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## RAILROAD PROBLEM BACK WITH PRIVATE OWNERS

### They Have \$300,000,000 Revolving Fund on Which They Must Pay Interest and Which They Must Return Some Time—How Problem Affects Shipping Public

(By W. S. MANN)  
Washington, April 7.—When Uncle Sam's pockets were emptied to the tune of \$300,000,000 to build a "revolving fund" to be used by the railroads, the government officials are now attempting to determine how that sum shall be applied.

Acting in conjunction with the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Association of Railway Executives has outlined from every road, large and small, a summary of its most pressing needs, and the association is now in a meeting in Chicago to work out a plan for the use of the revolving fund. The plan is to have the majority of the funds go to the purchase of rolling stock and to the improvement of facilities, and also to the purchase of new equipment.

The revolving fund, according to the railroad bill, is to be used "for the purpose of building carriers by railroads subject to the Interstate Commerce Commission to serve the public in the transition period immediately following the termination of federal control." In the original bill, the amount of the revolving fund was \$300,000,000, but the compromise measure provided that the amount be \$200,000,000, and that the balance be made up by the issue of government bonds.

The bill also provides that the revolving fund shall be used to purchase rolling stock and to improve facilities, and also to purchase new equipment. The bill also provides that the revolving fund shall be used to purchase new equipment.

The association of railway executives expects to arrange for the construction of 10,000 new freight cars during the present year, but not all of them are to be paid for out of the revolving fund. At the present cost of about \$1,000 per car, the cost of 10,000 cars is \$10,000,000. The association expects to purchase 10,000 cars in 1916 and 1917, 10,000 in 1918, and 10,000 in 1919, with the balance to be purchased in 1920. The association expects to purchase 10,000 cars in 1916 and 1917, 10,000 in 1918, and 10,000 in 1919, with the balance to be purchased in 1920.

## WOMEN PICKET STATE DEPARTMENT

Washington, April 7.—Barred by the police from picketing the British embassy, women of the Irish cause announced today they would turn loose their banner bearers on the state department.

The women said their pickets would appear as soon as possible, bearing banners and placards. They said Secretary Clegg made in New York after the Easter rising in Ireland in 1916 in which they asserted they defended the Irish and attacked Great Britain.

## FRANCE COMPLETES ENEMY OCCUPATION

Frankfort, April 7.—The occupation of Momburg by French troops announced today virtually completes the operations outlined by General DeGoutte in charge of the occupation in his orders from the war office. The five operative plans have been carried out without any significant incident.

The inhabitants of Frankfort are awaiting the occupation with complete outward indifference. The city presents no appearance that any occupation has occurred.

Mrs. Murphy Hostess  
The Hickory Music Club was delightfully entertained last night by Mrs. J. L. Murphy at her home on Twelfth street. The composers for the evening were Dubois, Lack and Adams and those taking part in the program were Mesdames John Carr, C. R. Warlick, W. B. Menzies and J. L. Clegg.

The solo by Mr. Connolly, accompanied at the piano by Miss Trent and Mrs. E. L. Shuford on the violin.

### A STATEMENT

A shipment of print paper expected last week has not arrived and until a few rolls come by express the Record will be compelled to reduce its space allotted to advertisers. Three pages of advertising matter being omitted today. By next week it is hoped that we will have a supply of print paper. In the meantime we are bound to conserve.

## CHICAGO STRIKE WORK IS BEGUN ON MAGAZINE SECTION

Chicago, April 7.—Representatives of 8,000 members of the Brotherhood of local engineers and firemen employed in the local yards here today defied their unions and voted to join the strike of switchmen here. Transportation is badly crippled and railroad officials were agreed if the force of strikers were augmented such traffic would be tied up.

The engineers and firemen declared they would not work with "scabs," as they termed the loyal union men, and also demanded an increase of pay. The engineers are getting \$5.75 a day and they demand \$1.50 an hour; the firemen paid from \$1.16 to \$1.25 a day demand \$1 an hour.

### STRIKE IN BUFFALO

By the Associated Press  
Buffalo, April 7.—Five hundred switchmen on the night shifts of all railroads entering Buffalo with the exception of the Pennsylvania and Erie went on strike last night, virtually tying up all traffic in the city. Up to 9:30 this morning the day shift had not reported for work and it is believed they have struck. The Sheehan, president of the switchmen's union, said the strike was illegal.

