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BITTER FIGHT DUE IN STATE SENATE

Both Factions See a Hard Contest for Leadership in Upper House

SCHWABE AS SPEAKER

Nowata Man Agreed on as Republican Candidate, Says Report After Caucus

A FIGHT ON TWO SENATORS

Wallace Fails to Get Papers Showing Dearman, Draughan State Workers

By Associated Press State Wire.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 3.—With most of the legislators planning to spend the opening session of the state legislature, which convenes officially for the eighth time at noon tomorrow, either in caucus or group meetings here tonight, plans for a bitter fight for president pro tem in the senate were forecast by party leaders of both democratic and republican factions.

Senator W. R. Wallace, democrat, who is reported to have asked republican support for his candidacy for president pro tem, was pledged support by the republicans in caucus, according to reports of action taken by party members at the meeting late today.

George B. Schwabe of Nowata, was chosen as the republican candidate for speaker of the house of representatives and Bailey E. Bell of Tulsa is the republican candidate for speaker pro tem, according to announcement made after the caucus.

L. A. Everhart of Bickford, Blaine county, called the caucus to order, and S. D. Bailey of Snyder, Kiowa county, later was elected to the chair. Glen R. Horner of Okmulgee and M. Wallace Lynch of Stroud were the only republican senators absent. It was stated that they were not yet in the city. The republicans will meet again Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, it was stated.

CLERK REFUSES TO GIVE RECORDS ON TWO SENATORS

Special to The World.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 3—Refusing to furnish Senator W. R. Wallace, candidate for president pro tem of the senate, certified copies of the expenses and salaries of Senators Dearmon and Draughan, Chief Clerk J. T. Thompson of the state highway department today established a precedent in Oklahoma administration of government.

Senator Wallace Friday asked for certified copies of the records showing the amount of salary and expense drawn by Senator Dearmon from the highway department proper, and of Senator Draughan from the federal aid department. Thompson said the certificates could not be had for the reason that Highway Commissioner Henry Wood had given instruction that the papers were to be left on his desk.

Wood Absent From Office.

Wood was not in his office and had not been during the day. His office assistants stated that he was "caucussing" and that there was little probability of him returning during the day.

An appeal to the attorney general for the papers brought forth the response that Mr. Wood should confer with Freeling's department, but conference when one of the parties is absent was found impossible.

The certificates were to be read on the floor of the senate tomorrow noon, when Wallace will insist that both Dearmon and Draughan be expelled for having drawn money from the department although members of the senate.

Senator Dearmon has been drawing $250 per month in the highway department, expenses and incidentals while on the road. Senator Draughan draws only $150 per month, with expenses and automobile. He also had private employment, besides that of senatoring at odd times.

CRIME WAVE IN SHAWNEE

By Associated Press State Wire.

SHAWNEE, Okla., Jan. 3.—Shawnee's first holdup in almost a year was staked tonight when two youths were forced to "put 'em up" as they were walking near the Katy depot. The bandit was able to garner but $1.85 and a cheap watch from the lot, however.

THOUGHTS TO THINK ABOUT

GETTING STARTED

It is not only a question of getting started, but of getting started right. Many a man today is just where he was five, ten, or twenty years ago, simply because he didn't give serious consideration to the labors which he took up as a life work.

How many boys go into an office or factory and occupy jobs which though they may afford a fair remuneration for the time being, nevertheless are not the kinds of positions which will bring out the real ability of these boys and lead to success.

Take counsel with yourself and, by the aid of The World Want Ads, choose the position that will give you the right start. The World Want Ads are helping young men and women to find their particular vocations every day. Have you tried them?

Call Osage 6000 and ask for want ad taker.

Ford Balks at Turning Plant Over to Men

DETROIT, Jan. 3.—The big Ford plant in Highland Park was not turned over to the Ford workers this morning.

New Year's day a circular was distributed in the name of the "committee representing the Ford workers," requesting that the management turn the plant over to the workers on Monday and permit them to manufacture automobiles for their own use.

"We, the employes, agree to pay for all raw material used and to maintain all existing departments, and in general return the plant in even bettrer condition."

At daylight a crowd began to gather. At 6:30 o'clock it was estimated there were 1,000 there, ready to begin turning out machines for their "own use." But the big doors did not open. On the contrary, watchmen stood outside of the various entrances and said "nothing doing."

When the men saw that the plant would not open they went quietly home.

