

BLOW AT LIFE OF INITIATIVE MAY LURK IN MEASURE

Expenditure of Money Either to Advance or Defeat Bill Would Be Prohibited If Bill Should Become a Law.

(Staff Correspondence.)
Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—Whether an attempt to curb the use of the initiative by crippling it is not really concealed in a bill introduced in the house this morning by Representative Bingham of Josephine county is a question many legislators are pondering.

If an attack is not intended, it is certain that passage of the bill would do greatly to the difficulty of getting initiative measures before the people. The expenses of any campaign for such measures is limited with great severity. For instance, the bill absolutely prohibits the expenditure of any money, or the incurrence of any debt, either to advance or defeat an initiative measure, by "any person, committee, firm, partnership, club, league, organization, association, political party, corporation, or any other combination of individuals, within or without the state."

No salary, it is further expressly set forth, is to be paid or received by any agent, organizer, or promoter for services in advancing the interest of an initiative measure.

"Nor shall any bureau be temporarily organized for the publication, or submitting of material for distribution, among the people, for promoting or defeating such a measure," the bill states.

If it carried, this measure would in effect kill most initiative measures before they were born. It would cut off their sources of sustenance, and cripple the means for bringing them before the public.

"All work done for or against any measure shall be without compensation." To use the exact wording of the bill, "provided that a sum not to exceed \$500 may be expended in securing the necessary number of signatures to initiate such bill."

But no signatures may be paid for at so much per name, it is provided immediately after, the law providing for initiative petitions to do so as not to exceed \$250 a day and necessary expenses.

Furthermore every petition circulator would be required to file an expense account, with an itemized statement of all times he was employed, who employed him and who paid him.

The only publicity to be permitted for any initiative measure—or against it—must be by the terms of this bill, under the provisions of the law providing for initiative petitions to do so as not to exceed \$250 a day and necessary expenses.

The part of the proposed law which prohibits the taking of any compensation by persons working for or against the bill, would make the initiative of any measure entirely a work of love.

Penalties for violating any provision of the proposed act would be from \$50 to \$100, or 30 to 60 days in jail, or both.

GREEN FLAG WILL WAVE OVER IRISH HEARTS TONIGHT

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Moreover, it will bind them to us and the empire by a sense of voluntary cooperation and as I believe by a sincere and loyal attachment. At the same time the Imperial parliament will be set free for a fuller and more adequate discharge of its imperial duties. Thus there has been reserved for this parliament, this house of commons, the double honor of reconciling Ireland and emancipating itself."

John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists: "I personally thank God that I have lived to see this day. I believe that this bill will have the effect of turning Ireland, in time—it will take time—into a happy and prosperous country, with a united, loyal and contented people."

Carson Predicts Disaster.
Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Unionist opposition: "This bill is the result of the most nefarious, the most provoked conspiracy against civil and religious liberty that ever confronted a free, blameless and God-fearing people. The government would compel the people of Ulster to live under a constitution which has never been submitted either to them or to the electors of the United Kingdom. We would be forced to accept what is admittedly a subordinate place in the empire, to dissolve partnership with the richest checker in the world, and to have our daily lives managed by those who have ever been

nothing but a disloyal faction. I believe the bill to be fatal for Ireland and equally fatal for England."

Although the vote was not expected before half past ten or after, large numbers of people made their way to Parliament Square as early as 7 o'clock. An extra cordon of police kept the people moving. Liberals and Irishmen naturally predominated, for the Conservatives had little hope that the news to come later would be favorable to their party. Late comers hurrying to be on time for the division and members who had slipped away for a rest while the less important speakers were on their feet, were cheered lustily as they made their way into the house.

The most intense interest of the afternoon was displayed when John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, and a veteran fighter for home rule, arose to speak for the Asquith measure.

"The bedrock of the opposition is absurd distrust of the Irish people, not founded on fact. The numerous quotations cited here by Conservatives, from violent Nationalist speeches made long ago, are unfair arguments. They are unfair, because those were foolish speeches, made in times of stress, which now have passed forever, thank God."

