

PLANS NEW SYSTEM OF COMPENSATION

McGillicuddy Bill, Before the House, Affects 400,000 Federal Employees.

MEASURE JUST REPORTED BY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Proposed Law Covers Disability From Accidents or Illness Due to Government Service.

Every civil employe of the United States government is affected by the McGillicuddy bill as it has just been reported to the House, arranging a system of compensation for accidents, disabilities and injuries arising from occupation in the government service. The report, written by Representative Warren Ford of Ohio, states that while existing law covers only about 100,000 employes, the proposed law will take into its jurisdiction approximately 400,000 men and women, including the employes of the Panama Railroad Company.

"The protection of the life and health of employes against injury sustained while in the performance of duty is today one of the very vital principles in the scheme of government," says Representative Ford in his report.

The McGillicuddy bill as reported reduces the present rate of compensation to two classes of government employes. The present law provides compensation for the injured employe provided he was engaged in a hazardous occupation. The judiciary committee reported the new bill proceeded on the theory that if an employe is injured in the performance of his duty he is entitled to compensation regardless of his salary.

Scope of the Measure.

The extension of the law to cover the entire working force of the government will not increase the government expenditures by four, as it is pointed out that the branches of federal employment to be included under the compensation system by the McGillicuddy bill are those which accidents occur with the least frequency.

The amount of compensation offered under the bill is as follows: Total disability, 66-2/3 per cent of the monthly pay during the continuance of the disability, not to exceed \$33.67 a month, not less than \$33.33, unless the employe is paid less than \$33.33, in which case he will receive \$33.33.

Partial disability, 66-2/3 per cent of the difference between the monthly pay under the existing law and the monthly wage earning capacity after the beginning of the partial disability, not to exceed \$33.67 a month, unless the employe refuses to seek suitable work or refuses to work after suitable work is available, in which case the compensation under the existing law is full pay for a maximum period of a year. After that no matter how suitable work is available the compensation stops. The bill provides that full compensation is unwise, because it has a tendency to discourage the employe from seeking suitable work. "It is equally obvious that to stop the compensation at the end of one year, although it is highly unjust," it continues.

Provides Medical Attendance.

Another point which shows an advance over the existing workman's compensation law is the provision for medical attendance for dependents of employes. This has been made a part of the McGillicuddy bill for two reasons—one for the sake of humane dealing, the other to save the government money. The expenditure for medical care for dependents of employes will often prevent a lingering illness, which is extended to the benefit of the dependents.

Placed Under Commission.

The bill provides for a commission of three members to be appointed by the President. The existing law is administered by the Secretary of Labor. This change in the administration of the compensation law is explained in the report in this way:

"It is a matter concerning the relations between the government as a whole and its employes as a whole, and should not be placed under the supervision of any one department. It seemed especially unwise to place the administration in the hands of the department of labor, because that department in large measure represents and is intended to represent the side of labor, whereas the administrative side of the compensation law should be placed under the supervision of the interests of the government."

The bill establishes a five-hundred-thousand-dollar fund for the payment of the necessary pensions and compensations, and Congress is to provide additional funds whenever necessary. It is believed that the administrative cost of the bill in the first year of its operation as a law.

BULL MOOSE SEND 1,791.

Progressive Convention to Have Big List of Delegates and Alternates.

CHICAGO, May 13.—There will be 1,791 delegates and alternates at the national progressive convention to be held here June 7, it was announced today. This does not include nine delegates authorized from Alaska and South Dakota, who are yet to be heard from.

The number of delegates authorized by the national committee is 625, but as the demand from many states for increased representation has been so great the delegate body will consist of 1,915 members.

IRISH REBEL TRIALS NOW BEING RUSHED

Marked Relaxation in Enforcement of Martial Law in Dublin.

PREMIER ASQUITH STILL HOLDING CONFERENCES

Secrecy Enshrouds Decisions That May Have Been Reached—Snipers Fire Few Shots.

DUBLIN, May 13.—Premier Asquith continued today his conferences with authorities here who are in the closest touch with the course of events in connection with the recent rebellion. No definite information is available, however, as to any decisions that may have been reached.

The trials of the few remaining men accused of the rebellion who are being dealt with in Dublin are being proceeded with rapidly by the courts.

A marked relaxation in the enforcement of martial law in Dublin has been observed since the arrival of Premier Asquith. An order issued today permits the people to be on the streets until midnight and as early as 4 o'clock in the morning, giving them many more hours of freedom at night.

Gen. Maxwell, commanding the British forces in Ireland, today issued a proclamation reporting the new bill proceeded on the theory that if an employe is injured in the performance of his duty he is entitled to compensation regardless of his salary.

Prominent Men Acquitted.

