

DEMOCRATS BLOCK RUSHING TACTICS OF REPUBLICANS

Minority Senators Will Insist On Thorough Consideration Of Legislation

AMENDMENTS TO TAX MEASURE BY SIMMONS

Senator LaFollette, Republican Delivers Fierce Attack On Republican Tax Revision Program; Some Of Old Guard Getting Restive Under Lodge Driving Program

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(By Special Leased Wire.)
Washington, Sept. 29.—The Democrats of the Senate made it plain today that they had no intention of permitting the Republicans to hustle them in legislation and jam through without the fullest consideration the revenue bill and the ratification of the peace treaties. And the revenue bill itself came in for a fiercest wrangling by Senator LaFollette, that member of the Republican party making a vigorous attack on it, denouncing the Republican tax revision program as "a crime against the American people." He declared that it was a measure that took care of the rich and "placed upon the poor the burdens of the government."

Senator Simmons, who today introduced five amendments to the bill as it came from the Senate finance committee is in full agreement with other Democrats of the Senate in their view that there must be a "reasonable consideration" of both the tax bill and the proposed ratification of the peace treaties. Speaking of these matters this afternoon he declared that the Democrats do not propose to be crowded into doing things of so great import without having time to digest the legislation that is offered by the Republicans.

To Block Rushing Tactics.

"It is not going to be permitted under the plea of saving time to rush through two measures of so great importance to the American people as the revenue bill and the peace treaties ratification without there is the fullest investigation of the terms of these. It is not our purpose to delay legislation, but we have a duty to perform for the country. The attempt at this time near the close of the extra session to crowd through with day and night sessions two such important measures is outrageous. It is really Republican delay that has caused the jam in legislation. After five months of doing nothing they are hurried at the last moment attempting to bring up and digest measures which affect the welfare of the whole people. We do not propose to be hurried off our feet, and the Republicans will find that they are not going to save any time by their rush methods, but that the attempt to have the revenue bill discussed till late in the day and then take up the night with the peace treaties, will add to the delay."

The five amendments to the tax bill which were offered today by Senator Simmons are designed to more equitably distribute the burdens of taxation. They deal with the transportation tax, the exemption on incomes of corporations, the capital stock tax, the personal exemptions, and while giving relief to the average citizen would increase the revenue by about \$24,000,000.

Would Repeal Transportation Taxes.

The amendment he offers on transportation taxes would repeal transportation taxes on freight, passengers and Pullman charges effective January 1, 1922. This amendment would result in the repeal of the whole tax transportation—freight, passenger and Pullman, instead of one half as provided in the House and Senate bills. The additional loss in revenue he figures would amount to \$131,000,000 for one year.

Another of the amendments would repeal the provisions of the present law brought forward in both the House and Senate bills, allowing an exemption of \$2,000 on the incomes of corporations. It is estimated that this repeal will increase the revenues \$55,000,000.

Another of the amendments would repeal the provisions for the re-entertainment in the bill of the capital stock tax of corporations which is proposed to repeal in the Senate amendments. It is estimated that retaining this bill will increase the revenue \$75,000,000.

Team Work By Democrats

The Democrats are doing team work and are working along agreed lines in endeavoring to secure justice from the Republicans for the average citizen, and the amendments offered today by Senator Simmons, ranking Democratic member of the Senate finance committee, will be followed up tomorrow by Senator Walsh, of Massachusetts, who will introduce an amendment in the nature of a substitute for the amendments heretofore offered by him, which will provide a graduated tax on corporate incomes—graduating the rate between a minimum of 15 per cent and 25 per cent. This amendment, it is estimated, will increase the revenue \$60,000,000. And later Senator Gerry, of Rhode Island, will probably modify his amendment with reference to reductions in normal taxes in the bill on incomes below \$20,000.

Some Republicans, as well as the Democrats, are getting very restive over the "driving program" that Senator Lodge has instituted on forcing through the ratification of the peace treaties. "The Democrats, in demanding time for 'reasonable consideration,' make it plain that they are not playing for a delay merely to kill time, but that they

SPEEDY CRUISER NAMED IN HONOR OF CAPITAL OF VIRGINIA LAUNCHED

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 29.—The light speed cruiser Richmond was launched at the Cramp ship yard here today. The sponsor was Miss Elizabeth Strother Scott, of Richmond, Virginia.
The Richmond, named in honor of the capital of the State of Virginia, was designed to be one of the swiftest of any navy. She is slightly more than 300 feet long and is designed to develop a speed of more than 32 knots. She is 55 feet wide at the water line, and carries a main battery of 12-inch guns and other smaller guns in addition to two torpedo tubes.
The new cruiser will take the place on the naval register made vacant by the retirement in 1915 of the old steam sloop Richmond.

