THE WEATHER
North Carolina: Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday with local thundershowers; no change in temperature; moderate southwest winds.

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ASHEVILLE DATE ON RAILWAY RATE HEARING IS SET

Commerce Commission to Take Evidence Here October 2 to 21.

EVIDENCE TAKEN IN SOUTH LOCAL

Only That in the East Will Deal With Inter-Territorial Rates.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—The following announcement was made today by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Joseph B. Eastman with respect to the subsequent hearings in southern class rates:

"We have had some difficulty in assigning the time for the differential hearings because of insufficient knowledge as to how much time will be required.

"The dates fixed are as follows: The United States court rooms, Atlanta, beginning September 14 and continuing until September 23. Then there will be an intermission of a week and the hearings will be resumed at United States court rooms in Asheville on October 2 and continue there until October 21.

"Then we will begin at Hotel St. Charles, New Orleans, October 25, continuing until November 4. We will then go to the Great Northern hotel, Chicago, beginning November 6 and continuing to November 18; then to the Merchants Association rooms, 233 Broadway, New York, beginning November 20. We have not assigned any closing date at New York.

"It may be necessary to assign some hearing for the presentation of rebuttal evidence.

"The hearings at Atlanta, Asheville and New Orleans will be confined to the presentation of evidence with respect to rates applying within southern classification territory and the hearings at Chicago and New York will be confined to the presentation of evidence with respect to inter-territorial rates. We feel it desirable to make that separation not only for the convenience fo counsel who are interested in the inter-territorial rates only, but also because the participation of the state commissioners in the case is confined to the rate within southern territory and if we did not separate the matter in that way, it would be necessary for them to be present at Chicago and New York and thus take up unnecessary time on their part.

"There are two exceptions to that program.

"It appears that the rates between St. Louis and points as within southern territories are closely allied with the rates in southern territory and have been included in that category in the presentation of the carriers evidence. So the rates to and from St. Louis will be covered at the hearings at Atlanta, Asheville or New Orleans. The same is true as to any evidence that may be offered with respect to the rates from the group including Portsmouth and Ironton, Ohio, Ashland, Kenova and Huntington, West Va., which are closely allied with the rates within southern classification territory.

"I will also announce that this will be a proposed report case. We have felt that time in the end would be saved by serving a proposed report and preparing that proposed report with a good deal of care. I am afraid if we did not do that the decision would in effect be a proposed report."

SAYS HEREDITARY TRAITS MAY BE CHANGED BY RAY

Professor in Zoology Gives Statement of Discovery in Address.

SCHNECTADY, N. Y., June 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Announcement that he had succeeded in changing the sex of unborn banana flies and otherwise altering their hereditary characteristics by use of the x-ray, was made by James W. Mavor, professor of zoology at Union college, in a commencement week address before the alumni of the school.

While he did not predict any practical application of his discoveries in the direction of efforts to alter the transmission of hereditary characteristics in animals or plants, Professor Mavor said he did anticipate they would be of great help in making a "sound foundation for the theraplutic use of x-rays."

"It is of more than academic interest to prove that the mechanism of hereditary can be modified by an external agent such as x-rays," he said. "Although the whole animal was exposed to the rays while the eggs were in the mother, this striking and far reaching effect on the inheritance of the offspring was produced without apparently affecting the body of the mother herself in any way."

The banana fly was selected for the experiment, he said, because the great mass of data concerning its hereditary characteristics already amassed made it possible to check accurately any alterations effected by the x-ray.

THOUSANDS OF DEAD FISH FOUND ON COAST

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 9.—Thousands of fish, ranging in size from one inch bottom feeders to five-foot sharks are dying along the Pender coast, and are being washed upon the beaches over a stretch of 20 miles Dr. J. H. Hamilton, county officer, viewed the fish today and immediately wired the government fisheries bureau, asking that experts be sent here to investigate.

Dr. Hamilton advanced the opinion that the fish were killed by lightening during the severe electrical storms of the past few days.

A local geologist advanced the opinion that an oil gusher or subterranean earthquake is responsible for the occurrence. He cited the instance of tons of dead fish appearing on the surface of the sea immediately after the Charleston earthquake about 35 years ago.

