

VITAL ISSUES IN WALKS OF LIFE

National Civic Federation Expects to Evolve New Ideas for New Women and Men—How to Protect Oneself.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 12.—A symposium on issues vital to the citizens of every walk in life will be one of the principal features of the annual meeting of the National Civic Federation, which opens here Monday.

President-elect and Mrs. Taft will be the guests of honor. The original scheme was the promotion of friendly relations between employers and their employees and a better understanding between capital and labor.

Enlarging the scope of the original purpose, the annual meetings touch on questions of international importance and in this instance the importance of the subjects slated for discussion is unusual, as among these are the following:

How may the employe and his family be protected against financial stringency in case of accident, financial stringency, illness or death?

Shall this country follow England by providing old age pensions for dependent citizens?

Shall the Massachusetts voluntary savings banks annuity plan be advocated generally, as an incentive to thrift and prudence, or shall the needs of the country be met by the establishment of postal savings banks?

Shall the industry, through trade associations of employes, as in Germany, bear the burden incident to death or bodily injury of employes?

Shall individual employes, as in England, be held liable?

Are there trade agreements between organizations of employes and organizations of employers that can be regarded as conspiracies in restraint of trade under the Sherman act?

Should trade agreements with public

service corporations contain provisions for arbitration of all disputes before striking.

Distinguished Participants.

Among the distinguished authorities who will participate in discussion of the trade agreement are John Mitchell, Harman Fisher, Glenn A. Traor, Otto M. Edlitz, Louis B. Schram.

W. H. Taylor, Samuel Gompers, James O'Connell, Daniel J. Keefe, F. E. Morelsey and Warren S. Stone are among those scheduled to take part in the agitation for the betterment of labor conditions.

The speakers for the women's department are Mrs. William H. Taft, Mrs. Joseph McGill McCormick and Mrs. W. H. Crocker of San Francisco.

The choice of speakers for the annual dinner from among the members of the national executive committee represent the following:

Andrew Carnegie, Nahum J. Bachelder, John Hayes Hammond, Nicholas Murray Butler, Seth Low, Archbishop Ireland, Isaac N. Seligman, Henry Augustus Belmont, Clarence Mackay, Marvin Hughitt, Marcus O. Marks, Melville E. Ingalls, Samuel Mather, Charles A. Moore, Alexander H. Rever and Ellison Smith.

WHAT PEARL HARBOR CANAL JOB INVOLVES

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Washington, Dec. 12.—The war department has awarded a contract to the Hawaiian Dredging company for dredging a canal from the open sea to the site of the naval station at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The work to be done at present is to be limited to a cost of \$385,000, the balance available of the appropriation of \$400,000, and the channel is not to exceed, under the circumstances, a width of 300 feet by a depth of 25 feet. Procedures with the work will be dependent on the future recommendations of the department and appropriations by congress. The department reserves the right to increase the width of the channel should it so select. Parts of the material dredged are to be deposited on adjacent lands, under the control of the war department, for the improvement of the harbor defenses. It is estimated that it will take three years to complete the contemplated project.

Charley Taft Goes Bump.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Waterbury, Conn., Dec. 12.—Not a moment after young Charley Taft got a touching fall on the ice pond near the Taft school in Waterbury today, he was ordered to meet his papa, William H. Taft, in New York Monday, to accompany him on the southern trip the president-elect is contemplating. The Taft boys are determined to march to the railroad station when he goes, that his departure may be becoming to one of his standing, the favorite son of a president. The ice fall painted Charley's face with a disfigurement he will carry on the trip.

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CANNON SAYS CANNON IS RIGHT

Can Cast Vote When and How He Pleases—Holdups in the Senate, Including Young's—Review and Forecast of Congress.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Senator Fulton will fight Senator Bourne's candidate for Portland's postmaster, John C. Young. A report printed here that "the delegation" filed protests with Chairman Penrose of the senate postoffice committee proves to be inaccurate. Only Fulton asked that the nomination be held up, Hawley and Ellis not being parties to the protest.

Ellis, in whose district Portland is, said:

"I have taken no part in the controversy, regarding it as a personal appointment of Bourne's, as Portland is his home town."

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Speaker Cannon's right to cast his vote having announced the result of a roll call on a bill was challenged in the house today.

There had been an all afternoon fight over a bill by Shirley, Democrat, of Kentucky, for the protection of aliens under their treaty with the United States that if two or more persons conspire to oppress an alien in the enjoyment of the rights assured him by treaty he shall be subject to a maximum punishment of \$5000 fine and 10 years' imprisonment.

