

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

REFORMS REURGED

Keeping Changes Desired to Restore Credit.

REMEDY IS SUGGESTED

Commission Appointed by President Recommends Service-at-Cost Plan of Operation.

(WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—(Special.)

Sweeping reforms in the electric railway industry, designed to restore public confidence and vitally needed credit, were recommended Tuesday by the unanimous report made by the Federal Electric Railway commission.

The commission, which has been investigating the condition of the industry for more than a year, during which time it has heard 25 witnesses and examined hundreds of reports and answers to questionnaires.

Outstanding among the recommendations is that for the installation of the service-at-cost plan of operation.

This plan, now operative in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dallas, Montreal and other cities, will, it is believed, remove the industry from the grip of speculative financiers and place it at the lowest possible cost and restore credit and public confidence.

Similarly, the plan provides for financing rides at actual cost, which will govern the rate of fares, and for protecting the investor by giving him a fixed return on an agreed valuation of his holdings.

Industry Faces Chaos.

Chaos faces the industry unless credit is restored, the commission believes. Public management and employees established, the report insists, and no words are minced in stating the three parties to the situation where their respective duties lie.

Managements are advised that their primary duty is to serve the public with the highest efficiency and at lowest cost, and not to use the industry as a means of obtaining profits beyond what may be necessary for upkeep, to pay a fair return upon the agreed value of the property and to secure the investment of funds as required. The public duty is declared to be the supervision and control of railway properties, with the view of safeguarding the public interest, and the allowance of such return upon the fair valuation of the property as may be justified upon the contract between the city and the company. Employees, it is said, should have a living wage and humane hours of labor and working conditions and the right to deal collectively with their employers, through committees or representatives.

Other important declarations of the report are:

That public ownership and operation, generally speaking, are undesirable unless the results under private operation prove unsatisfactory, but the right of the public to own and operate all public utilities should be recognized and legal obstacles in the way of its exercise should be removed; that extensions into outlying territory should be subject to public approval and should be paid for by assessments on such property in proportion to the benefits received; and that the cost of such extensions should not be added to the valuation of the railroad property upon which a fair return is to be allowed; and that franchises should fix no limit as to the time they shall run nor the fares that may be charged.

LOGGING MEET PLANNED

Congress Opens Eleventh Annual Session in October.

The Pacific logging congress will hold its 11th annual session in Vancouver, B. C., four days, October 6, 7, 8 and 9, according to information which was sent to this city from Vancouver by George M. Cornwall, publisher of the Timberman, who now is in the northern city conferring with President-elect Harding on the program for the coming year.

The program this year will consist of many and varied addresses by prominent men in the lumbering and logging industries, as well as showing of motion pictures of the United States trucks, tractors and trailers which are coming into general use in the big forests and sawmills of the Pacific coast.

HARDING FAVORS UNION

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Both willing and able to uphold. This sort of organization, he said, was in broad contrast to the council of the league, whose whole authority would be founded on force.

The senator also reiterated his belief that it was for American rights primarily and to form a peace association that the nation went into the war.

It is for that same guarantee of nationality that I stand today, continued, "and shall continue to stand as long as I live. American boys are not born to be made the sacrifices of war except when it is clearly and unmistakably in defense of their country."

Article 10 Discussed.

The text of the speech follows in part:

"Let us suppose the senate had ratified the peace treaty containing the league covenant as submitted to it by the president in July of last year. Before this day we would have been called upon to fulfill the obligations which we had assumed under article 10 of the league covenant to preserve the territorial integrity of Poland as against 'external aggression.'"

"The council of the league of nations would have reasoned, and reasoned correctly, that the United States could furnish the munitions and, if necessary, the men to withstand the hordes advancing from Russia far more easily than could the exhausted nations of Europe. What would of necessity have to result? Nothing necessarily, we are glibly informed, since only the congress can declare war, and the congress might reject the appeal of the executive. But would the congress do that? Could the congress do that without staining indecisively the honor of the nation?"

Reputation Held Impossible.

"The people would never permit the reputation of a debt of honor

No congress would ever dare make this nation appear as a welfer, as it would appear and would be in such an event before the eyes of the world.

