TO PROTECT WORKERS

Senator Voorhees Enters the Lists as the Champion of Labor.

RESOLUTION IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE FOR NATURAL RIGHTS.

It Was Prompted by the Decisions of Judges Ricks and Taft.

Whereas, the Judges Having Decided that Under the Interstate Commerce Law the Duties of an Employee of a Public Corporation Are Such that He Cannot Always Choose His Own Time for Quitting That Service, Be It Resolved that the Interstate Commerce Committee Ascertain What Action May Be Necessary to Secure the Better Protection of the Laboring People Against Encroachments of Corporation Power.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Interest in the recent decisions of Judges Ricks and Taft in the Ann Arbor Railroad strike, in which it was held that the employees of common carriers who refuse to handle interstate commerce may be punished for conspiracy to violate the Interstate Commerce law, has been greatly increased here to-day by the introduction in the Senate of the following resolution, drafted by Senator Voorhees:

Whereas, The tenth section of the act of Congress approved Feb. 4, 1887, known as the Interstate Commerce Act, contains the following enactment: "That any common carrier subject to the provisions of this act, or whenever such common carrier is a corporation, any director or officer thereof, or any receiver, trustee, lessee, agent or person acting for or employed by such corporation, who alone or with any other corporation, company, person or party, shall wilfully do or cause to be done, or shall wilfully suffer or permit to be done, any act, matter or thing in this act prohibited or declared to be unlawful, or who shall aid or abet thereto, or shall wilfully omit or fail to do any act, matter or thing in this act required to be done, or shall cause or wilfully suffer or permit any act, matter or thing so directed or required by this act to be done, not to be so done, or shall aid or abet any such omission or failure, or shall be guilty of any infraction of this act, or shall aid or abet therein, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction thereof in any District Court of the United States, within the jurisdiction of which such offense was committed, be subject to a fine of not to exceed $5,000 for such offense," and

Whereas, It is alleged that such section as it now stands has been construed by judges of the Circuit and District Courts of the United States in a recent decision at Toledo O., to mean that "the duties of an employee of a public corporation are such that he cannot always choose his own time for quitting that service," but that in attempting to leave the employment of such corporation of his own free will, and to escape from its control and consequent servitude, such employee is guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to severe penalties. Le it

Resolved, That the Interstate Commerce Committee of this body inquire into the question here presented and report what action may be necessary either by the repeal of said tenth section of existing law or by the enactment of additional legislation for the better protection of the laboring people of the United States in their natural and inviolable rights and for their greater security from the encroachments of corporation power.

Pressure of office-seekers and their friends in Congress on the time of the President and Cabinet has prevented Mr. Cleveland and his associates in the Administration from even reading the decisions recently rendered by Judges Ricks and Taft, which were published in The World. Mr. Cleveland, moreover, is unwilling to say anything concerning the case which is in its preliminary stages before the judges of the United States Court, and which will eventually come before the Supreme Court for final determination.

The same is true of the members of the Cabinet, all of whom decline to talk of the matter, of which they profess utter ignorance. Naturally all the Judges who are in town and the Interstate Commerce Commissioners take the ground that this is a question which may come before them for judicial determination, and they are unwilling to say anything for publication. Prominent members of the House, however, discuss the subject of the decisions with little reserve.

Congressman W. C. Oates, of Alabama, was a leading member of the Judiciary Committee in the last House. He was also chairman of the committee that investigated the Homestead troubles, and has taken an important part in all debates bearing upon the right of the Federal Government to control Interstate commerce. In discussing the Ann Arbor decisions he said to-day: "I do not believe Judge Ricks's rulings will stand. They carry to extremes the idea that the Federal Government can control everything relating to Interstate commerce. The Constitution, in my opinion, intended that the power of the Federal Government to control interstate commerce should be used solely to prevent the States from passing such laws as might have the effect of restricting commerce. In other words, the Federal Government would be able to guarantee the free exchange of commodities between the States. Under recent constructions of the Interstate Commerce law the Federal Government's authority is too only supreme, but extends to a hard-to-go. If the Federal Government has a right to regulate commerce in all its phases, then it has the right to prescribe the kind of cars that shall be used, the method of laying the tracks, the number of employees necessary to handle each car, and the pay they shall receive. Of course it is ridiculous to suppose that the Constitution intended that common carriers should be subject to any such Federal regulation, yet the law and the decisions of the courts are directly in line with such a construction.

