

BILL BY TOWNSEND

One of First Subjects in Message by President Roosevelt.

WEAK CASE OF THE RAILROADS

Measure Passed by Last House Was Intended to Correct Error in Former Law.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Representative Townsend, of Michigan, joint author of the Esch-Townsend railroad rate bill that passed the house of representatives last winter, and who will reintroduce substantially the same bill and lead the fight for its passage at the coming session, after a conference with the president today said:

"One of the first subjects, if not the first, which the president will discuss in his annual message will be railroad freight rates."

Mr. Townsend says he will not make any material change in his bill, and it is his understanding that the president approves its general features and would be satisfied if it should become law.

"We had but one idea in framing that bill," said Mr. Townsend, "and that was to correct an omission in the original law for regulation of railroads. According to the law, the commission could not make an order which would remedy an evil condition or any unjust condition that was found to exist. It actually exercised that power for a number of years, but it was finally determined that it did not have the power. It was to give the commission that power that the house of representatives passed its bill last winter. The rest of the bill merely furnished machinery for expediting hearings and for carrying out the essential provisions of the bill, which was to fix a reasonable rate when a rate was found to be unreasonable. No statement that I have seen in opposition to this legislation since congress adjourned has modified my view as to the wisdom of adopting this course."

TRAPS FOR ROOSEVELT.

Railroad Senators Scheme to Make Rate Bill Toothless.

Washington, Oct. 10.—Between this time and the assembling of congress on December 4, President Roosevelt will hold a series of conferences with men prominent in the Republican party in congress relative to the prospects of railroad and tariff legislation. Those who have talked with him at Oyster Bay during the summer, when his time was not taken up with peace negotiations, are satisfied that the president will place the rate legislation ahead of everything else, and, if it has to be done, will sacrifice tariff legislation in order to get the railroad rate bill through. And there is every reason to believe that the president will adhere to this intention.

But the president will have conferences with his supporters with a view to outlining a campaign in support of the railroad rate bill. He knows, and his supporters know, that the opponents of the bona fide rate regulating bill are going to resort to all manner of means to prevent the passage of a bill favored by the president, and the president is just sharp enough to start in away ahead of the session to head off the opposition. He knows he will have to outwit or outgeneral some of the most adroit men in the senate, but the president is no slouch when it comes to dealing with smooth senators, and he ought to succeed even better than before on this issue, because he has the great mass of the people behind him.

FEVER'S GRIP IS BROKEN.

New Orleans Will Show President Its Terrors Are Past.

New Orleans, Oct. 9.—Yellow fever report to 6 p. m.: New cases, 29; total 3,176; deaths, 3; total 410; new foci, 8; under treatment 207; discharged, 2,559.

At the close of the eleventh week of the struggle against yellow fever, the health authorities summed up the situation tonight as full of encouragement. Today's new cases in the city were all in the old zone of infection and most of them are of an extremely mild type.

Sentiment in favor of some character of national quarantine is apparently growing here and elsewhere in the state.

Arrangements for the president's reception and entertainment are progressing, and every effort is to be made while he is here to convince him that in New Orleans fear of the fever has entirely passed. The route of the procession to the city hall will carry him past the Lee monument, on the immense circular mound on which there will be gathered several thousand school children armed with American flags to give a patriotic greeting. The streets through which the president is to be escorted are to be decorated on a lavish scale.

Weeds Choking a Lake.

Mexico City, Oct. 10.—That the destruction of Lake Chapala as a pleasure resort adjunct and as a commercial avenue for the great haciendas in the vicinity is a probability in the next five years is the opinion of a well known contractor. The cause of this condition is the advance into the waters of the lake of the water hyacinth. It is reported that the government has made an offer of \$150,000 for a way of ridding the lake of the weed.

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Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$14@15 per ton; valley timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9; grain hay, \$8@9.

Fruits—Apples, \$1@1.75 per box; peaches, 85c@1 per crate; plums, 50@75c per crate; cantaloupes, 75c@1.25 per crate; pears, \$1.25@1.50 per box; watermelons, 1/4@1c per pound; crabapples, \$1 per box; quinces, \$1 per box.

Vegetables—Beans, 1@4c per pound; cabbage, 1@1 1/4c per pound; cauliflower, 75c per dozen; celery, 75c per dozen; corn, 65c per sack; cucumbers, 10@15c per dozen; pumpkins, 1 1/4@1 1/2c per pound; tomatoes, 30@40c per crate; squash, 5c per pound; turnips, 90c@1 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@1 per sack.

Onions—Oregon Yellow Danvers, \$1.25 per sack.

Potatoes—Oregon fancy, 65@85c per sack; common, nominal.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@30c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 27@27 1/2c per dozen.

Poultry—Average old hens, 11 1/2@12c per pound; mixed chickens, 11@11 1/2c; old roosters, 9@9 1/2c; young roosters, 10@11c; springs, 11 1/2@13c; dressed chickens, 14@15c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; geese, live, 8@9c; ducks, 13@14c.

Hops—Oregon, 1905, choice, 12@13c per pound; olds, 10@12c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 19@21c per pound; lower grades down to 15c, according to shrinkage; valley, 25@27c; mohair, choice, 30c.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3@4c; country steers, 4@4 1/2c.

Veal—Dressed, 3@7 1/2c per pound.

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