Local health authorities have taken prompt action to prevent the sale of fish caught within a hundred miles of the scene.

REPUBLICANS IN DRIVE FOR FALL CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Estimated Million and a Half to Be Raised, "the Sky the Limit."

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN (BY H. E. C. BRYANT)

WASHINGTON, June 9—Frightened by recent election returns republican leaders will collect a huge campaign fund for the fall contests. John T. Adams, chairman of the republican national committee called a quiet secret meeting of a few wealthy party men here this week and decided to let down the bars to contributors. The limit of a contribution $1,000 fixed by Will H. Hayes, was brushed aside and nothing between earth and the sky will be declined.

It is estimated that a million and a half will be raised to try to save the congressional elections in November. One million will be provided by the National Committee and a half million by the congressional committees but the former is to have charge of the campaign. The five hundred thousand dollar deficit from the last election is still held in the form of notes. The present purpose of the republicans to save their bacon, not pay debts created by Hayes. It is understood that all of the big interests protected by the tariff bill and favored in the new tax measure will be fried hard for cash. Federal office holders will be given an opportunity to drop something in the hat.

"Let the heaven be the limit," is the slogan of the collectors. National Committeeman Reynolds of North Carolina will be notified of his quota.

SOUTH CAROLINA BANKERS MEET IN ASHEVILLE SOON

Governors Morrison and Harvey, Judge Bingham Among Speakers.

Governor Cameron Morrison, Governor Wilson G. Harvey, of South Carolina, Judge Robert W. Bingham, publisher of the Louisville Courier-Journal, Louisville, Ky., and other prominent speakers will appear on the program of the twenty-second annual convention of the South Carolina Banker's association, to be held at the Battery Park hotel, June 13, 14 and 15.

Governor Harvey is president of the Enterprise Bank of Charleston and will attend the conference as a speaker and as a representative of his bank.

E. P. Grice, cashier of the Peoples National Bank, Charleston, and president of the association, may be unable to attend the convention on account of illness.

The complete program has been announced as follows: call to order of convention, Wednesday morning, June 14, at 10 o'clock, president or vice-president; invocation, Rev. E. K. McLarty, pastor of Central Methodist church; address of welcome, Junius G. Adams, president of National Bank o Commerce; response, E. P. Vandiver, president of Carolina National Bank, Anderson; president's address, secretary's report, James H. Craig, state bank examiner, Columbia; appointment of committees, nominations, resolutions, auditing and memorial; report of legislative committee, report of agricultural committee.

Address, Judge Bingham; address, Fred N. Shepherd, executive secretary of the American Banker's association, New York; round table discussions and introduction of resolutions from the floor for consideration of resolutions committee.

An automobile ride through Biltmore estate and to Biltmore Forest Country club, compliments of the Asheville Clearing House association at 4 o'clock and a reception and dinner at 8 o'clock at the hotel, will complete the program for the first day.

The session for the second day will open with addresses by Governors Morrison and Harvey and R. Goodwyn Rhet, president of the Peoples Bank, Charleston. Report of group committees, reports of convention committees, unfinished business and adjournment will end the business program.

A trip to points of interest and the annual banquet will conclude the convention.

BISHOP KILGO REACHES HOME; HAS GOOD TRIP

CHARLOTTE, June 9—Bishop John C. Kilgo, of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, who has been ill in Memphis, arrived at his home here tonight under the care of Dr. B. F. Turner, and two trained nurses. He stood the trip well, according to Dr. Turner who said that his patient had had a good day. The himself appeared in fine spirits and joked with those who met him at the station.

Bishop Kilgo was brought home in the private car of Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern railway, of which the bishop is a director.

Members of his family who met him at the train afterwards expressed surprise to find his condition apparently so favorable. In the ambulance, on the way to his residence, the bishop, noting the white uniformed ambulance drivers, jocularly remarked: "Well, the Ku Kluxers have got me."

Bishop Kilgo became ill on his way home from Hot Springs, Ark., where he had been attending the general conference of the Southern Methodist church and was taken off the train at Memphis.