BROWN AND CRAIG TO HELP MANNING

Ex-Justice and Ex-Governor To Defend State In Rail- road Cases

The retention of George H. Brown, former Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court and Locke Craig, former Governor of North Carolina, to assist Attorney General James E. Manning in the defense of the injunction action brought by the Southern Railway and the Atlantic Coast Line Railway to prevent the collection of taxes levied against them was announced by Governor Morrison yesterday.
Both Justice Brown and Governor Craig are eminently qualified for preparing the State's defenses, the Governor believes, and they, together with Judge Bynum of Greensboro, first of the special attorneys named to assist in the case, will present a formidable opposition to the efforts of the railroads to break down the State's taxation system. Justice Brown has indicated his willingness to serve and acceptance was received from former Governor Craig last night.

Answer to the complaints filed by the railroads, copies of which have been served upon all State officials concerned in the administration of tax laws, will be prepared tomorrow upon the return of the Attorney General from Charlotte where he has been for the past several weeks engaged in private business. Conference of attorneys with him will probably be called for tomorrow or Monday.

Governor Morrison, in announcing these further appointments, said that he had heard some of the criticism that had greeted the appointment of Judge Bynum, a Republican, to defend the State in the action brought by the railroads. Judge Bynum was appointed because of his long experience in Federal court practice. Other attorneys had been agreed upon but their names had not been received when news of Judge Bynum's appointment got into circulation.

FAYETTEVILLE MAN TO HEAD GRAND CHAPTER

Asheville, Sept. 29.—The election of John H. Anderson, of Fayetteville, as general Grand Master of the first vest of the general grand chapter of the United States of the Royal Arch Masons is hailed with genuine pride of Masons throughout the State. Mr. Anderson has been active in the reception of the general grand bodies and was chairman of the executive committee. In addition to the honor to the Fayetteville man, it is an honor to the State as he is the first North Carolina Mason to hold an office in the general grand bodies.

Mr. Anderson is most illustrious grand master of the grand council and past grand high priest of the grand chapter of North Carolina. He is also member of Sudan Temple of the Shrine.

Portland, Maine, was selected as the meeting place for the triennial convocation in 1924.

North Carolinians upon whom the Royal Arch degrees was conferred at the session were: F. B. Harmon, Lexington; W. R. Kirk, J. E. Mitchell, W. H. Vanderlinde and C. F. Jew, Jr., of Hendersonville; Fred C. Hughes, K. C. Rhinehart, N. A. Randolph, James C. Homer, R. C. Carter and Walter C. Beards, Bryson City; S. L. Powers and N. Y. Yelden, Forest City; W. A. Bradley, Hugh Abel, J. H. Way, Jr. and E. L. Lee, of Waynesville.

Celebrate Founding of Baptist Work in Virginia

Franklin, Va., Sept. 29.—With prominent Baptists from all sections of the state in attendance, the celebration of the 207th anniversary of the beginning of Baptist work in Virginia began today in Mill Swamp church at Ivor, Southampton county. The celebration will continue until Sunday when a memorial tablet will be unveiled.

Explosion Kills One.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 29.—One workman was killed and four others were injured, three probably fatally, when five thousand pounds of powder exploded today at the plant of the Excelsior Powder Manufacturing Company near Dodson, a suburb. The blast was felt throughout Greater Kansas City.

PRESENT OPINIONS IN FORD NEWBERRY ELECTION CONTEST

Republicans Clear Newberry Of All Charges; Democrats Say He Is Guilty

BOTH AGREE FORD IS NOT ENTITLED TO SEAT

Democratic Members Assert Newberry Was Elected By "Corrupt and Illegal Meth- ods and Practices" and Re- commended That His Seat Be Declared Vacant

Washington, Sept. 29.—Opinions conflicting along party lines were presented today by majority and minority members of the Senate privileges and elections committees on the Ford-Newberry 1918 senatorial election contest from Michigan.

The majority report cleared Senator Truman H. Newberry, the Republican candidate, of corruption and all other charges, and recommended that he be legally seated. The Democratic members on the contrary asserted that Senator Newberry was elected by "corrupt and illegal methods and practices," and recommended that his seat be declared vacant.

