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## ASK MUNICIPAL BONUS FOR THE ELECTRIC ROADS

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 14.—Adoption of a service-at-cost plan of operation with municipal financial aid as a solution of the electric railway problem, was advocated today by Melvin A. Traylor, of Chicago, at the mid-year conference of the American Electrical Railway association.

Mr. Traylor, justified his suggestion of municipal aid for electric lines by saying that good transportation development meant better housing conditions and consequent higher standards of citizenship. The service-at-cost plan was endorsed by Mr. Traylor, because of its fairness to both the public and the company in the matter of giving good service to one and a fair return to the other. Adoption of such a plan he said would make it possible to develop new districts in which the laboring class can live comfortably and still reach their places of work under proper conditions.

"But it must always be remembered that as things are at present," he continued, "the railway is unable to obtain credit, for needed improvements. It is the civic duty of the municipality to bring about the changes suggested, and the increase in taxable real and personal property values will afford an economic justification for a loan of municipal credit when needed to finance costs of extensions of local transportation systems."

"It is now generally recognized that without direct municipal aid, it is almost impossible to plan extensions in the new districts which have not yet been fully populated. Of the same general type, but of much less frequent occurrence, are facilities designed to accomplish rapid transit, such as elevated or sub-surface structures. These require more capital outlay than it is possible to obtain through private agencies and of this we have an example in the case of the subway systems of greater New York."

Discussing the public attitude toward electric railways, Mr. Traylor said that it was faulty. Admitting frankly, he said, that there was financial mismanagement of lines in the early days, this now is past history and today "we are confronted not by theory but by actual conditions of affairs which needs remedy, and remedy quickly."

Mr. Traylor declared that municipal ownership had proved uneconomical and unsatisfactory not only in this but in many other countries.

## BATTLE DEVIL WITH OWN FIRE

RACINE, Wis., Feb. 14.—Believing that the only method of effectively combating Socialism, Bolshevism, I. W. W.ism and the other revolutionary groups is by meeting them on their own grounds with 'soap-box versus soap-box' and 'soap-boxer versus soap-boxer', the Constitutional Defense League of Racine has established here the world's first Soap Box University. Students are being trained to meet the revolutionary agitator with all of his own weapons, and it is planned to turn out an alumni of propagandists who will be able to counter every move of Socialist agitation by their knowledge of the Socialist 'bag of tricks'.

The University is the outgrowth of the experience of a group of ex-service men who formed the Constitutional Defense League more than a year ago in order to vigorously fight Socialism in Wisconsin. They say they realized at the beginning that much of the propaganda that has been waged in the past against Socialism has been wasted. For one thing, it hasn't reached the audience that the Socialists talk to; it hasn't

### Facts About Income Tax

Births, deaths, and marriages during the year 1920 affect materially income tax returns for that year. Millions of babies were added to family circles, each of whom brings an exemption of \$200 in the parents' income tax return.

Widows and widowers who lost their husbands or wives during the year are especially affected. They are single for the purposes of the income tax law and are granted only an exemption of \$1,000, unless the head of a family.

Persons who were divorced or separated by mutual agreement during the year also must consider themselves as single persons.

The status of the taxpayer on December 31, 1920, determines the amount of the exemptions. If on that day the taxpayer was married and living with wife or husband, claim may be made for the \$2,000 exemption. If single, or married and not living with wife or husband on December 31, the exemption is only \$1,000.

Persons who reached majority during the year and whose earnings for that period amounted to \$1,000 or more, or \$2,000 or more, according to their marital status, must file a return and pay a tax on their net income in excess of these amounts.

To avoid penalty, the return must be in the hands of the Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which the taxpayer lives, or has his principal place of business, on or before midnight of March 15, 1921.

Dr. John R. Mohler, chief of the bureau of animal industry, has issued a statement in which he declares that owing to the readiness with which the virus is carried in the bodies of animals, in hides and other livestock products, the United States is dangerously exposed to invasion by foreign animal diseases now very prevalent in Europe and South America.

Nationalization of coal, fuel oil and water power lands has been advocated by the secretary of the navy.

New York consumes 1609 cattle, 1688 calves, 2147 sheep, 1933 lambs and 795 hogs daily.

been founded upon a knowledge of the psychology of the radicals.

