

REPUBLICANS FACE NEW DIFFICULTIES OVER LEGISLATION

Administration Ranks "Shot to Pieces" By Many Problems Before Them

LODGE FORCES SUFFER TWO DECISIVE DEFEATS

Simmons and LaFollette Leaders in Victorious Attacks On Tax Revision Amendments; Party Leaders Call Members To Task Because of Absenting Themselves Too Much

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Washington, Oct. 21.—The Republican administration forces in Congress are all "shot to pieces" with the many problems that are confronting them, problems which they have multiplied for themselves by their procrastination and dilly-dallying with affairs of the government, which if attended to with business dispatch, would long ago have settled themselves.

As it is there is confusion in their ranks, for they hop from one position to another day after day. The adoption of a hurried emergency tariff measure, the spend-thrift waiting for time on a permanent tariff bill that has now been put to sleep, waiting for the coming of the regular session, the change from position to position on the tax revision bill, the switch about the matter of the funding of the foreign debt, and the railroad refunding bill with its promise of gifts to the railroads, are all matters of common knowledge, the mess in which they have managed to get these and other things giving the laugh to Republican pretensions of being the constructive party of the country. Its machinery keeps slipping cogs and the procession declines to move with any speed.

Quiet on Rail Bill

The various happenings hinging about the threatened railroad strike have been such as to put a quietus on the railroad bill for giving the railroads a half million dollars. Plans for that have all gotten jumbled and the amendments that the Republicans had for this have gone by the board for the present. That the amendments which add to the fire of resentment which are burning so briskly about this bonus to the railroads, appears certain. These amendments gave the opportunity for an open door for the railroads in bringing suits and for receiving directly from the treasury payments for claims based on alleged slacking of labor. The Interstate Commerce Committee of the Senate again today wrestled with the bill and the opinion is that when it gets to the floor of the Senate there will be let loose some real fireworks by opponents of the measure. That the insistence of the country for the passage of a tax revision bill will drive it ahead of the railroad bill seems assured, while the near approach of the date of the limitations of the emergency meeting brings pressure for the passage of the foreign debt funding bill as a spiggle going on about that while the representatives of foreign governments who owe us big money are in the apartments convalesce.

Republican Jealousies

Republican jealousies in the Senate are being manifested as the result of the shift in positions on the big committee made necessary by the death of Senator Knox. Senator Curtis, elected to the chairmanship of the committee on rules and having membership on the committee on committees and being chairman of the caucus and party "whip," has stirred up resentment, the talk being of too many honors and big things going to Senator Curtis while other members are clamoring for some of the limelight places in the Senate. Added to this is the plan for assistant leaders of the Senate Republicans to take hold when Senator Lodge hires himself away to the deliberations of the compromise plan with two assistant leaders, one from the old line, of which Senator Lodge is the spokesman, and the other from the Western progressive or agricultural "bin" group. As vice chairman of the Republican caucus Senator Curtis would naturally become the leader of the majority, but just here the figure of Senator Watson of Indiana, looms, the rumor having been that he was slated for leader as successor to Senator Lodge, though Senator Curtis has given no indications of getting out of the way. The "fast-track" business throngs another monkey wrench into Republican ranks, the party now playing a game of chaos which could seem that its greatest need is one leader with backbone and a settled policy to lead it out of a wilderness of its own creation, a wilderness filled with wiggle-wobly growth.

Battle in Senate

There was a battle yesterday in the Senate, the result of which has very appreciably lowered the prestige of the Republican Old Guard in that body, and that it is keenly felt, was shown by events which followed today. In the battle of yesterday Senator Penrose and his Republican majority on the Finance committee were decisively beaten in two important fights, in one of which Senator Simmons was one leader of the forces making the successful assault, and in the other the successful fight was led by Senator LaFollette, with Senator Simmons assisting him. Senators Simmons and LaFollette and their supporters defeated one committee amendment with reference to gains and losses, and defeated another committee amendment that would have entirely ex-

Wake County Gets First Blow In Reduction Railroad Taxes

Register of Deeds of Wake County Receives Notification of Reduction Which Will Mean Loss of \$12,323; Will Have To Repeat Work On Assessments Preparatory to Collection; County Hard Hit Says Auditor

Wake county has received the first blow from the failure of the Tax Board to "investigate" assessments and compel full and equal assessments of property "in every county in the State." Its loss is \$12,323.00.