Dr. Turner will hold a conference with the bishop's physician here tomorrow, it was announced.

REPEAL OF POSTAL RATE INCREASES CALLED FOR

WASHINGTON, June 9. — Repeal of the last of the four increases second class postal rates, originally imposed under the war revenue act of 1917 is provided for in a bill introduced today by Representative Kelly, republican, Pennsylvania. It would take off specifically increases which went into effect July 1, 1920, July 1, 1921 but would retain the present zone system of postal charges and put the rate back to that carried with the increases which became effective July 1, 1919.

GOMPERS FEARS RIGHT TO STRIKE MAY BE REMOVED

Interpretation Placed on Coronado Decision by Supreme Court.

LABOR FEDERATION TO CONVENE SOON

Rail Union Heads Call on Presidents to State Needs of Workers.

CINCINNATI, June 9.—Protests of organized labor, as voiced here today at preliminaries for the annual convention next week of the American Federation of Labor, centered against the Supreme court, the congress and state legislators in general.

Samuel Gompers, president of the federation, in addressing a club of business men, interpreted the Supreme court decision in the celebrated Coronado coal case as a negation of the right to strike and declared that organized labor would appeal to congress for new legislation setting aside the decision.

In criticising the Supreme court, Mr. Gompers said that he expected to be "taken strictly to account" for his utterances, adding that "I do not run away from a fight."

"But, it has come to a pretty pass," he continued, "when an American citizen can no longer discuss and criticise the decision of the courts. Any one, if he feels so disposed, can criticise even the President of the United States, or the United States senate or the congress. Pray of what flesh are the members of the Supreme court that they are above criticism beyond that of the President of the United States?"

In his speech, Mr. Gompers said the Coronado decision made international unions, indorsing strikes, liable for damages, and he asserted this meant the unions must withstand "constant litigation or go out of business."

"If you compel men and women, regardless of conditions," he continued, "to work against their will you have re-established slavery. Some people are impressed now is the time to take advantage of the working people, reduce wages and break up their organizations and under the 'open shop' weaken or destroy the unions."

In this connection, he warned against "driving the bargain too hard," asserting that a "day of reckoning will come" and adding that the organized workers are the "greatest stabilizing force" in the country. Referring to rail union chiefs, he said they had prevented strikes, which he said had been desired by the union members generally, and he concluded with the expression of a hope for the time when the employers and employes would solve their problems at the conference table.

WANT PRESIDENTS TO STATE NEEDS OF LABOR

CINCINNATI, June 9.—(By The Associated Press)—Six railroad presidents, accustomed to solve "the complex problems of the railroads," were called upon tonight to announce a solution of "how much fuel shall be put in the human boilers of section men and their families, so that they may produce and maintain a safe roadbed" by the heads of 11 railway labor organizations who Tuesday decided to take a strike vote of their membership as a protest against further wage cuts, due July 1.

The statement was in a reply to a joint statement issued by H. E. Bryan, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee an dSt. Paul; Hale Holden, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy; W. H. Finley, Chicago and Northwestern; J. E. Gorman, Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific; C. H. Markman, Illinois Central, and S. M. Felton, Chicago Great Western.

Pointing to the Rail Executives' association that the employes "are interested sincerely in their jobs and their homes and few employes in any industry have more good reasons for doing so," the union leaders declared this statement them of accepting "as just and reasonable the minimum wage of 23 cents an hour, $11.04 a week, $46.92 a month and $563.04 a year, which is proposed for the section men."

The labor heads declared they "welcomed the opportunity to discuss with practical railroad officials the problems of the industry" and asserted that "the hope for the railroad industry rests largely on the extent to which railroad officials discuss frankly with their employes the problems not alone of the industry but of the employes themselves."

They, therefore, asked a "frank discussion" of the executives' statement that the employes "have been expecting a reduction and are making preparations to meet the new scale."

KANSAS CITY MAN IS HEAD OF RTARIAN

LOS ANGELES, June 9.—Raymond Havens, of Kansas City, Mo., was chosen president of the International Association of Rotary clubs at the final business session of the 13th annual convention of the organization this afternoon.