PANAMA POLICIES TO FRONT AGAIN

Roosevelt Course Attacked and Defended in Senate Debate

KELLOGG 'PEEVED UP'

He Couldn't Sit in Silence and Listen to Reflections' on Character of T. R.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3—President Roosevelt's action in connection with the acquisition of the Panama canal zone was attacked and defended today in the senate.

Urging ratification of the Colombian treaty, involving payment of a $25,000,000 indemnity to Colombia for the partition of Panama, Senator Thomas, democrat, Colorado, charged that President Roosevelt "acquired the right-of-way for the canal from a band of filibusters by bartering for it in the honor of the nation."

The late former president was defended by Senator Kellogg, republican of Minnesota, who told the senate he could not "sit in silence and listen to reflections on the character and statesmanship of Theodore Roosevelt without expressing myself."

Supported by People.

"The Panama canal, its history and construction and success is an open book," said Senator Kellogg. "It has been discussed, investigated and now supported, I am convinced, by the American people and the civilized world."

"Not only that, but John Hay, a great American and a great secretary of state, helped write that history. So did Elihu Root, another, and so did Philander Knox. Theodore Roosevelt said once, 'It is true, I took Panama.' Did he say he took it unjustly or in contravention to international law?"

"Does the senator think our treaties with Colombia guaranteed her against loss of Panama by insurrection? That belief is not borne out by the judgment of authority, or the facts. Does he think revolution was an exceptional thing in Panama? There were 50 revolutions in Panama in 50 years."

Great Act of Great President.

"Did our treaties authorize the landing of American marines to prevent Colombian troops from suppresing revolution?" asked Senator Pomerene, democrat, Ohio.

"Yes," Senator Kellogg replied. "Specifically we had treaty power to protect the communication across the isthmus and the Panama railroad. But I am not here now to discuss the treaties or the canal. I want to register only my opinion that the acquirement of the canal rights was one of the great acts of a great president in a great era of American history."

W. VA. CAPITOL IS BURNED

Spectacular Blaze at Charleston Wipes Out Building.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 3.—The capitol building of West Virginia was destroyed by fire today. One laborer was killed, a fireman was seriously injured and several others injured when a section of the roof, under which they were standing, caved in. The spectacular nature of the fire was enhanced when much ammunition, stored on the third floor of the building, exploded.

SEPARATE PACT AND LEAGUE

Senator King's Resolution Proposes Separate Action.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Elimination of the league of nations covenant from the treaty of Versailles is provided in a resolution Senator King, democrat of Utah, proposed to the senate today.

The resolution would restrict ratification of the treaty by the senate to those provisions now included in the covenant.

Big Texas Court Session.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 3.—A two weeks term of the federal court in which a large number of contested criminal cases, involving narcotic and liquor sales, will be disposed of, opened here this morning. Judge James C. Wilson is presiding.

ONLY PESSIMISM FELT IN GERMANY

Nation "Traveling Road to Ruin" Forecast of Press and Public

TROUBLES ARE LISTED

Fear of Starvation and Bolshevism Expressed; Taxation Grows Heavier

SEEK REAL UNDERSTANDING

Problems Must Be Solved This Year or Nation Goes to Ruin, Says Simon

By FRANK E. MASON.
(I. N. S. Staff Correspondent.)

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—That Germany "is traveling the road to ruin" summarizes the prophesies of the press and prominent personages for 1921. A gloomy and despairing picture of the future was painted by the new years' forecasts today. The newspapers are especially pessimistic and it has been impossible to find a single optimistic element in their prognostications. This is in sharp contrast with the predictions one year ago. Then party organs announced with a flourish how the political parties would work for reconstruction. Ambitious programs were outlined. The socialists were especially optimistic. They announced a constructive platform which, they predicted, would restore the country.

Such reactionary and monarchist newspapers as the Tages Zeitung, Lokal Anzeiger and Deutsche Zeitung attack German bolshevism and French militarism with equal vehemence.

"Better Dead Than Slaves."

"It is better to be dead than slaves," is a phrase often employed to give the attitude of these papers. "Germany has been enslaved," said the Morgen Post. "She cannot demand her rights from the allies; she can only ask for favors."

Bougeois newspapers like the Vossiche Zeitung and Tageblatt, talked darkly of financial bankruptcy, industrial collapse and unemployment.

The communist newspaper Freiheit, struck a positive note in printing a "streamer" headline" over its new year's forecast, saying:

"Forward to new battles."

The Freiheit did not express its own viewpoint. It failed to tell what the new battles will be.

