

RAILROADS WANT TO GET THE GOVERNMENT OUT OF THE BUSINESS OF OPERATING RAILROADS AND SHIPPING

Tells American Institute of Mining Engineers That "No Scheme of Political Appointment Has Ever Yet Been Devised That Would Replace Competition in Its Selection of Ability and Character"—That No Government Under Pressure of Political or Sectional Interests Could Be Free From Local Pressure to Conduct Unwarranted Services in Industrial Enterprise—States That While the Consumer Would Pay For Inefficient Management of Railroads, the Burden of Inefficient Handling of Shipping Would Fall on the National Treasury—Asserts Labor Unrest Would Be Allayed by Restoration of Co-Operation Between Employer and Employes in Production That Was a Binding Force When Our Industries Were Smaller.

New York, Feb. 17.—The return of the railroads to private ownership on March 1 will mean the placing of private enterprise in its "final trial," in the opinion of Herbert Hoover, who spoke tonight in his inaugural address as president of the American Institute of Mining Engineers. At the same time Mr. Hoover attacked government operation of either railroads or shipping as "experiments in socialism necessitated by the war," and stated that these were many fundamental objections.

"No scheme of political appointment," Mr. Hoover said, "has ever yet been devised that will replace competition in its selection of ability and character. Both shipping and railroads have today the advantage of many skilled personnel, sifted out in a hard school of competition and even then the government operation of these enterprises is proving an inefficiency. Therefore, the ultimate inefficiency that would arise from the deadening paralysis of bureaucracy has not yet had full opportunity for development. Already we can show that no government under pressure of ever-present political or sectional interests can properly conduct the risks of extension and improvement, or can be free from local pressure to conduct unwarranted services in industrial enterprise."

"Turning to the question of shipping, Mr. Hoover said that while with the railroads government ownership could be passed on to the consumer, "on the sea we will sooner or later find it translated to the national treasury." The speaker asserted that government officials could not engage in "big game fishing" in the shipping business, "for the world's market is thus to hold up rates, for so long as this great fleet in one hand and the great fleet in the other hand are under government ownership, the industry will be handicapped by a considerable part of this fleet into private hands, or frankly acknowledging, we will have to pay for the maintenance of interest upon investment."

"The problem of the relationship between employer and employe was next discussed by Mr. Hoover. He asserted that the country had until recently 'greatly neglected the human factor that is so large a part of its productivity.' That this neglect had accumulated much of the discontent and unrest throughout the industrial population had reacted in a 'boom' of production, which he said, "I am daily impressed," he said, "with the fact that there is but one way out and that is to again re-establish a better representation that personal co-operation between employer and employe in production that was a binding force when our industries were smaller."

Mr. Hoover declared that he was convinced the vast majority of American labor "is ready to co-operate in production and that this basis of good will and can be organized and the vitality of production re-created."

In a brief reference to the international situation he declared that the safety of Europe depended on "a balance of power" and that America was faced with a new situation to world problems.

"We are endeavoring to effect," he said, "maintenance of an enlarged army and navy in preparation for further upheavals while failing to even provide for the necessities of our own war by league to promote peace."

RAILROAD UNIONS URGE GOVERNMENT CONTROL

Washington, Feb. 17.—Urging that federal operation of the railroads be continued for at least an additional two years, B. M. Jewell, acting president of the American Federation of Labor, in a letter to members of congress today, expressed the opinion that return of the roads to private ownership at this time would lead to "a letter to members of congress, which might easily result in a national panic and in turn bring 'world-wide bankruptcy.'"

For two years traffic has been short routed," Mr. Jewell said, explaining his belief that the railroads cannot survive their return to private control. "It has been a constant over selected routes. A great part of the mileage of the country is not earning operating expenses and fixed charges. Receiverships are inevitable if the railroads are unscrupulously and each left to shift for itself."

NORTH DAKOTA REPUBLICANS RESIST SOCIALIST CONTROL

Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 17.—North Dakota republicans, in state convention here today, adopted resolutions urging all presidential candidates not to file petitions in this state for primary preferential vote. The action was taken in response to resolutions, which included, it was noted, "the fact that all branches of the state have taken over two years ago by an organization directed by socialists."

MARYLAND REJECTS FEDERAL SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 17.—The Maryland general assembly today decisively rejected the federal amendment for woman suffrage. In the senate the vote was 18 against and 9 for ratification, in the house 64 against and 38 for ratification. Rig delegates of suffragists came down from Baltimore headed by Mrs. Donald Hooker. The committee on federal suffrage heard both sides.

Ships to Carry Coal to New England

Six Additional Shipping Board Steamers to Be Available Within a Few Days.

