

## Howell Barkley Bill Is Storm Center of Debate

Labor Favors It and Railroads Oppose It and Both Sides Ascribing Ulterior Motives to Other in Fight on Question of Abolition of Railroad Labor Board

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Washington, May 16.—The controversy over the abolition of the United States Railroad Labor Board and the substitution of a Board of Mediation and Conciliation has developed some sharp differences of opinion between the railway executives and the railway employes.

In order to obtain a statement of the views of each side, the writer asked W. W. Baldwin, vice president of the Burlington railroad, and Donald Richberg, counsel for the Organized Railway Employees, to prepare a comment on the principal phases of the Howell-Barkley bill.

Mr. Baldwin says: "The exact language of the Howell-Barkley bill is as follows:

"The said board shall use its best efforts by conciliation to bring them to agreement. If such efforts to bring about an amicable adjustment shall be unsuccessful, the said board shall at once endeavor to induce the parties to submit their controversy to arbitration."

"There is no other language defining the scope of their authority. If this board of conciliation can do nothing but try to persuade, is it not really a repetition of the boards of adjustment, whose powers are limited to persuasion? The only difference is that the boards of adjustment are equally divided and not likely to agree in any important controversy, while the board of conciliation consists of all neutral members."

"Now, under the Cummins law both the persuasive duties of the boards of adjustment and the board of conciliation and the power of final judgment are vested in the Hooper board, whose composition is absolutely fair. If it cannot persuade then it will decide. Instead of requesting the parties to please be good and arbitrate, the board arbitrates. It combines every element of neutrality and fair composition that is provided in the Howell measure, and the three representatives of the public are the mediators and arbiters from start to finish. Are three not as good as five? We know that the Hooper board will function, will mediate, and will arbitrate, and will render judgment. It has done it too often not to know that. That is why the labor leaders want to get rid of it."

"But you never can know under the Howell bill that one thing will be done except talk in any dispute of real moment like a material reduction in wages. Nothing will result in such cases except a strike, because not one of the Howell boards has authority to render judgment, and strikes are invited and legalized by clause eight of section D."

"There is nothing in the constitution granting a right to any class to combine and to conspire in order to destroy the public transportation service of the people, and forbidding courts to issue process to prevent such conspiracy to inflict universal injury. If railroad managers should undertake such a conspiracy they would soon learn there is no constitutional provision authorizing their act, or paralyzing the arm of the courts from restraining them."

"I know that the shopmen's strike in 1922 was called by the unions in spite of the Cummins law, and was a refusal to obey the decision of the labor board, but that strike was a failure and no important strike has since occurred, while in 1919 there were said to be 248 strikes on 151 different railroads. I also know that 70 disputes were settled by 'mediation' in six years—that is, from 1913 to 1919, but none of them were really important."

"What was done under the Newlands act is a poor criterion of what will occur if the labor board is abolished. Why was the Newlands act repealed? Why was 'mediation' then called a failure? Why go back to it when we already have an efficient neutral board in which the public has the controlling voice with far more power and authority to preserve railroad peace than is contained in the Howell bill?"

"The Cummins law provides a permanent tribunal fairly constituted in which the public is represented, whose duty it is to inquire into controversies that threaten to interrupt commerce. It is the duty of the parties to refer their disputes to this tribunal. In all our history there has never before been a tribunal with duty to inquire into the merits of a dispute, unless both parties were willing to arbitrate."

"Paragraph B of section 307 of title III of the Transportation Act is expressly framed so that employer and employe are not free to make agreements for raising wages that may require increases in rates to meet the increased expense."

"It seems to me every good citizen should oppose the repeal of these provisions enacted in the public interest, and which do not appear in any form in the Howell bill."

"The provision that no labor member of any board of adjustment will Continued on page eight"

## MAJOR MARTIN ARRIVES



Chief of the round the world fliers reaching Port Moller, Alaska, after having been lost for ten days in the Arctic wilds. Planes in the distance.

