

ROO BALKS PLAN OF PARTY LEADERS

Opposes Apportionment by Convention or Tinkering With Legislature.

REPUBLICANS GRUMBLE

ALBANY, July 28.—President Root surprised the entire Constitutional Convention when he let it be known to-day...

It has been generally assumed that the convention would adopt a rule of apportionment in place of the present one...

Republican members do not want a party controversy with Mr. Root, but when they defeated the apportionment over to that body itself...

But leaving the matter open as to both branches of the Legislature, and then turning the work in apportionment over to that body itself...

Chairman Barnes's committee on legislative organization is in a tangle over Seth Low's proposal to amend the Constitution so as to do away with personal franchises for public utilities corporations...

The amendment permitting the absence of registration and Federal general employees and commercial travelers was recommended to the suffrage committee by the convention to-day and the committee further considered the question this afternoon...

The provisions of the home rule article for cities which Seth Low's committee has endeavored to perfect was agreed upon to-night...

The city may on its own initiative, without submission to the Legislature for approval, pass local acts affecting the term and tenure of public officers and employees...

Dr. Thomas W. Salmon, medical director of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, petitioned the convention for an amendment to the Constitution which will permit the Legislature to establish a special expert board to deal with the feeble minded...

The Conservation Commission of nine members, to serve without pay, to be appointed by the Governor without the confirmation of the State Senate.

An important provision of the conservation article as reported by the committee permits the Legislature to spend \$10,000,000 either by bond issues or otherwise during the next twenty years in purchasing additional lands for the forest preserves in the Adirondacks and the Catskill Parks.

Edgar T. Brackett attacked the Public Service Commission amendment reported favorably to-day by the committee on Public Utilities. He agreed with Patrick W. Cullinan, Oswego delegate, that the amendment should be referred to the Legislature for consideration...

This article seems to have been inadvertently drafted by the standard point of protecting the Commissioners in office and their salaries rather than the public interests, argued Brackett.

George W. Wainwright protested against referring the amendment to any other committee and succeeded in having it referred to general orders with the understanding that the committee there shall wait on the Tanner committee report.

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WESTINGHOUSE HAS A NEW RIFLE ORDER

Now Working On an Additional War Supply—Will Not Specify Amount.

Directors of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company at their meeting yesterday practically concluded negotiations for an additional order of rifles. Guy E. Tripp of the company made this statement:

"Our proposal for an additional number has been accepted. The details of the contract are now being worked upon."

Whether the additional order meant 100,000 rifles or 1,000,000 Mr. Tripp refused to say. He also referred to his formal statement as the final word in the matter in reply to inquiries about the total number of rifles for which orders have been placed with the company. This has never been definitely stated. It has been established on the authority of directors that the company has concluded the original order for 1,000,000 rifles at \$20.75 each. This order is the only one in Westinghouse order affairs that is certainly known in Wall Street.

For some weeks a second order of rifles has been looked upon in Wall Street as practically concluded. Mr. Tripp's statement yesterday was interpreted by the stock market community as one for 2,000,000 rifles to have been contracted for. The conservatives, however, drew the conclusion that Mr. Tripp's statement concerned merely the second order of 1,000,000 rifles, which Wall Street has known for some weeks and discounted.

It is learned on the authority of prominent directors that the original negotiation with Great Britain for rifles that Government received the option on 4,000,000 rifles to be exercised if and when the war is finished. The full option will have been exercised.

The reported order for \$30,000,000 of war munitions placed with the General Electric Company within the last two days was said on high authority yesterday, had been exaggerated. The truth of the matter is stated by those close to the company's affairs to be that the Russian Government has placed with the company orders for shrapnel, high explosives and a miscellaneous variety of munitions, the total price of which is about \$12,000,000. This is the first big direct order for war munitions the General Electric Company has received, though it has done some work in turning out shrapnel on sub-contract orders.

Many rumors that could not be substantiated were about in Wall Street speculation in Crucible Steel. The most popular of the reports, which speculators did not take time even to check, was that the Government was buying by Charles M. Schwab and associates for control to make the company a part of the Bethlehem steel corporation and of buying for control by J. P. Morgan & Co. and others. This latter story had it that the Morgan firm is planning to develop Crucible Steel, which will make it a rival of Bethlehem Steel in order to be in a position to get a great part of the armament work for the United States. The proceeds of the sale of the Russian Government plan of national defense is extension by Congress.

A contract, reported to amount to \$6,000,000 for fuses, is said to have been made by the company with the International Fuse Company by the Shell Commission of the Militia Department of the Canadian Government. It is said that \$500,000 of this has been submitted to the Keystone Watch Case Company of Philadelphia.