## STATE DEMOCRATS MEET AT RALEIGH

Democrats from 100 counties will meet in convention in Raleigh tomorrow and in what promises to be the most interesting session in years. Woman suffrage will be the big question before the body and it is expected that the Susan B. Anthony amendment will be approved. The revitalization act and the income tax amendment also will receive endorsement.

Representative Clyde R. Hoey will deliver the keynote speech and Senator Overman is on the program for an address.

Senator Simmons, who will not attend the convention, is in favor of endorsing suffrage, though he is not a convert to the cause. He bases his advocacy on the grounds of expediency, taking the same view as Governor Bickett, who will recommend suffrage to the special session of the general assembly in July.

### APPRECIATION

To the Editor of the Record:  
Your action in omitting Monday's issue of your paper should, and I believe does strike a responsive cord in every Christian's heart. Our civilization is growing more complex day by day, and this very complexity serves too often as an excuse or reason for the loss of sight of the spiritual and eternal issues of life. There is no doubt but that the haste and hurry of our social life exerts a more or less baneful influence upon our conscience. The pursuits of business and industry are urgent by necessity, but were never intended nor should be allowed, to hypnotize that faculty in man which has as its burden to ask, seek, and knock for the things that are necessary for the intelligent life in this world but in the world to come. But in this desert of such recognition, your action, as well as that of certain other businesses in Hickory, serves as a refreshing oasis to the thirsting soul. You have marked the passing of Easter, the highest season of the church year, with a graceful reverence, and here's trusting that it has been a season of happiness and advancement to you and your force.

### COTTON

By the Associated Press  
New York, April 7.—The cotton market showed extreme nervousness and a good deal of irregularity during today's early trading. The opening was 120 points higher on April, but there was very little interest on that month and while May opened higher other months was 13 to 20 points lower under realizing.

### Weather

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Thursday, colder tonight in east and central portions. Frost in interior tonight, warmer in west portion Thursday, fresh west winds.

## RODMAN SCORES LOOSENESS OF SPEECH

Washington, April 7.—Admiral Hutz Rodman, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, told the senate investigating committee today that Rear Admiral Sims' letter to Secretary Daniels criticizing the navy was "very indiscreet."

"Admiral Sims' indiscretions," he said, "lay very particularly in his breach of confidence in making the whole incident in a confidential conversation with Rear Admiral Benson."

The witness referred to Admiral Sims' statement that Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations, told him before his departure for Europe "Not to let the British make the wool over your eyes; we had as soon fight the British as the Germans."

Declaring that he appeared entirely at his own request to "defend the good name of the American navy," Admiral Rodman, who commanded the American battleship squadron in the British grand fleet, told the committee that the American navy did its full share in co-operating to help bring the war against the Huns to a victorious close.

### LARGE EXPORT BUSINESS

The Home Canner Manufacturing Company has made the following export shipments of carrying outfits and dehydrators and supplies to Dealagona Bay, Africa; Sidney, Australia; Havana, Cuba; Sao Paula, Brazil, and Mexico City, Mexico. Mr. Flowers reports business as never before better and the outlook for canning in Hickory is good.

Mrs. Will Self of Lenoir was the guest last night and today of her sister, Mrs. T. M. Johnston. Mrs. Self was enroute to China Grove to attend the meeting of the Woman's Class of North Carolina.

## DEMOCRATS ARE OPPONENTS OF BUILDING ARE SHORT ON SIGNATURES

### Only 87 Bona Fide Voters on Demand for Election After List is Purged—Council Ready for Fight With Those Disgruntled Persons Who Protested

Raleigh, N. C., April 7.—Democrats from all parts of the North Carolina began gathering here early today to attend the state Democratic convention which meets here tomorrow.

Congressman Clyde R. Hoey, temporary chairman, who is to deliver one of the keynote speeches at the convention, was among those who arrived this morning.

Indications are that woman suffrage will furnish the principal feature of the convention. Senator Simmons' statement in Washington last night favoring ratification by the legislature of the suffrage amendment was the topic of discussion among politicians here.

Suffrage leaders were much encouraged by the senator's announcement and were hopeful that the platform would contain a declaration in favor of suffrage.

Before leaving Washington for Raleigh yesterday, Congressman Hoey indicated that he would advocate ratification of woman suffrage at the convention.