The other extremist newspaper "Rote Fahne," believes the German workmen are going to reach the climax of their suffering this year. Said this newspaper:

Millions Face Starvation.

"In the new year the bourgeoise will smuggle the last of their valuables into foreign countries. They will fatten their cattle with bread and potatoes while 20,000,000 of the proletariat and their children will starve. The ranks of the unemployed will be increased by millions. The payrolls in the factories will be cut down. The hours of the toilers will be increased to 12 and 15 hours daily."

Editorials bearing the outlook for 1921 print a long list of troubles which confront Germany. They enumerate the nations chief fears as follows:

1 Increasing starvation.
2 Possibility that the French will withhold coal from Germany causing industries to close and increasing unemployment.
3 Further depreciation of the mark.
4 New "impossible" demands from the French.
5 Possible occupation of the Ruhr district (chief coal lands of Prussia) by the French.
6 Fears by the bourgeois that Prussia will become bolshevik.
7 Danger of Russian invasion or a new Russo-Polish war on Germany's east frontier in the spring with the loss of Upper Silesia to the Poles.
8 Secession of Bavaria from North Germany under the influence of the French.
9 Heavier taxation than the people can stand.

This Year or Never.

Foreign Minister Simons, in a new year statement in the Tageblatt, tells what the country must do. He said in part:

"We must first arrive at an understanding with the world and with our war opponents regarding the burdens of peace. Also we must show renewed good relations with Russia. We must find now we can win equal rights in the society of nations. We cannot solve these things without peace with unity. But they must be solved in 1921 if we are not to be hurled into abyss."

Baron Kurt von Lersner, former head of the German peace delegation at Paris, sees hope for Germany only if the treaty is revised. A statement from Baron von Lersner appeared in all the newspapers except the communist press.

Seek Treaty Revision.

The former militarist newspaper, Kreuse Zeitung, says Germany must "systematically prepare for revision of the treaty of Versailles by a campaign of propaganda. This newspaper adds: "That the lash of truth must be thrown upon the entente powers regarding the lies that have been circulated about boches and huns."

This an Age of 'Moral Laxity Also 'Bold, Adventurous Men' Respect for Women Missing

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Declaring that "we are living in an age of bold and adventurous men," in which there is "an appalling lack of respect for womanhood," Bishop Thomas Nicholson, of the Methodist Episcopal church, today appealed to the ministry to "lift its voice in protest."

Criticising the "moral laxity displayed in women's dress and the public demeanor," and the "immoral and greedy tendencies of the age," the bishop declared the listlessness of the present age is exemplified in the fact that more persons stay at home on Sunday to read the newspapers rather than go to church.

Turning to the theater he criticised" the performance of the opera "Aphrodite" in which Miss Mary Garden appeared New Year's eve when, he said: "Four thousand supposedly respectable citizens of Chicago sitting in one of our most elegant theater buildings witnessed the grossness and lascivious suggestion of Aphrodite without uttering protest."

Public Accepts It Calmly.

The bishop declared that the public "accepts lascivious stage productions as a necessary accompaniment to modern realism." "Is it any wonder that the divorce courts are overcrowded?" he continued. "Think of the moral laxity shown in the present day styles of women's dress and of our social entertainment and demeanor. People have more leisure than ever before. Men who care no more about religion and morals than a dog are making multimillionaires out of these creations."

Although there is more greed among men today than ever before, he said, there is also more generosity. Other evils, he declared, are also offset by contrary virtues.

"It is an age," he added, "of sorest trial but of greatest compensation.

Saying Democracy Expensive.

"Look at the cheapness with which human life is held. We have been willing to see 200 aviators killed in the experiments which gave us the airplane. Five hundred and fifty-nine persons were killed on the streets of Chicago last year that we might continue to run automobiles. A great number of policemen were killed in our city in 1920 while guarding the public safety. Ten million lives were given in a war for the preservation of a pretty indefinite ideal of democracy. There must be a spirit of adventure and daring among men."

The Methodist ministers' association before which the address was delivered, adopted resolutions urging Chicago newspapers to print less crime news and devote more space to church activities.

TENANTS REFUSE TO PAY OR LEAVE

Muskogee Scene of Newest War on Landlord Profiteer Class.

By Associated Press State Wire.

MUSKOGEE, Jan. 3. — On the heels of an announcement Sunday by Dan Harley, county assessor for Muskogee county, that he would use the "power of his office to punish profiteers," 32 families, tenants in the Broadway apartments, today were notified to pay a substantial increase in rent or to vacate by February 1.

