

RAILWAY BOARD SAYS LIVING WAGE RUINOUS

Claims Theory, If Carried Out, Would Wreck Every Railroad in United States.

Chicago.-The public and raffroad groups of the United States railroad the "living wage" as a basis for determining the wages of railroad workers, in an opinion declared that such a course "if carred to its legitimate conclusion would wreck every railroad in the United States and, if extended to other industries, would carry them into communistic ruin."

The opinion in the form of a rejoinder to a dissenting opinon filed by A. O. Wharton, labor member, in the recent decision increasing the pay of maintenance of way employes two cents an hour, declared that if employes were granted a 72 to 75 cents minimum wage for common labor with corresponding differentials for other classes, an increase of 125.7 per cent in the nation's railroad wage bill would be necessary. This, the opinion said, would add \$3,112,952,387 to the; annual payroll, bringing it to \$5,589, 445.993, which would mean, it adds, an amnual deficit to the carriers of \$2,241,639,518.

The phrase "living wage" was termed in the opinion as "a bit of mellifluous phraseology, well calculated to deceive the unthinking"

Mr. Wharton's dissenting opinion and the supporting opinion in reply

were attached to the formal decision increasing the pay of maintenance of way employes 2 cents an hour, establishing minimi ranging from 25 to 37

WORLD OUTPUT OF FOOD IS LARGER

Washington, D. C .- Production of rve, barley and potatoes for all countries reporting is larger than for the same countries last year, the depart ment of agriculture announced. Rye production for 16 countries is placed at 101 per cent of production for the same countries in 1921, but only 91 per cent of the average yield for 1909-13. Production in the United States and Canada is 163 per cent of the 1921 crop, while production in European countries is only 93 per cent. The barley crop of the United States and Canada this year is 129 per cent of the 1921 crop, and for 15 European countries it is 103 per cent.

The potato crop is reported larger in nearly all countries, total production being placed at 128 per cent of that for the same countries in 1921 and 101 per cent of the 1903-13 aver-

Wheat production in 1922, according to latest estimates, is 99 per cent of the 1921 yield, being 109 per cent in North America and 81 per cent in Europe. Condition of the new wheat crop is reported good in Argentina, Australia and India.

PHILIPPINES ASK FREEDOM

U. S. Congress Requested to Permit a Constitutional Convention.

Manila, P. I.-Formation of the Republic of the Philippines is sought by a concurrent resolution introduced in the legislature with the backing of a majority of the members.

The resolution, which is supported by the combined Collectivista and Naccionalista parties, asks the congress of the United States to authorize the Philippine legislature to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of adopting a constitution for the future independence of the island, and to determine what relations shall exist between the Philippines and the Uni-

Congress further is asked to authorize election of officials who will assume the duties and functions of the independent government.

Mexico Levies on Tourists.

Calexico, Cal.-Twenty-five dollars in gold or no crossing of the international line by Americans except on brief visits, was the requirement of the Mexican government made effect-

ive at Mexicali Saturday. At the same time American immigration officers began demanding border passports from unknown Mexicans seeking to cross into California.

Board Asks Order Against Grain Act. Chicago. - The Chicago board of trade has petitioned the federal district court for an injunction against the enforcement of the grain futures

PROMINENT CITIZENS OPPOSE COMPULSORY **EDUCATION MEASURE**

Many prominent citizens from all sections of Oregon are opposing with every influence at their command the proposed compulsory education bill, so-called, on the November 7 ballot. Space affords only room for the folowing expressions:

Mrs. Alexander Thompson, Oregon's first woman legislator, now president of the Federated Women's clubs of Portland-The bill is not American; quite the reverse. It is paternalism at its worst. I do not for a moment believe the generous, fair-minded paople of Oregon will vote in such an iniquitous measure; I have too much faith in them.

Edith Knight Hill, for years a club worker, editor of the official state federation bulletin-With all the emphasis at my command, I will say that this proposed bill is unfair, un-American and unnecessary. It should be so badly defeated that for all time it will lie buried deep under the overwhelming avalanche of an indignant electorate's ballots.

Mrs. Norman F. Coleman, widely known educator and club woman-To my mind, this bill is repugnant, un called for, mischievous, harking back to the dark ages of persecution, bigotry, witchcraft. It should be beaten.

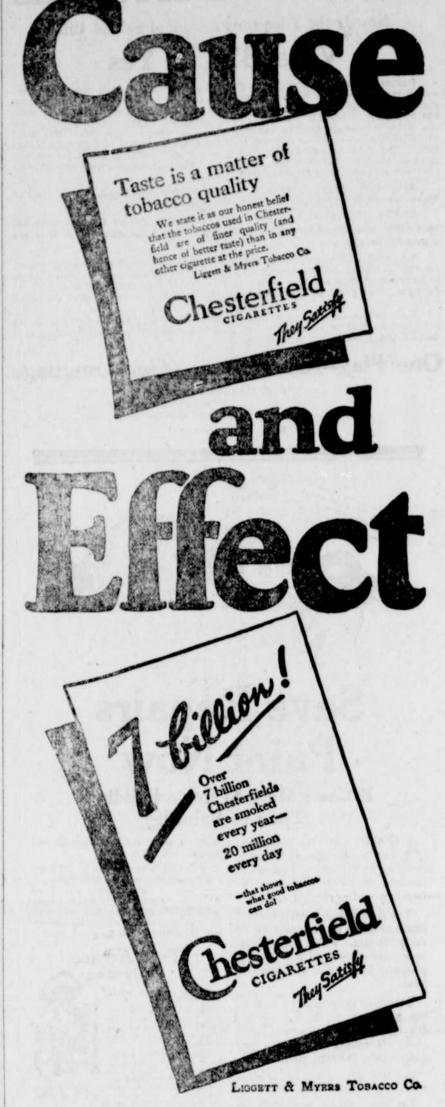
W. L. Brewster, ex-city commissioner of Portland, leading member of the Oregon bar, member of the Portland library board and chairman of the Non-sectarian and Protestant Committee for Freedom in Education, with headquarters in the Consolidated Securities building, Portland-I am devoting most of my time in the effort to defeat the bill. I couldn't afford to do that if it were not pernicious, vicious and violation of sacred

Judge Stephen A. Lowell, Pendleton-I cannot too severely condemn the measure. There is a fair compulsory education law on our statute books now. Nothing further need be said, except to ask all liberty-loving voters to repudiate by their ballots

Louis E. Bean, Eugene-I am unalterably opposed to the bill. It is useless, a backward movement and entirely out of place in liberty-loving

The Lutheran ministry in general has condemned the bill; Presbyterian pastors throughout the state have repudiated it; the Episcopalians and Adventists, whose schools it would close, have joined in the outcry against the

measure. The Protestant and Non-sectarian Committee office has evidence from all over Oregon that the bill is increasingly unpopular, as people grasp its sweeping, unfair provisions.



State Monopoly of Schools would cost—

In taxes— Over \$1,000,000 a year for operation Over \$3,000,000 for buildings and grounds

> THE first cost of state monopoly of schools would be something over three million dollars for new buildings and grounds. We would have to pay a yearly tax of over one million dollars for operation in addition to what we are paying now.

They propose that Oregonians pay this bill for "Real Americanism." But it is not Americanism to take away the right of the parent to control the education of the child.

They propose that we pay this bill to have "Compulsory School." But we actually have compulsory school right now under the present law.

Be not deceived. What this burden of added taxes will go for is an experiment in education along communistic lines---the substitution of state monopoly in education for . parental guidance. Russia is trying this experiment. Let us profit by her failure. Let us maintain our democracy and save millions of dollars.

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