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TEXAS KEYS CONTEST

Attorney General Cureton enters the fight against increased rates in Texas with facts well marshaled. His contention goes to the root of the entire scheme of the interstate commerce commission ruling that intrastate rates must be made to show parity with interstate rates, when he asserts that the transportation act of 1920 is unconstitutional in certain sections, and that upon these sections is taken the action which would force rate increases in this state.

In arguing the Minnesota case before the supreme court at Washington most of the important states of the Union were joined in the issue. Texas was one of these. The contention, as represented in dispatches sent at the time of argument, was that the transportation act invaded the rights of the states and was without standing and void in the sections in which it did this.

Mr. Cureton goes into the subject clearly when he makes the point that increased wages granted by the labor board were without authority and the int. state commerce commission, in taking these increased rates of pay as a basis for increased transportation charges, was acting upon insecure and improper basis. New matter introduced in the Cureton argument is that the act attacked and under which increases are ordered is in contravention of the tenth amendment to the constitution, which reserves to the states all powers not specifically granted to the congress; that the sections of the transportation act in question violate the laws of Texas in that they set up a trust or unlawful agreement to regulate transportation.

There can be no question that Mr. Cureton has made a strong legal presentation of reasons for holding that the labor board has exceeded its powers; that the interstate commerce commission has done likewise, and that as result and the order for the increases that interstate rates in Texas shall force advance of intrastate ones, is null and void and should be held ineffective.

Should the Cureton argument, and similar ones for the other states, be accounted good and the ruling of the labor board, with that of the interstate commerce commission superimposed upon it, be declared null, we get an entirely new situation as to rates and also an entirely new condition affecting the contest of the railway executives and the railway brotherhoods over the proposal to abrogate the national agreement and lower wages.

It must be evident that if there is no law back of the increase of intrastate rates, the states will refuse to obey the order of the commission; that if this added income is denied the roads they will be increasingly unable to pay the wages which are held beyond the provision of income from present rates.

The entire problem of railway wages is seen dependent upon the contest in which the attorney general has presented his statement of facts. The possibilities for the entire country take an aspect in which a solution is of exceeding difficulty. The outcome is beyond guessing.

Pullman conductors have been regarded rather as inside the imperial purple, and it is something of a shock to learn that they have been appealing for increased pay; still more of a shock to learn that they have been denied an increase. If it had been Pullman porters now, the case might have been different. But, when we come to think over the case, one wonders if the men able to fill positions of Pullman conductors should not be among the highly paid. They have to be diplomats of unusual quality, and they work long hours. For the man who can meet the requirements good pay is none too large.

What Former Premier Viviani will have to say to President Harding won't be anything like what the famous governor of North Carolina had to say to the equally famous governor of South Carolina, but it will be weighty matter. In selecting the former premier for this important diplomatic mission the French have chosen one familiar with the processes of the supreme council and other bodies which wrought out the treaty of Versailles and with the steps Germany has taken to evade compliance with terms imposed. None knows better than Viviani the bearing of the famous Article X upon the peace of Europe. None is better fitted to make the expected suggestion to Mr. Harding of means the United States may take to bring about better conditions in Europe which shall lift a load from this country.

Prohibition enforcement officials figure out that under the Palmer ruling the physician may prescribe an average of nearly 100 bottles of beer a month to a patient who needs beer. That does not look as if the person who has craved beer—strictly in a medical way—will suffer greatly under the new interpretation. Anyone who contemplates a sickness for which beer shall be the sole remedy must make haste, for the pro agents are planning new laws under which the Palmer ruling won't be of avail.

ROBSTOWN

Special to The Caller.

ROBSTOWN, Texas, March 20.—A modern independent filling station will be constructed at this point by Lipan & Offre. The contract will be let within the next few days. The station will be of the double-service drive-in type, equipped with two motor Wayne pumps. The structure will be of white stucco with tile roof and will represent a total outlay of $6000, including equipment. Two large storage tanks have already been constructed near suitable trackage, with capacities of one car each. One of these will be used for kerosene and the other for gasoline. The station will be equipped with auxiliary tanks of 1200 gallons aggregate capacity.

When completed this will constitute one of the most modern and attractive filling stations in this section and being at the intersection of two important highways, will be very convenient for motorists. Only oils and lubricants will be handled.

Taking the schostastic census of this district has been in progress several days and is about half completed, according to a recent statement by J. B. Trice, superintendent of the high school. Present figures total 406 and superintendent Trice believes the completion of the work will reveal a total slightly in excess of last year's figures, which were 828. The major portion of this years' figures doubtless will consist of children of schostastic age residing within the corporate limits of this town, while those of the rural settlements probably will be slightly under last year's figures, due to absence of many Mexican laborers from the rural districts.

FALFURRIAS

Special to The Caller.