From the Revenue Commissioner the Register of Deeds of Wake County has received this notice under date of October 18:

"Referring to certificate from this office showing apportionment of assessment of public service corporations for the year 1921.

"Will you kindly correct the apportionment shown for the Southern Railway Company to read as follows: N.C.R.R.—Goldboro to Greensboro, 27.52 miles, at \$69,260.57...\$1,906,051.00 Localized property (Sec. 62 a Machinery Act) 58,276.00

Total \$1,964,327.00

"This correction is made in pursuance of agreement entered into between the State of North Carolina and the Railway Company pending the final determination by the courts of the valuation on which the company would be subject to ad valorem taxes for the year 1921. You should, therefore, use this valuation in computing taxes against the Southern Railway Company subject to correction when the case is finally determined."

How will this reduction of \$12,323 on the North Carolina Railway situate in Wake county affect the revenues for

schools and roads and other county expenses in the county and districts? At the request of The News and Observer, the County Auditor, Mr. Henry G. Holding, has furnished the following figures:

	Original	Revised	Loss
General schools	\$12,671.11	\$7,361.81	\$4,709.30
County roads	8,154.78	1,964.38	1,192.45
County bonds	861.36	292.36	569.00
Special Schools			
High school	1,746.69	1,154.61	592.08
Cary, No. 2, school	2,589.70	1,478.78	909.94
Cedar Fork	88.28	53.54	34.74
Home Creek, No. 2 school	508.25	309.50	198.69
St. Mary's, No. 1 school	1,182.42	790.08	492.37
St. Mary's, No. 2 school	387.77	297.10	90.67
St. Mary's, No. 5 school	444.17	278.22	175.95
Swift Creek, No. 4 school	136.80	84.15	52.65
School Bonds			
Rainey graded school bonds	96.15	64.00	32.16
Cary, No. 2, school bonds	1,842.60	1,139.55	703.05
Special Bonds			
Western Wake	2,719.47	1,100.90	1,618.57
Great West District	1,533.54	954.12	579.42
Total	\$32,486.29	\$20,819.19	\$11,667.10

So far no reduction has been made (Continued On Page Two.)

Tenant Farmer Takes First Honor In Individual Exhibit

WESTMORELAND IS TO DIE NOVEMBER 21

Governor Morrison Denies Petition of Defense For Commutation

Governor Cameron Morrison, prostrated with his final refusal to commute the death sentence of J. T. Harris, executed at the State Prison Thursday morning for the slaying of F. W. Moonish, of Alabama, was recovered sufficiently yesterday to deny the commutation appeal of mother and attorney of W. Y. Westmoreland, of Iredell county, convicted of murder in the first degree. He will be executed November 21.

Westmoreland was convicted in January, 1921, for the murder of James Nance and the only question before the jury was whether the murder was committed by Westmoreland or by the State's witness, Ivey Simmons, who admitted he was in the hire automobile driven by Nance, and assisted Westmoreland conceal the body in an abandoned well. Simmons contended to assist through fear of his life. The jury convicted Westmoreland, however, and the Supreme Court found no error.

Governor Appeared Weak

While the Governor appeared so weak from his experiences of the last few days, he heard the appeal through. He came to his office in the afternoon only for a short time, but was on the streets later in the day.

The condemned man with the witness, Ivey Simmons, were both born and reared in Iredell county, a few miles from the town of Mooresville. On the day of the homicide, the defendant and the witness left the village of Landis, in Rowan county, traveling by train to Statesville, where they secured an automobile, driven by James Nance to Statesville.

According to the evidence, Westmoreland invited Simmons, both of whom had been drinking, to spend the night at the home of his mother below Troutman's in Iredell county. Arriving near the house, Westmoreland left Simmons in the car with the driver. While he was gone, Simmons testified that he fell asleep, and was awakened by Westmoreland's return.

