

## LEGISLATURE PASSES TWO LABOR MEASURES

### HOUSE FAVORABLE TO MINIMUM WAGE AND WOMAN'S DIVISION OF LABOR DEPARTMENT.

**Senate.**  
Austin, Texas.—The senate has passed finally the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution in accordance with the governor's recommendation providing for a division of the net profits from the penitentiary farms among the convicts of their dependents. Submission of the proposition will be Nov. 4, 1919.

The bill, providing for the incorporation of mutual insurance companies to write every form of insurance except life, was finally passed.

The joint resolution authorizing a county tax of 50c for school purposes was adopted. Submission will be Nov. 4, 1919.

The bill, providing that the Department of Agriculture be abolished and its duties transferred to A. & M. college, failed of passage by 10 to 13.

The joint resolution, providing the submission of an amendment in November, 1920, to permit cities of less than 5,000 inhabitants to increase their tax rate from 1/4 of 1 per cent to 1 1/2 per cent on the \$100 valuation, was adopted.

The joint resolution, providing for submission in November, 1920, of an amendment to exempt independent school districts from the limitations of a total tax of 50c on the hundred to any one year was considered and laid over on motion of the author.

Austin, Texas.—The senate has accorded final passage of the bill providing that lands under control of the Prison Commission and Juvenile Training school be leased to persons desiring to prospect for oil and gas.

The bill providing a period of limitation within which action must be brought to foreclose liens upon land securing taxes and providing a period within which such liens shall be barred, was finally passed.

The bill providing that those who give mortgages on automobiles notify the holders of the mortgage of the location of the automobile and making those who fail to do this guilty of a misdemeanor, was finally passed.

The bill for the treatment and training of juveniles was finally passed with an amendment prohibiting the placing of ropes or chains on juveniles while conveying them to the state school.

The house bill prohibiting sale under foreclosure or execution of property of soldiers or sailors until twelve months after their discharge was finally passed.

The joint resolution providing for the submission in November, 1920, of an amendment to the constitution to increase the tax rate that may be levied by cities and towns of population of 5,000 or less from 1/4 of 1 per cent to not exceeding 3/4 per cent was adopted.

The joint resolution providing for the submission of an amendment November, 1920, to exempt independent school districts from the limitation of a total tax of 50c on the hundred for any one year was adopted.

The bill known as the uniform warehouse receipt bill, was finally passed.

The bill appropriating \$350,000 for plumbing and heating, sewage disposal plant, ice plant, laundry machinery and other industrial building at the Northwest Texas Insane asylum, was finally passed.

Austin, Texas.—Fourteen house bills and resolutions which went to a third reading finally passed by the senate. Among these was the joint resolution providing for the submission on Nov. 4, 1919, of an amendment to the constitution providing for the issuance of not over \$75,000,000 of bonds to construct good roads. The resolution now goes to the governor.

The free conference report on the Canales house bill was adopted. The bill which was adopted early in the session provided that persons who sell lands under false promises be made liable to punishment. The original intent of the bill, as explained, was to require irrigation companies to live up to their promises. The free conference report was adopted.

The bill providing for protection against the pink boll weevil in certain border counties where cotton is raised was finally passed by the senate under suspension of rules.

Austin, Texas.—The bill providing that the director of the Texas agricultural experiment station adopt the standards or definitions for concentrated feedstuffs not to be higher than the grade thereof established by the federal authorities, failed of passage in the senate after considerable debate thereon and is dead.

**No More Flying at Love Field.**  
Dallas.—All flying at Love field has ceased. With the exception of approximately sixty-five men, all flyers, enlisted men and cadets at the field will leave within the next two weeks.

**Gamblers File Income Tax Returns.**  
St. Louis, Mo.—More than 100 professional gamblers have made income tax returns in the St. Louis internal revenue district, which includes this city and Eastern Missouri.

**House.**  
Austin, Texas.—The two labor measures that have had much attention this session have been finally passed in the house. One is known as the minimum wage bill, the other as the bill known as the woman's division of the State Labor Department. Both came over from the senate.

