

FEDERAL AID ROAD BILL WAS LONG DEBATED

Tallahassee, May 29.—Below will be found what purports to be a correct synopsis of the Wilder-Scruggs amendment to the senate bill to meet federal aid for the construction and maintenance of good roads in Florida, which raised such a rumpus in the house Tuesday afternoon.

Section 1. Is same as section one of the Scruggs bill and provides that the present members of the road department shall be retained and that two new members added, making a board of seven members.

Section 2 provides and authorizes the employment of a manager of road construction of experience at a salary of not to exceed \$3,000 per year, also two superintendents at a salary of \$2,400 per year. This section does not require them to employ the manager and superintendents until such time as the road department deems necessary, but it does restrict the salary and number of superintendents when the time does arrive to employ such assistance. (New idea not included in any of bills).

Section 3 provides that any member of the road department appointed from a Congressional district moves his residence from the district he represents, he then ceases to be a member. (From present law).

Section 4 provides that salary of six

members of road department shall be \$1 per year. This is necessary if the members are to be bonded. (New provision not embraced in other bills).

Section 5 requires that office of department be located in Tallahassee and provides method of organization and prescribes that the term of office of the chairman shall be for two years. (From Scruggs bill).

Section 6 creates the chairman as executive head of the department and provides he must give his full time and efforts to the interest of department and shall receive a salary not to exceed \$3,500 annually in discretion of the road department. (From Scruggs bill).

Section 7 makes it mandatory that the department lay out and approve the plans for a comprehensive state-owned road system and begin construction. (From Wilder bill).

Section 8 gives state road department power to take over any road heretofore constructed and provides plan of procedure. (From Wilder bill).

Section 9 provides method of arbitration when department and counties cannot agree on price to be allowed for roads previously constructed. (From Wilder bill).

Section 10 requires road department to lay out roads to connect county sites with main trunk lines, if the county site is not situated on a main trunk line. (From Wilder bill).

Section 11. State owned road to be constructed along the most practical and available direct route. (From Wilder bill).

Section 12 defines what words "road" and "roads" shall mean and includes bridges and ferries as part of road or roads. (From McKenzie bill).

Section 13 gives road department authority to employ state highway engineer, and assistants, and provides salary. (Present law except as to limitation and

salaries.)

Section 14 provides that road department of seven members shall purchase all material and supplies by sealed bids. (New provision.)

Section 15. It shall be the duty of the road department to collect data and information. (Present law but this section more complete so far as information is concerned.)

Section 16. Definition of what shall be considered a state highway under this act. (From definition in section one of Wilder bill).

Section 17. Until authorized in the future by act of the legislature limits the amount road department may spend per mile for state roads to \$15,000, but provides for counties supplementing this \$15,000 for better type of road.

Section 27. State road department shall report to governor such recommendations as they consider should be made to road laws thirty days before each session. (From present law.)

Section 28. Accepts all funds and road building equipment and supplies apportioned to Florida by U. S. government. (New feature.)

Section 29 repeals all laws in conflict.

Section 31 makes law effective upon approval of the governor.

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AFRICA COMES TO FOREFRONT IN POLITICS

Columbus, Ohio, May 30.—Africa, with 138,000,000 discontented natives is the greatest present problem and the one which may cost what is left of civilization, declared Professor David J. Starr, of the University of Chicago, who came to Columbus to arrange for his Liberia exhibit at the Methodist Centenary celebration, June 20 to July 13. Liberia may save the world from chaos, added the noted anthropologist, educator and political authority of national reputation.

"Africa and only Africa will be important in the world's politics for the next ten years," said Professor Starr. "Africa may cost what is left of civilization in Europe, for Europe has neither the men nor the money to maintain dominion over Africa. Europe is sending back to Africa tens of thousands of black men who have been trained to face white men under arms. These black men, who have been denied arms in the past, can manufacture their own weapons in the future."

"Liberia is the only hope of Africa. Liberia may save the world from chaos. Liberia is the greatest marvel of the nineteenth century, and I mean to make the Liberia and Congo Free State exhibit so vivid at the Methodist Centenary celebration that it will impress all who visit the exposition. My exhibition of

curios will represent the history, the present condition and the resources of Liberia, the first foreign mission field of the Methodist church.

