.

Governor Instructs Adjutant-General Staffin to Notify All Oregon Companies.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—In a letter prepared today, Governor Olcott advises Conrad Staffin, adjutant-general, that there would be at least 48 vacancies at the United States military academy at West Point on June 15, 1920, for the admission of cadets from among enlisted men of the national guard.

"The Governor of Oregon is authorized to select two candidates," says the letter. "These candidates are to be selected from successful competitors in a preliminary examination to be held somewhere between December 1 and December 15, 1919. The law requires that to be eligible to appointment to the military academy from the national guard, candidates must, from the date of admission, have served at least one year as enlisted men of that organization, and must be between the ages of 19 and 22 years. The selections must be confined to enlisted men in order to give the proper preliminary examinations required before the candidates may be selected by the governor of this state. J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, will have charge of the mental examinations.

"I am asking you to notify the captain of each company in the Oregon national guard of the facts contained herein and instruct them to advise the men in their respective companies of the proposed examinations so that each member of the national guard may be advised that he has an opportunity to compete, provided he has the necessary qualifications. Applicants wishing to compete in the preliminary examinations should notify Superintendent Churchill of their intentions."

The adjutant-general is also asked by the governor to make arrangements for a medical examiner who will meet the requirements of the war department.

SHOE REPAIRMEN STRIKE

Spokane Workers Demand \$36 a Week and Union Recognition.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—Twenty-five boot and shoe repair workers of this city went on strike today. They ask for \$36 a week pay and recognition of the union. The employers, especially the large downtown shops, refuse both of the demands.

Ott Eggert, one of the employers, said today that if the union's demands were acceded to, half-soling and heeling of a pair of men's shoes would be \$2.50 or more, and the same work on women's shoes would come to at least \$2.

THE DALLES FILM SCENE

Party Producing "So This Is America" Is Entertained.

THE DALLES, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—Mark A. Mayer entertained at his beautiful home, Mayerdale, near

Mosier, from Friday until Sunday, representatives of the Lasky moving picture players who are touring the United States taking views of all national scenic attractions. Starting last April from Boston, the party has traveled by automobile, using five cars.

When completed, the views will be shown in 12 series, entitled "So This Is America." While here the party obtained a number of beautiful views, some of which are to appear in the play entitled "Views of Mayerdale Orchards in the Mosier District, Where World Famous Apples Are Grown." The director of the party is A. E. Gilstrom, with the leading man Jack Gardner, and the leading woman, Miss Viola Daniels.

Mayor Baker's Tuxedo Big Scream at Banquet.

Change in Plans Makes Executive "Goat" of Elks' Dotage.

"SAY Frank," suggested Julius J. Berg, exalted ruler of the Portland Lodge of Elks, "what do you say if we change the plans and go to the banquet tonight and the meeting as well in our street clothes instead of our tuxedos?"

Frank was Frank L. Rain, grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, who was a visitor in Portland yesterday. Incidentally, in connection with the banquet and meeting in question, it had been previously agreed that all speakers and officers of the grand lodge would appear at both functions in the height of fashion.

"Good, if you fellows are willing to forget the finery, nothing would suit me better than leaving my street clothes on," answered the chief mogul of the Order of Elks.

And because the entire lot of grand lodge officers and presumably the entire lot of men who were scheduled to speak were present when the conversation was in progress it was agreed that street clothes would be the dress for all at the two functions planned for the grand exalted ruler.

Some days previously Mayor George L. Baker, himself a loyal Elk, had been requested to speak at the banquet and meeting, and he accepted, and emphasis was placed on the instruction that he appear in his dinner coat.

Unhappily, however, the Mayor was not so scrupulously arrayed, immaculate and trim was the tuxedo of Mayor Baker when he entered the banquet room at the Benson hotel.

"Where did you get it?" and "Look, the head waiter is with us," was the chorus which greeted his honor as he attempted to hide, recognizing that he alone was decked out to meet any personage from Senator Johnson to the King of Belgium.

But when one Bill yelled out "Why don't you inscribe 'Vote for the 11th month' on the white front, George," the mayor stood up and explained that he had dressed according to instructions and that the remainder of the speakers had suddenly "got cold feet."

WASCO'S BEST FAIR ENDS

Old-Fashioned Spelling Bee Is Feature; Street Dance Held.

THE DALLES, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—The best county fair ever held in Wasco county ended here tonight in a carnival of amusement, including street dance, judges and exhibitors asserted the displays this year set a new county record, and Mrs. Winnie Braden, state audit agent, today received permission to take to the Portland headquarters all blue ribbon materials in the grain, fruit and vegetable divisions. The Turkey Red exhibit is pronounced by judges to be perfect.

