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THE FOSSILIZED SENATE

The election of United States Senators by direct vote has not served to shake the hoary precedents of that body— It is still our House of Lords, held by traditions that hamper its proceedings and interfere seriously with the conduct of the business of the country.

Any yawper who wears a senatorial toga may by filibustering tactics block the business of a great country, and there is no way to shut off his everlasting flow of hot air. He may pile Pelion on Ossa in mountains of mouthings, and the exhausted majority is powerless to invoke the cloture rule to make an end of his words—

As is being done now by a few members who are trying to talk the pending tariff bill to death, or to delay its passage till many moons after the cows come home.

Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois has taken up a movement to overturn a precedent in the upper house of Congress—a precedent that makes the oldest member of a committee in point of service the chairman of that committee.

Take the Senate Committee on Finance. When Senator Penrose died Senator McCumber of North Dakota became chairman. The next in order is Senator Reed Smoot, an able man and level headed, albeit a Mormon from Utah. Senator McCumber having been defeated at the primary election, Senator Smoot will become chairman; but he may retire from Congress—

And Senator Bob La Follette of Wisconsin is next in line. He would be a fine bird to be at the titular head of the nation's financial legislation!

Should the Democrats defeat Senator Lodge in Massachusetts, which they are making a desperate effort to accomplish, the chairmanship of the great Committee on Foreign Relations would fall into the hands of Senator Borah—

And this bird from Idaho does not believe in any foreign relations at all!

Senator McCormick would have the members of the committees elect their chairmen.

He is a brave pioneer to make the attempt to reform the fossilized Senate. He has tackled a tough job. The very air of Washington is heavy with the aroma—or the stink—of hoary precedent, and nothing short of a political cyclone will shake it off.

Perhaps the election of a few women will help. There is a candidate of the Democrats in Minnesota, Mrs. Peter Olson, who is said to be one of the five fastest talkers in the world—and Dr. George Vincent, head of the Rockefeller Foundation, is reported to be her only rival in ready speech in this country.

Perhaps a few of her kind might make the male Marathon spellbinders ashamed of themselves, and jolt the American House of Lords into the unfastening of its red tape, and into becoming worthy of this great and hustling nation, the majority of whose people have no patience with or respect for the tomfoolery and tommyrot of precedent as such, and who would be proud to be able to point to the upper house of Congress as a truly representative body, on the American style; working efficiently to get the things done that ought to be done, without undue delays or frills or foibles or respect for the way things were done in the past—excepting as they were done with intelligence and straightforward horse sense.

Is it too late for the loganberry growers to attempt to get more pickers from the outside—from Portland and other big cities? That is the way our hop men have done in years

past, and no doubt will do this year, in case they see the necessity of doing it. The right inducements would bring train loads of people from Portland to the loganberry fields. What is the matter with the Salem Commercial Club getting on the job, even yet?

Some one suggests that if we ever have Ford for president it will be the second time a rough rider has held down the job.

Uncle Sam will not likely long remain a prohibitionist at home and a saloon keeper on the high seas.

"We would hate to see a railroad strike, but we don't know but we'd like to see the railroad men get it out of their system," said the Portland, Me., Express-Herald the other day.

Senator La Follette is predicting Republican defeat in 1934. It might also be mentioned that he will do everything he can to bring it about. As a Republican Senator Bob is one of the best Socialists the country can afford.

If the Yeomen will get 1200 or 1300 acres of land near Salem for their proposed children's home and plant the whole tract to Franquette walnuts, with Mayettes for fertilizers, the time will come when the walnut crop will go far towards supporting the home—and other crops may be produced to help a little while the walnut trees are growing up. The time is coming when the Salem district will have 100,000 acres of walnuts, and will send walnuts to market by the train load.

Washington is the hottest place this side of hell and Bagdad; but the hot air junta of the United States senate keeps right on adding to the heat and the humidity, talking about the tariff. And not a vote is being changed. Not a thing is being accomplished, excepting delay, and that is costing the people of this country millions of dollars daily. In such a condition as that, there is not an idiot ward in an insane asylum in the United States that would not find a way to shut off the yawpers. There are some members of that body with some sand and some sense. Why, in the name of common sense do they stand for it?

THE NEXT THING

In other days when a man saw a red-headed girl he looked around for the white horse. Now if he looks about him when he meets a red-headed fairy he gets bowled over by a Ford.

BRITISH TRAFFIC PERVERSITY

Once again the controversy has arisen in England about the British insistence upon keeping to the left for all road traffic. A mighty faction has arisen to demand a change conforming with other continental countries and the United States. The rights argue that this is the only sensible and reasonable course. The

lefts answer that just because all the imported Fords have the left-hand drive is no good reason why the British right-handed drive cars should be penalized.

In the meantime foreign drivers in England and English drivers in foreign countries continue to bungle up the traffic.