The tenants, in a signed and formal protest addressed to the landlord, declared that they would neither pay the rent nor move.

County Assessor Harley "served notice" upon all landlords Sunday that he would place a valuation upon their property commensurate with the rentals the property has been returning. This, it was said, would raise the valuation upon some of the city's largest apartment houses and many dwellings as much as 100 per cent.

Mr. Harley also invited all tenants to report to him all increases in rents which in their opinions had been unreasonable. His desk today was piled with such complaints. Many landlords also visited his offices today, one or two threatening him with bodily harm.

Rentals in the Broadway apartments were increased in the order issued today $4 a month on two-room apartments and $6 a month on three-room apartments. The increase, the tenants said, is 81 per cent since November 1, 1919.

The apartment, which formerly was the property of United States Senator Robert L. Owen, is now owned by a Tulsa millionaire.

Claim Locklear Estate.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Odessa Locklear and J. E. Locklear, mother and brother of Orner Locklear, aviator, who died in an airplane fall August 2, today filed a letter in probate court here, purporting to be a bequest by the flyer of $5,000 each to the petitioners. The petition said Locklear's estate in California was valued at $15,000. The letter was not dated, and did not mention his widow.

KENDALL AFTER ITS TAX MONEY

Wants Improvement; Will Launch Campaign of Agitation Soon

Residents of Kendall addition took further steps last night, in a mass meeting of 125 citizens in the community house, in the preparation of a program of agitation for improvement it is planned to launch against public opinion and the city commission in the near future.

Collectively and individually the Kendallites stressed again the urgency of their chief needs—lights, transportation, police protection—and it was intimated that these four words are to be made the war cry in the coming campaign.

"The tenor of the meeting was a general expression of dissatisfaction because residents of Kendall are paying into the city and receiving little in return," said H. H. Pierce who attended. "It is realized that the city administration is 'no against it' in a way, but we feel there is a means of improving Kendall and we are going to find this means."

It is planned, according to Pierce, to seek assistance through the chamber of commerce and citizens of influence in addition to pursuing a policy of keeping up a fire of insistent demands upon the city. Pierce said the new untenanted Kendall fire station is being allowed to deteriorate and the boys are breaking windows and generally destroying the new structure. Kendall also wants to know about fire protection, he said.

Rev. Ralph Lamb was elected president of the society which was made permanent, several committees were appointed and seventy members were signed up; a small membership fee is required of members.

Clothing Factories Coming Back.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 3.—With the volume of orders for the spring trade steadily growing larger, Rochester's clothing and shoe factories, employing together about 14,000 workers, are gradually taking back their normal force of employes. The president of the Rochester Clothiers' exchange predicted today that within two weeks all the clothing factories would be running with a full force.

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NOT GOOD ON TULSA CITY ROUTES OR OUTSIDE OF OKLAHOMA

SENATE REPASSES WAR FINANCE ACT

Overrides Veto Quickly by Vote of 53-5; Measure Up Today

APPROVAL PREDICTED

General Opinion Is That Lower Branch Will Follow Lead and Enact Farmer Aid

DEMOCRATS REBUKE WILSON

Underwood Says It's Wise Legislation and Won't Be Too Much Drain

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Veto by President Wilson today of the farmers relief bill to revive the war finance corporation was followed almost immediately by a vote of 53 to 5 in the senate to make the bill law despite executive disapproval. The house will take up the measure tomorrow and predictions were general that it would duplicate the senate's action and thus place the bill on the statute books.

President Wilson, in a lengthy veto message, declared he withheld his approval of the bill because the war finance corporation was a war credit agency, not desirable or needed in peace times. He said it "would exert no beneficial influence on the question—would raise false hopes among the very people who would expect most, and would be hurtful to the natural and orderly process of business and finance."

More Credit Burdens.

The legislation, the president also said, would result in additional credit burdens and the government, he contended, should not be "called upon further to finance private business at public expense." Referring to widespread demand for abolishment of war agencies and removal of governmental influence from business the president said he had "sympathy" with this view and added that "the nation should resume its usual business methods."

Upon reading of the veto message in the senate, Senator Underwood of Alabama, democratic leader, urged its immediate consideration, for which unanimous consent was obtained by Chairman Gronna of the agriculture committee, which reported the bill. Senator Underwood followed with the only address made, declaring that financial distress now was greater than during the war and that he felt confident of wise administration of the proposed law that would cause "no undue drain on the treasury."

Comes Up in House Today.