The feature was an old-fashioned spelling match between grade pupils. Cash prizes were awarded each winner. Several events resulted in ties, which will be spelled off later.

AUSTRALIANS IN REVOLT

Northern District Determines to Eject Territorial Government.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Oct. 18.—Citizens of the northern territory of Australia, complaining, as did the American colonists, of "taxation without representation," have determined to eject the territorial government established in that part of the commonwealth. They demanded the institution of a representative government and the right to vote.

The citizens of the northern territory complain that, although paying taxes, they possess no votes and now demand a provincial government.

Strike Laid to I. W. W.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—I. W. W. literature found by Elkh school children on the road between here and Pendleton is believed to explain the strike which laid off a part of the county road crew there Thursday and Friday. Work was interfered with but little, as the contractors soon filled up the crew again.

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RIGHT TO HOLD TWO OFFICES HELD LEGAL

Mrs. Trumbull's Posts Considered "Not Lucrative."

OLCOTT ANSWERS WOMEN

Secretary of State and Attorney-General Coincide in Opinion That Law Not Violated.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—In reply to a letter received from Mrs. G. L. Williams of Portland, president of the war auxiliaries central committee, questioning the legal authority of Mrs. Millie Trumbull to serve as secretary of the child welfare commission at a salary of \$125 a month and secretary of the industrial welfare commission at a salary of \$50 a month, Secretary of State Olcott today advised that Mrs. Trumbull was acting clearly within her rights in holding the two positions.

Secretary Olcott's letter to Mrs. Williams follows:

"I beg leave to advise that the employment held by Mrs. Trumbull to which you refer in your letter are not considered to be such 'lucrative offices' as are referred to in article 2, paragraph 10, of the constitution of Oregon. This statement is coincided in by the office of the attorney-general.

In the letter to the governor, Mrs. Williams said it had been brought to the attention of the auxiliaries committee that Mrs. Trumbull was holding two lucrative offices in violation of the Oregon constitution, and that steps should be taken to have the amount paid her unlawfully returned to the state.

In connection with the letter which the war auxiliaries sent to Governor Olcott, Mrs. Trumbull yesterday stated that she was serving part time in two offices for which she was receiving compensation, and that the third position she held was being occupied entirely without pay.

"I am serving as part time secretary of the board of inspectors of child labor and as part time secretary of the industrial welfare commission. At the present time I am also acting as secretary pro tem of the child welfare commission, serving in this latter position without a cent of compensation," Mrs. Trumbull stated.

The law creating the board of inspectors of child labor provides for the employment of a secretary at not more than \$1500 a year, while the law creating the industrial welfare commission says that the salary of the secretary shall be at the option of the commission. It is said that Mrs. Trumbull is receiving \$125 per month for two positions, acting "part time" on both. The position of secretary of the child welfare commission pays "not less than \$2000 a year."

A considerable number of applications for the position have been received, and they determined to investigate and the permanent secretary selected. The position, according to the law, pays not less than \$2000 a year salary, and the permanent secretary is supposed to devote her entire time to the work and must be familiar with and skilled in child welfare work.

Mrs. Trumbull, who is at present serving as temporary secretary, is herself a member of the commission, and the temporary offices of the commission have been located at the industrial welfare quarters in the courthouse.

PAY EARNED IN TWO OFFICES

Mrs. Trumbull Serves in Third Position Without Compensation.

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BALLOT TITLE IS DONE. Attorney-General Captions Measure Relating to Interest Rate. SALEM, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—Attorney-General Brown today completed the ballot title for the proposed initiative measure providing that the legal rate of interest in Oregon shall be 4 per cent per annum instead of 6 per cent, as under the present laws. The proposed measure was initiated by J. F. Albright of Oregon City. The essential part of the ballot title follows: Purpose—Amending article IX of the constitution of Oregon by adding thereto section 9, which provides that: The legal rate of interest in Oregon shall be four per cent per annum, on all moneys after the same shall become due, but on contracts the rate of 5 per cent per annum and no more, may be charged by express agreement of the parties, which rate shall be inclusive of all brokerage and commissions. No laws of this state relating to interest or usury are repealed or abrogated by this section insofar as the legal rate of interest is modified hereby.

POST-RIOT ACTS PASSED. Nebraska Legislature Authorizes Omaha Police Pay Increase. LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 18.—Final passage by both houses of the Nebraska legislature of legislation deemed necessary because of the recent Omaha riot was completed today. This included a bill allowing the Douglas county commissioners to issue bonds without an election to finance repairs to the Omaha courthouse, which was damaged during the rioting, and an act permitting the city of Omaha to raise the pay of its policemen and select a man from any part of the United States as police chief. Contracts for about 100 steamers have been placed by Norwegian with English yards.

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