However, the system in Italy is even more confusing. There they "keep to the left" in the cities and "keep to the right" in the country. There is an anxious psychological moment 'twixt town and country which only the expert Italian chauffeur seems to be able to gauge bloodlessly.

But if Ford can succeed in making the British "keep to the right," it will be a decided feather in his cap. There are evidently enough Fords in England to stir up quite a dust on the subject.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Wanted, more pickers.

Loganberry pickers raced with the warm sun yesterday, in many yards. The berries ripen faster than the inadequate forces can pick them.

The picking of loganberries is a community proposition. Everybody is interested and should be concerned. Should not there be greater effort to secure more pickers from the outside?

Dr. Bloodgood at the First Congregational church tonight. This great surgeon and humanitarian will have a message that every one should hear, who can; and standing room will no doubt be at a premium.

Col. Hofer, in his second letter to the Statesman of this morning, is telling a lot of things that ought to be known to the whole country.

Holland's uneasiness about the conference at The Hague is justified by the discovery by the police of a plot for the assassination of the Russian delegates. The protection of foreign statesmen is coming to be a serious responsibility.

The Troquer plan for building public works with German labor, to the value of 18,000,000,000 francs, which the French cabinet has approved, is rather stupendous, but it probably will not be extended to the building of a Channel tunnel. British nervousness about the enterprise revived almost before the war was over.

FUTURE DATES

July 27, Thursday—American Legion convention begins at The Dalles. July 28 and 29, Friday and Saturday—Dallas Round-up. July 29, Saturday—Marion county Sunday school picnic at fair grounds. August 1 to 16—Boy Scouts' Summer camp on the Santiam river. September 2, 3 and 4—Lakeview Round-up, Lakeview, Or. September 13, Wednesday—Oregon Methodist conference meets in Salem. September 21, 22 and 23—Piedleton round-up. September 25 to 30 inclusive—Oregon State fair. November 7, Tuesday—General election.

STRIKE HEADS FAIL TO REACH AGREEMENT

(Continued from page 1.) expected to see he president. He reiterated his statements before the labor board members last week that the 400,000 maintenance of way employees would not strike despite the fact that some of his men had joined in a sympathetic strike with the shopmen.

Mr. Grable indicated that the only contingency that might result in a strike was determination on the part of the carriers to force the maintenance of way men to do the work regularly done by the striking crafts, a practice against which the labor board ruled last week.

While an apparent effort was being made to end the walkout, Senator Cummins of Iowa, one of the co-authors of the transportation act, declared that the rulings of the labor board were binding on both carriers and employees and could be enforced despite the fact that the act prescribes no penalty. He declared it did not act simply in an advisory capacity.

Executive Is Optimistic

Mr. Jewell today expressed the opinion that the maintenance of way men would not join in the walkout. From St. Paul where the shop craft representatives have been meeting with northwestern roads in an effort to reach an agreement, came an announcement from R. A. Henning, chairman of the shop crafts organization, that a settlement within 48 hours was possible.

Following a cabinet meeting at which the strike was discussed, officials at Washington close to President Harding said the chief executive was optimistic regarding the ability of Chairman Hooper to effect a settlement.

One organization, the stationary firemen, engineers and oilers, however, announced intention to join the walkout of shopmen July 17, when Timothy Healy, international president, sent out a strike call affecting about 80,000 men.

Laborers Walk Out

At Toledo, Ohio, 180 baggage handlers, truckers and laborers at the union station quit work.

More troops were ordered out today to protect railroad property and employees. Soldiers were sent to Poplar Bluffs, Mo., to relieve troops there and Governor Davis of Ohio, ordered troops mobilized for possible use in connection with the coal and rail strike.

Secretary of War Weeks and Governor Neff of Texas each sent representatives to Denison, Tex., to report on conditions which are said by Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad officials to be interfering with the operations of trains. Attorney General Daugh-

VICTIM OF SUBWAY ACCIDENT WHEN GAS FUMES FILL TRAIN



Ambulance calls were quickly sent out when the extent of the East Side subway accident and panic which occurred in New York city was realized. Hundreds of persons were overcome in the panic which followed a short circuit. Scores of frenzied persons, many of them women and children, were hurt in the rush to escape from the darkened tube, fifty feet below the level of the street. The photographer snapped this ambulance surgeon treating a woman passenger just after she had been brought to the surface.

erty was requested to send 1400 deputy marshals to the strike district in Northern Ohio.

Court Orders Issued

Numerous court orders restraining picketing and interference with railroad property and mails marked the progress of the 14th day of the strike. The Baltimore and Ohio railroad secured an injunction at Hammond, Indiana, restraining strikers from picketing and interfering with trains. The Wabash secured a similar injunction at Little Rock, Ark., and the Kansas, Oklahoma and Gulf railroad secured like action at Guthrie, Okla. The Chicago Northwestern secured a restraining order at Winona, Minn., and the Rock Island secured a restraining order at Fort Smith, Ark.

