

RAILROAD LABOR BOARD TO HAVE THE GOV'T SUPPORT

In Its Efforts to Reach a Settlement of the Controversy Between Railroad Executives and Their Employees—The Government Has Completed Its Defensive Plans and Is Watching Developments—Representatives of Three of the "Big Five" Brotherhoods Have Accepted an Invitation of the Labor Board to Confer With the Board in Chicago Thursday Afternoon.

Washington, Oct. 18.—The threatened railroad strike was recognized in high official circles today as having developed into the first real test of the practicability of the railroad labor board in progress. It was declared, would determine whether an "entirely fair" agency has been created.

Protest in the defense put forward by labor leaders in every controversy in the past, it was pointed out, was the plea that there was no legally constituted body before which they could lay their grievances or to which they could submit petitions for relief. With the labor board expressly created to fill this gap, assurance was given today that it would be permitted to have a free and its efforts to meet the initial test provided by the disagreement of the railroads and their employees over wage schedules and working conditions.

With virtually every effort toward averting the walkout scheduled to begin October 26, centered in Chicago, the government today had completed its defensive plan. The cabinet gave only "passive" attention to the subject at its regular meeting and there was no official statement on any point of the strike forthcoming from any branch of the government.

While authoritative information still is lacking as to the basis upon which the labor board was proceeding, the impression was given that it involved some factors, at least, of the suggestion put forward by the public members of the board Sunday as "one feasible plan," for preventing the strike.

The probability that official sanction would be given to the proposal that the July wage reduction be offset immediately by proportionate freight rate decreases was discussed in high official circles. In case this was adopted as the government's compromise plan, the test of the railroad board's authority would be given by the public members of the board Sunday as "one feasible plan," for preventing the strike.

Entirely apart from the suggestion of the public group, official intimation was given that the government's attitude was being considered. There was no indication as to the factors upon which such a rate revision would be formulated, or how soon a decision by the proper governmental agencies would be expected.

Schools Disapproved By Veterans' Bureau

For Placing Disabled Service Men Under Conditions "Criminal and Relating to Slavery"

Washington, Oct. 18.—(Placement of disabled service men "under conditions that are criminal and relating to slavery," was charged by Director Forbes of the Veterans' Bureau, in an address today at the first meeting of the bureau's district managers.

Colonel Forbes criticized in detail the system by which service men had been placed in training and in the course of his address and through a formal statement issued from the Veterans' Bureau announced the disapproval of contracts held by thirty-three schools and individuals for training those disabled in the world war. In this connection, he told the district managers that in a number of cases they had been derelict in their duty.

"You men had no records of the training," he asserted, "and you have had this information, but I had to dig it out for myself at an additional expense."

"The word has also gone around that certain districts have been using political machines here in Washington," he said, "and I want to warn those men who may have such an idea that I'm going to wreck all political machines, and before I am through with this exposition, the bureau is going to be clean and above board."

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The schools and individuals whose contracts have been disapproved by the Veterans' Bureau were announced by Mr. Forbes as follows:

Don Penstock (Laudville school), New York; Rhodes School, New York; Nathan Katz, Yonkers, N. Y.; David Bingham, New York; James Cottrell (address not given); Michigan State Auto School, Detroit, Michigan; Minneapolis School of Law Reading, Minneapolis; Missouri College of Optometry (address not given); Berkeley Pre-Vocational School, Boston; Greenberg Tailoring Company, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Industrial Extension Institute, New York; Atlanta School of Oratory and Expression, Atlanta; State Secondary Agricultural School, Albertville, Alabama; State Secondary Agricultural School, Hamilton, Alabama; New Mexico State School of Mines, Socorro, New Mexico; American J. W. Shaw, New Orleans; Askin Training School for Embalmers, Indianapolis; Stone Drum School, Boston; National Camp Hillboro, N. H.; Henry Von Sarnber Studio, San Francisco; Henry Diamond, Metropolitan Conservatory of Music, Chicago; T. C. Kaminski, Columbus, Ohio; Business Training Institute, New York; Walter Baker, New York; Tutorial contracts with Harry A. Bowler, Boston; Mabel M. Taylor, Boston, and Fred Hummel, Denver.