"So many things have been done by the present expiring administration that no poet on earth could induce me to do, that I cannot even attempt to recount them. I may remark casually, however, that if I should be elected president of this just and honorable republic, I will not empower an assistant secretary of the navy to draft a constitution for helpless neighbors in the West Indies and jam it down their throats at the point of bayonets borne by United States marines. Nor will I misuse the power of the executive to cover with a veil of secrecy repeated acts of unwarranted interference in domestic affairs of the little republics of the western hemisphere.

"On the other hand, I will not, or shall not, as you prefer, submit to any wrong to any American citizen with respect to either his life or property by any government. This statement is made in all solemnity, with emity to none and with respect to all. It particularly applies to Mexico, the application has been directed by the treaty and the murder of our own people in that unhappy country.

Plain Notice Intended.

"It is intended for a plain notice to every government on the face of the earth that the entire resources of this nation are pledged to maintain the sacredness of American lives and the just protection of American property.

There are distinctly two types of international relationship. One is an offensive and defensive alliance of great powers, like that created at Versailles, to impose their will upon the helpless peoples of the world. I am opposed to such a scheme as that.

I am opposed to the very thought of our republic becoming a party to such a great outrage upon our peoples.

There is another type of relationship, as we had in 1776. The other type is that of the nations, or a league of free nations, animated by considerations of right and justice, instead of the selfish interest, and not merely proclaimed an agency in pursuit of peace, but so organized and so participated in as to make the actual attainment of peace a reasonable possibility.

Association Is Favored.

"Such an association I favor with all my heart.

"This is proposing no new thing. This country is already a member of such a society—The Hague tribunal, which, unlike the league of Versailles, is still functioning and within a few weeks will resume its committee sessions under the leadership of an American representative.

"It is not uncommon for the advocates of the league of Versailles to contrast unfavorably The Hague tribunal upon the ground that the tribunal 'lacks teeth.' Very well, then, let's put teeth into it. If in the failed league of Versailles there can be found machinery which the tribunal can use properly and advantageously, by all means let it be appropriated.

"The world go even further. I would take and combine all that is good and excise all that is bad from both organizations.

Creation Held Welcome.

"I believe humanity would welcome the creation of an international association for conference and a world court whose verdicts upon justiciable questions would be both binding and able to uphold. The decision of such a court or the recommendation of such a body would be accepted without sacrifice on our part or asking any other power to sacrifice a iota of its nationality.

"The democratic nominee has spoken about America abandoning her association with the league of nations in establishing the league of Versailles. It has already been abandoned by Europe, which has abandoned it by formal agreement in treaty.

"Listen to the wise and far-seeing, ex-British ambassador, who was not permitted to present his credentials to our executive. As long, said Viscount Grey, as the United States is as long as the richest, most powerful, the greatest, both for population and territory, of the civilized countries, the world stands the league, the league will be unable to fulfill its destiny. To put it in quite plain terms, the American people, he told them, if they will only join the league they can practically name their own terms.

"Undoubtedly that is the fact.

Viscount Grey Quoted.

"Viscount Grey continues: 'The Americans should be entrusted with the task of drafting a reconstruction scheme.' Then he suggests further that a committee of the senate could draw up suggestions for the reconstruction of the league."

"Frankly, I value that suggestion very highly. It comprehends substantially what I would propose to do if elected president. I do not mean precisely that. It would be clearly unwise to undertake specific suggestions or to attempt to pass upon suggestions now. What is in my mind is the wisdom of calling into real conference the ablest and most experienced minds of this country from whatever walks of life they may be derived and without regard to party affiliation to formulate a definite, practical plan along the lines already indicated for the consideration of the controlling foreign powers.

"The objection that this course would involve the reconvening of the entire convention may be regarded as a very slight one. The acceptance of our proposals by the few principal nations would undoubtedly be followed promptly by the acceptance on the part of the minor members of the alliance."

Speech Made to Delegation.

The speech was delivered to a delegation of the Harding club of Indianapolis and to a group from Minnesota.