"The Nationalists regard the Ulster men as Irishmen, not as aliens, and we have invited them to assist in the government of their own country."

"I take it for granted that the lords will reject this bill next week, but I am convinced it will become a law within the lifetime of this parliament."

As the last speaker at dawn, Speaker Lowther rose and, in his usual dry manner, put the motion "that the bill be read a third time." The division bells were rung and members rushed pell-mell for the voting lobbies, while the party whips anxiously numbered their flocks. Messengers scurried up and down the corridors in search of stragglers and after the customary six minutes, the bells were stopped and the lobby doors closed again. While the four tellers were checking their figures, the house filled again to await with much more suspense and interest the official announcement of the result.

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Another important matter to come before the convention will be the compensation act of the state of Washington and the act now about to go before the legislature in this state. A committee will be appointed to make a report to the convention and resolutions will then be passed.

It is believed that the measure to go before the Oregon legislature will be endorsed, although with some recommendations, one of which will possibly be the elimination of the elective feature, which leaves it open to the employer to say whether the law should apply or not.

"My personal opinion," said President Brown this morning when asked how he stood on the proposed measure, "is that it is a good proposition, but needs some revision. I do not believe in the elective feature for the reason that it will not work out right. Some employers will by various subterfuges evade the law. My opinion is that it should be made compulsory, for then it would give compensation to injured employees and protection to their families."

Baker Represents Mayor.
W. H. Daly, president of the State Federation of Labor, spoke briefly before the convention and referred to the proposed compensation act, indicating it in a general way. He also welcomed the delegates in the name of the federation.

George L. Baker, representing Mayor Rushlight, welcomed the delegates to Portland and E. J. Stack, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, presided over the session in a general way and particularly as it has applied to the cigar makers' trade to which he belongs. He said the union had worked with considerable success to eliminate child labor in the factories, although upon a recent visit he still found barefooted girls working in tobacco factories for 30 cents a week. Such conditions he said could not exist or would not be tolerated under union conditions.

The convention closed at 9:30 and was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Benjamin Young of the Taylor Street M. E. Church. Dr. Young at the close of the morning session made a short address, saying he believed strongly in any movement that might lead to the uplifting of mankind.

President Brown in his opening address stated that a few years ago a single weaver was an object of general curiosity, a sort of strange animal. Today, however, the single weaver is a well known quantity and a respectable member of society.

Public Doesn't Know.
"The public does not know anything about the conditions that exist in the logging camps right here in the Pacific northwest," said President Brown, "and will not know until the men become organized."

President Brown stated the Shingle Weavers' union was the first to spring to begin organization of the loggers and sawmill workers, and he believes the work will be comparatively easy by pointing to the improved conditions among the shingle weavers as a result of organization.

About 100 delegates are in attendance at the convention, which is being held in the assembly hall of Multnomah hotel. The delegates are a fine and prosperous looking lot of men from various parts of the west.

The international officers are: J. G. Brown of Seattle, president; Harry Call of Bellingham, first vice-president; James J. Jones of Marquette, Wia., second vice-president; Ralph Frost of Eugene, Cal., third vice-president; Frank Baker of Granite Falls, Wash., fifth vice-president; and W. H. Reed of Seattle, secretary-treasurer. The office of fourth vice-president is vacant temporarily.

The convention will close Saturday evening with a ball.

ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB

James F. Kinder, salesmanager of Umbdenstock & Larson, was elected president of the Progressive Business Men's club at the meeting of the club in the Multnomah hotel this afternoon.

S. C. Rasmussen, of Rasmussen & Co., elected vice president; Joseph G. Gillingham, public accountant, treasurer, and H. V. Stahl, of the Northwest Mutual Life association, secretary. Five directors were chosen as follows: J. Young, president of the Hill lines in Oregon; W. F. Ross, manager Merchants' Protective association; F. A. Freeman, cashier Lumbermens National bank; Walter S. Asher, lawyer; Wilfrid P. Jones, vice president Merchants National bank. O. J. Tilleson, assisted by W. A. Markert, served as chairman of the day. Music was furnished by the Royal Hawaiians, J. H. Berry and others. Brief addresses were made by President C. H. Moore of the Ad club, Melvin G. Winstock of the People's Amusement company, William A. Markert of the Sheldon schools.