Boston, Feb. 17.—John Barton Payne, chairman of the Shipping Board, telegraphed Governor Coolidge today that he was able to charter six additional shipping board steamers approximating 55,000 tons of coal capacity to facilitate the movement of coal into New England. The six steamers, New England governors, which met here yesterday to discuss the fuel situation, urged the shipping board to charter more tonnage for transportation of coal to this district.

Chairman Payne's message said the six steamers would be available within a few days for the Hampton Roads. This assistance, he said, was in addition to shipping board tonnage now carrying to Connecticut points for the railroad administration and would be supplemented with further tonnage in substantial amounts.

HILLQUIT IN DEFENSE OF SOCIALIST ASSEMBLYMEN

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 17.—If the bolshevik ever should attempt to impose the soviet system of government on the American people against the will of the majority, American socialists would take their stand against the Russians, according to an assertion made by Alexander Hillquit, socialist leader, at the trial of the five suspended assemblymen charged with disloyalty.

Hillquit, who is international secretary of the socialist party, qualified as an expert on socialism. He was called to refute among other charges one of the socialist party of America, affiliated with the international, "the agent of an alien, invisible empire, seeking to project itself as a revolutionary force in various countries."

In connection with the charge that Hillquit was the third and chief (Moscow) international, American socialists had endorsed a campaign of civil war and violence advocated by Lenin and Trotsky. Mr. Hillquit testified that American socialists were not ruled by the international, which he said never had issued any "secret" instructions, and that only a "moral" power, Mr. Hillquit asserted also that there was no such being as "a citizen of an invisible empire."

TWO MORE SHOCKS FOR CHICAGO'S GANG WORLD

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Chicago's gang world, which has not recovered from the murder of "Boss" Knight, "king of the gun men," three weeks ago, received two more shocks today.

The grand jury returned four indictments, charging murder in the first degree in connection with Earlrich's death and the state announced it would ask the death penalty in every case. Two of those indicted, "Big Tim" Murphy, former secretary to Congressman McDermott, and one-time member of the Illinois legislature, and Alvin Karpis, one of the two presidents of Chicago unions.

The second shock came when John O'Brien, sentenced to hang Friday for the murder of Richard Burke, appealed to Governor Lowden and the state pardons board to save him and offered to reveal the secrets of the underworld in return for a pardon. He did not fire the shot that killed the patrolman.

ENGLAND IS HAVING INCREASE IN PRICES

London, Feb. 17.—An actual and prospective increase in prices announced today includes one penny to two pence increase on sugar and an ounce of tobacco, and a half penny increase on a package of ten cigars.

The recent increase in the price of petrol, which caused a one day strike of taxicab drivers, is expected to bring about a further increase of five pence tomorrow, when the home secretary will receive a deputation representing the tax men.

The increase in the price of railway freights, the belief is that parcels post charges will be raised in the near future. The postal department estimates show that damage from fire in downtown London last year exceeded \$400,000, or more than the entire fire loss for last year.

JOHNSON'S NAME ON REP. BALLOT IN NEBRASKA

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 17.—Voters petition to place the name of Senator Frank P. Johnson of California on the presidential preference ballot in Nebraska. The petition, which is being circulated by the secretary of state today, is expected to be formally presented to the secretary of state today.

Senator Johnson's name is the second to be formally presented to the secretary of state as a candidate for the republican nomination, petitions on which are being collected in the state.

TO CONTINUE MILITARY TRAINING FIGHT IN HOUSE

Washington, Feb. 17.—Despite the decision of house Democrats to discontinue military training, the fight in the House today was over the question of continuing the training of military conscripts, today declared in the house will continue an "issue until enacted into law."

Representative Oney, who is a member of the house military committee, disclosed that ten of its members favor including the plan in the bill, while nine oppose it and one is doubtful.

FAVOR WITHDRAWING THE GOVERNMENT'S IRISH BILL

London, Feb. 17.—The British labor party delegation which visited Ireland recently has reported in favor of withdrawing the government's Irish bill and settling the Irish question from an entirely different standpoint. It was stated this afternoon. The delegation is said to have come to the opinion that the problem is as much industrial as political and that it should be solved by taking both these factors into consideration.

Sugar trading on the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange reopened.

Predicts Disorder in Mexico to End in 1921

General Alvarado Says Current Opinion There is For a Peace Reorganization.

New York, Feb. 17.—Disorder conditions existing in Mexico will end in 1921, according to a statement made here today by General Alvarado, commander in chief of the Mexican army, and publisher of El Heraldo de Mexico City. General Alvarado is in the United States today, but modern printing machinery for his newspaper.

He declared that the disorder would end "because there is a powerful current opinion throughout the country in all places and classes toward peace reorganization." If the vote in the Mexican presidential election next fall is broadly open, he said, "this year an era of peace and work will begin eliminating the main source of trouble," between the United States and Mexico. Conditions now point to the election of General Obregon as president, he asserted.