Will A. Hays, republican national chairman, and Senator Harry S. Newhead of the Indiana delegation and tonight Mr. Hays issued a statement declaring that Senator Harding "cut an unfurling way straight through the tangle of the league of nations into which the bungling of the democratic administration has led the country and into which the programme of the Wilson-Cox alliance would keep us endlessly."

"Senator Harding has pointed the path, the statement said. 'He is the masterly leader. He has spoken without treachery to prejudice. His voice now leads the statesmanship of America.'"

REPUBLICAN PRESS UNITES

California Editorial Association Sends Nominee Telegram.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—The California Republican Editorial association was formed here today, at tonight sent Senator Harding a telegram as follows:

"The entire republican press of the state is committed to an aggressive campaign to aid in securing a sweeping republican victory in November. Victory which will not only place you in the White House with the solid backing of the nation behind you, but will also support the principles of constitutional government."

Kindly ask for Mr. Child.

Covey Motor Car Company

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PULP CONFERENCE

IS STRONGLY URGED

U. S. and Canadian Agents May Settle Matter.

LITTLE RELIEF IN SIGHT

Edward Beck Says Question Is One for Judicial Discrimination and Not Agitation.

NEW LONDON, N. H., Aug. 28.—A conference between representatives of the United States and Canada to settle the controversy over pulp wood from the crown lands of the eastern Canadian provinces was strongly urged at the convention of forestry experts and paper manufacturers here this week.

Edward Beck of Montreal, secretary of the Canadian Pulp and Paper association, said that the question of removing restrictions upon the exportation of pulp wood from the crown lands of Canada to the United States was one for judicial determination rather than political agitation.

The conference was held under the auspices of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forestry, and was attended by forestry experts and paper makers from the United States and Canada. Mr. Beck was invited to present Canada's side of the pulp-wood controversy, brought to notice by the passage in congress of the Underwood resolution calling for an American commission to visit Canada with a view to obtaining the removal of restrictions on pulp-wood exports.

Mr. Beck declared that Canada had no reason to avoid inquiry into the equity of its timber laws by any impartial tribunal. He said it was not true that the present shortage of printing paper in the United States was chargeable to the Canadian timber regulations, but that it was due to world-wide conditions aggravated by the "unfortunate" use of paper by both American and Canadian publishers.

He declared that free access to Canada's pulp wood would give American publishers cheaper or more abundant paper, as had been claimed.

Preservation Is Necessary.

Mr. Beck asserted that the Canadian pulp-wood restrictions did not apply to privately owned lands, from which more than 1,000,000 cords of pulp wood were annually exported to the United States. In addition, he said, Canada exports nearly 800,000 tons of pulp and about 650,000 tons of paper to the United States every year, comprising approximately one-ninth of the American pulp consumption and one-third of all the newsprint paper consumed in or exported from the United States.

Restrictions on the exports of pulp wood from the crown lands, he declared, were brought about by the desire to conserve the pulp-wood resources and utilize their products for the upbuilding of the pulp and paper industries within the Canadian provinces and with no intent to injure American industries.

"The real question at issue," he said, "is not whether this material shall be available for the use of American publishers, but whether the United States is to conserve the pulp-wood resources of the world, or shall be put through at least one stage of manufacture in Canada."

So far as Canada's pulp wood is being cut, a high percentage of it already was being used in the United States in one form or another.

Little Relief in Sight.

"Without a very heavy increase in the rate of cutting, involving the early destruction of the supply, no relief to American publishers from this means would be possible," said Mr. Beck.

Quebec's pulpwood is now being consumed at the rate of over 1,000,000 cords a year, and the best informed expert opinion estimated the resources of that province would last not more than 50 years at the present rate of consumption, said the speaker, who declared that Quebec's forests already are threatened with early exhaustion.

Canada's great need today, said Mr. Beck, like that of the New England states, is for the inauguration of a reforestation policy that will insure a permanent supply of timber for her wood-consuming industries.

Without it, he predicted the same fate for the Canadian pulp and paper industry that is now threatening the American.

To open the crown lands at this time to unrestricted exploitation, said, would only hasten such a condition and in the end benefit no one.

SCHOOL TO OPEN SEPT. 7

Kelso, Wash., Expecting Greatly Enlarged Attendance.

