

## Bureau Workers File Sharp Protest Against Zone System Adoption

Protesting in no uncertain terms against the application of the Washington Railway and Electric Company for an increase in fares, the joint conference board of the trade organizations of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing yesterday filed a lengthy memorandum with the Public Utilities Commission.

The memorandum urged an arrangement which would bring the two Washington street car companies under a single management, assuring stable conditions in the future.

The "Syme merger plan" carried the unanimous indorsement of the joint conference board of the bureau. This board represents all of the persons employed at the bureau with the exception of directing heads. It is composed of representatives from each of the forty-eight trade unions having members employed there.

**Twenty-Eight Cents a Day Fare.**

The memorandum recites numerous facts concerning the transportation problem in Washington, pointing out the fact that many—in fact the great majority—of the bureau employees would be forced to pay as high as 25 cents daily car fare should the proposed "zone system" be adopted.

Further, this system, the petition declares, would work a hardship on suburban residents, and serve to decrease the value of suburban property. The petition further recites only one of the two traction companies, the Washington Railway and Electric Company, is in need of additional revenue; the second company—Capital Traction Company—is making reasonable profits under existing conditions.

It would be manifestly unfair to add exorbitant profits to the one company to meet the deficit of the other, and, further, it would be equally unfair to grant the increased fare to the one company without according the same privilege to the other, the petition states.

**Syme Plan Thought Right.**

Under the Syme plan an equitable arrangement could be reached, declares the workers. The chief difficulty would be in getting the two companies to agree on the present valuations of their properties.

The memorandum urges that Congress at once undertake to solve the problem and ask that the Public Utilities Commission hold the question in abeyance until some action looking to the future is taken.

In conclusion the memorandum quotes from posters in Philadelphia street cars:

"High fares make riders walk.  
"Low fares make walkers ride."  
"More fares make low fares."  
The memorandum is signed by Ed-

ward R. Williams, chairman, and Matilda Lindsay, secretary of the Joint Conference Board. In addition it is signed by the accredited representatives of the unions represented at the bureau.

### URGE PASSAGE OF RETIREMENT BILL

Conference Plans to Expedite Enactment of Civil Service Employees' Measure.

A drive on Congress to urge the passage of the Sterling-Lehbach bill which provides a retirement system for classified civil service employees will be started tonight at a conference of representatives of the joint conference of the American Federation of Labor building, corner of Ninth street and Massachusetts avenue.

C. Eder Reed, secretary of the conference, says in his notice of the meeting that "the legislative program on the hill for the week of October 6, 1919, may be an auspicious one for the retirement bill."

The industrial conference will be in session here during the period named by Secretary Reed.

"The crowding of important measures makes it imperative that we emphasize the superlative importance of the Sterling-Lehbach bill and take concerted action to keep it in its proper place in the procession," adds Mr. Reed.

"We need to remind the many friends of the measure that they should not neglect to be present when the bill is brought up, to insure that it be speedily enacted and without harmful amendments."

The bill has been reported favorably by both Senate and House committees.

### U. S. TRADE BODY FORMED IN CUBA

To strengthen the business interests of the United States in Cuba, American business men in Havana

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By Briggs



have formed an American Chamber of Commerce there, according to a report received by the Department of Commerce today. The organization, it is thought, will be of valuable assistance in the advancement and adjustment of trade relations between the two countries.

A desire on the part of English capitalists to strengthen their relations with all countries of Latin America is indicated in a report printed in Havana newspapers, that

Cuban capitalists are to be officially invited to visit England by the Federation of British Industries, with the sanction of the British government. The representatives of Cuban industry and commerce who accept the invitation, will be the guests of the federation and their visit will be considered official.

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### RUSS APOLOGIZES FOR FLOGGING YANK

Boris Bakmeteff, the Russian ambassador, informed the State Department yesterday that General Rozanoff, the superior Russian commander in Siberia, had apologized to Major Gen-

eral Graves, commanding the American forces in Siberia, for the incident at Iman, Siberia, September 5, involving the arrest by cosacks of an American officer and an enlisted man and the flogging of the latter.

The ambassador also said General Rozanoff had promised to call for the punishment of the troops which had been guilty of the mistreatment of the Americans.