"Why I believe the man in the back seat is about to go to sleep," Westmoreland said, according to Simmons.

"Yes, I believe he is," Nance was quoted as replying.

Simmons tells of killing. "He didn't more than get 'Yes, I believe he is' out until the pistol fired," testified Simmons. "I raised in the back seat and said, 'What in the world is the matter, Mr. Westmoreland?' He had the gun up and cut his eye over toward me, and never spoke, and leveled his gun again and shot the man in the head."

POPLIN CASE TO GO TO JURY SOMETIME TODAY

Kinston, Oct. 21.—With the majority of about 65 witnesses examined, taking of evidence in the case of John D. Poplin, charged with the murder of his brother-in-law, Bert G. Suggs, was terminated this afternoon. The case will go to the jury tomorrow.

John Davis Wins \$300 For Excellent Showing of Farm Products

ALAMANCE GETS FIRST ON COUNTY EXHIBITS

Curtain Rung Down On Greatest Fair In History of Association

John Davis, tenant farmer from Wayne county, carried home the highest honors awarded by the State Fair Association for individual exhibits of agricultural products yesterday, winning out over other exhibitors like "Biltmore," General Carr's "Oconeechee," and a varied array of splendid exhibits offered by landed farmers.

Like the John Smith whose life story in The News and Observer, has stirred considerable comment lately, John Davis has been a tenant farmer for 28 years, but there the parallel stops, except that he has nine children also. He has not moved since he went to farming; he has prospered moderately, but most of his savings have gone into the education of his children. All have or will finish high school.

John Davis' exhibit has attracted wide interest at the Fair, particularly the working of his banner, which reads "John Davis, Tenant." He lives on the land of T. H. Parker, State Warehouse Commissioner. Another placard with the exhibit probably explains the fact that Mr. Davis was able to win the highest honors, and \$300 in prize money. It identifies the exhibit as belonging to "Mr. and Mrs. John Davis." It is the only exhibit at the Fair where the wife is included in the ownership.

Alamance Wins.—Alamance county stands at the top of all the counties in the excellence of county exhibits, in the opinion of the judges, and young C. K. Scott, county agricultural agent and son of R. W. Scott, who brought down so interesting an individual exhibit could scarce contain his pride yesterday. Though not one of the largest, the exhibit was intelligently worked-out, depending not upon mass display, but upon instructive arrangement for its effect.

The Fair is over. The exhibitors have gathered together their ribbons and their wares; the carnival has folded its tents and faded away; the last of the multitudinous fall of hot dogs, invariably and loaded down with prize dolls, cheap trinkets and the myriad worthless cheap trap that they must needs get in order to prove to themselves and the world that they have been to the Fair, have gone, today the grounds will be empty, save for a few straggling exhibitors who were too tired yesterday to pack up, and the vanguard of the negro fair which opens next week.

Yesterday ought to have been called "Hallelujah Day." Most of the crowd, and there were several thousands, were Raleigh people, with a sprinkling of out-of-town folks who stayed over, or who came in for the day. It was the most enjoyable day of the week. Crowd enough to make it interesting, but not so big as to be overwhelming, as on Thursday. The weather was more genial, a touch of frost in the air, with a bright, generous sun.

Friday Good Day

Concessionaires and the show people did their best day. Thursday there were so many people that nobody could get anywhere. Yesterday they were not pushed and shoved from where ever they stopped with the motion of investigating some of the offerings of the midway, to munch a hot dog, to sniff a bottle of pop, or to toss a few balls at a grinning rag doll. The races drew larger crowds, and the free attractions more enthusiasm.

The Fearless Greys again contributed more thrills than they had bargained for and came very near to losing in the debt of the undertaker. One of the men was injured in Wednesday's smash when the catapulting automobiles collided in midair, and since a woman of the troupe has been working in his place. Thursday she negotiated

ASHEVILLE WOMAN ELECTED DELEGATE ON INITIAL BALLOT

Mrs. H. A. Dunham First Woman To General Conference From Western N. C.