Postmaster General Work today accepted an offer of one thousand and commercial aircraft by the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America to be used in maintaining mail service if the trains fail to operate.

Clashes between strikers and strike sympathizers and railroad employees were reported from various points, but there were no serious outbreaks.

90,000 More Vote Strike

CLEVELAND, O., July 14.—Members of the American Federation of Railroad Workers employes here, voted tonight to join the shopmen's strike at 9 o'clock Monday morning, according to an announcement by officials of that union. The union which has no connection with the American Federation of Labor, has a membership of 90,000.

Approximately 1,200 pipe fitters, coach repairers, painters, freight car repairers and inspectors will be affected here, the officers declare.

The fact that the inspectors are included, they say, will hinder traffic at once.

Road Gets Injunction

ROANOKE, Va., July 14.—United States District Judge Henry C. McDowell of the western district of Virginia at Lynchburg, upon complaint of the Norfolk and Western railway company, today issued an injunction restrain-

ing the striking members of the several shop crafts in Roanoke from interfering with or delaying movement and passage of the complainant's trains.

A. F. OF L. BEHIND STRIKE

WASHINGTON, July 14.—The American Federation of Labor stands squarely behind the striking railway shopmen of the country and means to do everything within the law and within its power to assist the various unions whose members are "fighting for the very life of their organization," Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor said today.

POLK COUNTY FOREST FIRES ARE CHECKED

(Continued from page 1.) ports are meagre on damage done. The Wilkenson Lumber company in Pierce county is experiencing a big fire which was erroneously reported this morning as being in the Buckley Logging company works.

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NUMEROUS STUDY SPACES

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Camp Cookery

THE BACON-BAT Do you ever go on bacon-bats? Bacon-batting is one of the easiest kinds of outdoor cooking. If you want to go out in the woods



for a while and don't want to make a lot of fuss about a meal, or if you are in camp and are going off some place where you can't get back at meal time, try green stick cooking. That is what a bacon-bat is. Back up your basket, putting in the bacon, of course, and the things that go with it. Don't forget the matches, a knife, and something to carry water in. If you're not sure about the water

supply the best thing is to have a thermos-bottle full of water along with you. You don't need a plate. You can use bread for that.

Now when you're hungry, gather up plenty of dry sticks and branches to start your fire, and find a long green stick with a forked end on which to stick the sliced bacon firmly. Haul the things out of your baskets, and in a few minutes you have a meal, without any bother to speak of.

If you want coffee, you'll have to carry along a coffee pail. This can be swung on a straight stick supported by two forked sticks,



one on either side of the fire. The coffee will be boiling while the bacon is getting ready.

Of course, you don't need to stick to bacon as the centerpiece of your meal. Wieners will do, or steak. These are especially good if you happen to have one of those wire grills which can stand over the coals to cook them on.

With the bacon, a good menu is rolls, tomatoes, cheese marmalade, olives, and some sort of fruit. None of these require any fixing. This menu is also good with the frankfurters.

For a steak meal, brown bread, celery, cottage cheese, sour pickles and peaches go well together.

THE SHORT STORY, JR.

THE HOSE FIGHT Jerry was out in the yard watering the lawn. "C'mon over," he shouted to Harry Fisher. "C'mon over. This is swell."

Harry looked doubtful. "Aw, gee, I'd get soaked."

"Sure that's what's fun. Get on some old clothes, like I got, and go barefoot."

So Harry hurried over to "help." They had a great time. They could yell all they wanted; because Jerry's folks and the people next door had gone to the movies. Before long they were both about as wet as the lawn.

Around the corner came sneaking Harry's dog, old Bouncer. Jerry, who was using the hose at the time, turned it full on old Bouncer. The dog gave a yelp and off he went.

"Look here," objected Harry, "what do you mean getting my dog wet?"

"Won't hurt him," laughed Jerry.

"I'll do it again, see?"

"Yes, you will," said Harry. And he started after him. Jerry tried to run, still holding the hose with Harry dodging out of the way of the water.

Around the side of the house Harry caught up with him. He



tried to grab for the mouth of the hose. The water was still on full force.

"Now you've done it," said Jerry. "Look. Sent a whole stream right through Gordon's dining room window. Now we'll get it."

They both started at once to turn the hose in another direction but only managed to send the stream again through the window. Then to their astonishment a big negro jumped right out of the window, with a yell, and started running down the alley.

"Yes, sir," said Jerry's father proudly, when they were telling the police about it afterwards.

"This fellow had part of the silverware all laid out on the table when these kids saw him and had the presence of mind to turn the hose in there and scare him."

Jerry and Harry smiled, like two modest heroes.

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