

SENATOR DIAL OPPOSES SENATE RAILROAD BILL

Some of Provisions "Dreams and Illusions," South Carolina Man Says

Washington, Dec. 9.—The railroad bill was opposed in the Senate today by Senator Dial, Democrat, South Carolina, who characterized some of its provisions as "dreams and illusions" and also impracticable.

Creation of a transportation board was also opposed by Senator Dial, who also declared that the provisions in the bill providing for two railroad employees to be members of the board of directors of the various companies would conflict with laws in various States which prohibit persons from serving as directors of corporations in which they are not financially interested.

Five Thousand In Ninth Goal Fixed As Hoey Majority

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sent: "At a meeting in the interest of Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, Democratic nominee for Congress, we, the citizens assembled, recollect with profound gratitude that a part of your college life was spent at Davidson college. We recognize the great good you have done for humanity and congratulate you on the wise legislation enacted during your administration, and we hope a kind providence will speedily restore you to health."

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URGE BUILDING OF TWO BATTLESHIPS

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cause they reduced "the maneuvering and fighting powers of the entire force." Emphasizing the deficiency of the American navy in scout cruisers, the board, recommending the construction of ten of these ships cites the value of such craft to the British fleet during the war and declared them to be essential to "any well balanced navy."

SHARPEST CURTAILMENT IN TRAIN SERVICE IN HISTORY

Washington, Dec. 9.—Railroad travelers were brought face to face today with the most severe curtailment in passenger service that the nation ever has known. While on many of the Eastern roads service was reduced sharply yesterday, it was not until today that the orders of the Railroad Administration began to be felt in other parts of the country.

Railroad administration officials estimated from informal reports received from regional directors that approximately 200,000 train miles will have been cut from the passenger schedules each day before the end of the week. The saving of fuel, based on this estimate of the reduction in service, was placed at about 15,000 tons a day.

To Fight Tuberculosis

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 9.—The health section of the House of Governors, under the auspices of the National Tuberculosis Association, meeting coincident with the Southern Commercial Congress, adopted a comprehensive program for a South-wide fight on tuberculosis. Following an address by Governor Dorsey, of Georgia, a resolution setting forth the program were adopted.

To Visit Fort Monroe

Newport News, Va., Dec. 9.—Officials of Fort Monroe announced tonight that General John J. Pershing accompanied by Secretary of War Baker and General Richard Cook Marshall, head of the Cannonment department of the army, will pay an official visit to Fort Monroe on January tenth. The high officials will be at the artillery reservation for two days, making an inspection of the artillery school at Fort Monroe and the proving grounds at Camp Davis.

BICKETT SPEAKER AT SAVANNAH, GA.

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do as much for the negro as the white man. He said you should build up the people as you would the soil by proper fertilizers.

Samuel Morgan, president of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, spoke of the great need of care to move fertilizers. Fertilizer materials are very high, but prices for fertilizers will be as cheap as possible. Labor cost, he said, is about 45 per cent above last year.

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Expect Settlement of Strike of Soft Coal Miners Today

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living, but would adjust coal prices to meet the wage advance without allowing too great a burden to be placed upon the public.

President Prepared Appeal. The Attorney-General in making public the President's proposal stated that it had been prepared by the Chief Executive with a view to appealing to the miners generally throughout the country. However, he said, before it was made public, Acting President Lewis and Secretary-Treasurer William Green, of the mine workers, called upon him Saturday afternoon and were shown the President's statement.

Hearing Is Postponed

In order that the plan for settlement might be submitted to the general committee this afternoon, the government this morning asked and obtained postponement of hearing of charges of criminal contempt pending in Federal Court here against the 84 union leaders who form the general committee. At the same time Judge Anderson granted a motion for government attorneys for postponement of a Federal grand jury investigation of alleged violation of the Lever law and anti-trust acts, by both miners and operators. The contempt proceedings are set for hearing next Tuesday and the grand jury investigation for the following day.

The government's request for postponement was made by C. B. Ames, assistant to the Attorney General, and by L. E. Slack, United States District Attorney. Judge Anderson made no comment on the contempt cases or the government's requests, beyond remarks as to when they should be brought up again.

That opposition to acceptance of the President's plan developed soon after the miners' session convened was evidenced by scraps of the speeches which could be heard outside the hall in which the meeting was being held in a local hotel. The argument during the afternoon was very heated and clearly indicated that the attitude of some of the delegates undoubtedly was delaying final decision in favor of ending the strike.