Directors elected to the International Rotarion board today were Harry Robert Craddock, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Ralph Bristol, of Ogden, Utah; Herbert C. Wilson, of Worcester, Mass.; John Turner, of Tampa, Fla., Robert Patterson, of Dayton, O.; Alexander Wilkie, of Edinburgh, and R. Jeffrey Lydiatt, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

RICCI INCIDENT NOW CLOSED SAY OFFICIALS

WASHINGTON, June 9. — The incident created by the public discussion of tariff questions by Ambassador Ricci, of Italy, which brought criticism on the floor of the senate, has been definitely closed so far as the American government is concerned. The ambassador saw Secretary Hughes late yesterday in relation to the matter and it was learned authoritatively today that the conference ended the matter.

Gigantic Cotton Mill Chain May Be Established By Duke In Carolina Mill Territory

Charlotte Hears $50,000,000 Concern Will Be Formed to Create Biggest Textile Enterprise In the Entire World.

(Special Correspondence, The Asheville Citizen.)

CHARLOTTE, June 9. — This city is agog with excitement today over report that a $50,000,000 textile company is to be launched here to operate a chain of mills in the Carolinas, with headquarters in Charlotte. The report comes from a New York paper. Charlotte mill men all either denied knowledge of the transaction or were non-committal in the matter. The report was broadcasted from New York by news agency.

The probable basis for the report, it is declared by local cotton mill men is that J. B. Duke is inspiring the most gigantic mill enterprise ever attempted in the world and that Charlotte will be the center of movement if it goes through.

The news agency said tentative plans for organization of a company to operate a large chain of mills in the south with Charlotte as headquarters, are being considered by a group of well known cotton manufacturers and capitalists. The new company, it is said, will be headed by one of the leading cotton manufacturers in the south.

The most likely basis for the rumored enterprise, it is said, is that J. B. Duke, may have plans which will lead to launching of monumental project, upon completion of the 80,000 horsepower electric development at Mountain Island and that one million spindles would represent the ultimate and not immediate goal of Mr. Duke's undertaking. The largest group of spindleage under operations of single system in the south, is that of the Cannon Mills. Riverside and Dan Mills at Danville, Va., have the second largest. The C. V. Johnston group is the largest in the immediate territory, with 158,000 spindles.

W. J. Chambers, today bought from Lee Kinney and associates the Kinney building, West 4th street, the consideration being $112,000. The structure is office building of three stories, not a year old.

Winners Of Prizes Will Prove Ability To Run Up Earnings In The Citizen Auto Contest

Popular, Representative Citizens Soon in Friendly Rivalry.

DON'T WAVER, BUT ENROLL NAME TODAY

Surest Way to Win Automobile Is to Make Early Start.

There is a great deal of fun to be had by joining the "Circulation Drive" and competing for the big automobiles and other prizes. Calling on old friends, renewing acquaintances and making new friends will afford a great amount of pleasure. One will find that after entering the race and signifying an intention to win, friends will rally to one's support amazingly. Nothing is more human than to wish to be on the winning side. Do you ever notice how difficult it is to find a man who will acknowledge that he voted for the losing candidate in the election? They are scarce, indeed, and the same spirit will manifest itself in the "Circulation Drive."

But the first thing to do is to show your determination to succeed by sending in the nomination coupon and then getting on the job quickly and securing some votes to be credited opposite your name when the initial list appears.

The Campaign is Short.

Eight weeks is a mighty short time in which to earn such tremendous prizes as The Asheville Citizen offers its friends who participate in the "Circulation Drive." Some of the princely salaries during the next eight weeks—salaries equal to the presidents of some of the biggest banks today. You can be one of these if you realized it.

Splendid Ability being Thrown Away.