KELSO, Wash., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Kelso schools will open Tuesday, September 7, with Lee F. Jones as

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superintendent. With the exception of one position, the faculty is complete. The attendance will be considerably greater this year and two additional teachers have been added.

The faculty is as follows: High school, Mrs. Lillian Gore, Misses Dorothy Gleason, Lorna Campion and Gertrude Upton, Ruth Hosner, University of Washington; Eloise Leighton, University of Oregon, and Marguerite Turner, Oregon Agricultural college. Grades, C. B. Williamson, principal, Catlin school; Misses Bessie Tuttle, Ruth Lineberry, Martha Hansickie and Bertha Huebner, and Maude Beckett, Oak Point; Ruth Klassen, Vancouver; Camille Witte, Chehalis; Wallace school, Miss Millie Alexander, principal; Edith Hendrickson, Marie Andresen, Vancouver, and Emma Oliver, Academy, Miss Lucia Jenkins and Miss Maude Ramford, Ridgefield.

GELLATLY VISITOR HERE

BAGPIPERS ACCOMPANY WASHINGTON CANDIDATE.

Wenatchee Man Stops Over on Way From Campaign Along Columbia River.

The primary law in Washington, which requires the simple payment of \$50, together with the announcement of candidacy, has resulted in a unique and entertaining campaign method, according to John A. Gellatly, Wenatchee, republican candidate for governor of Washington, who was in Portland last night.

One of the candidates carries a quartet of highland bagpipers. Others use other methods to bring the citizens together, but Gellatly declares that his method has them all beat, as his quartet of highland bagpipers never fails to bring a crowd, no matter how small the town.

Gellatly has conducted a whirlwind campaign through the southern part of the state along the Columbia river last week in the process of which he averaged from four to seven speeches a day, he said. Yesterday he spoke at no less than five towns before audiences attracted by the wailing cadences of his bagpipe artists. While the audiences were still under the spell of the music, he gave them the principles upon which he was making his stand.

DAM WORK IS STOPPED

125 MEN LAID OFF ON PROJECT ON LINK RIVER.

Protests of American Legion Believed Responsible; Order Comes From San Francisco.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 28.—One hundred and twenty-five men employed by the California-Oregon Power company constructing the Link river power dam were laid off today on orders said to have come from the San Francisco office of the company. The orders laying off the men are said to have contained the information that the work was to cease for an indefinite period.

No reasons were given for the stoppage of work, it was said. J. H. Carnahan, commander of the post of the American Legion, in a statement made after the San Francisco order had been received, said that he believed that the protest of the legion to the interior department against construction of the dam, which it was claimed would raise the level of Klamath lake to flood 15,000 acres of land, was responsible for the stoppage of work.

Mr. Carnahan said it was his opinion the interior department ordered work stopped because of an excavation work has already been done and several piers placed.

Rabbit Breeders to Meet.

A special meeting of the Oregon Colorado is famous for its mountain scenery, but Judge Allen pronounces the view from Crown Point on the Columbia River highway the most fascinating he has found anywhere.

OREGON SCENERY LAUDED

Supreme Justice of Colorado Is Visitor in Portland.

George W. Allen, justice of the supreme court of Colorado, is a Portland visitor, the guest of his son, Harrison Allen, who is terminating here a summer vacation. Judge Allen was for 23 years on the district bench at Denver before elected to the supreme court, where he has served six years. He is a veteran of the Colorado judiciary, with an exceptional record of continuous service on the bench.

Many New Teachers Selected.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Fifty per cent of the teachers of Hood River schools, which will begin Monday morning, are new, and 75 per cent of the high school faculty are newcomers. A. M. Cannon, new city school superintendent, determined to make the year one of the most successful in the city's history.

Negro Suspect Released.

Bessie Johnson, negro, who was arrested Friday night by inspectors Thorak and Niles charged with the theft of \$189 from the pocket of Herman Darf, was released yesterday by Municipal Judge Rosaman when Darf failed to appear against her. Darf had previously identified her, according to the police, as the woman whom he suspected of picking his pocket at Eighth and Davis streets.

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