The minimum wage bill provides for the industrial welfare commission. As amended in the house, it would form this commission by present state officials, the superintendent of education, the commissioner of labor and the representative of employers on the industrial accident board.

The bill to give owners of lands bought from the state, titles to all hard and soft metals, was finally passed in the house. The measure applies to all minerals except oil, gas and petroleum products.

The senate bill limiting the expense of all candidates for public office, has passed to a third reading in the house.

The house and senate has adopted the free conference report on the joint resolution providing for submission of an amendment Nov. 4, 1919, for paying county officials salaries instead of fees. The resolution gives the legislature the right to fix salaries from a governor down.

A house joint resolution, proposing to submit to the voters a constitutional amendment seeking to change the length of the regular session of the legislature from 90 to 120 days has been introduced.

The house by a vote of 53 to 43, refused to pass to a third reading the senate bill validating titles to school and asylum lands sold in excess of the eight sections allowed to individual purchasers.

In refusing to adopt the concurrent resolution the house has voted against a general revenue bill proposed for the special session.

House joint resolution No. 13, proposing an amendment to the constitution, authorizing the issuance of road bonds not to exceed \$75,000,000, has been signed by the governor. The amendment is to be submitted on Nov. 4, 1919.

Austin, Texas.—The house has adopted, by a vote of 119 to 3, the joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment that will permit a division of profits of prisoners between the state and relatives of men confined in the penitentiary. The measure has the indorsement of Governor Hobby. It will be offered as a constitutional amendment Nov. 4, if it is adopted in the senate.

Austin, Texas.—The house has refused by a vote of 56 to 52 to engage the bill providing for an educational survey of the state. The measure carried an appropriation of \$30,000.

Deficiency and emergency appropriations of more than \$1,000,000 have been acted on in the house. A general deficiency appropriation of \$247,000 was finally passed. An emergency appropriation of \$670,000 for various institutions and departments was engrossed. A deficiency appropriation of \$37,000 for the Live Stock Sanitary Commission was also engrossed.

The house has tabled the resolution asking for a committee to investigate the proposition of locating the central prison of the state. The bill which requires every male person applying for a marriage license to present a certificate showing that he has no venereal disease, was engrossed in the house.

Final passage was given bills regulating the sale and defining agricultural seeds and mixed seeds; requiring their proper labeling; prohibiting mixture of seeds unless so labeled; providing for the collection of samples and their examination; defining noxious weeds and foreign matter; providing that certificates of analysis by the commissioner of agriculture shall be prima facie evidence in certain cases, and regulating the measure of damages; designating an officer for the enforcement of the law.

In the interest of the public health the house has finally passed the bill requiring water companies in towns of 5,000 or less to take steps to furnish pure water and prevent contamination.

Final passage was given the house bill giving tax collectors one-half of 1 per cent for assessing property in improvement districts.

The bill validating school land sales of Sept. 25, 1895, was finally passed.

The emergency appropriation was also passed. It carries \$670,000.

The house finally passed the bill vesting in the legislature the exclusive power to purchase lands for the penitentiary system.

The house accorded final passage to the new game law. An attempt to move up the dove season two months so as to include July and August was voted down.

**Orphan Home Inquiry is Urged.**  
Austin, Texas.—Governor Hobby asks for an investigation of the state orphan home "at Corsicana in a special message sent to the legislature.

**Agricultural Training Bill Engrossed.**  
Austin, Texas.—The bill has been carried to engrossment providing for a farm for each rural school and the teaching of agriculture, animal husbandry, forestry and domestic science in these schools.

## EPITOMIZED NEWS OF ESPECIAL INTEREST

### IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE ENTIRE WEEK REDUCED FOR BUSY READERS.

#### BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC

Carefully Prepared for Those Who Desire to Keep Themselves Posted on Events.