"Liberia represents the largest thing the black man ever has accomplished. Liberia is at present represented before the peace commission with plans that territory unjustly taken from it be restored. Liberia represents the only expression of self-government in Africa and I am not speaking as a radical when I say this is the only hope of the Dark Continent.

"Egypt is in a ferment. Algeria is held only by force of arms. That which was German Africa will not be content as a province or colony of any other nation. Leading French and English military and civil authorities have taken and informed the cabinets of their governments that, with any considerable evidence of disorder, their African possessions cannot be held by the number of men and amount of money they can afford to furnish."

Dr. Starr is a world authority on the conditions of Africa. He led an expedition of investigation in the Congo Free State in 1900-1906. In 1912 he conducted another expedition in Liberia, being awarded with decorations in Belgium, France and Italy, as well as receiving the only civic order conferred on foreigners by the state of Liberia. At present he is concentrating his efforts on producing at the Methodist Centenary celebration an exhibit which not only will interest as evidence of the work of missionaries in that field, but which will educate the nation on the state of affairs in Africa.

"I have been surprised continually by the number of persons who get the real message that carefully prepared exhibits have for the world," said Dr. Starr. "It is because I see the educational possibilities that I am postponing my ninth trip to the Far East in order to be at the Methodist Centenary celebration."

TRADE ISSUES TO BE ARGUED AT CONFERENCE

PAN AMERICAN CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON WILL BE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM 20 COUNTRIES.

Washington, May 31.—With the opening here on Tuesday next of the second Pan-American Commercial conference, there will be inaugurated what is considered the most important trade gathering ever held in Washington and one of the most important international meetings assembled for any purpose. The inaugural session will be presided over by Frank L. Folk, acting secretary of state and acting chairman of the governing board of the Pan American Union. The conference will continue four days. The program and arrangements are in charge of Director General John Barrett and a sub-committee of the board composed of the ambassador of Mexico, the minister of Venezuela, and the minister of Ecuador.

Representatives of manufacturing, banking, shipping and other commercial interests from all over the United States and all the other twenty American republics of North and South America, will be present to take part in the discussion of the large international trade problems which are on the program. A special cable service has been installed in the beautiful Pan American building where the sessions are to be held so as to permit direct communication between the United States and Central and South America during the progress of the conference.

After-the-war trade development between the United States and the other Pan American nations is to be discussed in all its phases at the various sessions. Aviation as an aid to Pan American commerce is a feature of the program, and the topics range from this to trade marks, packing methods, irrigation systems, shipping and transportation; financing trade and the future of Latin American investments, loans and bonds; trading methods for both exports and imports; parcel post, patents and trade marks, trade and travel regulations, packing and insurance; commercial intelligence, including advertising and publicity; engineering, including construction of railroads, waterways, irrigation systems and so on; educational and social auxiliaries to commerce, and a number of other topics on related matters.

Senior Don Burwell, minister, ambassador of Chile, Acting Secretary of State Folk, Senior Don Ignacio Calderon, minister of Bolivia, and Speaker Gillett of the house of representatives, are to speak at the opening session, and the sessions scheduled to address other meetings of the conference are Secretary of Commerce Redfield; Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cepedea, minister of Cuba; Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the United States Tariff Commission; Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel corporation; Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York; Senator Julio Zuloaga, minister of Bolivia; J. J. Arnold, First National Bank of Chicago; Dr. Jose Santisgo Rodriguez, Venezuelan commercial commissioner; Julius G. Lay, acting foreign trade adviser of the State Department; Dr. Burwell S. Cutler, chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce; Carlos Arellano, of the Mexican Chamber of Commerce; John L. Merrill, president of the Central and South American Cable company; Dr. L. S. Rowe, assistant secretary of the treasury; Sr. Leopoldino Cunha, Dr. Teodoro Laangard, Meneses and Renato de Macedo Sodre, of Brazil; Emilio S. Godoy, of Cuba; Felix Nieto del Rio of Chile; W. S. Kies, vice-president of the American International corporation; Francisco Escobar, consul general of Colombia; Otto Praeger, second assistant postmaster general; John T. Newton, commissioner of patents; Ernesto C. Perez, consul general of Argentina in New York; Mario L. Bile, consul general of Uruguay in New York; Augusto Villanueva, Chilean financial commissioner; John Vavasour Noel, of Peru; J. E. Lefevre, chargé d'affaires of Panama; Camilo Porras, consul general of Panama; Manuel Rodriguez Gutierrez, secretary of communication and public works of Mexico; Francisco J. Yanes, assistant director of the Pan American Union and other representatives of the United States and Latin America.