SLEEPERS IN BRYANT PARK CHARGED WITH VAGRANCY
New York, Oct. 18.—Fifty-seven sleepers in Bryant Park, New York's unemployment center, were given a surprise check when they awoke this morning. Magistrate Silberman on charges of vagrancy after being caught in a police round-up early this morning. With one exception, all found themselves leaving their beds in the morning, and lodging given them by the magistrate or by members of the Sineset club, composed of women who are grandmothers.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS

Farmer's State Savings bank, of Akron, Colo., suspended.

Governor General Byng yesterday re-appointed Sir James Aikins lieutenant governor of Manitoba for five years.

Daily average production of oil in California, during September totaled 364,314 barrels, compared with 323,616 in August.

Chief Justice Taft announced supreme court would recess from Oct. 24 to Nov. 7.

British admiralty is reported experimenting with a gyroscopic machine to prevent rolling of vessels at sea.

Sir Ernest Shackleton arrived at Funchal Island of Madeira, on board his exploration ship the Quest.

Supreme court refused to review case of City of Dallas against federal court, which fixed telephone rates at Dallas.

Canadian railroads will not be affected by the proposed strike on lines in the United States.

Geological survey says bituminous production improved during first week of October, total output is estimated at 9,100,000 tons.

According to a Madrid dispatch, the City of Zeilan, captured by Spanish troops from the Moors is a city of the dead.

Senator Dial, of South Carolina, condemned Federal Judge Landis for holding the baseball position while remaining on the bench.

An earthquake shock lasting four minutes was felt throughout the Panama Canal Zone. No damage was done to the canal.

P. M. Backlincham, president of the Bank of Western Carolina, killed himself at his home at Barnwell, S. C. His health was given as the cause for his action.

Secretary of State Hughes, Ellis Root, Senators Lodge and Underwood, members of armament delegation, will meet next Friday.

Capt. William Daniels 60, said to have commanded the first boat to reach Nome in the gold rush of 1900, died at his home in Berkeley, Cal.

Peasants of Ukraine are revolting against the soviet government and a bolshevik regiment is said to have mutinied, according to Bucharest report.

State department says temporary re-organization of cable service over the island of Yap does not mean that the Yap controversy is settled.

Mrs. Parker Bruzeman of St. Louis was nominated by President Harding to be a member of the United States Employees' compensation commission.

Reports received at Vienna from Belgrade are to the effect that King Alexander is expected to return from France on October 19.

The captain and crew of the three-masted schooner "Maple" were rescued in heavy seas off the Florida coast by the United Fruit liner Ula.

Three persons were killed and two seriously injured as the result of a fire, which destroyed a rooming house at Dallas, Texas.

Major General David C. Shanks, commander of Camp Dix, was confined to the base hospital as a result of slight injuries received while playing golf at the camp.

Six persons were bitten by a mad dog which ran amok through the streets of Lawrence, Mass., for nearly two hours before he was shot by Policeman Patrick Casey, who gave chase in an automobile.

The prospect of important changes in the Belgian cabinet opened up as a possibility through the announcement by M. Drees, the minister of national defense, that he intended to resign.

Three seats were sold at auction of New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange. The first brought \$1,560, the second \$4,600 and the third \$4,675. The last previous sale was on Sept. 24 at \$4,699.

Everett H. Lamb of Wareham, formerly office manager for the Ashland Leather company in Boston, was arrested charged with larceny of \$4,900 from the Boylston National bank.

Roy A. Haines, federal prohibition commissioner, yesterday directed the dismissal of sixteen prohibition enforcement agents on the force of William C. McConnell, prohibition director for Pennsylvania.

Professor J. Ernest Woodland, 55, head of the science department of Mechanics Institution died in Rochester, N. Y. He was known for experiments with wireless telegraphy and liquid air.

Norman Grant of New York, a freshman in Wesleyan University, was knocked unconscious in football scrimmage yesterday. His condition was said to be serious.

Brigadier General Alfred Alexander Woodhull, U. S. A., retired, died at his home in Princeton, N. J. He was a veteran of the Civil war, a member of many medical organizations and one of Princeton's oldest graduates.

Hope that "final peace between Ireland and England" will result from the present negotiations was expressed by H. J. Boland, who arrived in Washington yesterday as the "representative of the republic of Ireland."