RECEIVE SEVEN YOUNG MEN INTO CONFERENCE

Another Class Is Received On Trial and Will Be Given Work In Conference Next Year; Committee On Temperance Makes Hot Report; Other Features of Day

High Point, Oct. 21.—The Western North Carolina Conference, in session here today, availed itself of the benefits of the new law of the church permitting women to hold office and become delegates to all conferences by electing Mrs. H. A. Dunham, of Asheville, as the first woman delegate ever sent up from this to the general conference.

Mrs. Dunham was elected on the first ballot and leads the lay delegation. Rev. G. T. Rowe, D. D., the present editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and Rev. A. W. Plyler, editor of that paper, were the only two clerical delegates elected on the first ballot.

Election Chief Feature

The election of delegates to the general conference was the overshadowing item of business in the conference today. A second ballot was taken for clerical delegates, but the time arrived for the adjournment of the conference for the day, the ballots were sealed and the results will not be made public till Saturday morning. All of the lay delegates were elected and are among the most prominent men of the church and are business men of large interests in this section of the State.

Another matter of great importance taken up today was the admission of a new class of young men into the conference on trial. They were thirteen of these and will be given work in the conference next year.

Young Ministers Received

A class of seven young men were received into full connection. Bishop Darlington delivering to them a very strong address as he propounded the disciplinary questions. The Bishop admonished the young men to stand in the presence of God before the altar of the church and realize what it meant for them to wear the unction of a minister of the Gospel. He told them that their trial was behind them, and that their brethren counted them worthy to take upon themselves the larger work of the ministry.

"As I ask you these solemn questions I want you to think of them," said the Bishop. "The first, who did on the cross as your savior. There is no other savior but Christ. I never despair of a man who has an abiding knowledge of the fact that Jesus has saved him."

Stick To Ministry

One question the young ministers were required to answer was: "Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to the ministry?" All answered yes. "You will have trouble if you turn away from the ministry," declared the Bishop. "If you start out to write literature you will soon have to write a bishop or a presiding elder. Don't you let the devil make you believe that the church won't take care of you if you take care of the church. Be sure to conform to the discipline of the church."

Hot Temperance Report

The committee on temperance made a red hot report to the conference and Rev. M. E. Cotton, of the Anti-Slavery League delivered a stirring address. He would have church members cease going on bonnie for bootleggers and blind tigers. Road sentences is the only cure, and he urged that when violators of the law are sentenced that they be allowed to remain on the roads and that no church member ask for a pardon.

Prayer Services

Bishop Darlington conducted the prayer services this morning for thirty minutes before time for the convening of the conference. He used for a text: "Fear Hath Torments," and from this he delivered a strong devotional address.

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SUNDAY'S "OLD RELIABLE"

With the world disarmament conference in the offing, people are again thinking of war and its causes. The News and Observer tomorrow will have a number of articles bearing on this very important subject.

Frank Simmons will have an illuminating article on European diplomacy, which he says will be the job at the Washington conference. "Is There Such a Thing as the Yellow Peril?" is discussed by former Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels. Then there is an interesting synopsis of Sir Auckland's address at Flora Macdonald college this week. Sir Auckland says war is a by-product of the spirit in the world today and not the cause.

You remember those care-free boys we sent to France to fight for freedom. Many went over the top never to come back, others went over the top and while their bodies came back, their minds never did. In tomorrow's "Old Reliable" you will find an account of some of the latter boys that will touch you deeply.

LABOR BOARD ORDERS RAIL WORKERS TO DEFER STRIKE PENDING JOINT CONFERENCE

BRIEF SUMMARY OF STRIKE SITUATION

Yesterday's Developments In Connection With Threatened Walkout

(By The Associated Press.)

Following are Friday's developments in the railroad strike situation: Chicago: Labor Board announces it has assumed jurisdiction in the rail crisis, orders workers not to walk out and cites union chiefs and railroad heads to appear before it October 26. A conference which board members said should avert a strike. Both sides announce they will appear for conference.