**FOREIGN.**  
Government troops have been assembled in Berlin to the number of 25,000, according to advices from the

**CITATION ON APPOINTMENT OF  
TEMPORARY GUARDIAN**  
(No. 1068)

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Palo Pinto County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Palo Pinto, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF  
TEMPORARY GUARDIAN.**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
To all persons interested in the welfare of Joseph Holloway Grizzard William Everett Grizzard, Weldon Grizzard, Tressie Grizzard and Janie Belle Grizzard, minors:

W. H. Penix was, by the County Court of Palo Pinto County, Texas, duly appointed Temporary Guardian of the estate of said Minors, which appointment will be made permanent, unless the same shall be successfully contested at the next term of said court, commencing on the 3rd Monday in April, A. D., 1919, the same being the 21st day of April, A. D., 1919, at the Court House thereof, in Palo Pinto at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minor may appear and contest said appointment, if they see proper to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness: Flossie White, Clerk of the County Court of Palo Pinto County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Palo Pinto this 6th day of March, A. D., 1919.

**FLOSSIE WHITE**  
Clerk County Court, Palo Pinto County, Texas.

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**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
To all persons interested in the Estate of John S. Shade, deceased:

Florence Shade has filed in the County Court of Palo Pinto County, an application for probating the will of John S. Shade, deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing the 3rd Monday in April, A. D., 1919, at the Court House thereof, in the town of Palo Pinto at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there, before said court, this writ, with your return thereon, endorsed showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, March 6, A. D., 1919.

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**erty Bonds and \$5000 in Canadian Bonds, all of which shows that organized labor as well as the heads of this body have done their bit in the way of helping finance the war, which has just closed. Mr. Ryan also spoke to one of the largest meetings of labor people in the Labor Hall Monday night, that has ever been held in this city. He is a forcible speaker and always cuts clean and to the point, and his message was well received and should ever be returned to Cleburne he will be along the line of the benefits organizations of this kind, which was well received.**

Plans have been completed for work in the Farrelly Lake levee district which will reclaim 108,000 acres of rich river bottom land in Jefferson and Arkansas counties, Arkansas.

Dallas, Texas, and several other points in the south, El Paso among them, will get some of the world-encircling chain of plants to be built by Henry Ford for the manufacture of a new car.

Julia Harriette Johnston, one of the noted hymn writers of America, died at her home at Peoria, Ill., recently. She was the author of more than 500 hymns and gospel songs besides having written several books.

The eleventh federal reserve district has turned in an over-subscription in the series of treasury certificates just closed. The district's quota was \$12,000,000. This is the first over-subscription since the issue of June 25, 1918.

More than 500 employees of the Louisiana shipbuilding corporation have been discharged upon receipt of orders from the Emergency Fleet corporation to suspend work on two 3,800-ton steel ships, which were to have been made ready for launching within ninety days.

The wireless telephone and the wireless telegraph were used in mid-ocean by Lieutenant Commander A. E. Younie, senior surgeon on board the transport Sierra, to prescribe for patients on the transport Powhatan and the British steamer Pollac, which were many miles away.

President Wilson refused to confer with the delegation named by the Irish race convention in Philadelphia to urge his support of Irish freedom until Justice Daniel F. Cohalan of the New York state supreme court mentioned in the Bernstorff correspondence, had withdrawn.

**WASHINGTON.**  
Removal of pork products from the export conservation list has been announced by the war trade board.

The United States employment service will continue to operate, despite failure of congress to pass the administration deficiency bill.

A special cablegram from General Pershing's headquarters asks that 150,000 pounds of chewing tobacco be sent to the troops in the army of occupation in Germany.

Francis P. Garvin of New York City has been appointed by President Wilson as alien property custodian to succeed A. Mitchell Palmer, who becomes attorney general.

The George Washington, with President Wilson on board, is heading along the quickest route to France and is expected to reach her destination on the eighth day of the voyage.

Rear Admiral Joseph W. Oman is to be appointed governor of the Virgin Islands. It is stated at the navy department. He will take the place of Rear Admiral James H. Oliver, retired.

If a consolidation of the telephone companies in Dallas is brought about the postoffice department will insist upon an increase in the rates to cover the cost of operation due to such consolidation.