Senator McKellar of Tennessee, was knocked down and run over by an automobile while crossing Pennsylvania avenue in front of the White House as he was en route to the capitol. He was seriously injured and high cuts on the face and bruises, none of which were serious.

Bank accounts of Police Commissioner Enright of New York, showing bank deposits aggregating \$100,421.88 since he assumed office in 1918 were read into the record of the Meyer legislative committee.

E. C. Foster, manager of the American Mining Congress in convention at Chicago, predicted pre-war prices for coal to the consumer. "The only bar to lower prices is the high railroad tariff and the waste and high cost due to lack of uniform operation among the miners."

Governor J. B. A. Robertson of Oklahoma, ordered the sheriff of Tulsa county to take such steps as may be necessary to prevent the Mike Gibbons-Mike O'Dwyer middleweight boxing contest in Tulsa next Tuesday, warning the promoters it will not be permitted in Oklahoma.

Bergdoll Reports Have Been Stolen

From the Office of Representative Ben Johnson—Nothing of Intrinsic Value Disturbed.

Washington, Oct. 18.—Nearly a thousand copies of a house committee report on the escape of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the draft dodger, and a big wooden box containing certain Bergdoll documents, together with many private letters and papers, were stolen last night from the office of Representative Ben Johnson, democrat, Kentucky.

The theft of the reports, written by Mr. Johnson and printed at his own expense, was not discovered until late today, while the Washington police were still trying to get on the trail of the thieves by examination of fingerprints on the window pane. One of which was partially removed. Engraving of pieces of the office building, and adjacent to the post-office, the thieves made no attempt to steal articles of pecuniary value, and the room was not ransacked.

The box, bigger than a steamer trunk, was only partly filled with papers, and by shaking it around Mr. Johnson said, the thieves easily could have learned that it contained nothing as heavy as a bottle of whiskey, a product which, it is believed, robbers lately have sought in the building. The box was found through the door, the marks being plainly visible but capitol police, some of them assigned to duty only a short distance away from the office, declared it could not have been taken from the building without their knowledge. They had failed tonight, however, to locate it.

CLOSING ARGUMENTS BEGUN IN THE SCHUTTE MURDER CASE

Middletown, Conn., Oct. 18.—Closing arguments in the trial of Emil Schutte, murderer of Joseph Schutte's son, Julius Schutte, began this afternoon.

Opening the state's argument, Assistant State Attorney General declared that the testimony of Schutte's son, Julius, agreed with the known facts in the case and is corroborated in many particulars. He reviewed the testimony of the state's witnesses in length and said the state put forward the story of Julius Schutte as a true account of the alleged murder. He was premeditated murder, he said, whether the members of the Schutte family were shot to death or burned to death.

A defense argument was made by D. J. Donohue, public defender. Schutte went several times while the lawyer spoke. Julius Schutte disowned his father, said the attorney, and revealed bitterness and hatred in his testimony. He declared the conduct of three of Schutte's sons was "an infernal conspiracy to get the father out of the way. Mary and Jacob, the testimony of Julius as false, and declared it was "worthless evidence, laden with improbabilities." He said Julius, by his testimony, made himself an accomplice in the alleged murders.

Gustaf B. Carlson, counsel for the defense, will give his argument tomorrow morning and will be followed by State's Attorney Ince, concluding for the prosecution. It is expected Judge Malbie will deliver his charge in the afternoon, after which the case will go to the jury.

GERMANS HATE TRIPLE BARRELED MACHINE GUN

London, Oct. 18.—The Munich correspondent of the London Times says that the Germans have perfected a triple barreled machine gun, electrically operated, weighing some twenty-two pounds and capable of spreading 3,000 rounds per minute in a cone of fire of three hundred feet. It could be operated by a runner on land a half mile distant.

This is cited as instancing how German industries are developing engines of war, and the correspondent further declares that Germany is concealing her armies under civilian guise, and that chemists are conducting researches into poisonous gases and bacteriological possibilities of destruction.

The correspondent asserts he has heard the conviction expressed by "more than one authority" that the Oppau explosion would have occurred had not the experimental work connected with the manufacture of engines of war in some shape or form been indulged in there.