Maintenance of way union, with more than 475,000 members, and stationary firemen, numbering 25,000 rail employees, announce overhauling strike votes and prepare for a walkout with other groups. Others of the eleven "standard" unions expect to announce their decision Saturday or Sunday.

Heads of roads entering Chicago discuss plans to combat strike.

Packers begin storing all available most supplies in preparation for strike. Cleveland, W. H. Love, head of train men's union, in a statement following labor board citation, asks by what authority anyone can compel a man to work, pointing out that the United States Supreme Court has upheld the right to strike.

Washington: Learned that possibility of President Harding exercising executive powers to limit roads in case of strike was discussed officially, but such action not contemplated as yet.

San Antonio: Trainmen on the International and Great Northern prepare to carry out plans for walkout Saturday despite labor board's pronouncement.

St. Louis: Heads of southwestern lines announce exercising equally possible will be done to operate roads if there is a strike.

Houston: Pat Antwine mines pushed at full speed in preparation for strike.

SOUTHEASTERN OFFICIALS PREPARE TO MEET STRIKE

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 21.—Representatives of twenty-one railroads, including practically every line in the Southeast, at a meeting here today laid plans to meet the threatened strike and adopted resolutions endorsing the ten per cent wage reductions decided upon recently by the Association of Railroad Executives at its meeting in Chicago.

The Southern Railway system, which had announced it took no part in the Chicago meeting which demanded an additional wage reduction, was not represented here today.

W. R. Cole, president of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway, said the executives were unanimous in agreeing upon means to meet a strike and that they hope to be able to avert the public nuisance of a walk out. No details of plans were disclosed.

"BABE" RUTH ABANDONS BARNSTORING TRIP

New York, Oct. 21.—"Babe" Ruth, "Home Run King," has abandoned his barnstoring trip and has expressed regret at having violated the rules of organized baseball in engaging in post-season exhibitions, Col. T. L. Huston, part owner of the New York Yankees, announced tonight on his return from Scranton, Pa.

CONFIRMS STORY

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 21.—Babe Ruth confirmed late tonight the report that he has abandoned his barnstoring tour. He said he had reached an agreement with Colonel Huston, of the New York Yankees.

WILSON AVERAGES MORE THAN 33 CENTS A POUND

Wilson, Oct. 21.—H. B. Johnson, secretary of the Wilson Fibre Board of Trade, reports the total sales for the week ending October 15, at 2,966,112, which sold for \$74,088.57, an average of 33.15 cents per pound. He said he had received 92 cents per hundred over the previous week. The great amount of shipped wood keeps the average down. The better grades are bringing very high prices.

For the season there have been sold 162,246 pounds worth (gross) \$4,821,952.21, an all round average of 29.73 per hundred.

FUNERAL OF J. T. HARRIS IS HELD AT ASHEVILLE

Asheville, Oct. 21.—The funeral of J. T. Harris, who was electrocuted at the State penitentiary for the murder of F. W. Moonish, wealthy Alabama, was held at Riverside cemetery here today. The body was taken directly to the cemetery, where private services were conducted.

BARRETT SAYS WORKERS ON SOUTHERN WILL GO ON STRIKE OCTOBER 30

Asheville, Oct. 21.—Members of the four brotherhoods employed on Southern lines, included in group No. 1, called to strike October 30, will go out, said James F. Barrett, President of the North Carolina Federation of Labor tonight following a conference with chairmen and members of the organization from this district.

V. P. I. STUDENTS OFFER SERVICES IN THE EVENT OF STRIKE ON RAILROADS

Blacksburg, Va., Oct. 21.—The corps of cadets of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, eight hundred and ninety-six strong, voted unanimously here tonight to offer their services to the State of Virginia in case the projected railroad strike materializes. E. R. Lusk, president of the corps of cadets, wired the following message to Governor Westmoreland Davis tonight:

"Realizing that if the projected railroad strike materializes it may result in serious interference with the necessary movement of food-stuffs and other supplies, the cadets of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute desire to volunteer their services to the State of Virginia in the event they can be of aid in the handling of necessary traffic."