The president's message also was read in the house. Representative Mondell of Wyoming, republican leader, announced later it would be taken up tomorrow at the opening of the house, but without any definite arrangements for a vote. Advocates of the bill, however, expressed confidence that the house would also vote to enact the bill despite the veto. The house passed the bill by a vote of 212 to 61 or much more than the necessary two-thirds majority. Many of the negative votes were cast by republicans.

LOTS OF BOLSHEVIKI GOLD

Swedish Bankers Don't Know What to Do With It.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Heavy deposits of bolsheviki gold in Swedish banks are proving a financial puzzle to bankers of that country, declared Ira N. Morris, American minister to Sweden, on his arrival here today on the steamship Lapland.

"There is a large amount of bolsheviki gold deposited in Swedish banks," he said, "and they do not know what to do with it, awaiting the action of the allied nations. The gold is in bars and the value goes into the millions, although the total amount is not generally known."

HOTEL PRICES TOPPLE TOO

Ketchum Announces Reductions of From 50c to $1 in Room Rents.

A reduction of from 50 cents to $1 a day in the cost of rooms was the New Years gift announced to patrons of the Ketchum hotel by C. Houshell, its manager. This is the first hotel in the city to announce substantial reductions.

Houshell stated Monday night that reductions on the menu card in the cafe were made one month ago and that hereafter prices will be governed entirely according to market quotations.

Presbyterians Hold Nightly Services.

In observance of world of week prayer, nightly services began Monday evening in the First Presbyterian church. Rev. C. W. Kerr preached Monday evening, and will also occupy the pulpit on Wednesday and Friday evenings, while Rev. Hugh A. Cresswell, assistant pastor, will speak on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Friday will be young women's night.

THE WEATHER

TULSA, Jan. 3.—Maximum 64, minimum 28, south winds, clear.

OKLAHOMA. Tuesday and Wednesday generally fair, cooler Wednesday.

ARKANSAS. Tuesday and Wednesday generally fair.

KANSAS. Fair Tuesday and probably Wednesday, somewhat colder Tuesday.

TODAY'S LOCAL EVENTS.

Tulsa Ad club, Hotel Tulsa, 12:15.

Public address for women by Mrs. George Gulbern, public library, 2 p. m.

Money Scarce? If So, Pawhuska Doesn't Know It

Special to The World

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Disregarding a plea by John Barton Payne, secretary of the interior, that the Osage Indians of Oklahoma would squander the million dollars due them on sales and leases of oil lands on the reservations or on lands belonging to the Indians, the District of Columbia court of appeals today directed the secretary to pay over that amount to the adult aborigines.

The case originated in the district supreme court in a mandamus proceeding begun by W. T. and Louisa Mosier, parents of Osage Indian children, who claimed that repeated efforts to persuade Secretary Payne and the Indian commissioner to pay over the money had failed. The plaintiff won the case in the lower court, but the interior department appealed and set forth in the appeal that this fund was composed of royalties accrued from leases for the most part, and if paid over to the adult Indians they would squander it, leaving nothing for their children but the ghost of an inheritance.

LABOR IS LOSER IN COURT RULING

Unions Accountable Under Anti-Trust Laws for Boycotts.

LEADERS NOT QUOTED

Decline to Comment on Opinion of Supreme Court; Muions Must Pay Costs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Labor unions or their members are accountable under the antitrust laws, where they depart from their "normal and legitimate objects and engage in actual combination or conspiracy in restraint of trade," the supreme court held today in an opinion, on which it decided six to three.

The court reversed the lower decrees, dismissing the application of the Duplex Printing Press company of Battle Creek, Mich., for an injunction restraining Emil J. Deering and William Bramley, as business agents of the International Association of Machinists from continuing a so-called secondary boycott. This was decrbed by the court as "a combination not merely to refrain from dealing with complainant, or to advise or by peaceful means to persuade complainant's customers to refrain (primary boycott) but to exercise coercive pressure upon such customers, actual and prospective, in order to cause them to withhold or withdraw patronage from complainant through fear of loss or damage to themselves should they deal with it."

Labor leaders of prominence declined to comment on the decision of the court, which is the first to be given on what President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor has described as "labor's bill of rights." At the headquarters of the International Association of Machinists, it was said that all the officers were out of town.

Immunity from prosecution was claimed for the agents of the union under section 6 of the Clayton act, which sets forth that the "labor of a human being is not an article or commodity of commerce." It also was contended during the course of the litigation that "under section 20 of the same statute, the courts were specially restrained from granting injunctions such as that for which application was made."