NO CONFISCATION OF COAL CONSIGNED TO CONNECTICUT

Hartford, Feb. 17.—According to advices from Washington received by the Manufacturers' Association of Connecticut today, the director general of railroads yesterday issued a ruling prohibiting railroads in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York from confiscating cars of bituminous coal consigned to Connecticut points. The ruling was issued in response to a letter from the Connecticut Manufacturers' Association, which stated that the seizure of coal in the Hudson river gateway.

The association is also advised from Washington that since Feb. 10, 1,700 cars of coal have been delivered in New England railroads via the Hudson river gateway.

Another encouraging development reported from Washington is the statement that in the last two days more than 40,000 tons of bituminous coal have been cleared from Hampton Roads in vessels bound for Boston and Providence. It is anticipated that this quantity of coal should begin to arrive within the next day or two, will be available for points in eastern Connecticut.

PUBLIC VICTIMS OF THE MINERS' WAGE INCREASE

Washington, Feb. 17.—The public was pictured as the victims of the recent 14 per cent. increase in wages given coal miners, in testimony today by representatives of public utilities before the senate subcommittee investigating the fuel situation.

Chairman Robinson, chief manager of the National Electric Light Association, said the commission the public had been led to believe that the increase in wages would be paid on to consumers, but when the operators added the increase to the price charged the public utilities, it put utility rates up to the limit of double handling of coal was offset in the price and in lower freight rates during the good weather.

STOWAWAY LONGS TO RETURN TO FRANCE

New York, Feb. 17.—Freddie Mack, a 17-year-old stowaway, successful in his attempt to get into this country when he came with returning American troops last September, today applied to Ellis Island for a "home" to France. Mack is the son of a Frenchman and the breaking up of the war cantonment was too much for him. He was homesick, he said, and wanted to go home.

"The camps are going," he complained. "I want to go home to my native France. I love the doughboys and I'm ready to wear the uniform they gave me, but now I believe, I shall be better off where I belong. Please send me back."

EUROPE SUFFERING FROM ECONOMIC NEURASTHENIA

New York, Feb. 17.—Belief that European nations are "suffering from economic neurasthenia" was expressed today by the United States to be the doctor who they can cure themselves by hard work," was expressed today by Lawrence O. Murray, on his arrival from Europe after two years of service as overseas commissioner for the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Murray, who was controller of the currency for the administration of President Roosevelt, said that the financial situation of the K. C. organization abroad.

INCREASED COMPENSATION FOR DISABLED SERVICE MEN

Washington, Feb. 17.—Monthly compensation rates for disabled soldiers and sailors would be increased to \$100 for single men and \$120 for married men under a bill reported here today by the house education committee.

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York paper similar to that found June 2 last, when attempts were made to blow up the homes of Attorney General Gregory and other prominent men in Washington, was found in raids on Reds in Paterson, N. J.

Thirteen students at Yale university volunteered to take carbon dioxide gas tests to determine the proportion of automobile exhaust gases which safely may be in the air of the proposed Hudson vehicular tunnel.

Condensed Telegrams

Gold sold at 121 3/4 in fine ounce in London, compared with 121 1/2 bid at previous close.

Oil land leasing bill is at the White House, awaiting the signature of President Wilson.

Paris quoted the dollar at 14 frs. 15 cts., compared with 14 frs. 11 cts. at previous close.

A shortage of raw materials in Germany precipitated a condition described as desperate.

Stockholders of the Crucible Steel Co. approved plan to raise capital stock to \$10,000,000.

Amsterdam police discovered the beginning of a widespread communist movement in Holland.

Signor Polidori, an actor and writer, was killed in an airplane crash at Naples while making a moving-picture film.

An Italian transport with 1,000 regular troops was captured by two warships attached to the forces of O'Annunzio.

Discovery of the growth of sugar on fir trees in British Columbia was announced in the American Forestry Magazine.

More subways will have to be built in London, according to Lord Ashfield of Southwell, to meet growing traffic conditions.

Department of agriculture announced more than 50,000 farmers own motor-trucks. New York state leads with more than 9,000.

The senate adopted the McKellar resolution directing the shipping board to delay temporarily the sale of former German vessels.

James Garland Pollard, of West Virginia, was appointed federal trade commissioner and his nomination was sent to the senate.

Rand gold mines of South Africa announced the output at 570,500 ounces in January, compared with 575,912 ounces in December.

Organization of a German electric lamp company, "Osama Works Ltd." was announced in a report to the department of commerce.

Premier Millerand said he had no intention of resigning as president Wilson's reported intention to ask the recall of Ambassador Jusserand.

Owing to a strike of harbor employees at Amsterdam, Rotterdam and American vessels were advised to avoid temporarily these ports.