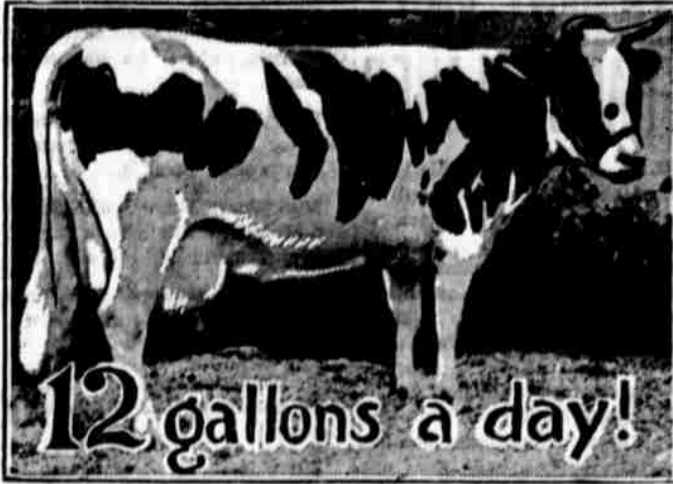
The Constitutional Defense League under the leadership of Jack O'Brien, of this city, decided to try a new theory. They would imitate the Socialists' methods. They would go out on the streets as soap-boxers, and give Americanism to the crowds instead of Revolution. They would challenge the Socialists to debates on all occasions and hoist them before the public on their fallacies. Mr. O'Brien and his staff carried out the program. In Racine, Sheboygan, Green Bay, Manitowac, Wausau and other Wisconsin cities, he soon began to capture Socialist audiences.

But their was one difficulty which was increasingly evident to the League. And that was the lack of anti-revolutionary propagandists; the lack of men who understood the Socialist philosophy well enough to combat it on the soap-box.

Out of this realization, grew the Soap-Box University. The League decided to train agitators for the Americanization cause. In Racine, class sessions are held. For the benefit of those outside of Racine, a correspondence school is maintained. The correspondence school is open to all who wish to prepare themselves to combat Socialism, either from the platform or individually. And it is free. Even the text-books and the postage are furnished free. Since the first announcement was made, the League has been flooded with applicants from all over the country.

To strengthen the University, Harold Lord Varney, magazine writer and lecturer, who was for many years a national leader in the I. W. W. and Socialist movement, has been engaged to have charge of the Correspondence School. The course is divided into twelve lessons and covers such subjects as the study of the American form of government and the Marxian economics and its loopholes.

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## TO REGULATE 'MOVIE' SCHOOL

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Schools claiming to teach the art of motion picture acting must in the future be a bit careful and see that they really teach the art, instead of luring embryo screen stars and their money to so-called studios, where the money remains while the would-be dramatic artists return to the prosaic typewriter or kitchen.

This was brought out when it was learned that assistant District Attorneys Owen W. Bohan and Frederick Sullivan have started a sweepin investigation of such schools and concerns that advertised in the "help-wanted" columns of newspapers for chorus girls, or motion picture people. The attorneys say they intend to put out of business any such concerns which mislead the girls into expecting immediate employment and they have begun investigation of several which appear suspicious.

The "students" of these schools, say the attorneys, are usually girls. The investigation was investigated by Frank P. Donovan, who said he was a former motion picture director. He said he personally visited one such school and found some prospective artists acting before a real camera, except it was minus a film. The whole proceedings he declared, were a farce to anyone who knew anything about motion pictures. Three swore out affidavits saying they had been orally promised positions with big film companies, but thus far they had not seen even a train bound for Los Angeles.

District Attorney Bohan said these schools were not licensed, and that although their contracts did not promise jobs with motion picture companies, they usually painted the prospective student's future in glowing terms in order to obtain the \$25 necessary to make a screen star.

## POPULATION OF EVERY STATE

The final compilation of the census conducted during last year has been completed, and although the aggregate results have been published before in the Herald, for the benefit of those who are interested, the population segregated into states, the figures are given below:

- Alabama, 2,348,174.
- Arizona, 333,993.
- Arkansas, 1,752,204.
- California, 3,426,861.
- Colorado, 939,629.
- Connecticut, 1,380,631.
- Delaware, 223,003.
- District of Columbia, 437,571.
- Florida, 968,470.
- Georgia, 2,895,832.
- Idaho, 431,866.
- Illinois, 6,485,280.
- Indiana, 2,930,390.
- Iowa, 2,404,021.
- Kansas, 1,769,357.
- Kentucky, 2,416,630.
- Louisiana, 1,798,509.
- Maine, 768,014.
- Maryland, 1,449,668.
- Massachusetts, 3,252,356.
- Michigan, 3,668,412.
- Minnesota, 2,387,125.
- Mississippi, 1,790,618.
- Missouri, 3,404,055.
- Montana, 548,869.
- Nebraska, 1,296,372.
- Nevada, 77,407.
- New Hampshire, 443,083.
- New Jersey, 3,155,900.
- New Mexico, 380,350.
- New York, 10,384,829.
- North Carolina, 2,559,123.
- North Dakota, 645,080.
- Ohio, 5,759,394.
- Oklahoma, 2,628,283.