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## PERSONNEL SHIFTS AT GOVT. PRINTERY

Appointments, separations, promotions, etc. in the Government Printing Office for week ending yesterday have been announced as follows:

**Appointments**—Michael J. Keating, machinist, reinstated. Miss Mary Banagan, Mrs. Estelle A. Wooden, skilled laborers (f), reinstated. Miss Eleanor L. Abdill, Miss Clara L. Boyd, Miss Elenora Craig, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Haddow, Miss Della F. Jenkins, Miss Agnes J. F. Meade, Mrs. Catherine L. Mills, Miss Annie R. Mitchell, Miss Mary Scagnelli, Miss Helen G. West, skilled laborers (f). Martin J. Cook, Joseph W. Johnson, skilled laborers. Miss Lucy L. Omerod, emergency compositor. Walter W. Crawford, James A. Leek, Stratton Simmons, Robert S. Weir, emergency compositors. Robert E. L. Cooke, John G. Ulrich, probationary compositors. Dennis A. McNamara, emergency bricklayer. William J. Bryan, Edward Hayes, Chester S. Montgomery, Louis E. Wood, emergency messenger boys. Morris Hartley, Francis E. Rueth, probationary messenger boys. Harry J. Holler, Louis E. Hopp, John W. Kain, Albert H. Smith, emergency pressmen. George G. Evans, Myron F. Masse, emergency linotype operators.

**Separations**—Miss Catherine L. Wathen, clerk, resigned. Miss Margaret V. Sturgis, skilled laborer. Henry R. Rowell, Alston P. Coughlin, Samuel D. Matthews, William A. Neal, Howard M. Suit, Robert E. Wine, skilled laborers, resigned. Miss Esther Shambaugh, messenger girl, resigned. Edward Pitts, messenger boy, resigned. Leonard Arnold, Frank A. Keene, Jr., probationary messenger boys, resigned. Samuel J. Wickliffe, emergency linotype operator, resigned. William R. Maulie, linotype operator, resigned. Frank A. Sherman, Jr., emergency linotype operator, resigned. Kathryn E. Anger, William W. Keeler, retiring president, was given a farewell reception and presented with a check for \$250. Regrets for his resignation were expressed.

The following officers were elected: Herbert P. Leeman, president; Paul Dunley, vice president; C. K. Kriebbaum, recording secretary; B. L. Hineshart, financial secretary; George Hild, treasurer; Fred Morgan, conductor, and George Wirth, sentinel.

**GERMANS OCCUPY PARIS EMBASSY**

PARIS, Oct. 2.—Baron Kurt von Lerner, head of the German delegation, has occupied the German embassy at Paris. The embassy had been officially vacant since the departure of Ambassador Von Schoen at the outbreak of the war.

foreman \$2,200 to \$2,300 per annum; Edward M. Neville, foreman \$2,400 to \$2,500 per annum; John Greene, assistant foreman of printing \$2,400 to \$2,500 per annum; Shirley S. Ashton, William A. Behrens, Hans Coates, Robert E. Coleman, Max Craft, John C. Green, Ernest L. Harrison, William J. Harrover, Marcus R. King, Martin J. McNamara, William J. Madigan, Michael J. Malone, Burdett H. Martin, Robert Simpson, helpers 40 cents per hour to signature pressman 45 cents per hour; Charles A. Potter, emergency bookbinder to probationary bookbinder 75 cents per hour; Dexter S. Hussey, emergency compositor to emergency proofreader 75 cents per hour; Phillip A. Koney, Lawrence Straub, probationary compositors to probationary proofreaders 75 cents per hour; Clair S. Barnes, Arthur L. Bowen, Albert C. Knight, Launcelet H. Patterson, Joseph E. Swinburne, William A. Ward, compositors to proofreaders 75 cents per hour; Harman Dempsey, Lawrence Hurley, Benjamin A. Rattiere, Lawrence J. Rueth, linotype operators to proofreaders 75 cents per hour; Edgar Jenkins, P. Joseph King, George W. Smith, emergency pressmen to probationary pressmen 75 cents per hour; Miss Harriet V. Hudson, emergency linotype operator to probationary linotype operator 75 cents per hour; Arthur L. Bowen, Albert C. Knight, Sutton, George G. VanHorn, David H. Weaver, emergency linotype operators to probationary linotype operators 75 cents per hour; Harry Bush, John Francis Dove, Eugene P. Gass, Clifford S. Hayes, Theodore Morin, Harry L. Reardon, Ricardo H. Sabella, Stratton Simmons, emergency compositors to probationary compositors 75 cents per hour.

### MACHINISTS APPROVE D. C. CAR MERGER PLAN

Columbia Lodge, International Association of Machinists, today presented to the Public Utilities Commission the indorsement of the union of the street railway merger plan as proposed by Corporation Counsel Conrad H. Syme. At a meeting last night unanimous support of the merger idea was given.

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<h3>Large Couch</h3> <p>Substantial frame of polished oak, durable spring construction, upholstered in black imitation leather.</p> <p>Regular Price \$29.00 September Sale Price, Cash or Credit, <b>\$21.50</b></p>	<h3>Sewing Baskets</h3> <p>In mahogany finish. These are a useful as well as ornamental addition in any home.</p> <p>Regular Price, \$15.00 September Sale Price, Cash or Credit, <b>\$9.50</b></p>	<h3>Chiffonier to Match</h3> <p>Regular Price, \$50.00 September Sale Price, Cash or Credit, <b>\$36.50</b></p>
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