

OPERATORS ARE TO HAVE REFERENDUM

Big Four Railroad Has Definitely Declined to Increase Their Wages.

DEMANDS OF TRAINMEN MATTER WILL NOT BE PROSECUTED UNTIL JANUARY.

Cincinnati, Dec. 8.—After several days of futile negotiations between a committee representing the Big Four telegraphers and officials of the railroad, a referendum vote on a strike has been ordered by the operators.

Demands Are Heavy. New York, Dec. 8.—Demands for increases in wages formulated for presentation to the railroads, will call in some cases for a raise of 100 per cent.

The demands would not be presented, however, he stated, until after January, and only then if ratified by vote of the employees.

Attitude of Railroads. An important statement bearing on the attitude of the railroads in the matter of increasing wages was made by W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central railroad.

"It is true," he said, "that there has been an increase in the cost of living since the increases in railroad wages in the latter part of 1908 and early in 1909, then the men are justified in asking for some further increase at this time."

"If no such increase in the cost of living has taken place, then the men cannot expect more pay. The facts remain to be determined by the referendum."

"But it cannot be stated too emphatically that any increase whatsoever in wages, no matter how large or small, is impossible without a commensurate increase in railroad rates. There is not a railroad in the country that can afford to pay its employees more without getting better rates."

FRANCE HAS OBJECTIONS

Delay in Reaching a Final Conclusion in the Chinese Railway Loan Matter.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The delay in reaching a final settlement on all the questions involved in the Hankow-Szechuen railway loan is chargeable, it was said today, to the unexpected objections raised by France.

Although it is not believed in official circles here that France's recent obstructive move with respect to the settlement of the loan on equal terms with the other powers can long delay the final settlement, yet the questions involved are said to be of such a frivolous character that the United States is established the French should have regarded them as of consequence.

The matter of issue on which France seems to lay much stress has to do with questions involving the construction of about 100 kilometers of railroad in China, which, it is stated, may or may not be built. The question is regarded here as academic and of very minor importance.

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED

Newhouse Mines & Smelters Corporation to Be Dissolved by Stockholders Dec. 28.

(Special to The Herald-Republician.) Boston, Mass., Dec. 8.—For the purpose of authorizing the sale of the company's property a special meeting of stockholders of the Newhouse Mines & Smelter company has been called for December 28.

Immediate dissolution of the corporation, together with the winding up of all its affairs, will also be determined. When consummated this will wipe out the corporate existence of the Newhouse concern, which will be succeeded by the South Utah Mines & Smelters company, already formed under Maine laws. The capital is \$1,300,000, both stocks and bonds. The property has already been sold under foreclosure to the Trust Company of America for \$500,000. Three directors have thus far been elected to the board of the South Utah company, these being A. L. Kramer, who will be elected to the presidency; J. F. A. Clark and F. W. Schriener. The rest of the board will be selected very shortly.

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EXPECT TO BEAUTIFY THE BANKS OF RIVERS

Woman's Auxiliary of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress Has Plans.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Pansy beds and tall, graceful Lombardy poplars will line the banks of navigable streams of the future if the woman's auxiliary of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, now in session, can bring it about.

"It is just this way," said one of the women. "We women recognize that when the question of utility arises the men are probably much better able to cope with it, but when it comes to the problem of beautifying the rougher work, we are much more suited to undertake the task. You remember what the poet says:

"A primrose by a river's brim A yellow primrose was to him, And 'twas nothing more."

"Men are too busy with the utilitarian to look out hope for the artistic. That is the end we wish to take care of."

The woman's auxiliary of the National Rivers and Harbors congress today was partially supported through a donation made by the men, this donation, it was announced today, was to be withdrawn.

PULLMAN REPAIR SHOPS

San Francisco Said to Have Been Selected by Officials as the Proper Location.

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Influenced by the rapid growth of western business in the last few years, the Pullman company has determined to construct a repair plant in the vicinity of San Francisco, a repair plant employing 800 men and capable of taking care of its entire western equipment, according to a statement made tonight by Richard Dean, general manager of the company.

Mr. Dean is here in company with S. S. Hunsinger, general superintendent of the big car works at Pullman, Ill., and Edward Seales of Chicago, a large stockholder in the company. They are inspecting proposed sites for the shops.

Mr. Dean would not make any estimate of the cost of the proposed plant, and intimated that the plans for the shops had not been perfected in detail, that depending upon the site selected in some measure.