TEXAS TRAINMEN ASSERT STRIKE TODAY WILL BE A 100 PER CENT AFFAIR

San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 21.—R. D. Frame, general chairman of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen on the International and Great Northern Railroad, announced tonight, following a meeting of members of the union, that the strike of trainmen on that road, scheduled for tomorrow noon, would be a 100 per cent affair.

WAR POWERS NOT TO BE EXERCISED

Government Feels Other Agencies Are Open For Settlement of Strike

Washington, Oct. 21.—Use by the government of its war powers to avert the threatened nationwide strike, while suggested in some quarters, will not be exercised, it was stated today in high administration circles.

The impression was given that the administration feels other agencies are open by which a settlement may be reached. No indication was given, however, as to what course would be followed or what information the government may have had from the labor board.

Other Channels Open.—It was made plain by high officials that they believed the use of war powers was not necessary, meanwhile declaring that "this nation is at peace."

While both carriers and unions promptly announced they would comply with the order citing them to appear before the board next Wednesday, W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, one of the organizations which has called a strike, in a statement given out in Cleveland, asked by what authority any one could compel a man to work and pointed out that the right to strike had been upheld by the United States Supreme Court.

Prepare to Go On Strike

At the same time, trainmen on the International and Great Northern, a Texas road, prepared to carry out their plans to strike tomorrow and the maintenance of way and the firemen's unions, representing 400,000 rail workers, announced here that they would join the proposed walkout October 30. These two groups are part of the eleven unions numbering three-fourths of the nation's rail employees which had voted to strike, but had not issued a strike call.

Stop Open Shop Order

Besides stepping into the breach between the carriers and the five unions which have called a strike—the trainmen, the switchmen, the engineers, the firemen, and the conductors—the labor board summarily ordered the Tremont and Gulf Railroad, a 77-mile line in Louisiana, to suspend its order installing an open shop effective at 6 p. m. tonight.

Government Move Next

If the union move to carry through "open shop" which the board asked them to deter, members of the board said that the next move would come from Washington, intimating that the labor board's action exhausted its attempts to furnish the teeth which in the transportation act, the board was said by many to lack. At the same time it was pointed out that the transportation act gives the board power to cite the interested parties for alleged violation of its rulings, as it did today in calling next Wednesday's conference, but provides no penalties for violation of its orders.

Wells' Stories Round TO BE READ WIDELY

Ralph H. Graves, assistant professor in the Columbia School of Journalism, commenting on the journalistic ability of H. G. Wells, who will deliver the Arms Congress for The News and Observer and The World, is quoted by The World as saying:

"H. G. Wells' stories of the coming Arms Congress are bound to be read widely. Of course he has a large reading group already established in the country, and the public realizes that he is admirably qualified to write up the coming congress. His former writings have secured him a place among writers and his capabilities along the line of the Disarmament Congress are unusually good. He will understand the situation and analyze it for the readers of The World, which is to be congratulated upon this project."

Government Takes Unexpected Step To Prevent Walkout and Enforce Obedience To Decrees of Board

UNION CHIEFS AND RAIL HEADS CALLED TO MEET AT CHICAGO WEDNESDAY

Decision From Conference Would Not Be Announced Until After October 30, Date Set For Strike, Which Would Prevent a Walkout Unless Unions Defy Orders of the Board; Sensational Move Comes As Surprise and Little Comment Made By Unions or Roads, Although Both Will Attend Conference; Action Taken After Board Is Notified Government Is Behind Its Efforts To Avert Strike; Workers On Texas Road Prepare To Go On Strike Today

Chicago, Oct. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The government today moved to prevent a railroad strike and to enforce obedience by both unions and roads to decrees of the United States Railroad Labor Board, the board formally announcing that it had assumed full jurisdiction in the railroad crisis and ordering the workers not to strike pending a conference of union heads and rail chiefs, which is called for October 26.

A decision from this conference will not be announced until after October 30, the scheduled strike date, board members said, declaring that in this way a walkout would be averted unless the unions defied the board's orders not to strike pending a ruling.

Government Backs Board

The action was taken following receipt from Washington of information that every interested branch of the government would back the board in its attempts to settle the rail difficulties members declared.

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