FALFURRIAS, Texas, March 20.—Mrs. J. G. Linney was hostess to a 500 party Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. J. B. Scott of Smithville, Mo. The rooms were attractively decorated in red poppies and ferns. Luncheon was served, consisting of chicken sandwiches, deviled eggs, angel food, devil's food, olives and iced tea. Mrs. C. F. Wagnerchein won high score; Miss Ada McIntyre low; Miss Henry consolation and Mrs. Scott, the guest prize. Those present were: Mesdames Collins, Scott, Johnson, Bennett, Bedell, Mariaury, McMenomy, J. B. Scott Jr., Glover, Wagnerchein, Kirkland, Gardner, Ballard, Misses Rachal, McIntyre and Henry.

Mrs. A. F. Collins was hostess to the members of the Bridge club, their husbands and several invited guests Thursday evening. The home was decorated in green and favors were of St. Patrick's design. After a number of games of 500 the prizes were awarded as follows: Miss Ada McIntyre and I. B. McIntyre, high score; Mrs. R. E. Glover and C. Hoffer, low score; Miss Olivia Glover and B. T. Henry, consolation. A salad course was served by Misses Charlotte Shields and Velma Smith to the following: Messrs and Mesdames F. L. McMenomy, E. F. Johnson, J. C. Linney, J. B. Scott, R. E. Glover, H. S. Bedell, W. A. Gardner, A. D. Kirkland, C. F. Wagnerchein, Misses Ada McIntyre, Mamie Beard, Olivia Glover, Corin Rachal, Mrs. D. Reed of Corpus Christi, Messrs. B. T. Henry, I. E. McIntyre, C. Hoffer, E. Trust and Wm. Gardner.

The ladies' Missionary society of the M. E. church met at the home of Mrs. C. D. Knox Friday afternoon and after several hours of entertaining refreshments of peanut butter sandwiches, fruit salad and coffee was served to the following members and guests: Mesdames Sanders, Palmer, Bennett, John Sloan, Carraher, Dorough, Hartsfield, Ferreira, Harris, Dickey, Nunn, Sayers, Noll, Ruff and Orth. The next regular meeting will be held at the church, April 1.

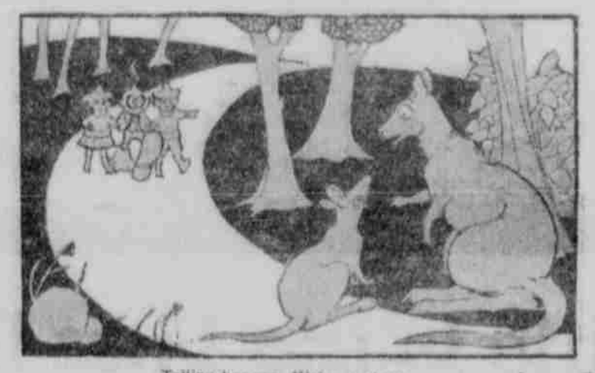
Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Summers were host and hostess to the Forty-one club saturday evening. Those present: Messrs. and Mesdames Eller, Linney, Carraher, Smith, Hall, Thomas, Bowers, Wagnerchein, Misses Henry, Smith, M. K. Henry, and Messrs. B. F. Henry, Gardner, Quittenmann and Weisinger. After a number of games refreshments of coffee with salad, olives and sweets were served. The next meeting will be with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thomas.

THREE MISSING AFTER FIRE

EMPORIA, Kas., March 20.—Three persons are unaccounted for following a fire which destroyed the Hotel Whitley, Emporia's largest hostelry, early this morning. Firemen are digging in the ruins in the hope of finding the bodies of the missing.

All Is Not Gloom That Gloometh

FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS



Telling her son, Kicky, a story.

"Where does Mrs. Kangaroo live?" asked Nick of a great kee-weekend.
He can keep her!"

The bird pulled his long bill out of the ground, deliberately swallowed a big worm, or bug, and then remarked. He stopped yawning suddenly when he discovered who his questioners were, especially Flippety Flap, the fairyman, who had such enormous feet.

"What are they?" he asked pointing, and not paying any attention to Nick's question.

Flippety Flap trembled and did a little jig dance. "Mind all!" he said. "They're the most useful things in the world, a combination of boats, automobiles. Using machines whose ground-grippers and—the rest is my secret, but I shall trust you. They are also valuable in which I carry many magical articles. I wouldn't be bothered with pockets!"

The kee-wee-bird yawned again. "I see," he nodded. "Very interesting. I should like a pair of shoes like that. Handy to keep worms in—ever wiggle around frozen—nearly starve. Bill one call, too. Mrs. Kangaroo lives in fat stone. One look ahead, and a turn ached, Bird. And away he walked.

The Wise and Flippety Flap found Mrs. Kangaroo under a sycamorus tree, telling her son, Kicky, a story. The sycamorus tree is quite tall and the leaves hung edge down, so that it gave no shade at all. The sun was shining in her eyes and she did not see the approach of the travelers. She was crooning in a sing-song voice:

"The great circus feels like mischief
Begins again,
Are gathered with paws torn and tight in the ground.
They march with it, and they crawl
And they stare
At the clowns and the cages—the acts in the air.