Coast guard cutter Itasca reported by radio that a schooner was east of Cape Lookout lightship towing a disabled steamship into port.

Lou Tsing Tsing, Chinese minister of foreign affairs, and Chen Loo, vice minister, resigned, according to reports to the state department.

Reports that Earl Redding would resign as lord chief justice, and accept the British ambassadorship at Washington were not confirmed in London.

William G. Young, general superintendent of the New York and Stamford Railway Company, who has been connected with the line for 21 years, will resign on March 1.

Marshall Foch declared, in an interview in Paris, the proposed alliance between France and England is an "absolute and imperative necessity" for France.

The Crucible Steel company announced today that the stockholders had unanimously approved an increase from \$25,000,000 to \$75,000,000 in common stock.

Commercial relations of Britain in Russia are facing a serious menace through the existence of quantities of counterfeit British bank notes in Russian territory.

In order to encourage Belgian planters to increase their beet root crop, the government fixed the price factories must pay to growers at 125 francs a ton.

United States shipping board steamer Orion, bound from Hamburg for Nova Scotia, was caught in the Barataria Passage off Nova Scotia and is in need of assistance.

Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes was turned over to Miss Clara G. Adams, a government agent, to be taken back to Chicago to face an indictment charging her with criminal anarchy.

Two firemen were killed and several injured in fighting a blaze in the plant of the American Manufacturing Co. at St. Louis. Among those injured was Assistant Fire Chief Barry.

An inflammatory document of the most important character was seized on the person of a bolshevik agent under arrest in London. He was on his way to the United States.

C. F. O'Brien, a farmer of Dalton, Ga., after experimenting for years, announces production of cotton with a staple of pronounced green, sought for years by scientists and agriculturists.

Robert J. O'Connell, local secretary of the U. S. civil service commission, died in Providence of pneumonia. He was born in Providence July 25, 1831, and was prominent in the Knights of Columbus.

Thirteen New Englanders were among the attaches of the American Red Cross commission to Siberia who sailed from Vladivostok for San Francisco on the transport Great Northern, February 5.

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Senator Hitchcock, Democratic Leader, States That the Republicans Apparently Had Rejected All Compromise Proposals on the Subject and That He is Certain the Treaty Never Could Be Ratified Until They Did Compromise—Debate is Likely to Continue, as There Are No Signs of a Showdown Immediately—Proposed Adriatic Settlement Might Cause Withdrawal of Treaty of Versailles From the Senate—Reply of the Supreme Council to President Wilson's Adriatic Note is Being Forwarded.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The peace treaty compromise negotiation now on to such a tangled state today that, despite claims in some quarters that the lines on both sides were weakening, the treaty's best friends in the senate minimized the possibilities of agreement.

It looks as though we might come out with a compromise, but we would not say so," said Senator Hitchcock, the democratic leader, after another effort to obtain republican aid in modifying the article on reservation adopted at the last session of congress. He added that the republicans apparently had rejected all compromise proposals on the subject and that he was certain the treaty never could be ratified unless they did compromise.

At the same time some senators in the mild reservation group of republicans indicated the treaty would break away and vote for the republican reservation as it stands.

The result was a muddled situation in which the party leaders on both sides appeared to be groping for the next development. It generally was agreed, however, that there would be no showdown immediately and that the debate would break away and vote for the republican reservation as it stands.

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PEACE TREATY MAY BE WITHDRAWN FROM SENATE

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WOMEN VOTERS SANG 'HAIL, HAIL, THE GANG'S ALL HERE'

Chicago, Feb. 17.—The League of Women Voters at its session here today honored more than a hundred women pioneers in the suffrage cause and others who have done important work in securing the vote for women. A large supper pin was presented to Mrs. Chapman Catt in recognition of her work and when the presentation was made the women sang "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here!"

Among other women who were given "certificates of service" were Mrs. Jane Adams, Miss Mary Garrett Hay and Mrs. George Bass, the latter two being members of the women's divisions of the republican and democratic parties. Miss Hay and Mrs. Bass received their certificates at the same time, with the inscription on Mrs. Catt's not to "call each other names." They shook hands while the delegates cheered.

More than \$10,000 was raised to carry on the league's work.

REVOLUTION HAS BROKEN OUT IN VLADIVOSTOK

London, Feb. 17.—Revolution has broken out in Vladivostok, Nikolai Yenishkevich and Blagovestchenski, were in the women's divisions of the republican and democratic parties, whose program is in favor of union with soviet Russia, says a soviet wireless communication received from Moscow.

The dispatch adds that Red troops have entered Vladivostok 73 miles north-west of Odessa.

It is far easier to criticize the small mistakes of others than to avoid making a few large ones yourself.