## SOLONS VOTE BY MACHINERY

DES MOINES, Feb. 14.—Representatives in the Iowa legislature vote their opinions on roll call now with their fingers. No longer does the clerk call the roll and the member vote with his lungs.

One result of the change is a saving of 15 minutes to half an hour in taking a roll call vote.

When a question is put to a vote every representative may vote at the same time. It is difficult for any to wait and see what some one else will do and let his vote follow.

Since the session two years ago an electrical voting device has been installed in the house, and already has been used. On each members desk is a little device to which he carries a key. No two keys are alike. There are three small lights to show him how he is voting. When the question is put the legislators inserts the key, and then manipulates the device. What he does is not only recorded for his own benefit by the light on his desk, but shows on a board above the speaker's head. The members all are named on the board. Opposite the name are three lights and a slot. If his vote is "aye" a red light shows, and a "Y" appears in the slot. A blue light shows and the letter "N" for a negative vote. To merely be recorded present and not voting a white light is used. Within 20 seconds after the voting a phonograph of the complete record on the board, taken automatically, is delivered to the desk of the clerk. In the meantime, however, the total has been flashed on the speaker's and clerk's desk, the result can be announced immediately. The photograph is the states record.

The machine is controlled by the clerk, who unlocks it and sets it when the vote is called for. As soon as completed he again locks the machine.

Representatives of the Argentine government have adopted the methods used to wipe out hog cholera in the United States and are using them with success in their work.

The Pennsylvania railroad has put in operation a plan for averting breaks between engine and train service employees.

Montana has 3,136,974 acres of land under irrigation.

- Oregon, 783,389.
- Pennsylvania, 8,720,017.
- Rhode Island, 604,397.
- South Carolina, 1,683,724.
- South Dakota, 636,547.
- Tennessee, 2,337,885.
- Texas, 4,663,228.
- Utah, 449,396.
- Vermont, 352,428.
- Virginia, 2,309,187.
- Washington, 1,356,621.
- West Virginia, 1,463,701.
- Wisconsin, 2,632,067.
- Wyoming, 194,402.

### HOW DID IT HAP?

The poor little island of Yap,  
A watery place on the map,  
At the Paris convention created dissension,  
And nearly brought on a good scrap.

He handed the table a rap,  
He brought down his hand with a slap,  
And the President said, as his face turned to red,  
"I want both my league and my Yap."

The delegates took a long nap;  
The records developed a gap;  
The next day they awoke; with one voice they all spoke,  
"Let's give him a taste of some pap."

So, laying a neat little trap,  
They tied a stout string on to Yap;  
To Wilson they handed the island demanded,  
And dropped it right into his lap.

Content with his league and his Yap,  
He hastily put on his cap,  
And sailed over the sea leaving premiers free  
To draw up their own Europe's map.

A fat Senatorial chap  
Asked Woodrow to show him his Yap,  
But it could not be found, and the senators round  
Said, "Oh, what a silly old sap!"

It seems that a slanty-eyed Jap  
Laid hold of that string tied to Yap  
Took back to old Nippon and tightened his grip on  
The prize that we thought such a snap.

## NORTHWESTERN MINE CONGRESS MEETS APRIL 5

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—Portland is preparing to be host to the third annual international mining convention to be held here April 5-9. Fifteen hundred delegates, exclusive of their families, will attend and will represent a territory covering Alaska, British Columbia, and the six states of Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California and Nevada. Everything pertaining to mines and mining will be discussed, and every mechanical equipment used in mining and every ore and mineral taken from the earth in the territory embraced will be exhibited.

The delegates and their families will be the special guests of business men and social leaders of Portland, and every attention will be given to their comfort and entertainment. A special committee comprised of the city's most prominent women has been appointed to look after the wives of the delegates. Banquets, dances and automobile rides to scenic spots will be liberally sprinkled through the five days' session.

Among the distinguished men who have been invited to address the convention on subjects pertaining to mines and mining are: Herbert Hoover, Governor Riggs of Alaska, the Honorable William Sloan, minister of Mines for British Columbia; Edwin Ludlow, of New York, who succeeds Mr. Hoover as president of the American Institute of mining and metallurgical engineers, and W. J. Loring, of Los Angeles, president of the American Mining Congress.

American steamship companies on the Pacific have informed the crews of their ships that present wages will be reduced. Wages on the Pacific are said to have been slightly higher than on the Atlantic.

Tests made to determine whether American potatoes were susceptible to the "wart disease," a European blight which has recently appeared in this country, revealed the fact that there are 26 American varieties which are immune from the disease.

According to reports issued by the department of agriculture, there has been a pronounced increase in the number of cow-testing associations in the United States during the war.

The state of Michigan offers a reward for planting nut trees beside highways.

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