New Goes to Senate

With the filing of the reports, the case now goes to the Senate for final decision, which will probably not be made for several weeks. In the meantime, it is understood, Senator Newberry will not attend the Senate sessions.

On only two major issues were the Republicans and Democrats in harmony in the reports filed today. They agreed that Henry Ford, the Democratic contestant, had not been elected and was not entitled to the seat from Michigan. They also agreed that too much money had been spent in the Michigan primary. The Democrats, however, contended that Senator Newberry was responsible personally for the expenditures, while the Republicans held he was not.

Recommendations of the majority report, submitted by Senator Spencer, Republican, Missouri, who conducted the committee investigation and report, were:

- 1.—That the contest of Henry Ford against Truman H. Newberry be, and it is, hereby dismissed.
- 2.—That Truman H. Newberry is hereby declared to be a duly elected Senator from the State of Michigan for the term of six years commencing on the fourth day of March, 1919.
- 3.—That his qualification for a seat in the Senate of the United States, to which he has been elected, has been conclusively established, and the charges made against him in this process both by his election and qualification, are not sustained.

Conclusions of the minority, presented by Senator Pomerene, Democrat, Ohio, and signed also by Senators King, Utah, and Ashurst, Arizona, were:

- 1.—That the irregularities complained of do not relate to the general election, but to the primary. Henry Ford did not receive a plurality of the votes cast at the general election. We, therefore, find that the petitioner, Henry Ford, was not elected and is not entitled to a seat in the Senate of the United States.
- 2.—We find that under the facts and circumstances of this case corrupt and illegal methods and practices were employed at the primary election and that Truman H. Newberry violated the Corrupt Practices Act and the primary act of the State of Michigan and the laws thereof he ought not to have or hold a seat in the Senate of the United States, and that he is not the duly elected Senator from the State of Michigan for the term of six years commencing fourth day of March, 1919, and we recommend, therefore, that his seat be declared vacant.

Separate Report.

A separate minority report also was submitted by Senator Ashurst, who declared Senator Newberry's credentials were "stained by fraud and tainted by illegal expenditure of money." The testimony showed, he said, that the 1918

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RESOLUTION TO CURB DEBATE IS INTRODUCED

Washington, Sept. 29.—A resolution embodying the new Republican plan to curb Senate debate was introduced in the Senate late today by Senator Townsend, Republican, Michigan. He and other Republicans, however, said the cloture plan would not be pressed immediately and certainly not during consideration of the tax revision bill.

The cloture proposal met with instant and bipartisan opposition. Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, inquired if it was proposed to adopt the drastic House rules and Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, asked Senator Townsend if he would be willing to add a proviso requiring all Senators to be present when the Senate was in session.

The Townsend resolution, which was referred to the rules committee, provided for invocation of cloture by majority vote instead of the two-thirds vote now required.

Business Man Auto Victim.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 29.—When his automobile plunged over a bridge shortly before noon today, Henry G. Martin, president of the Norfolk Securities Company, met instant death.

Mr. Martin was married two weeks ago. The car failed to take the turn at the bridge and plunged into the water, skimming along on the surface for thirty or forty feet before turning over and sinking.

RATIFICATION NOW APPEARS PROBABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS

Democrats and Republicans Discuss a Unanimous Consent Agreement

NIGHT SESSION PLAN TEMPORARILY DROPPED

Indications Point To Ratifica- tion Of Peace Treaties Octo- ber 14 Or 15 By The Senate; Tom Watson Says Debs In Jail For Repeating Part Of Speech He Made

Washington, Sept. 29.—Ratification by the Senate in a fortnight of the administration's peace treaties with Germany, Austria and Hungary loomed as a prospect tonight after Republican and Democratic leaders during the day had discussed a proposed unanimous consent agreement drafted by Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, to take the final votes October 14 or 15. Both expressed hopes of obtaining a formal order of the Senate tomorrow providing for such a program and all factions expressed the opinion that the agreement would be reached.

Lodge Makes Announcement

Announcement of the negotiations was made in the Senate late today by Senator Lodge, and with the discussion showing evidences of success, the Republicans dropped their plan for a session tonight. Senator Lodge intimated, however, that should the agreement be blocked he would return to the night session drive for ratification. Mr. Lodge said he had "every reasonable hope" of reaching an agreement and Senator Underwood, the Democratic leader, also said an agreement had been "practically reached" and was ready for consummation tomorrow.