Naval stations and yards are directed by Secretary Daniels to be discharged every man who left non-combatant work to enter a fighting branch of the service.

Under orders of the war department requiring reduction of air service personnel the large forces at Love, Call, Barron, Carruthers, Tallaferra and Rich Fields, in Texas, will be reduced to about 200 each.

The treasury has established new credits of \$18,000,000 for the Czechs-Slovaks, \$40,000,000 for Belgium, \$100,000,000 for France and \$20,000,000 for Italy, making a total of \$384,167,000 credits for all the allies, to date.

Governors of states and mayors of municipalities at a meeting held in the White House to discuss alleviation of unemployment heard President Wilson in a brief address emphasize the principle that the governments should serve in the interests of the common people.

Director General Hines has determined to call a conference of leading bankers and railway corporation representatives in Washington this week to discuss possible solutions of the problems created by failure of congress to appropriate funds for the railroad administration.

Agreement has been reached by the Senate Judiciary Committee to take no action on legislation to enforce wartime prohibition which becomes effective July 1.

Italy has been warned by the American government that unless she puts an end to delay in movements of relief supplies to the newly established Jugoslav and Czechoslovak states, steps will be taken to cut off the flow of American foodstuffs to Italy.

## PRESIDENT AND PARTY ARE NOW IN FRANCE

### NUMEROUS DECORATIONS HUNG OUT IN WELCOME AT BREST BUT NO CEREMONIES.

#### WARMLY RECEIVED AT DOCK

President Raises His Hat to Immense Crowd of American Soldiers Gathered at Brest.

Brest.—The steamer George Washington with President Wilson on board entered the harbor of Brest Thursday night, and the president and the party which came with him left for Paris immediately.

Though numerous decorations had been hung out to welcome the return of the president, his reception was entirely without ceremony. Those who went aboard the George Washington to extend their greetings were the French ambassador to the United States and Mme. Jusserand, M. Leygues, minister of marine, and several other representatives of the French government. Major General Eli A. Helmick and Brigadier General William Harts and Colonel House met the president at the dock.

The presidential party came ashore on an American tug and while on board Mrs. Wilson was presented with a bouquet by M. Leygues. There was a little flurry of mist during the trip from the steamer, but this lasted only a short time.

Immense crowds of American soldiers stationed at Brest endeavored to get a view of the president, and the moonlight afforded an excellent opportunity, aided by extra lights which had been installed for the occasion. The soldiers awaited the president eagerly and he raised his hat as he observed their anxiety. Mrs. Wilson followed the president smiling graciously as she proceeded along the walk between the Quay and the train.

**Victory Loan Starts April 21.**  
Washington.—The Victory Liberty loan campaign will open April 21, and close three weeks later, May 10, Secretary Glass has announced the date together with the fact that short-term notes maturing in not over five years would be issued instead of longer term bonds. The amount of notes to be offered was not disclosed, but it has been generally understood the loan would be for a minimum of \$5,000,000,000.

**131st Artillery at Newport News.**  
Newport News, Va.—Thirty-four officers and 1,412 men, comprising the 131st field artillery of the thirty-sixth division, have arrived here on the Aeolus, which docked at an early hour Thursday morning. The regiment is commanded by Colonel Claude V. Birkhead of San Antonio, and formerly was the second field artillery of Texas national guard. The regiment will be sent to Camp Travis, San Antonio, for demobilization.

**Unexcused Road System Promised.**  
Austin, Texas.—The final passage of the \$75,000,000 road bond issue amendment by the Texas legislature by a vote of nearly 6 to 1 in the house and 19 to 1 in the senate means that Texas is to have a road system second to none and that we are to be the happiest, the most enlightened and the most progressive people in the United States," says Adrian Pool of El Paso.

**Appropriations Exceed Revenues.**  
Austin, Texas.—The most conservative estimates so far made of appropriations asked in departmental budgets for the coming two fiscal years is \$32,326,746.25. This is \$5,538,317.49 in excess of the total appropriations for the preceding two fiscal years. It is \$4,326,746.25 in excess of the probable revenues available under present laws for the two ensuing fiscal years.