It has been learned from the adjutant general that several prominent men accused of complicity in the rebellion were acquitted by military judges because direct evidence of such complicity was not produced, although the circumstances testified to their participation.

Despite the fact that the courts martial are closed to both press and public, the adjutant general pointed out that the proceedings of the courts martial are not secret, as all the documents and evidence are sent to the judge advocate general, who has taken an interest in virtually every instance so far, he said, this could not be effective when the adjutant general is required to report to the adjutant general his findings.

Officer to Be Tried.

There was no desire on the part of the military, the adjutant general said, to screen the proceedings of the courts from public view, and the military authorities felt entirely assured that their acts would bear the closest scrutiny.

Some cases may have arisen, he admitted, where military officers of junior rank exceeded their powers, and these cases were undergoing investigation, especially the case of the death of F. Sheehy Skeffington. The officer connected with this case was immediately placed under arrest by Gen. Maxwell, commanding the British forces, the adjutant general added, with a view to the possibility of a trial in the event that the facts justified such a procedure.

Idea Meets With Favor.

The suggestion, unofficially circulated, regarding the possibility of the formation of an Irish executive council, the management of the government of Ireland until the end of the war appears to have made a good impression in Ireland. There has been much discussion of the subject in all quarters, but no confirmation of such a move has been given by official channels.

Expression of Gratitude.

Gen. Maxwell's address was an expression of gratitude to the Officers' Training Corps, which held Trinity College and guarded the Bank of Ireland, both of which might have become strong positions for the rebels; to the Veterans' Corps, which lost many men when the rebels attacked them Easter Monday when they marched unarmed into Dublin; to the drivers and attendants on the ambulances, who worked night and day succoring soldiers, and to the nurses, without discrimination. He also praised the nurses, doctors, postmen, policemen and telegraphers who, he said, "were the backbone of the call of duty and performed many acts of great heroism."

NON-STOP FLIGHT FAILS.

Engine Trouble Ends Rinehardt's Georgia-New York Trip.

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., May 13.—Howard Rinehardt, who left Augusta, Ga., this morning in a biplane in an effort to make a non-stop flight to Hempstead, L. I., descended at 8:20 a. m. near Rowland, N. C., because of engine trouble, according to a message received here. The machine struck a ground heavily and one plane was damaged. Rinehardt, it was said, was unhurt.

Clara Louise Kellogg Dies.

NEW HARTFORD, Conn., May 13.—Clara Louise Kellogg, a prima donna of the American operatic stage before her marriage to Carl Strakosch, in 1887, died at her home, Elston, this noon, after a year's illness.

ALL GUESSES WIDE ON G. O. P. CONTEST

With Convention Three Weeks Away, Party Leaders Still Are at Sea.

ADVANCE SLATE UNLIKELY; VERDICT WITH DELEGATES

Agreement General That Col. Roosevelt's Voice Will Be Potent in Decision.

Three weeks from next Wednesday the republican national convention will assemble in Chicago to nominate a presidential ticket. No man in the leadership or high councils of the republican party can say today who will be the successful candidate or who has a commanding lead in the contest among the dozen or more avowed suggested candidates.

There are instructed delegates for some of them; uninstructed but supposedly favorable delegates for several and "sentiment" as yet uncrystallized, for others. The uninstructed delegates hold the balance of power in the convention. The favor of Theodore Roosevelt is expected to be a factor of great weight in the final determination, and nobody can foretell his choice.

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His friends feel that they are at a disadvantage in this situation of indecision, but are relying upon the undercurrent of "Hughes sentiment" to sweep him into the lead at the outset and in the end nominate him. The friends of the avowed candidates make no concealment of their apprehension of the strength embodied in this, as yet submerged, sentiment.

Early Nomination Expected.

The best judgment of some of the leaders is that there will not be a prolonged deadlock. They say that if Mr. Hughes is not nominated early in the balloting it behooves them to decide quickly upon a candidate, for, in their opinion, a deadlock would enhance the chances of an attempted stampede to Roosevelt.

It is said that each of the avowed candidates realizes that he will have no clear lead in the balloting, and the movement in behalf of the nomination of Justice Hughes is being kept quiet and has no recognized leader. It rests upon the latent belief obtaining in many sections of the country that Mr. Hughes "would be a winner at the polls."

In the ranks of the "favorite son" candidates, Mr. Justice Hughes is regarded as the leader, and it is expected that he will lead the delegates who will flock to Mr. Hughes as soon as the chances of their own hero get ahead of the first floor of the field, a word coined to describe the avowed candidates fighting for their own hand against the delegate who is expected to hold their ranks intact and through their combined strength prevent Mr. Justice Hughes from being elected by a majority. How long they can continue to do this after the second ballot, no one now ventures to predict.

Roosevelt Not Gaining.