Involved in the program is a proposal that should any Senator desire to debate the treaties the tax revision bill would be laid aside temporarily. It is expected, however, that the tax measure actually will be before the Senate most of next week, with the following week preceding the date for voting, largely devoted to the treaties.

Democratic Overtures

The movement for a voting agreement developed today in a conference of Democratic Senators, who declared unanimously against the Republican plan for night sessions and authorized overtures by Senator Underwood to the Republicans for a voting agreement. The Democrats reaffirmed their stand against making ratification a party question and left each Senator free to vote as he shall determine.

Tom Watson Speaks

The only address in the Senate on the treaties today was by Senator Watson, Democrat, Georgia, who opposed ratification because he said he believed they would drag the United States into the League of Nations and European entanglements. Ever since President Harding's inauguration, Senator Watson declared, the nation has been "drifting irresistibly" into the league.

He also contended that the treaties failed to provide for release of American citizens who had violated the espionage laws. Referring apparently to Eugene V. Debs, he said a man was serving a ten year sentence in the Atlanta penitentiary for repeating his (Mr. Watson's) words.

"Because he repeated a part of a speech I made," said Senator Watson "that conscription was unconstitutional, shouldn't he be in the Senate and I in the penitentiary? He did not say a thing more than I have said here in the Senate and I think I'm in better company than he is. That is my opinion."

CONVICTED OF KILLING WIFE AND SENT TO PRISON

Desperate Alleghany County Man Draws Sentence Of 30 Years In State Prison

Greensboro, Sept. 29.—Andy Miles, Alleghany county man, convicted by a Superior court jury at Sparta yesterday on a charge of murdering his wife and throwing her body in a creek late in June of this year, and sentenced by Judge B. F. Long to serve for a term of 30 years in the State penitentiary was in Quilford jail for about two hours today.

Miles, entered as his defense at the trial a plea of insanity but the jury found him guilty and also sane and he was sentenced by Judge Long, Sheriff J. B. Crouse and two deputies were taking him to Raleigh to begin serving his sentence and had stopped here between trains.

Miles struggled manfully and had the officers busy managing him although he was hog-tied with a rope and manacled with handcuffs. The Sheriff stated that he admitted his guilt to his guard while the trial was in progress.

The Sheriff further stated that Miles was one of the worst characters that Alleghany county had ever produced and that if allowed his freedom he would still be a dangerous man.

G. A. R. BRINGS ITS 55TH ENCAMPMENT TO CLOSE

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 29.—After bidding farewell to their comrades, the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic brought the fifty-fifth annual encampment to a close today. The old soldiers held a few more impromptu parades and marched off tonight to camp.

The encampment was ended today with the election of Lewis S. Pileher, of Brooklyn, N. Y., as commander-in-chief, the selection of other national officers, and the choice of Des Moines, Iowa, as the city for the next meeting.

Program For Decreasing Unemployment Drawn Up

Manufacturers' Committee Adopts Report On Emergency Measures Which Contains Core of Unemployment Prob- lem; Other Committees Drafting Recommendations

Washington, Sept. 29.—Ground work for an emergency program to meet the needs of the country's involuntary idle, found to number between 3,700,000 and 4,000,000 exclusive of agriculture, was completed today by the National Conference on Unemployment. Reports of most of the committees were completed and turned over to the steering committee, which is to wield the various recommendations into one definite whole for action by the full conference when it reconvenes tomorrow afternoon. Quick action upon the general emergency scheme is expected by the conferees.

Emergency Measures.

Adoption of a final report by the committee on emergency measures by manufacturers was announced late today. The report, which is said to contain the core of the unemployment problem as to the effect of the manufacturing industry upon economic conditions generally, is understood to recommend the use of rotation of labor, the shortened week, partial employment, completion of repair and clean-up as some of the means of increasing employment. In addition the committee was said to favor an appeal to the patriotic co-operation of producers, manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers in passing along as rapidly as possible any price changes occurring in order to hasten business revival.

Recommendations of the construction committee were understood to regard the construction problem in a great measure as one for local action because of the different factors existing in various localities. Acceleration of public works was said to be urged by the committee on municipal measures.

Railway Funding Bill.

Discussion of the pending railway funding bill for providing financial relief for the railroads was said to have consumed much of the transportation committee's deliberations in the light of the carriers' ability to employ more men. The committee on mining and shipping, it was learned, were inclined to believe that no emergency measures could be suggested for those industries in view of their dependency upon general business conditions.