FOURTEEN SALOONKEEPERS ARRESTED IN STAMFORD

Stamford, Conn., Oct. 18.—Fourteen saloonkeepers were arrested today on charges of liquor law violations. They all gave bail for appearance in city court tomorrow morning. The arrests were the result of a cleanup made by the liquor police, following an investigation which Prosecuting Attorney Kenady stated had been going on for several weeks. The attorney said he believed he had sufficient evidence of liquor selling to obtain convictions.

NO AMERICANS ATTEND MONETARY CONFERENCE

Washington, Oct. 18.—Invitations to send American representatives to attend the international monetary conference called for December 6 at London by British bankers have been declined by President Harding, it became known tonight.

The president is understood to have informed the British bankers that since the conference was to be non-official in its nature, he would be unable to designate representatives from the government.

WHEAT PRICES BELOW A \$1 A BUSHEL IN PORTLAND

Portland, Ore., Oct. 18.—Wheat prices went below \$1 a bushel here today for the first time since Aug. 5, 1918, the close being 97 cents to 76¢ for immediate delivery. The threatened railroad tie-up was ascribed as the reason for the break.

OBITUARY

Northfield, Mass., Oct. 18.—Reuben Park, believed to be the oldest man in this section of the state, died today. He was 101 years and 18 days old. He lived all his life on a farm in Gill.

Capt. Americus Whedon.

Washington, Oct. 18.—Capt. Americus Whedon, veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic, died here tonight, aged 81 years. He was visiting a daughter here at the time of his death. The body will be sent to Lexington, Ky., Captain Whedon's home, for burial.

PEACE TREATIES RATIFIED BY THE SENATE LAST NIGHT

With Germany, Austria and Hungary—Vote on First Two Was 66 to 20, on the Hungarian Treaty 66 to 17—Only a Formal Exchange of Ratification Now Necessary to Bring About a Full State of Peace With the Former Central Powers.

Washington, Oct. 18.—The administration's peace treaties with Germany, Austria and Hungary were ratified by the senate tonight, the vote on the first two being 66 to 20, or eight more than the necessary two-thirds, and in the case of the Hungarian treaty, due to the absence of three senators, being 66 to 17.

The senate action completed the administration's immediate peace program and brought to a full state of peace with the principal enemy power. Remaining now only are the formal exchanges of ratification, except in the case of the Hungarian treaty, as that government alone has yet to complete parliamentary action on the treaty.

Only three republicans—Senators Borah of Idaho, LaFollette of Wisconsin and Norris of Nebraska, who absent on account of illness, was paired against ratification—were absent from the senate.

Fourteen democrats, on the other hand, supported the treaties, while two more were paired in favor of ratification.

Before final action was taken a demonstration effort to substitute for the German treaty the treaty of peace of the twelve Lodge reservations was defeated, and the foreign relations committee's reservations prohibiting American membership in the allied reparations commission or any other international commission without the consent of congress were adopted.

The roll call on ratification of the German treaty followed.

Republicans: Ball, Brandegee, Durnum, Calder, Cameron, Capper, Colt, Cummins, Curtis, Dillingham, Isupont, Edge, Elkins, Ernst, Fernald, France, Freeling, Hughes, Gooding, Hale, Harrell, Johnson, Kellogg, Kenyon, Knutson, Leonard, Lodge, McCormick, McCumber, McKinley, McLean, McNary, Moses, Nelson, New, Newberry, Nicholson, Norbeck, Odell, Page, Penrose, Poinsett, Shortridge, Smoot, Spencer, Sterling, Sutherland, Townsend, Wadsworth, Warren, Watson, Indiana Weller and Willis—Total 52.

Democrats: Ashurst, Broussard, Dial, Fisher, Gerry, Kendrick, Myers, Owen, Pomeroy, Rowell, Shields, Trammell, Underwood and Walsh, Massachusetts—Total 14.

Against ratification: Republicans: Borah and LaFollette—Total 2.

Democrats: Caraway, Culberson, Glass, Harris, Harrison, Hefflin, Jones, New Mexico, King, McKellar, Overman, Phipps, Reed, Republican, Scales, Stanley, Walsh, Montana, Watson, Georgia, and Williams—Total 18.

With the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Kenyon, the total membership of the senate was 95. Nine senators were paired as follows:

Hitchcock, democrat, Nebraska; Jones republican, Washington; Ladd, republican, Oregon; Phillips, republican, Colorado; Smith, democrat, South Carolina; and Stanford, republican, Oregon, for ratification, and Norris, republican, Nebraska; Robinson, democrat, Arkansas; and Whelan, democrat, Virginia, against ratification.