Senator Overman who is to deliver a speech when asked at Salisbury last night his attitude on woman suffrage, said such a statement as he had to make would be incorporated in his speech. Opinion is divided on the view Senator Overman would take, but many here thought the junior senator would join Senator Simmons, while others thought he would oppose.

### GERMANS DENOUNCE ACTION BY FRENCH

By the Associated Press  
Berlin, Tuesday, April 6.—Occupation of German cities in the neutral zone east of the Rhine by French troops was denounced in an official statement today. It was declared that the government did everything to "prevent this unheard-of action, which is neither in the scope of the treaty and is out of proportion with the significance of our measures in the Ruhr region."

### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL MEET SUNDAY

By the Associated Press  
Berlin, April 7.—A special session of the national assembly will be held Saturday. The roll for the session was issued today following a conference between the cabinet and members of the assembly.

### FUNERAL OF MRS. DAY

The funeral of Mrs. Louise Day, whose death occurred at her home near Hickory yesterday, was conducted from the residence at 1 o'clock this morning by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw. She was the mother of 14 children and is survived by 12 of them, eight sons and four daughters, and her husband. She was a member of the Baptist church and was an unusually fine woman.

### DEATH OF MR. HOUSTON

Mr. Daniel D. Houston, a well known farmer of Clines township, died on Sunday at the age of 42 years. The funeral was held from St. Peter's Lutheran church of which he was a member. Mr. Houston is survived by his wife and several children.

### ASSEMBLY BILLS WOULD BAR RADICALS

By the Associated Press  
Albany, N. Y., April 7.—Two bills designed to carry out the recommendations of the assembly judicial committee for barring the socialist party in America were introduced in the New York legislature today.

On measure is intended to require the attorney general of the state to begin an action in the appellate division, third department, for a judicial determination of the question of whether the "principles, doctrines or policies" of the socialist party if carried into effect would "subvert the principles of this government."

The companion measure is designed to amend the law relating to the qualifications of persons to hold office.

### THREE COLORED MEN SLASHED AT DANCE

A dance at the colored hall in South Hickory Monday night broke up after a cutting away in which Ada Shuford, wife of Toss Shuford, used a knife to perfection on George Ramsey, Emory Mobley and Hall Morrison. These dancers, according to Ada, forgot a little detail, which in her opinion happened to be the price of admission, and she enforced the rule of the house. George Ramsey was severely cut in three places, arteries being severed, and the trial is being delayed for his recovery. The others were able and escaped serious damage.

### BOX SUPPER

There will be a box supper at Sweetwater school house, Saturday night April 10.

### HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN

Holy Trinity is feeling very happy over the Lent and Easter services. Flowers, special music and the sermons all had been prepared in a special way. There were forty additions to the church. An after Easter service of "Prayer and Praise" is announced for tonight at 7:30. Subject the sermon is: "After Easter What?" The pastor, Rev. C. R. W. Kegley, invites the public and gives a hearty welcome to every church visitor.

Mr. E. W. Reese, of Charlotte, is spending several days in the city with home folks.

### REASONS FOR REJECTION

In the matter of the petition filed with the city manager demanding that the ordinance relating to the erection of the municipal building and the issuance of bonds for that purpose be submitted to a vote of the voters of the municipality.

This matter coming before the board and being read by the mayor and city council of the city of Hickory, the same being the governing body of the said city, we have in compliance with the municipal finance act of 1919 considered the petition as filed with the city manager on the 31st day of March and find the following:

1. That the registration books of the city of Hickory for the preceding election, the same being the election for the year 1919, contains the names of 573 names of persons who were living and residing in the city of Hickory, who were entitled to vote.
2. That the petition as filed with the city manager contains the names of 124 persons who were voters of the municipality at the last preceding election of the city of Hickory.
3. That a petition has been filed by 37 persons who are voters of the municipality requesting that their names be erased from the petition demanding that the ordinance as heretofore shown be submitted to a vote of the voters of the city of Hickory.
4. That the municipal finance act of 1919 requires that the said petition shall contain the names of thirty-three and one-third percentum of the voters of the municipality as shown by the registration books of the municipality at the last preceding election.
5. That thirty-three and one-third percentum of 573 as heretofore shown on the registration books is 191.
6. That the petition as filed contains the names of only 87 voters living and residing in the city of Hickory in compliance with the municipal finance act.
7. Therefore we find that the petition does not contain a sufficient number of names of voters of the municipality as required by the municipal finance act of 1919.