In making public its estimates of the country's unemployed the committee on statistics declared that the steady improvement which had taken place during the past two months necessitated a revision of the estimates submitted to Congress last month by the Labor Department.

To provide the machinery for making effective the emergency measure adopted by the conference the civic committee was said to advise appointment of special committees by the mayors of all cities which would handle the local unemployment problem as presented in each locality.

Lloyd George Renews His Invitation To Sinn Fein

MAYS ASKS BOARD TO HEAR CHARGES

Head Of Ridgecrest Assembly To Defend Himself Against Attacks On Character

Asheville, Sept. 29.—Rev. Dr. Livingston T. Mays, whose character was attacked in affidavits presented to Governor Morrison by attorneys for J. T. Harris, condemned slayer of P. W. Monahan, Alabama churchman, today called a meeting of the general board of the Southern Baptist assembly, which he will ask to hear the charges filed against him and act as they see fit. Dr. Mays maintains that the attempt to impeach his character was made when he could not defend himself and asserts that he will not resign as secretary of the assembly, as has been suggested by Dr. Livingston Johnson, editor of the Biblical Recorder, but will vindicate himself and win the support of Dr. Johnson.

"Dr. Johnson's editorial was written before he had seen or heard any of the testimony except that offered by the attorney of the condemned man, when he sees what I have in my pocket, believe he will be strong for me," said Dr. Mays.

Declines To Meet Irish On Basis Of Previous Correspondence, However

PROPOSES LONDON AS PLACE FOR CONFERENCE

British Premier Suggests Octo- ber 11 As Date For Meet- ing In His Reply

London, Sept. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—"Wholly conciliatory" is the view expressed both in London and Dublin of Premier Lloyd George's latest note to Eamon de Valera, in which the premier invites the leaders of the Sinn Fein to a conference in London October 11 in an endeavor to settle the Irish controversy. Mr. Lloyd George makes as the basis of the note the offer of a conference "with a view to ascertaining how the association of Ireland with the community of nations known as the British empire may best be reconciled with Irish national aspirations."

It is understood that various members of the British cabinet are of the opinion that there is nothing in the communication to prevent the proposed conference. This certainly appears to be the belief held by the London public and press; and the comments thus far received from Dublin speak of "the extreme gratification" the communication is causing there.

Unionist opinion in Ulster, according to Belfast reports reaching London, is that the note makes it easier for Mr. De Valera to agree to another meeting. Informal discussions among the Sinn Fein leaders are said to have been held in Dublin this afternoon and this evening. This is considered as lending strength to the report that Mr. De Valera will have the draft of his reply to Mr. Lloyd George ready when the Deil Eireann cabinet meets tomorrow.

TEXT OF LLOYD GEORGE'S REPLY TO EAMON DE VALERA

Carlingford, Ireland, Sept. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—The text of Prime Minister Lloyd George's reply to the latest note from Eamon De Valera, which was dispatched to Dublin early today, follows:

"His Majesty's government have given close and earnest consideration to the correspondence which has passed between us since their invitation to you to send delegates to a conference at Inverness.

"In spite of their sincere desire for peace, and in spite of the most conciliatory tone of your latest communications, they can not enter into a conference upon the basis of the correspondence."

"Notwithstanding your personal assurances to the contrary, which they much appreciate, it might be argued in the future that the acceptance of a conference on this basis had involved them in a recognition which no British government can accord. On this point they must break themselves against any possible doubt. There is no purpose to be served by any further interchange of explanatory and argumentative communications upon this subject. The position taken up by His Majesty's government is fundamental to the existence of the British empire, and they can not alter it."

Desire Settlement

"My colleagues and I remain, however, keenly anxious to make, in co-operation with your delegates, another determined effort to explore every possibility of a settlement by personal discussion."

"The proposals which we have already made have been taken by the whole world as proof that our endeavors for reconciliation and settlement are no empty form, and we feel that conference, not correspondence, is the most practical and hopeful way to an understanding such as we ardently desire to reach."

"We therefore send you herewith a firm invitation to a conference in London at October 11, where we can meet your delegates as the spokesmen of the people whom you represent with a view to ascertaining how the association of Ireland with the community of nations known as the British empire may best be reconciled with Irish national aspirations."