"I do not think Judge Ricks is sound when he states that the individual employee who refuses to handle cars is guilty with the common carrier of obstructing interstate commerce. I do not think the law can reach the employee, whose rights of personal liberty cannot be taken from him by the enactment or any arbitrary legislation.

"Judge Taft's decision regarding Chief Arthur is in my opinion sound. He declares that Arthur, in order to or advising the members of an organization to obstruct interstate commerce, engages in a conspiracy to violate the law. Of this there can be no doubt, and I believe the superior courts will hold Taft's decision to be sound. I do not think, however, that the Supreme Court will upset Judge Ricks, although it is my belief that the early efforts of the Supreme Court are at the bottom of the decisions that have been made in the courts, maintaining the unlimited authority of the Federal Government to regulate interstate commerce.

"The early decisions in the Pacific Railroad cases are in point. They were to the effect that the Federal Government could build railroads or aid them in any other way, and if necessary could construct and operate them. I believe there are numerous unconstitutional features in the present Interstate Commerce law. When the law was enacted I protested against the 20th section on the ground that it was unconstitutional, because it was inquisitorial. It provided that a man might be compelled to testify against himself and thereby incriminate himself.

"The fourth section I also objected to on the ground that it was a delegation of the legislative power of Congress to a commission, and was therefore unconstitutional. In my opinion the whole subject of interstate commerce will soon be brought before Congress again, and I hope many of the errors made in what has been at best experimental legislation will be remedied."

Congressman William D. Bynum, of Indiana, is a leading member of the Judiciary Committee, and is regarded as an excellent lawyer. He was chairman of the special committee appointed to investigate the Whiskey trust in the last Congress, and was also a member of the committee charged with inquiring into the Homestead labor troubles. Concerning the Ann Arbor decisions, Mr. Bynum said to-day:

"There is much good law in the rulings of Judge Ricks and Judge Taft, though it is my opinion, without making a close study of the question, that Judge Ricks is inclined to go too far in restricting the personal liberty of employees who may desire to quit their employment. In the main proposition that the Interstate commerce law forbids a common carrier from refusing to transport any legitimate subject of interstate commerce, Judge Ricks's opinion is undoubtedly sound. It follows logically that the law reaches out not only to the corporation but to its officers and to its humblest employee. The employee, therefore, who refuses to aid in hauling the cars of a railroad against which a boycott has been declared is plainly guilty of a violation of the Interstate commerce law, and can be punished. Judge Ricks is also undoubtedly right in holding that the employee of a common carrier is not always free to quit his post.

"The common law of personal contracts introduces the element of reasonableness into all agreements between employers and employees and makes it a part of the contract. For example, if a man employs another for a certain duty and does not stipulate the length of time which the employment is to continue, he cannot discharge such employee until the expiration of a reasonable period, the length of which will depend upon the custom of trade, unless he tender full payment for such period. Of course, this objection must in some measure bind the employee as well, and I believe Judge Ricks is perfectly right in asserting that no railroad employee can be justified in leaving a train while in transit, or while the desertion of his post might imperil life.

"I am in some doubt as to whether there is good law for the punishment of employees who quit their posts simultaneously and by a common understanding when such quitting does not imperil life or property. The courts, it seems to me, should take a very conservative view of laws which seem to restrict men in their natural rights and liberties.

"Judge Taft's decision in the case of Chief Arthur is very clearly based upon the Interstate commerce law, and there can be no question as to the validity of the injunction restraining Arthur from issuing orders restricting the members of the organization of which he is the head, not to handle certain freight. There is no question that the cars of the Toledo, Ann Arbor and Northern Michigan Railway Company when offered for transportation over connecting lines are legitimate subjects of interstate commerce. Any person refusing to handle these cars would be guilty of a violation of the Interstate commerce law, and any individual who might conspire to such an end or use his influence to prevent such transportation, would certainly be liable to some of the penalties. It has been suggested that the decisions of Judges Ricks and Taft have an important bearing upon the question of combating the pernicious trusts now in existence. In my opinion there is little or no analogy, and in this connection I would call your attention to the decision made by Judge Ricks himself in February, 1892, in the case of the Whiskey trust. In that case he held the indictment insufficient and refused a warrant on the ground that the trust itself was not taking any part in interstate commerce."