**No Decrease in Sugar Consumption.**  
Jersey City, N. J.—Putting the United States on a sugar ration did not reduce the consumption in 1918, according to the annual report of the American Sugar Refining company.

**Haig Commands Home Forces.**  
London.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig has been appointed to succeed Sir William R. Robertson as commander in chief of the home forces.

**Master in Chancery for T. P.**  
New Orleans, La.—Col. W. M. Dufour has been appointed by Judge Foster in the United States district court here to be master in chancery for the T. & P. railroad receivership.

**Employment Service Reduced.**  
Washington.—Reduction of 80 per cent in the force of the United States employment service, effective March 22, has been announced by Director General Denmore.

**Archie Parr Wins Election Contest.**  
Austin, Texas.—The senate, by a vote of 16 to 14, has adopted the majority report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, seating Archie Parr as senator from the twenty-third senatorial district, thus ending the Glascock-Parr contest which was instituted at the beginning of the session. The debate was quite interesting and a large number of spectators were attracted to the galleries. A number of ladies occupied seats on the floor of the senate.

**League of Nations is Indorsed.**  
Austin, Texas.—There was one dissenting vote in the house when the vote was taken on indorsing the league of nations and its constitution.

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## PLANS ARE MADE FOR FINANCING RAILROADS

### RAILROAD EXECUTIVES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF GOV- ERNMENT CONFER.

Washington.—Railroad executives and government representatives have laid the foundation on which loans from banks and the War Finance Corporation will be made available to railroads during the next few months in lieu of the funds which congress failed to provide.

After conferences between a number of leading railway corporation officials and officials of the War Finance Corporation and railroad administration, a special finance committee of seven, headed by Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific was created by the railroad executives to co-operate with government agencies as a clearing house for financial arrangements.

Swager Sherley of Louisville, who has just retired after serving sixteen years in the house of representatives, recently as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, was appointed by Director General Hines as director of the railroad administration's division of finance, succeeding John S. Williams, resigned. On Mr. Sherley, who will take office April 15, will fall much of the work of administering the financial plans yet to be developed.

An important feature of the financial arrangement to be made may be the issuance by the railroad administration of government warrants of last year's accounts and other debts. These warrants, virtually certificates of indebtedness, would not be cashed until congress appropriates funds of the next session but would serve as collateral for loans. The loans would be arranged by each railroad company individually with its bankers, or in special cases with the war finance corporation. The railway executives special committee, together with the railroad administration's financial agencies, would facilitate the negotiation and distribution of these loans.

These plans were outlined by Director General Hines and the railway executives, but it was emphasized that final plans remain to be made.

**36th Division Units Land in Virginia.**  
Newport News, Va.—Twenty-three officers and 278 men, comprising the headquarters detachment of the sixty-first field artillery brigade of the twenty-sixth division; the 111th trench mortar battery of the thirty-sixth, a detachment of the 131st field artillery, and four officers of the 111th ammunition train, have arrived here, and are quartered at Camp Stuart. Also, there came a large number of casuals, including many Texans and Oklahomans.

**Bill for Bonds Held Illegal.**  
Austin, Texas.—The bill authorizing the board of regents of the university of Texas to issue bonds of the university not exceeding 4,500,000, payable out of the annual income from the permanent university fund creates a permanent university fund and violates Section 49, Art. III, of the state constitution, according to an opinion given by Attorney General C. M. Cureton.

**Bond Conversion Privilege Reopened.**  
Washington.—Secretary Glass, acting under authority conferred by the Victory Liberty loan act, has issued an order reopening to holders of converted debt of the first liberty loan and of bonds of the second liberty loan the privilege of having their bonds converted into 4 1/2 per cent bonds.

**Hindenburg Plans Drive into Russia.**  
Coblentz.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg is planning to use volunteer units in a drive against the anarchists with Libau, on the Baltic, as the base of his operations, it is indicated by information which has reached American intelligence officers.

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