

LABOR ASKS FOR DEBATE EXTENSION

Effort Made to Check Drive Against National Agreements

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Labor today appeared before the railroad labor board in an effort to check the railway executives' drive against national agreements. This drive, B. M. Jewell, chairman of the

employees committee, declared, was intended to obscure the open shop movement and an attempt to crush organized labor. Mr. Jewell requested that the employees be allowed until March 14 to complete their rebuttal to the railroads. He also proposed that the case be thrown out and that the points be taken up in conference between the carriers and the employees. Protest immediately was entered by E. T. Whiter of the carriers committee, against delay and to proposals of further conferences. He declared that the question the board faced was merely whether the national agreements should be continued. Frank P. Walsh, counsel for the brotherhoods, likened the principles being laid down by the board to those of the supreme court in its early history. He said that the utterances and acts of railway executives indicated that if not restrained they would "render the transportation the United States and abortive, this board will be destroyed insofar as its efficient functioning is concerned and we shall have endless turmoil and instability in the railroad industry."

He declared that if the carriers did not comply with the law the employees would inform the public as to "the real situation" in an attempt to prevent congress from enacting law for financial relief of railroads. "The carriers are attempting to dip their hands in the United States treasury and extract \$750,000,000, which is only their initial effort," he asserted. Mr. Walsh reiterated the right of the employees to organize and act as a unit and declared such action was contemplated in the transportation act.

HOUSE PASSES FREE TEXT BOOK BILL

Measure Is Charged As Coming From School Trust of State

The discussion over Senator Bank's bill to provide free text books for pupils of public schools except high schools resolved itself around the question of whether the duty of supporting the schools rested on the state or the parent when that bill came up for final passage in the house yesterday afternoon. The vote was 29 in favor of the bill, 28 against it and three members were absent.

Speaker Bean, in speaking from the floor urged the passage of the bill as a means of breaking the school trust in this state and forcing the price of school books down. The opponents to the bill interpreted the bill as coming from the school trust and that its passage meant playing right into the hands of the trust that is robbing the people of the state and country. Representative Kay of Marion objected to the bill on the grounds that it would work a hardship on many taxpayers. He cited the numerous appropriations and tax levies made during the last few years in the interests of the educational program of the state, which he said had sustained the taxing power of the people to the very limit. He held that there was no general demand in the state for such legislation. Representative Davy attacked the bill as coming from the school trust and was upheld in this by Representative Fisher who said that the school books for this state were already contracted for until 1925, under contract made in 1919, and that this was a scheme of the school trust of the state to rob the people of more money. Proponents of the bill estimated that the passage of the bill would bring about a reduction of 20 per cent in the price of books since the state could buy at a much smaller figure the individual parents. The question of sanitation also entered into the argument. The vote on the bill was: Yes—Burdick, Carter, Fletcher, Flint, Gordon of Multnomah, Hammond, Hindman, Hopkins, Kubli, Lee, Leonard, Lynn, McDonald, McFarland, Miles, Nantz, Overturf, Richards, Shank, Sheldon, Sloan, Stone, Wells, Wright, Bean.

No—Acheson, Allen, Beals, Belknap, Carner, Cary, Childs, Davey, Egbert, Fisher, Gallagher, Hubbard, Hunter Hyatt, Kay, Kinney, La Follett, Looney, Marsh, Martin, Miller, Peirce, Perry, Powell, Roberts, Shiria, Templeton, Woodson. Absent—Bennett, Gordon of Lane, Westcott.

SALARY BILLS HAVE PASSED THE SENATE
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terson, Ryan, Smith, Strayer, Thomas, Vinton.
Absent—Dennis.
Senate bill 141, by Lachmund, proposes to increase the salary of the state tax collector from \$2500 to \$3000 a year. On this bill the vote was as follows:
For—Bell, Eberhard, Eddy, Edwards, Ellis, Hall, Hume, Jones, Joseph, Lachmund, Moser, Nickelsen, Norblad, Porter, Robertson, Smith, Staples, Thomas Vinton, Rittner.
Against—Ellis, Farrell, Gill, La Follett, Patterson, Smith, Strayer.
Absent—Banks, Dennis, Hare, Ryan, Upton.
Senate bill 219, by Thomas, proposing to increase the salary of the state engineer from \$3000 to \$3600, received the following vote:
For—Bell, Eberhard, Eddy, Edwards, Ellis, Hall, Hume, Jones, Joseph, Lachmund, Moser, Nickelsen, Norblad, Robertson, Smith, Staples, Thomas Vinton, Rittner.
Against—Farrell, Gill, Hare, La Follett, Paterson, Porter, Strayer.
Absent—Banks, Ryan.
Only one bill failed on final passage in the senate yesterday. This was senate bill 352, by the

SHIPPING BOARD EXPENSES CUT

Reduction of Overhead Cost Necessary for Proper Competition

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The shipping board must practically wipe out its overhead expenses before the American merchant marine can successfully compete with foreign shipping interests, Chairman Benson declared tonight before the house committee investigating the board's activities.

He said efforts had been made to cut down expenses. Until they are reduced to rock bottom, he said, the government merchant fleet would be seriously handicapped.

When he became chairman, he said he was "impressed by the fact that the shipping board's personnel was unnecessarily large," and took immediate steps to reduce expenses.

Chairman Walsh asked about rumors involving R. W. Bolling, brother-in-law of President Wilson, who is treasurer of the board.