Arthur Served with a Restraining Order.

CLEVELAND, O., April 7.—P. M. Arthur Grand Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, was served this morning with another restraining order, issued at Toledo by Judge Taft. It enjoins Arthur from issuing any boycotting order against the Toledo, Ann Arbor and Northern Michigan Railway, and from inducing employees of connecting lines to discriminate against that line in any manner, pending further action in the United States Circuit Court.

ABOUT WAITERS.

Peculiarities of the Tribe in Different Lands and Climes.

A rich Bostonian who has been spending time at unlimited leisure in travel on two hemispheres, says that he notices a wholesale tendency to reduction and system in tips, says an exchange.

People travel so much more than they used to and are served by so many more employees that some sort of a regulation is necessary. On the Continent, where waiters pay for their places, though the landlords make a separate charge for their service, the tip is regulated and all but Americans know it. The local tariff being 1 sou to the franc—1 cent in 20. Nobody grumbles at this.

The Englishman on his own island pays sixpence for everything to everybody and is insulted if he doesn't. As he has to fee waiters, porters, clerks, chambermaids, guides, vergers, policemen, dukes, barkeepers and casual citizens, it is no wonder that he has settled into a confirmed grumbler and can't stop grumbling all the time he is away from home. But in this country it has been getting worse than anywhere in Europe.

Half a dollar is no unusual tip to give to a man who serves you with a sloppy dinner in a place where you are paying $4 a day for board and where the waiters receive fair wages besides their food and lodging; "but," says the Bostonian, "dimes are general currency for tips now.

"In one Southern hotel a negro waiter came to me at my very first meal and said: 'I only gets $20 a month, boss. People generally allows me a dollar a week.' I gave him nothing. At another hotel down there the waiters change tables at every meal, so as to break up the 'striking' business.

"It's odd, especially in Europe, how ready the waiters become in guessing at your nationality and likings. An Englishman, who never wants to adapt himself to any country, but expects all other countries to adapt themselves to him, is greeted in every French restaurant now with 'Birstek an' palal,' which is waiter English for beefsteak and pale ale."

Enthusiasm.

(From Truth.)

Tom—Didn't you have time to escape before the old man came downstairs?

Dick—No, sir. He slid down the balusters.

Floral "Heterophasia."

(From Judge.)

Primus—Hobson is suing Periwinkle, the florist, for confusing two of his orders made the same afternoon.

Secundus—How was it?

Primus—Why, he made Hobson send a bunch of forget-me-nots to his grandfather's funeral and a sheaf of wheat to a ballet-girl at the matinee.

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Corduroy and Blue Flannel Pants at 95c.

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Jackets with butterfly top capes in all the newest Spring shades, not worth less than $9.50, special price 5.50

150 Ladies' Kersey Cape Jackets, half satin lined, pearl buttons, butterfly top cape, lined, all new shades, worth $15.00, special at 9.95

Misses' Reefers.

150 Navy Blue Cloth Reefers, all tailor made, worth $1.25, at .89

200 Navy Blue Reefers, trimmed with gilt braid, regular price, 2.25, special at 1.49

75 Misses' Butterfly Cape Jackets in navy blue only, sizes 14, 16, 18 years, worth $6.00, at 2.95

50 Cent Handkerchiefs, 15 Cents.

Ladies' fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs, another lot of manufacturers' samples, slightly damaged, worth from 25c. to 75c. each, at .15

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18 inches	3.25 gross	29 ct.	dozen
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30 inches	10.00 gross	85 ct.	dozen
33 inches	12.50 gross	1.09	dozen
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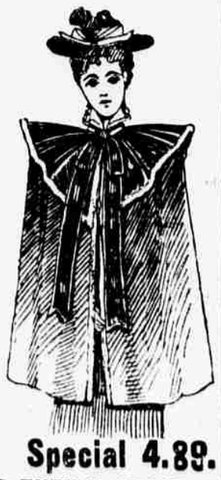

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