Most of the debate hinged on the question whether the bill would apply to members of boards of education, as in San Francisco, who might deny alien children the right to attend the public schools. Some of the members insisted that it would not, and others that it would apply.

On a roll call the bill was apparently passed by a vote of 169 to 99.

A recaptulation was demanded, and this showed a tie vote of 100 each way. Cannon announced his vote in the affirmative. De la Renta, Democrat, of Missouri, insisted that the speaker, like any other member, had to vote during the roll call. Speaker Cannon quoted precedents and decided the question in his own favor. De Armond demanded an appeal from the decision, but Jenkins, Republican, Wisconsin, moved to adjourn, and his motion was carried.

A Coal Baron's Job Spoiled.

An interesting contest was also waged in the house over a senate resolution to establish the boundaries between Colorado, Oklahoma and New Mexico. A well organized effort to defeat the resolution was apparent on the floor but it weakened when Cook, Republican, of Colorado, declared that the killing of the bill would relieve a large Colorado coal company from the payment of taxes on coal lands lying in the disputed boundary zone. The resolution was adopted after a long debate. The Townsend arbitration bill, providing for a government commission to investigate strikes involving interstate commerce and the United States mails was defeated by a vote of 111 to 102.

House Passes Two Bills.

The passage of two bills of importance is the sum of the first week's work of the house, outside of today's proceedings.

A bill to provide for the taking of the next census was passed, and the main question involved, whether employes should be selected as a result of competitive or non-competitive examinations, was decided in favor of the non-competitive.

The other measure was the bill making appropriations for the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the government. Despite the demand for economy, the bill carried \$2,147,829, which was \$34,000 in excess of last year's bill.

Senate's Program Next Week.

The fixed events for next week in the senate are the report on the District of Columbia, to be considered on Monday, and pension bills on Thursday. Of course, if the select committee appointed to frame a resolution to the president for the disagreeable language used in his annual message should complete its report, the discussion on that document will be the star event.

The present plan is to adjourn next Saturday for the Christmas holidays.

No Legislation Yet in Senate.

In the senate the first week of the session passed very quietly. The daily meetings were of brief duration, and on Thursday a recess was taken to Monday of next week. No business of a legislative character was attempted. The senate is waiting for the house to send over some of the big annual appropriation bills, and the first one of these—that providing for the salaries of legislative, executive and judicial departments of the government—will arrive Monday.

A good deal of executive work was accomplished this week in the senate. Five treaties were ratified, and a large number of presidential nominations, most of them being minor promotions in the navy, were acted upon favorably.

Some Nominations Held Up.

There were some nominations which did not fare too well. Among them are those of John E. Slater, to be judge of the southern district of Ohio, 18 postmasters in Ohio, the members of the American commission to the Tokyo exposition, headed by Francis E. Loomis, and John C. Young, to be postmaster at Portland, Or., and are unlikely to secure confirmation for some time.

The Ohio nominations will be held in abeyance by Senator Foraker and Dick, pending the settlement of the succession to the senatorial seat held by the former.

There is no special objection to the personnel of the Tokyo commission, but in view of the fact that the exposition has been postponed by Japan until 1919, the senate does not believe there is any need to give the gentlemen their commissions so long in advance.

Young's nomination is held up on the protest of Senator Fulton on the ground that Young is not a resident of that city and not a Republican.

The Senate and the "Insult."

On Monday it is expected that Culbertson, the Democratic leader, will offer a resolution, similar to that adopted by the house, for an investigation regarding that part of the president's message relating to the employment of secret service officers. Senator Carter, Republican, Montana, will also endeavor to secure action on his bill to establish postal savings banks.

His postmaster lodge on Wednesday will deliver a speech against the Foraker bill to restore the rights and authority of the ex-members of the members of the colored twenty-fifth infantry who were discharged without hearing for alleged participation in the Brownsville, Texas, shooting affair.

Navigation Closed at Lakes' Head.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 12.—With the departure of the steamer Sir Thomas Shaughnessy from Fort Wil-

Ham navigation from the head of the Great Lakes in Canada was formally closed last night. Forty-five million bushels of wheat are still in the hands of farmers. Sixty million bushels of this year's wheat crop have been shipped east or marketed at elevators.

Sectionman Shot; Dying.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, Dec. 12.—Ramon Marilla, a Mexican section hand on the Southern Pacific, is lying at the hospital here from bullet wounds inflicted by a companion named Armana. The assailant escaped and five deputy sheriffs are on his trail. Marilla and Ar-



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