CAPT. RANDALL REFUSED TO APPEAR BEFORE INQUIRY BOARD

New York, Oct. 18.—On the ground that he already had been exonerated by the United States Steamboat Inspectors' Board, Captain A. E. Randall today refused to appear before the board of inquiry appointed by the shipping board to investigate the charge that he had refused, while commanding the steamship Hudson, to aid three men adrift in a dingy off the coast of Long Island Sound, Oct. 5. The men later were rescued by another steamer.

The Hudson, from whose command Captain Randall had been suspended pending investigation, sailed yesterday for Europe with another officer on the bridge. Randall had hoped the investigation would be completed quickly, so that he could obtain reinstatement and take the Hudson out of port.

When he learned, after shipping board officials had boarded his vessel to question his officers, that such was not to be the case, he said he had decided on advice to consider the matter closed, and to attend today's hearing. He made this known by calling at the board's offices and leaving a letter setting forth his intentions.

Mr. Mack, district manager of the shipping board, declared that Captain Randall's refusal to appear at the inquiry left no course open but a continuation of the officer's suspension.

FORECASTS PASSAGE OF TAX BILL NEXT WEEK

Washington, Oct. 18.—Passage of the common tax revision bill by the end of next week was forecast today by Chairman Penrose of the finance committee, who said he would move to make a conference committee on the bill tomorrow and then press it to passage next week, even if this required night sessions.

"I do not think there is more than a week in consideration for the bill," Mr. Penrose said. "Anyhow, there still is a working majority on the republican side to put the bill through."

The committee chairman indicated that in his view of the fact that he was agreed upon by republican leaders and senators in the agricultural bloc would be retained by the senate.

YOUTH WHO TRIED TO SHOOT POLICEMAN IS LIBERATED

New York, Oct. 18.—Charges of felonious assault and violation of the Sullivan law preferred against Montford Sletta, a youth who tried to shoot Police Officer William J. Conroy, were dismissed today by Magistrate Levine.

Magistrate Levine told the young man that in view of the fact that he was of good family and a college graduate and had had no criminal record, he felt it would be unjust to brand him a criminal for an act he committed while crazed from indulgence in bad "bootleg" whiskey.

ABANDON PLAN TO FIGHT THE KU KLUX KLAN

Chicago, Oct. 18.—The National Unity Council, formed to combat the Ku Klux Klan has abandoned its plans for a national organization, according to a letter sent out today by former Governor Edward F. Dunne, one of the body's backers.

Instead the council will substitute a plan for a general committee to foster kinder feelings between all classes of Americans and the elimination of racial and religious animosities.

MAIDEN TRIP OF MUNSON LINER SOUTHERN CROSS

Buenos Aires, Oct. 18.—The Munson line steamer Southern Cross, on her maiden voyage from New York to Buenos Aires, arrived here today. The trip was made in seventeen days, twenty hours, with calls at Rio Janeiro and Montevideo. The voyage took two days longer than was required by the steamer American Legion of the same line, which holds the record.

AUTO SALESMAN HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH

New Haven, Oct. 18.—Calvin H. Robie, automobile salesman of this city, is held criminally responsible for the death of John T. Pickett in a finding issued by Judge J. B. Goff.

Robie was driving the car of the Grand Army of the Republic, died here tonight, aged 81 years. He was visiting a daughter here at the time of his death. The body will be sent to Lexington, Ky., Captain Whedon's home, for burial.

FAT REDUCING TEST ON FAT MEN AND WOMEN

New York, Oct. 18.—The city of New York tackled a weighty problem today. It mobilized fifty fat men and fifty fat women in a reducing squad, which hopes to lose 5,000 pounds or more by the middle of November when Health Commissioner Copeland will present the hundred heavyweights at the Health Exposition as an example of what stout persons can do in the way of becoming more becoming.

TRUCK DRIVERS FINED OVERLOADING TRUCKS

Greenwich, Conn., Oct. 18.—Fifteen motor truck drivers were in the borough court here today on charges of overloading their trucks. Fines ranging from \$50 to \$200 were imposed. The arrests were made in the past few days by state police under Captain McMullin.