There are hundreds of persons who possess every qualification necessary to make a winner in the big "drive." They, would make splendid vote getters, or campaigners we may say, but they don't realize it. They have never tried their hand at securing votes or selling subscriptions, and they themselves do not know their ability until it is tested. You who are reading about the splendid automobiles and other prizes would perhaps be driving the $3,464.90 Cadillac automobile at the end of the eight weeks "drive" if you would make the test now. Doubtless everyone has heard the story of the young man who was asked if he could play the violin. "I don't know," said he, "I have never tried." No one will question this

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INTERNATIONAL BANKERS DEFER LOAN DECISION

To Resume Consideration on Loan for Germany 3 Months Hence.

PARIS, June 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The international bankers at a session held tonight, virtually decided to adjourn for three months and then resume consideration of a proposed loan to Germany.

Although the bankers' committee will meet again tomorrow morning to complete its answer to the reparations commission, the decision to adjourn was taken this evening after its members had agreed that in view of the situation created by reparations commission's vote nothing could be done at this time toward arranging a large loan for Germany. The final decision is expected to be taken tomorrow by the bankers. No official communication was issued tonight.

The bankers held two sessions today, one this afternoon and the other this evening at which there was a lengthy discussion of the draft of their final declaration to the reparations commission. In this declaration the bankers probably will state fully their views on the financial situation of Germany together with their recommendations.

The reply of the bankers will not be made public by them. They will leave the matter in the hands of the reparations commission to do with it as it sees fit.

GENERAL BLANCO'S BODY RECOVERED FROM RIVER

LAREDO, Tex., June 9.—The bodies of General Lucio Blanco, Colonel Aurelio Martinez and Major Garcia, killed by Mexican customs guards and soldiers Wednesday night as they headed an alleged invading party into Mexico, were recovered from the Rio Grande today.

POPE PIUS TO HOLD CONSISTORY IN NOVEMBER

ROME, June 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Pope Pius has decided to hold his first consistory of the creation of the new cardinals, created in November, according to reliable information obtained in vatican circles.

DAUGHERTY HAD PHILLIPS HELD TO SHIELD SELF?

Charge Made by Democratic Congressman From Georgia, on Floor.

PHILLIPS LOOKED FOR ARREST, SAID

Quoted as Saying His Prosecution Would Not Be Necessary.

WASHINGTON, June 9. — The case of J. L. Phillips, chairman of the Georgia State republican committee, who is at liberty on $25,000 bail following his arrest on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government through contracts for disposal of surplus lumber, was brought up again today on the floor of the house.

Representative Woodruff, republican, Michigan, asserted he had been informed from three separate sources that Phillips had stated a week prior to his arrest that the case against him probably would not be pushed further than his apprehension. Phillips, according to Mr. Woodruff, held the belief that "things on the hill, (the capitol) has come to such a condition that certain authorities deemed his arrest necessary but were prepared to let the matter rest there."

The charge that Attorney-General Daugherty had used the Phillips case to "shield himself from public criticism," was made by Representative Larsen, democrat, Georgia.

Representative Begg, republican, defending Attorney - General Daugherty, declared if he was "one-half as guilty as some people had charged," the President and the public would soon find it out. The Ohio member sharply criticised "attacks by innuendo" on the attorney-general, who, he declared, was just starting on the big task of trying to put war grafters in jail.

Taking up again his statement that nobody went to jail as a result of congressional investigations, Mr. Larsen broke in during a tumult, with half a dozen members seeking to speak at once, with the statement that "Martin, Mulhall and Lamar," went to prison after congressional inquiries.

Mr. Larsen insisted that a congressional investigation was needed now.

"It alone will satisfy the demands of the public, let the public know and understand," he declared "that the attorney-general, who himself is under fire, has not the opportunity and will not be given the opportunity to cover up testimony that might show the guilt of various parties."

Mr. Larsen charged that efforts had been made to "bridle the press of the country."

"I am sorry to say," he added, "that it has not all been made by the distinguished attorney-general, but the chief executive of this country, has, in my judgment, undertaken to do a thing that congress itself is not permitted to do. The constitution provides that congress shall pass no law abridging the freedom of the press. Yet the great executive of the government, the man who is supposed to execute the laws, comes out in the papers and criticises the press because the press has seen fit to comment upon the various charges as made against his distinguished attorney-general. The attorney-general is under fire, and the chief executive criticises the papers that would dare speak out and let the people know, that would transmit to the public information given daily in the congress regarding his acts and doings."