After setting forth in great detail the scope of the injunction which the court held should issue, the opinion awarded the complainant reimbursement for all costs in the supreme court and in the two lower courts.

TO OBSERVE BOOZE'S DEATH

Tulsa North Side W. C. T. U. Society to Celebrate Volstead Act Birthday

In celebration of the first birthday anniversary of the Volstead act on January 16, the North Side W. C. T. U. will hold a social meeting at 8 o'clock Friday evening in the home of Mrs. E. E. Clulow. The history of the 18th amendment will be brought up to date by F. V. Westhafer, after which a musical program will be given and the time spent socially. Husbands and friends of members of the union will be invited. The meeting will take the place of the regular session, to have been held Wednesday afternoon.

CARDINAL IS SENT HOME

Gibbons Stands 40-Mile Auto Ride Well, and "Is Fine."

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 3.—Cardinal Gibbons was brought home from Union Mills, Md., today, reaching the arch-episcopal residence in a motor car about 12:30 o'clock. He was reported to have stood the 40-mile journey without discomfort and "to be fine."

His two doctors and his secretary rode with him, and two other machines, bringing friends, including Bishop O. H. Corrigan, accompanied.

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CAR FARE HIKED TO SEVEN CENTS

Campbell Russell to Make Temporary Order Taking Effect Monday

COMPANY ONLY HEARD

Opportunity Denied City for Putting on Witnesses in One Day of Hearing

M'GRATH WELL SATISFIED

Only Regret Is That Increase Didn't Come Sooner; City to Contest Decision

When you board a car of the Tulsa Street Railway company next Monday, January 10, prepare to pay seven cent fare instead of five cents, the price charged at present. Or, if you wish you may purchase tickets, which will be sold four for 25 cents, or six and a quarter cents each.

A temporary order establishing the new fare rate is to be issued by the corporation commission within the next few days, Commissioner Campbell Russell who conducted the hearing of the Tulsa street Railway company in the municipal auditorium, said Monday evening.

Duncan to List Improvements

City Attorney Frank E. Duncan was given until next Saturday to present the commission a list of improvements demanded by the city from the street railway company. These recommendations, Russell said will be taken under advisement by the corporation commission. In the meantime, the commissioner advised the city and street railway company to "get together" and determine which improvements are most urgently needed and which should be made first.

Morris McGrath, manager of the street railway company, declared Monday night he has been ready for several weeks to meet the city attorney and discuss the proposed improvements, but that he had not been able to obtain an answer from Duncan as to when the list would be prepared. When the temporary order will be made permanent by the corporation commission was not stated by Russell.

Ignores City's Plea.

Efforts of Duncan to keep Russell here over Tuesday so testimony could be introduced by the city proved futile. Russell declared before the opening of the hearing that he "had to be in Oklahoma City Tuesday morning." This, it is presumed, is for political reasons, due to the opening of the legislature.

McGrath was the only witness examined Monday. There was no time to put witness for the city upon the stand. Russell admitted that the street car service here is poor, and that as long as he made this admission there was nothing to be gained by placing street car patrons on the stand or questioning investigators who have spent several weeks ascertaining defects in the street railway company's service and its lines.

Want 10 Per Cent on a Million.

Duncan tried to show that the street railway c ompany is well "watered," so far as its actual value is concerned, and that a return of 10 per cent of $1,177,000, which is asked by the company, is unreasonable.

He also contended that the corporation commission has no jurisdiction over fares charged by a street railway company, the lines of which are wholly and entirely within the city limits of a municipality. Such power of regulation lies with the city itself, he declared.

But Russell's opinion did not coincide with that of the city attorney. The corporation commissioner expressed himself as believing that the framers of the constitution intended for the corporation commission, or whatever body was vested with authority for regulating corporatotons, to have control of street railway companies, regardless of whether they are entirely within city limits.

In his examination of McGrath, Duncan asked several pointed questions concerning the alleged expenditure of approximately $368,000. McGrath was not sure how or where this money had been spent, but promised to produce the books of the company Tuesday morning and give whatever figures are available. Because of the ending of the hearing Monday night, however, these figures will not be produced.

Suspicious of One Firm.

Duncan was also skeptical with regard to the Emanuel Construction company which, McGrath said, made all repairs and extensions for the street railway company. He testified that this company is given "cost plus 20 per cent" for its work. He also intimated that the street railway had purchased several cars through the construction company. Duncan contends that the Emanuel

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