The past week brought no developments indicating that Col. Roosevelt was gaining strength as a prospective candidate. Work is being done for him, publicity through extensive advertising being a notable feature, but it must be borne in mind that 800 of the 985 delegates have already been chosen.

Out of that number the most liberal estimate places the number of delegates who are expected to vote for Mr. Roosevelt at 100. Straight-out Roosevelt delegates and some estimates run as low as 65. A stampede to Roosevelt is believed to be out of the question, unless possibly as a result of a packed caucus, in the opinion of some of the big men in the republican leadership the only way to elect a candidate is through the deliberate judgment of practically the unanimous body of delegates. The only way out of difficulties at this time is foreseen.

Harding May Hold Chair.

There is said to be a plan under consideration to make the temporary organization of the convention permanent, leaving Senator Harding to wield the gavel throughout the convention. The suggestion is that if the party is in friction over selection of the permanent chairman, call for only one keynote speech and otherwise make for orderly business. It is understood, it is to be chairman of the committee to prepare a platform and Senator Borah is expected to be chairman and his right-hand man. This combination of old guard and progressive thought is expected to result in a platform acceptable to both wings of the party.

Already there is talk of the scope and nature of the platform. It is a pretty well understood that the extreme high protective tariff men will be made to sing low in the committee on resolutions. Strong pressure is coming from the middle west against harping on the old high tariff string. It is claimed that the country is not obsessed on the subject. Mills are working overtime, wages are being increased, on every hand, common labor is com-

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LOOKING FOR SENSATION IN RIGGS BANK TRIAL

Local Attorneys and Financiers Eagerly Await Opening of Proceedings Tomorrow.

Washington attorneys and prominent financiers interested in the trial of officials of the Riggs National Bank on indictments for perjury are eagerly awaiting a promised sensation at the opening of the trial tomorrow morning.

When taking of testimony is to begin, the trial will be a sensational one. It is said that a demand will be made, and which will have the sympathy of Senator Lodge and Senator Borah, that a "red blood American" platform be adopted, a call for preparedness, an appeal to patriotism and all that sort of thing, to overshadow tariff agitation.

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SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, May 13.—W. W. Russell, the American minister, today notified the leaders of the rebels holding Santo Domingo City that unless the city was evacuated by Sunday morning it would be taken by force. Diplomatic and consular representatives here have given notice to the effect that the city would be taken by force.

ASKS FOR DURABLE PEACE.

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BITTER CONFLICTS GILSON NEAR VERDUN

Belligerents Launch Thrusts Against Opponents at Various Points.

FRENCH AND GERMANS BOTH CLAIM SUCCESS

Paris Chronicles Great Aero Raid on Enemy Railway Stations. British Attacked.

LONDON, May 12.—Desperate fighting is proceeding almost continuously before Verdun, both the Germans and the French launching thrusts at various points against the opposing lines. Claims to any pronounced advantage in this fighting are put forth by neither Paris nor Berlin, each side declaring that attacks by the other have been repulsed.

The principal efforts of the Germans appear to have been directed at Verdun, where successive assaults were directed at the French defenses. All were repulsed, Paris declares.

French Official Report.

The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight: "In Champagne there was quite intense activity of the artillery of both sides in the regions of Proennes and St. Hilaire Le Grand.

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CONFERENCE OF OREGON SCOTT ENDS WITH GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT.

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WAR MINISTER FEARED A WRITTEN PROTOCOL

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Indications reached the War Department yesterday that the Scott-Oregon border conferences, although officially described as having ended in a deadlock, actually had resulted in closer cooperation between the American and Carranza forces in Mexico, and there were intimations that no written agreement had been drawn up by the conferees, because they decided more could be accomplished without one.

Gen. Scott telegraphed that Gen. Obregon had indicated a fear as to the effect a formal protocol for continued presence of American troops on Mexican soil might have on Carranza's opinion in view of Gen. Carranza's demand for withdrawal, received more than a month ago. This generally was accepted here as explaining the failure of the conferees to go further than an unwritten gentlemen's agreement as to methods of co-operation in the campaign against banditry.

Agreement Being Carried Out.

Evidence that this agreement was being carried out came yesterday in official telegrams reporting the movements of both American and Carranza troops. Gen. Scott telegraphed that he had assurances from Gen. Obregon that Carranza commanders had been ordered to campaign against bandits both about Parral and along the Coahuila-Chihuahua border, in the region of the Big Bend and the east of Le Mort Homme an attempt at a sudden attack by the enemy commander was repulsed.

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WEATHER.

Partly cloudy today. Probably rain tomorrow. Temperature for twenty-four hours ending 11 o'clock last night: Highest, 68; lowest, 56.5 p. m. yesterday; lowest, 56, at 2 a. m. yesterday. Full report on page 3.

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