FRENCH MISSION WILL SAIL THIS MONTH

PARIS, June 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French financial mission going to the United States for consultation with the war debt funding commission there expects to sail June 24. It was announced this afternoon that M. Parmentier, who is to head the mission, had engaged passage on the liner Paris, sailing for New York on that date.

Borah Warns Against Coal Price Probe If Any Profiteering Seen

Efforts to Bring Up Bonus Bill to Go Over Few Days

McCumber Gives Out Meager Statement on Program for Enactment.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Efforts to obtain senate consideration of the soldiers' bonus bill will be deferred for at least ten days, it was stated today authoritatively. Whether it will be taken up by agreement among republican leaders or without the consent of some remains to be obtained.

Chairman McCumber of the finance committee, who will pilot the legislation on the floor, has informed senators that in fixing a time to call the bill up he will try to suit the convenience of most of them. He said he realized that there were those on each side who had to be absent from time to time because of primary campaigns in their states and who desired to be present when the bonus is considered.

SECOND PRIMARY IS CALLED FRIDAY BY PLATO D. EBBS

Defeated by R. R. Reynolds in First Race by 171 Votes for Senate.

Upon the request of Plato D. Ebbs, who was 171 votes behind Robert R. Reynolds in the race for the democratic nomination as state senator in the Buncombe county primary last Saturday, the county board of elections yesterday morning ordered that a second primary be held in the county Saturday July 1. There were three candidates in the first race, Mrs. Charles Malcolmn Platt being eliminated.

Whether Ellis C. Jones, second highest in the race for nomination as solicitorof the Nineteenth judicial district, will ask for a second race against J. Edwin Swain, was not definitely determined yesterday, Mr. Jones being unable to give a final decision. However, it is generally believed he will not enter a second contest against Mr. Swain.

In the first primary no majorities were given for solicitor, senator, commissioner of public highways, auditor, and constable of Asheville township. Ben M. Collins early in the week requested a second primary against W. W. Warren and the county board of elections ordered this election for Asheville township. It is believed neither Mr. Reagan or Mr. Walker, seconds in the other contests, will enter a second primary.

Since it was learned early last Sunday morning that five second contests were possible much interest has centered around the discussions regarding the cost of a second primary and the effect one would have on the party. It was not known until yesterday morning that Mr. Ebbs had decided to demand a second primary, when in his request for the second contest he made the following statement:

Statement By Ebbs Given In Full.

"By the terms of the primary law I find myself charged with the heavy responsibility to say whether, to save the trouble of ascertaining the will of the majority of the voters, the democratic nomination for the state senate in this county shall go by inconclusive minority vote. I have deliberated upon the matter as long as the law allows and have sought assurance of my duty through the counsels of the good and disinterested party friends upon whose advice I was mainly influenced to enter this race. I have endeavored in the best of faith to put aside every consideration of pride and self interest and to shape my course with regard solely to the larger welfare of the democratic party and of the whole people of Buncombe county. I make free to avow that I have given less consideration to the few hundred dollars of money that might be saved or lost to this $90,000,000 county than to the possible effect of my decision upon the organization and morale of the party; but I hope that I have given just consideration to both. Upon one point I can speak with confidence: My decision has not been influenced in the least by resentment of the malignant slanders against my character and conduct which were cunningly put out at the eleventh hour of the late campaign—I did not permit myself to be disturbed by them at the time, and certainly they could not influence my action now.

"Stripping this question of every consideration personal to myself and to my competitor and dealing with it solely in its large public aspects, I am constrained to decline the responsibility, under the circumstances, of committing the democratic party to a minority nomination for this office. It is the disinterested opinion of the party men best qualified to judge that the vital welfare of the democratic party of Buncombe county requires that the issues arising upon the senatorial candidacy of Mr. Reynolds should be fought to a clean cut finish with the least possible delay. It is their opinion, in which I fully concur, that weakness and compromise now would enormously increase the difficulties of the settlement that, in the nature of the case, would have to come later.