Admiral Benson said Mr. Bolling had told him an attempt was being made to create the impression he was guilty of wrongdoing. "I was satisfied after talking with him," said the admiral, "that there was no basis for such rumors," but later on hearing other similar reports, he instructed the head of the board's division of investigation to go into the matter. He did so and reported there was no ground for the rumor.

Admiral Benson also declared there was no basis for the statement of Col. E. H. Abadie, former comptroller general, that he had been "railroaded" out of his position by Martin J. Gillen, former executive assistant to the chairman. There was no "frame up," the committee was told. "Accounts under Colonel Abadie were mixed up," the admiral said. "I was impressed by his zeal and earnestness, but felt he paid too much attention to details." Referring to the board's fleet of 257 wooden ships, tied up in the James river, Virginia, the chairman said negotiations were in progress for their partial sale at \$25,000 each. Questioned by Chairman Walsh as to whether any persons in political office had interfered with operations of the shipping board, Chairman Benson declared emphatically that no one ever had attempted to dictate or obtain favor.

GRAIN SELLING AGENCY PLANNED

Non-Profit Corporation To Handle Marketing Of Grain

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 17.—The farmers' grain marketing committee of seventeen, appointed by the American Farm Bureau federation to devise cheaper marketing methods, tonight announced it had voted to recommend formation of a non-profit corporation to be known as the National Sales Agency which would handle the marketing of grain after it leaves the producer.

The organization would be cooperative with growers of grain taking membership. They would then effect an agreement with local co-operative elevators or a local grain growers association to deliver the grain either on the basis of a sales contract or a pooling contract. The local elevator or grain growers association then would contract with the national sales agency to handle the grain. The plan calls for ownership of terminal agencies, warehouse corporations, finance corporations, export corporations and service departments by the national sales agency.

The service department would furnish accurate information on conditions which affect the grain trade. Transportation, legal, statistical and other departments would be included. It is planned to have membership subscriptions furnish the initial capital necessary and later the running expenses would be covered by a minimum handling charge on grain.

Where local elevators and grain growers associations do not exist the sales agency would undertake to form them. The plan as announced tonight was simply a fundamental outline. The committee now is working out the details.

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Official Staff Returned To S. P. and S. System

Portland, Ore., Feb. 17.—

Annual elections of directors and officers of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railway system and proprietary lines took place today, resulting in the return of President W. F. Turner and others of the official staff. By reason of the S. P. and S. company being a Washington corporation, the election of that corporation was held at Vancouver, Wash.

Trustees of the Oregon Trunk railway company, elected today are: W. F. Turner, Portland; Ralph Budd, St. Paul; G. H. Plummer, Tacoma; A. L. Miller, Vancouver and Charles A. Hart, Portland. President; Robert Crosbie, secretary and controller; Charles C. Rose, treasurer and Edwin Pearson, assistant secretary. The directors of the Oregon Electric railway company were re-elected: W. F. Turner, John H. Burgard, Russell Hawkins, George H. Kelly, Edward Cockingham; Charles A. Hart and Robert Crosbie. W. F. Turner was chosen president; Robert Crosbie, secretary and controller; C. C. Rose, treasurer and Edwin Pearson, assistant secretary.

House Votes Control Of Bridge to Governor

Representative Gordon's bill to give the governor control of the interstate bridge between Portland and Vancouver, Wash., across the Columbia, passed the house yesterday morning with but seven

negative votes coming mostly from the Multnomah delegation. The governor is given control of the bridge until he shall have collected tolls amounting to more than \$152,000, the amount due the state by the county.

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FORDNEY TARIFF STRIKES A SNAG

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representative Treadway, Republican, Massachusetts, failed to give the necessary unanimous consent. The bill was thus left overnight with three possibilities, all depending on the action of Republican leaders. It may be sent to conference, referred again to the ways and means committee, or an attempt may be made to have the house concur in the senate amendments. Mr. Treadway declared the bill "is a lot worse now with all of these amendments." He was said by several members to have expressed a fear that the president "might sign that bill and get the whole Republican party in a hole." As for the second emergency measure which, if approved by Mr. Harding, is to be rushed through the extra session, Republican leaders were apparently in accord. It is proposed to make it comparable to a permanent tariff bill or its rates would be based on information gathered in the hearings just concluded. The president-elect will be urged to lend his support on the ground that checking of the imports through an additional tariff would permit revival of American industries and that it also would increase revenue.

HOUSE SESSION IS STORMIEST OF YEARS

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order was restored, Blanton declared that he too had been mentioned by Texas papers for the senate. Then nothing could be heard, for the uproar got beyond all bounds. The attack was the culmination of many made heretofore by members who charged Mr. Blanton was continually blocking legislation by points of order.

BORAH REFUSES TO ABDICATE JUDGMENT TO WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Notice was given in the senate today by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, that he would not "abdicate" his judgment to that of President Harding during the next four years. Senator Borah's declaration came in a clash with Senator McCormick, Republican, Illinois, over disarmament. The latter had charged that the naval disarmament proposals of Senator Borah would "disarm" Mr. Harding in arranging for a general disarmament council. Disclaiming any desire to embarrass Mr. Harding, Senator Borah said: "We have heard much criticism of waiting for a nod from the White House. Congress has been accused of abdicating not only its judgment but its functions. Let me say, without disrespect to the president-elect, that I shall not abdicate my judgment any more during the next four years than I have during the past eight."

MISTRESS (TO BUTLER)—WHY IS IT, JOHN, EVERY TIME I COME HOME I FIND YOU SLEEPING?

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