The three transcontinental railroads, all operating with Pullman equipment, reach the department of the lakes, which recently were dissolved by the auditor of the war department, have been allowed by the controller of the treasury.

The latter was informed by the secretary of war that "necessary means for the transportation of the lakes, and its supplies" justified both of the questioned items of expense.

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MERGER OF GUGGENHEIMS

List of Copper Properties Included in the Combination Now Progressing Rapidly.

(Special to The Herald-Republician.) Boston, Mass., Dec. 8.—It is stated on authority that the transfer combines all of the Guggenheim copper companies into one company are progressing rapidly and are expected to be completed within a short time. These properties include Nevada Consolidated, Cumberland-Ely and Utah Copper. Boston Consolidated will also probably figure in the merger. The Guggenheims also own 8000 shares of stock of the First National Copper company and have an option on enough stock to give them control of the property. It is understood that this option expires in about ten days or two weeks and that it has not been definitely decided whether it will be exercised, as the Guggenheims have not as yet made an expert examination of the property. There is some talk in copper circles today to the effect that the Standard Copper Mines company, which is also controlled by the Guggenheims, may be included in the consolidation of these properties.

NET TARIFF BOARD TO SOLVE PROBLEMS

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh Makes Speech to Boston Bankers.

POLICY OF REPUBLICANS PAYNE BILL DOWNWARD REVISION AND A STEP FORWARD.

Boston, Dec. 8.—Opening his address with a brief reference to the currency situation, Secretary MacVeagh made a plea before the Massachusetts Bankers' association tonight that the banking interests realize the gravity of the issue and declared that the bankers succeeded in adopting the public point of view instead of the private one, they would lose an opportunity to influence greatly the coming legislation on the subject.

"That was all the secretary had to say on currency, and he passed to a discussion of the tariff and the Payne law. He said in part:

"In considering the results of the recent tariff legislation, it is indispensable in my judgment to have two important points in mind. The first is that the Payne law is but an incident in a tariff revision movement by and within the Republican party, sanctioned and undertaken by the party itself and advocated by President Taft in office and out of office, and by President McKinley with almost his last words.

"The second is that it is the resultant effect of the movement which is important to take into account and estimate, and not, essentially, anything else. No one expected this great movement to complete itself in a single act of legislation, and it was expected to be quite clear that the legislation enacted last August did not end the movement for tariff revision. The opinion is practically universal that we have seen the last of the log-rolling system of legislation upon such an important subject, and that hereafter such legislation must be based on facts and not on mere bartering between sections and different interests.

Change of Front. "There is one great fact that makes a new tariff epoch. That fact is that the Republican party had changed its front. Whereas it has been marching toward higher and higher tariff, it has now faced about. It has recognized changed conditions.

"It is true that the Payne bill does not contain as much downward revision as the great majority of the members of the Republican party had wished. It did not contain as much of the revision as the president wished. But the Payne bill, as it passed the house, was an intentional and avowed revision downward. As it now stands, it is a practical continuation of the new policy of the Republican party.

"Personally, I sympathize with the new tariff policy of the Republican party. I most heartily believe that, notwithstanding the well acknowledged limitations of the tariff revision act, the Payne bill, if it ought not to be accepted by friends of tariff revision as a satisfactory achievement, it is a step forward. I believe that we ought not to have expected anything else but a step forward.

Within a period of a few years the pace and intervals of time heretofore dividing tariff revisions, we may go forward along the same conservative path, and Secretary MacVeagh predicted that the tariff board would prove itself competent to cope with any situation which would be proper for a tariff revision. He declared he believed it a great mistake to minimize that part of the recent tariff legislation.

POSTAGE MUST BE PAID

Thousands of Letters Bearing Red Cross Stamps Sent to Dead Letter Office.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Thousands of letters bearing the Red Cross stamps are being sent to the dead letter office or being held at postoffices for postage. Notwithstanding instructions issued in connection with the sale of the Red Cross stamps, quite a number of letters are being mailed bearing these stamps in lieu of regular postage.

Red Cross stamps are not postage stamps, and letters or other mailable matter bearing these stamps alone must be treated as unpostage stamps. A dress is notified to remit postage, and if it is not received, the letter or other matter is sent to the dead letter office.

Matter bearing Red Cross stamps is not admitted to the mails of Great Britain, even though the regular postage is attached, and is admitted to the German mails only when the Red Cross stamps are attached to the back of the letter or parcel.

General use of the Red Cross stamps by residents of the District is noted. All White House mail carries the Red Cross stamps.

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