"If I were at liberty to consult my own personal convenience and advantage, I would choose the easier way and have an end of contention; but, having put my hand to the plow, I cannot look back. The issue is joined and I

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HOOVER ASSURES HIM OF EFFORTS AGAINST GOUGING

Pending Outcome of Hoover's Action, Investigation Is Held up.

HOOVER WILL BE GIVEN FREE REIGN

If He Gets Co-operation, Borah Would Not Open Up Discussion.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Congressional investigation of prices charged by bituminous coal operators and retailers was promised tonight by Senator Borah, of Idaho, chairman of the senate labor committee, at a conference with Secretary Hoover of the department of commerce, if the basic price scale established at conferences between Mr. Hoover and committees of producing operators are made the basis for profiteering.

Secretary Hoover was said to have assured Senator Borah that in further conferences with operators and dealers he would do his utmost to prevent profiteering and to obtain price adjustments to protect the public, and Senator Borah was understood to have agreed to withhold any investigation pending the outcome of Mr. Hoover's action.

It was said, at the conference which was held at Senator Borah's residence at the instance of the commerce secretary, the question of governmental action for bringing about a settlement of the strike was not discussed.

The subjects discussed between Secretary Hoover and Senator Borah were said to have been the price agreements negotiated through Mr. Hoover and possible congressional action, including legislation. It was said that Senator Borah had no desire to interfere with Mr. Hoover's price negotiations so long as they were not made the means for charging excessive prices. But it was said Senator Borah had questioned the legality of the Hoover price agreements.

The conference lasted an hour. It was understood that Mr. Hoover would proceed forthwith to secure an adjustment of prices based on a maximum price of $3.50 a ton and also to take steps to prevent operators from charging unreasonable prices to retailers.

After the conference, Senator Borah made the following statement:

"My opposition at the conference tonight was simply this. If the operators and retailers work together and will co-operate to protect the public in the matter of prices, I would not favor at this time any investigation and would let this price proposition work itself out if it will.

"But if the maximum which has been fixed by Mr. Hoover is going to be used by the operators as a minimum price and thus pushed on to the retailers and the operators and retailers together take advantage of the situation to boost the price to the public, I would favor an investigation to force a complete exposition with a view to laying the foundation for public control."

COLGATE STUDENTS ARE CHARGED WITH ARSON

SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 9. — Five Colgate students were arrested today charged with arson, following four fires in and near the college town last night as the climax of annual moving up day exercises.

Donald Carberry, Westfield, N. J., John Stratton, Fair Hills, N. J., Richard Wasserman, Jersey City, Y. M. Horton, Pultney, Vermont, and George Corall, of Binghamton, N. Y., are the prisoners docketed.

COMMISSION HEARS EAST STATE CASES

(Special Correspondence, The Asheville Citizen)

RALEIGH, June 9.—The corporation commission heard today the petition of the North Carolina Traffic association for an order reducing to the level of trunk line freight rates the tariffs of three short line roads in Eastern Carolina. A decision by the commission may be delayed a few days. It will affect all short line roads in the state.

FALL'S RESIGNATION IS DEMANDED BY FARMERS

SCOTTS BLUFF, Neb., June 9.—Resignation of Secretary Fall was demanded in resolutions adopted at a mass meeting of farmers and business men of the North Platte valley today. They charged "unjust treatment of farmers on irrigated lands and lack of understanding of their needs for relief."

FORD BUYS GROUNDS FOR ASSEMBLING PLANT

NEW ORLEANS, June 9.—Representatives of Henry Ford, the Detroit manufacturer, closed a deal here today for the purchase of a large tract of land near Chalmette, on the outskirts of New Orleans where, according to an announcement, the largest automobile assembling and distributing plant in the south will be constructed.

HARDING IN DENIAL OF PROPAGANDA CHARGES

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Charges by Senator Heflin, democrat, Alabama, that the federal reserve board had engaged in publicity propaganda, were flatly denied in a formal statement sent to the senate today by the board under signature of W. P. G. Harding, governor.

BAREFOOTED

By BILLY BORNE