During the day Acting President Lewis received a telegram from Secretary of Labor Wilson urging the miners to accept the new proposal and it is known that this message together with the President's proposal and a memorandum agreed upon by Lewis and Green, and the Attorney General was read at the miners' meeting.

The text of President Wilson's proposal to the miners follows: "I have watched with deep concern the developments in the bituminous coal strike and am convinced there is much confusion in the minds of both parties to this unfortunate controversy as to the attitude and purposes of the government in its handling of the situation."

"The mine owners offered a wage increase of 20 per cent conditioned, however, upon the price of coal being raised to an amount sufficient to cover this proposed increase of wages, which would have added at least \$150,000,000 to the annual coal bill of the people. The Fuel Administrator in the light of present information has taken the position, and I think with entire justification, that the public is now paying as high prices for coal as it ought to be required to pay and that any wage increase made at this time ought to come out of the profits of the coal operators."

"The Secretary of Labor, in an effort at conciliation between the parties expressed his personal opinion in favor of a larger increase. His efforts at conciliation failed, however, because the coal operators were unwilling to pay the scale he proposed unless the government would advance the price of coal to the public, and this the government was unwilling to do."

"I understand the operators have generally agreed to absorb an increase of 14 per cent in wages, so that the public would pay not to exceed the present price fixed by the Fuel Administrator and thus a way is opened to secure the coal of which the people stand in need if the miners will resume work on these terms pending a thorough investigation by an impartial commission, which may readjust these wages and prices."

which are not now settled to their satisfaction. I must believe that with a clear understanding of these points they will promptly return to work. If, nevertheless, they persist in remaining on strike they will put themselves in an attitude of striking in order to force the government to increase the price of coal to the public, so as to give a still further increase in wages at this time, rather than allow the question of further increase in wages to be dealt with in an orderly manner by a fairly constituted tribunal representing all parties interested.

"No group of our people can justify such a position and the miners owe it to themselves, their families, their fellow workmen, in other industries and to their country to return to work."

"Immediately upon a general resumption of mining, I shall be glad to aid in the prompt formation of such a tribunal as I have indicated to make further inquiries into this whole matter and the wages at which the miners start to work but also the reasonableness of the government prices for coal. Such a tribunal should within sixty days make its report, which could be used as a basis for negotiation for a wage agreement. I must make it clear, however, that the government cannot give its aid to any such further investigation until there is a general resumption of work."

"I ask every individual miner to give his personal thought to what I say. I hope he understands fully that he will be hurting his own interest and the interest of his family and will be throwing countless other laboring men out of employment if he shall continue the present strike and further than that he will create an unnecessary and unfortunate prejudice against organized labor which will be injurious to the best interests of working men everywhere."

(Signed) "WOODROW WILSON."

Senator Absent From Gathering of Republicans

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may encounter without him and they expect to go right on with their business just the same as if the Michigan Senator were on the political job here instead of being on private legal business in his home State who the G. O. P. cannot well be censured, however, for lamenting the absence of that past grand master in the science of election manipulation, Senator Truman H. Newberry, for did not Senator Lodge and the others of his kind in the Senate greet the high flier of Michigan with open arms? Did they not indicate by their cordiality that they regarded him one of them, a regular fellow, fit to sit in the councils of the great and worthy, the honor and respect of that rare and radiant crowd upon whose shoulders rest the burdens of the world?

String Support for Lowden

While these leaders of their party may agree about sentimental things they are disagreed about material things. They have conflicts among themselves as to who should be their standard bearers, where the party convention should be held and what the old party revamped stand for before the country. It looks like the controlling elements in the crowd are for Governor Lowden, and that the amateurs are for General Wood. The supporters of the latter have gone so far as to propose a compromise by offering Governor Lowden the vice-presidency on the ticket with the General, but this is scornfully rejected.

It is suspected that the Lowden sup-

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porters have a great deal to do with the practice that is now in evidence of binding certain states to their "favorable son" in order to hold them away from Wood until the convention meets, when they have confidence in his ability to shift the various instructed states to the candidate of the politicians.

A straw in the little wind here is the way the time and place of meeting for the convention is apparently being disposed of. California this early in the game has retired from the fight in favor of Chicago, leaving St. Louis with the odds against her, and now it looks like the Windy City will be the choice, with the second week in June as the date. Both the place and the date suit Lowden, but this tentative arrangement does not suit the friends of General Wood.