CARL WANDERER WILL GO TO GALLOWAYS TODAY

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 29.—Carl Wanderer will hang tomorrow. Governor Small today accepted the recommendation of the pardon board, which was a refusal of clemency. The Governor said:

"I am of the opinion that this is a case in which the Governor is not justified in interfering with the verdicts of the courts, and I therefore accept the recommendation of the division of pardons and paroles."

Wanderer was convicted of the murder of his wife and a ranged stranger.

Earthquake At Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 29.—A slight earthquake shock was felt in the southwest section of Los Angeles early this morning. The tremor lasted but a few seconds and no damage was reported.

HEAD OF TRAINMEN PUTS STRIKE CALL UP TO COMMITTEE

Will Call Strike If Demands Of Workers Are Supported By Committees

TRAINMEN WILL ACT FIRST ON THE MATTER

Prevailing Impression In Union Circles Is That Strike Will Never Actually Take Place If It Is Called; Action Hinges On Result Of Vote Of Other Unions

Chicago, Sept. 29.—President W. G. Lee, of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, tonight said that if the strike vote cast by ninety per cent of the 185,000 members in the recent referendum on the wage reduction should be supported by the grievance committee, a tentative strike order would be issued, effective only when and if the other unions should strike.

With this parting declaration, President W. G. Lee dispatched fifty-seven general chairmen of the unions to their homes tonight with written instructions to call their grievance committees, get their approval or disapproval of the strike vote, and report back here next week. That the grievance committees will approve the strike was predicted at union headquarters.

Trainmen To Act First.

Lee expects to act on the committee instructions before the brotherhoods of engineers, conductors, engine men and trainmen and the Switchmen's Union of North America have completed the count of their 239,000 strike ballots, which will start here Monday. The strike call, however, he indicated today will provide for a walk-out of the trainmen when and if the other unions strike. A walkout of one union unsupported by the others will not be undertaken.

That the strike, even if ordered, will never actually take place, continued to be the prevailing impression in union circles today. While Lee has promised to call the walkout if the committees so direct, he bluntly told his men in a general letter on September 12 that he would be remiss in his duty if he failed to point out to them that wages and working conditions established since 1918 were the result of a World War such as never before known; that government reports indicate 5,000,000 men out of work; that nearly all classes of labor have been forced to accept some wage reductions; that the pay increases granted them last year by the United States Labor Board was based on the increased cost of living and that government reports show a reduction of more than 15 per cent in such living costs.

Strike Vote Taken.

The strike vote was taken on the question of accepting or rejecting the 12 per cent wage cut made July 1 by the labor board.

Tabulation of the vote had not been completed tonight but the ballots already counted showed from 90 to 95 per cent of the men on every railroad system in the country voted to quit work rather than accept the pay reduction. No system failed to return less than nine out of ten votes for the strike.

Lee's determination to announce his union's stand before the other brotherhoods complete their ballot count shifts the entire responsibility for the new move in the threatened general strike to the four unions which took a joint vote—Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers and the Switchmen's Union of North America.

Shop Crafts Favor Strike.

The affiliated shop crafts, by a vote of 325,000 to 45,000, have already gone on record in favor of a strike, but have postponed action pending the decision of the other unions and action of the labor board on rules and working conditions which questions are before it.

As the situation stands tonight if the engineers, conductors, engine men and switchmen walk out, the trainmen and shopmen will join them, but the first four will have to assume responsibility for the move. Observers pointed out today that Lee and B. M. Jewell, president of the shopmen, have met the demands of their men for a strike, and yet avoided the responsibility of ordering a cessation of work.

MINERS DISAPPROVE OF INCREASES IN SALARIES

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 29.—Disapproval of salary increases of approximately 60 per cent for officers of the United Mine Workers of America was voted today by the union's convention which later was thrown into an uproar by a motion to require, repayment of the alleged gross in salaries paid since July last year.

President John L. Lewis, opposing the motion, declared his objection would brand the officers before the public as a "band of thieves." On a rising vote the motion was killed, 1,129 to 608, but protests that the count exceeded the number of delegates resulted in reconsideration by a roll call which will not be completed until tomorrow.

THREE BIG SEAPLANES MAKE STOP AT SOUTHPORT

Wilmington, Sept. 29.—Lieut. Paul Casard, commanding a fleet of three big seaplanes, enroute from Pensacola, Fla., to Hampton Roads, landed at Southport, near here, this morning and secured fuel and oil in what the commander is said to have declared was the shortest time ever taken for that detail at any point on the South Atlantic coast, although the operation was not timed. The three H-16, Type planes left in a few minutes after arrival for Hampton Roads.