"Another train tomorrow, son, it's getting late," said the old kangaroo, picking him up she hopped into the little red car carried in front of her and pulled the string.

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Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

THE TATTLE-TALE

With I had a son, I do
An' some one had insulted him,
Like my uncle had upon he
Went to fight with Germany!
And I'd hide behind our gate
All day long an' lie in wait
For the first on in our line
That's been telling things to me.

I don't care which one it is,
But he makes me mad. Goodness!
All the time he's watchin' me,
Doin' on me but to see
Every little thing I do
That I hadn't ought to,
Then he flies an' tells on Ma
Or he whispers it to Pa.

Next to nasty for it, too,
If I had a son an' knew
Just which one it is, seems
I'd get square for all he does
Yesterday I roamed away,
Down the alley just to play,
An' Ma shook me good, and she
Said the switch had been on me

But I'd never say a word
If I was a little boy
I'd just flap my wings an' sing,
An' I'd never tell a thing;
An the boy could have their fun,
An' no matter what was done,
An' folks wouldn't expect to scold you
One some little bird had told you.

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Mexican Railway Men Go to Work

By The Associated Press.

MEXICO CITY, March 20.—A general return to work of the railroad strikers following a settlement yesterday of their differences with the authorities was recorded today by Mexican advices which asserted that some of the men resumed their duties today.

There still appears to be some doubt among the newspapers as to the desirability of the agreement entered into, inasmuch as in several small cities the strikers are permitted to holding out.

Gen. Manuel Pelaez, for many years in charge of oilfield affairs in the Tampico district before departing from Mexico City last night announced that he would visit the United States in the near future and then go to London. Although General Pelaez declared his visit would be of a private character, it is rumored here he is going on a mission for the government.

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Rotary to Have Survey for Vets

By The Associated Press.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 20.—A national survey of conditions surrounding the care of disabled world war veterans has been adopted by the 890 Rotary clubs in the country, according to a letter received at the American Legion national headquarters here from Chester H. Perry, secretary of the Rotary Club association. The purpose of the survey, says the letter, is "to prove whether American legion workers are correct on statistics of unemployed ex-service men."

In pushing the letter public relations head this statement by R. W. Galbraith, jr., national commander:

"I hope the findings will be given the widest publicity. It will be found the legion has not overstated the case in any particular."

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Breckenridge Has Fourth Large Fire

By The Associated Press.

BRECKENRIDGE, Texas, March 20.—For the third time within the last three months block 12, in which is situated the Texola well, was destroyed by fire tonight. The entire block was destroyed, entailing a loss of approximately $100,000.

The Belmont and the old Sutherland hotels were among the buildings destroyed. The block had been rebuilt after the last fire. This is the fourth fire in this town within the last few months, each causing an estimated loss of more than $100,000. The fire still was burning late tonight.

COLLEGE BASEBALL OPENS THROUGH SOUTH

By The Associated Press.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 20.—With a promising season in prospect, college baseball in the south opens in earnest this week and will continue until the middle of May. Some of the institutions have schedules of more than a dozen games, while others have booked more than that many.

The season opens this year with Yale, Princeton, New York university, the University of Cincinnati and Johns Hopkins university playing during this week in the south and a few professional teams engaging southern collegiate teams.

FRIENDS OF FREEDOM FOR INDIA PASS RESOLUTIONS

By The Associated Press.

NEW YORK, March 20. — Friends for freedom for India today adopted a resolution in support of that country's movement for national independence at a mass meeting here. Another resolution expressed appreciation for "statesmanship of the Sinn Fein republic, Ukrainian revolutionaries and "others struggling to throw off the bonds of imperialism."

Capt. Eugene F. McAree, who described himself as a "member of the American legion and proud of it," said he would demand of District Attorney Swann an investigation of the American legion mass meeting in Madison Square Garden last Friday and the source of its funds, which he alleged were furnished by British propagandists in New York.

ITALIAN BARK STRANDS

By The Associated Press.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The grounding of the Italian bark Giuseppe D'Alessio miles off the coast at Cape Charles, Va., was reported in a wireless message received here tonight. The bark, which has a gross tonnage of 1644, was bound from Hampton Roads for Trieste. The coast guard cutter Manning and several wrecking tugs were said to be standing by.

CREW FROM WRECKED STEAMER LAND SAFELY

HAVANA, March 19.—Members of the crew of the American steamer Neptune, which was wrecked off the Cuban coast near Cardenas yesterday, have reached shore safely, according to advices received here today. The vessel and cargo are a total loss. The Neptune sailed from New Orleans on March 14 for Baracoa, Cuba.

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Other Real Estate, Interest and Assessment	459.00	Surplus and Undivided Profits	111,943.73
Depositor's Guaranty Fund	14,813.54		
Cotton Bills of Exchange	86,562.79		
Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness	100,000.00	DEPOSITS	1,920,077.65
CASH ON HAND AND IN BANKS	536,438.63		
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