"The widespread and rapidly growing interest in Pan American commerce which has manifested itself so noticeably since the close of the war, the necessity and advantage of a frank and full exchange of views on every phase of Pan

AMERICAN TRADE AND THE GREAT GOOD WHICH WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY THE FIRST PAN AMERICAN COMMERCIAL CONFERENCE, HELD IN FEBRUARY, 1911, SAID DIRECTOR GENERAL BARRETT IN COMMENTING ON THE CONFERENCE, "IS THE REASON WHY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE PAN AMERICAN UNION ON APRIL 9, LAST, VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO HAVE CALLED TOGETHER THE CONFERENCE WHICH MEETS TUESDAY. THERE IS MUCH CONSTRUCTIVE WORK AHEAD TO BE DONE. THE THREADS OF PRACTICAL PAN AMERICANISM WHICH WERE BROKEN BY THE WAR MUST BE TAKEN UP AND TIED AGAIN; AND THE TRADE EXPANSION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA MUST CONTINUE. IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS CONFERENCE TO PROMOTE THAT WORTHY OBJECT."

TRAINED FOREMEN ONE OF GREATEST NEEDS OF INDUSTRY

Washington, May 30.—One of the most urgent industrial needs of the country at the present time is properly trained foremen, according to officials of the Department of Labor, representing the U. S. Training service. These experts have been making a nation-wide study of industrial conditions and maintain that the keen foreign competition this country is soon to meet, demands more efficient industrial management than obtained before the war. Already, England and France and others of the allies are straining every nerve to re-establish themselves in the markets of the world. In the past American industry has been handicapped by the fact that the rank and file of its workers have not had opportunity for adequate training in their respective tasks. The only practical way of lifting this burden on industry, according to the U. S. Training service, is to establish training departments in the majority of the manufacturing plants of the country.

The foremen are among those to whom first consideration should be given, it is said. Inquiries from leading manufacturers show that there is a distinct trend in favor of relieving foremen of many of their secondary duties in order that they may concentrate their attention on their principal task, which is production. "Breaking in" new workers has been one of the many jobs of the average foreman. According to the newer standards this should be delegated to a training department, or in the absence of such a feature, to some especially qualified fellow worker.

Because of the general demand for a better understanding of foremanship, a staff of widely experienced production men employed by the U. S. Training service is engaged in preparing a book on the subject. The result of its combined efforts promises to be a valuable treatise on the duties of the foreman. It is intended for the instruction of young men who wish to prepare themselves to be foremen, as well as for men already experienced in this line of work.

CANNING CENTER WILL BE OPEN ALL NEXT WEEK

Miss Myrtle Floyd, county home demonstrator, is desirous that the opening of the canning center in the high school building next Monday morning be kept before the housekeepers of Pensacola.

The center will be open Monday to Friday, inclusive, and camera bringing their supplies to the school on any of these days may have the free advice and help of canning experts, the only expense being the small charge of one cent each container for the gas used in cooking the fruits and vegetables.

The housewives of the city are fortunate to be able to secure such competent direction of their season's canning as the center will afford them at this, its second annual occurrence.

FINANCIAL AID IS SOUGHT FOR WIRE COMPANIES

Washington, May 28.—Provisions against financing embarrasment of the telephone and telegraph properties of the country in returning them to their owners was asked of congress by witnesses appearing before the senate interstate commerce commissioner committee at its initial hearing today on legislation for return of the wire systems. Chairman Cummins said the committee plans to agree upon a bill without delay and will be ready to submit report to the senate by Monday.

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