There are many cross currents and conflicting statements. Wood followers are pointing to the intimate relationship between John T. King, national committeeman from Connecticut, and Senator Penrose as proof that Pennsylvania will at the proper time fall in line for Wood. On the other hand, Lowden adherents say the Keystone state will be safe from such invasion because of the hostility of Senator Knox and other conspicuous Republicans to the Wood candidacy.

Southerners Want Recognition

The "Southern Republicans contend that Governor Morrow, of Kentucky, who carried that state by 40,000, should be on the ticket. He has an able supporter in Mrs. John B. South, of Kentucky, chairman of the Woman's division of the Republican national committee, and who is a cousin of Governor Morrow and daughter of the late Senator W. O. Bradley, of Kentucky.

Friends of Senator Hiram Johnson and Senator Miles Poladexter are particularly resentful of the Wood encroachment on the West. Many of them say that Wood cannot count on the Bull Moose strength in that region, as this is divided between Johnson and Poin-dexter, and with them eliminated would go to Lowden.

Chairman Hayes, who is one of the most conspicuous characters in the entire aggregation, is looking out for the business end of the matter. He is telling some harrowing stories about what confronts the Republican party in the matter of a big campaign fund to be raised by the Democrats. The little birds have told him that the Democrats are going to raise a \$10,000,000 fund with which to overwhelm their adversaries. Probably the Chairman thinks this kind of story will so frighten Republicans that they can be induced to come across with enough money to make the mare go.

Spencer Thorne Resigns. —Spencer C. Thorne, of Rocky Mount, N. C., who has been secretary to Repre-

sentative E. W. Pou, has resigned his position greatly to the regret of those who came in contact with him and especially Mr. Pou, who found in him an efficient and valuable aid in his arduous work. On account of the continued ill health of his mother, together with the desire of his father, former Senator T. T. Thorne, for him to return home and resume the practice of law with him, the young man felt impelled to give up his work here. Though engaged as Mr. Pou's secretary only a few months, Mr. Thorne has quickly grasped the duties and has rendered service in such a satisfactory and efficient way that it has been a great credit to him, demonstrating as it does that he is capable in every way. As a token of appreciation for the young man's services and as a substantial expression of his esteem for him, Mr. Pou made Mr. Thorne a present of a fine diamond pin before he left.

Fulton Holmes, of Johnston county, who was a volunteer in the American army in the late war, and who has been for several years, will succeed him as secretary to Congressman Pou. Mr. Holmes is the son of Mr. C. A. Holmes, formerly of Benson, who has lived in Washington for several years, but who goes to Johnston county several days before each election to work for the Democratic party.

The Quartermaster General of the Army, H. L. Rogers, in response to an inquiry by Senator Simmons, states that authority was granted, under date of September 4, 1919, to accept the bid of R. R. Eagle for repairing the approach road to the New Bern National Cemetery. The price to be paid is \$9000.

Want Unions Incorporated

The Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce has sent Representative Godwin and other members of the delegation copies of a resolution of protest recently passed by that body, urging the incorporation of labor organizations and the anti-trust law be amended so that combinations of labor will be dealt with as with combinations of capital. The sleeping car conductors of Wil-

ington have likewise sent a protest to Representative Godwin against the passage of the pending railroad bills.

Representative Stedman today received a letter from Major W. E. Coffin of the 5th Infantry, stationed at Camp Dodge, Iowa, which caused him to refer with pride to the gallant young officer. His home is at Greensboro. Major Stedman appointed Major Coffin to West Point and he feels a pride in his performances.

Representative Pou was today notified that he had a grandson who had just made his advent at Smithfield, whose father is George Pou, former secretary to the Congressman. The boy is named in honor of his uncle, Edwin Smith Pou, who gave his life in the recent war in behalf of his country.

Tar Heels in Washington. W. T. Wilson, of Winston-Salem, is in Washington on legal business. W. W. Neal, Rev. W. L. Hutchison, Eugene Cross and F. E. Gwin, of Marion, are here today.

J. E. Baumberger, of Asheville, chairman of the N. C. Legislative Board of Engineers, is here in connection with his official duties.

Mrs. Thomas Wadden, of South Da-

kota, who was formerly Miss Pou, is visiting her parents, Representative and Mrs. E. W. Pou at the Arlington. Hon. Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, the Democratic candidate for Governor, who is in Washington, expresses the view that Clyde Hoey will be elected easily. He says that the Ninth district will roll up a handsome majority for the able young Democratic nominee, and that Mecklenburg will give an increased majority over Webb's majority two years ago.

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