The Atlanta and Charlotte Railway Securities to Be Listed.

J. P. Morgan & Co. and Brown Bros. & Co. are offering for public subscription at 100 cents per share the unissued portion of \$2,500,000 Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway first mortgage \$5 per cent bonds, series B, recently purchased by them. Application will also be made to have these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line is operated by the Southern Railway under a franchise. The proceeds of the loan are to be used for double tracking and improvements on part of the mileage covered by the bonds.

GOODRICH EARNS 10 PER CENT

Company's Report Shows Surplus Amounting to \$3,020,000.

The B. F. Goodrich Company for the six months ended June 30 reported a surplus available for dividends of the amount of \$3,020,000. This is equivalent to 5 per cent on the common for the six months, or at the annual rate of 10 per cent.

Net profits for the six months were about \$4,000,000, after allowance for depreciation, depletion, bad debts, and outstanding liabilities. In the entire calendar year 1914 the net profits were \$5,140,427, and in 1913 \$2,599,747.

SUFFALO LINE MAKES REPORT

Surplus for Year Ended June 30 Amounted to \$912,720.

The Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railway Company for the year ended June 30, reports a surplus after charges of \$912,720, as compared with \$1,354,784 the year previous. Gross earnings were \$3,419,716, as compared with \$3,738,000 and net after taxes \$2,314,087, as compared with \$2,535,574.

The company has declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent on the preferred and 2 per cent on the common stock, payable August 15 to stock of record of August 9.

BRIDGE IS FREE TO B. R. T., SAYS KRACKE

Commissioner Raises Special Tax Point Before Legislative Committee.

OLD TIME PROFITS GONE

Senator Thompson's legislative committee, which is charged with the task of revising the public service commission law, looked into the case of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company yesterday afternoon and was so pleased with the experience that it will resume operations on the same subject this morning.

Bridge Commissioner Kracke was the witness who disclosed a situation respecting the transit company's special franchise tax which the committee believes will merit more thorough investigation.

Under the section of the tax law providing for the levying of a special franchise tax it is set forth that when a corporation such as the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company has paid a franchise tax in the nature of a tax, fee or any other sum of money on account of the special franchise for an exclusive use of the city's streets, which payment is made up of the amount due for these privileges was \$957,517.14, and he said that for 1914 the amount would be more than \$1,000,000.

These taxes are made up of payments of five cents for each surface car making a return trip over the bridges, of ten cents for each elevated railroad car and of five cents for each street car of the number of cars and to other clerical work in this connection the city employs and pays out of its own funds an amount of \$100,000.

Just how long ago the Commissioner was not sure, but certainly by 1905 the Brooklyn Rapid Transit's associated company, the Home Bank, retired for its own across the Brooklyn Bridge, these deductions have wiped out entirely what the transit company should pay for its privileges.

Commissioner Kracke added that the mockery of the whole situation is that not only has the city lost the profits it used to make when it operated a line of its own across the Brooklyn Bridge, but also that it had to employ and pay the men who check up how much the city is to lose through its contract with the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company.

He said he had notified the various parties to the contract that it would expire at the end of this year and that a new one would be negotiated.

But what excited the members of the committee was the assertion of Commissioner Kracke—and he said he had been so informed by the Controller—that no special franchise tax is imposed upon the B. R. T. for the exclusive use of the city's bridges, the same as if that amount extended to the per capita of using the bridge.

Commissioner Kracke admitted that this was the case and that apparently there was legal authority for doing so.

"Commissioner Kracke said Mr. Lewis, referring his remark with the request that it be kept from the record, 'do you think New York city would be able to govern itself if it had home rule?'

"Well, it might," was the rejoinder, "if we had proper cooperation from the people up State."

The legal authority referred to, it was disclosed, was an opinion which Mayor Gaynor, then a Justice of the Supreme Court, rendered in 1907, a decision after-

WILLIAMSBURG LINE ROW GOES TO BOARD

Bridge Commissioner Refers Contract Question to Higher Authority.

DENIALS MADE BY ROADS

Bridge Commissioner F. J. H. Kracke referred the negotiations between him and the railway companies operating cars over the Williamsburg Bridge to the Board of Estimate yesterday. He believed that the controversy had reached a stage that he wants the advice of the board before going ahead with his effort to make the companies pay over to the city a greater part of their profits under the terms of a new contract which is to be made.

The Commissioner, who notified the Brooklyn Rapid Transit and the Manhattan Companies, involved that the bridge contract will expire on August 31, informed them long ago that he believed the new contract should result in a greater compensation for the city.

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