Want to Fish in Rogue.
(Staff Correspondence.)
Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—The senate this morning received a petition from the Rogue River commercial fishing men for the opening of commercial fishing on Rogue river, which was stopped two years ago by the adoption of an initiative bill.

PLAN TO ORGANIZE ALL BRANCHES OF LUMBER INDUSTRY

250,000 Men Are Employed in Various Lines, Including Logging, Declares Head of Shingle Weavers' Union.

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LOUNSBERRY IS SANE, DECLARE SPECIALISTS

Kansas City, Kan., Jan. 16.—The evidence in the case of Willis Lounsberry on trial in the federal court for the robbery of a mail car on a Union Pacific train near Lawrence last August was concluded this morning and will go to the jury following the arguments this afternoon.

Mrs. Lounsberry, the wife of the accused man, has been present in the court room throughout the trial. Her two small children whom she brought from Oregon have not been allowed to learn the nature of their mother's mission to Kansas City. She leaves them at the Grand Hotel, while she attends the trial. Her seat has been close to her husband's counsel, with whom she frequently confers.

Lounsberry's defense has been insanity. The government in rebuttal placed specialists on the stand this morning who testified that in their opinion the accused man was sane.

WEST AND KAY IN HARMONY PACT ON VETOED MEASURES

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senate twice overrode the action of its judiciary committee which had recommended the passage of seven of the vetoed measures. The compulsory publication of railroad time tables and a bill for the increase of salary of all circuit judges to \$4,000 were turned down, in agreement with the governor, in spite of the report of the judiciary committee to the contrary.

Inspection of the votes shows that politics did not play any considerable part in the 17 roll calls this morning. Many of the governor's best friends voted to override some of the bills, and some of those who would, on a political question, seek to "put him in a hole," were found voting to sustain his action. Those who are "doing politics" will be given a test on the wood bills tomorrow.

The Killed Bills.
Bills vetoed by the governor and killed by the action of the senate this morning are as follows:

To prohibit any officer or employee having connection with any firm selling supplies to the state.

To protect ducks in Coos, Curry and Lake counties.

To appropriate \$3000 for district fairs in Coos and Curry counties.

To pay traveling expenses of students at normal school who live more than 100 miles from Moomouth.

To require publication of railroad time tables in newspapers.

To allow cemeteries to be laid out within 100 feet of residences, instead of 500 feet, as now provided.

To provide for working prisoners on roads, one of the series of road bills passed two years ago.

To authorize game warden to kill certain birds and animals.

To relinquish claim of state in escheate case of John Morrison in Union county.

To protect wild ducks in eastern Oregon.

To protect game fowl in certain counties.

To increase salaries of all circuit judges to \$4,000 per year.

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(United Press Special Wire.)
Richmond, Va., Jan. 16.—Governor Mann, this afternoon gave Lloyd and Claude Allen, Hillsville mountaineers, another reprieve. They were to have been electrocuted at dawn tomorrow.

In a statement this afternoon, the governor announced he had set February 1 as the date for hearing arguments and pleas for commutation of the death sentence imposed on the father and son for their part in the murders at Judge Marble's court room.

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V. Vincent Jones, chairman of the committee on parks, said the park board hasn't made a report for five years. The association wants to be assured that its own and the program of the board are in harmony so they can work together for the park bond issue. He said the support of the women is expected to give the movement success.

A committee from the East Side Business Men's club came before the association, asking support of the plan to submit four debated auditorium sites to the voters in April. A resolution to this end was adopted, after explanation had been made by C. A. Bigelow and L. M. Lepper, and a committee appointed to represent the association, consisting of V. Vincent Jones, Arthur H. Devers and C. C. Chapman.

Wills Collector for Alaska.
(United Press Special Wire.)
Washington, Jan. 16.—President Taft today nominated: To be collector of customs of Alaska, John R. Willis of Alaska.

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