### CONTRACT LET FOR NEW STAR ROUTE

The contract for the star route to South Mills has been let to Albert A. Meads and the price is \$798.00. Six trips a week will be made, the service beginning July 1 to leave Elizabeth City on arrival of Train One, and not later than 12:30, and returning to leave South Mills on arrival of rural carrier about 4 p. m. but not later than 5 p. m., arriving in Elizabeth City in 45 minutes.

### REFUSE TO ATTACH GOODING AMENDMENT

Washington, May 17.—By the vote of 49 to 25 the Senate today refused to attach the Gooding long and short haul amendment to the interstate commerce act.

### CREWS ARE RESCUED BY BREECHES BUOYS

Reedsport, Ore., May 17.—The steamship Admiral Nicholson went on the rocks yesterday when attempting to aid the steamer G. C. Lindaur which previously had gone on the rocks. The Coast Guards say their is no hope of saving either vessel but the crews were rescued by the breeches buoy method.

### COOPER TRIAL NOW SET FOR NOVEMBER

Wilmington, May 17.—The trial of the three members of the Cooper family: Lieutenant Governor W. B. Cooper; his brother, Tom Cooper; and his son, Horace Cooper; and their business associate, Clyde Lassiter; in Federal Court in connection with the failure of the Commercial National Bank of Wilmington, was yesterday postponed until the November term of court.

### BANDITS ROB BANK

Detroit, May 17.—Two armed bandits today overpowered H. K. Taggart, bookkeeper, as he unlocked the door of the Fort Street branch of the Bank of Detroit, locked him in the washroom, and when Joseph Akina, teller, opened the vault, took \$30,000 in currency and escaped in an automobile.

### NO LICENSES GIVEN THESE AUTO OWNERS

Raleigh, May 17.—Licenses will not be issued on July 1 to those owners of automobiles who have not registered titles with the Secretary of State. It was announced last night.

### MANTEO ENJOYING REAL ELECTRIC SERVICE

Manteo, May 17.—The people of Manteo are now enjoying real electric lights and are not looking for any breakdowns in the near future as they have been in the last several months. Frank Gates, largest owner and manager of the plant, has just installed a new engine with double the power of the old one. For the last few months the town has been very poorly lighted, all due to the fact that the plant did not have sufficient power to take care of the load on it but with the new engine that difficulty has been overcome. George W. Griffin, salesman for W. H. Weatherly & Company, Elizabeth City, has been spending the week here working in and out of town in the interest of his firm.

### TWO MEN DROWN IN FLOOD WATERS

Harrisonburg, Va., May 17.—Two men were drowned near here yesterday when caught in the flood waters of a mill race and carried through the sluice. The bodies have not yet been found.

### Government Barges on Inland Waterways

Washington, May 17.—A bill was passed by the House yesterday and sent to the Senate which will create a Government corporation to operate barge lines on the inland waterways.

Rev. F. H. Scattergood met Mrs. Scattergood at Norfolk Friday and accompanied her home after her visit to points in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

## WORLD FLIERS BREAK RECORD

Reach Island Safely After Hop of Nearly Nine Hundred Miles Across the Pacific Waters.

Paramashiru Island, The Kuriles, May 17.—The 'round the world' United States planes arrived here safely yesterday after a long journey of nearly 900 miles from Attau Island across the open waters.

Blazing a trail through the skies never before invaded by an airplane the fliers reached this ice fringed remote bay bordering the Arctic this morning, thereby gaining for their country and themselves the distinction of being first to have crossed the Pacific by air. The hop of 878 miles was the longest of the round the world flight.

With the perilous leap from the North American mainland to the Orient safely behind them, the fliers will continue southward on the next leg of the flight, which is to Bettobu, on Vektorofu, the largest island of the Kuriles chain, although the time of their departure is uncertain.

Paramashiru, second largest of the Kurile Islands, is inhabited only by hairy Ainu, aborigines of Japan, who have been driven north to this dreary land by the constant economic and cultural pressure of the Japanese from the south.

The American fliers' plans call for a landing in Kashiwabara, where a Japanese and an American destroyer await them; the Japanese as official hosts, and the American boat as a carrier of supplies.

Volcanic Beauties Ahead  
A like welcome from warcraft of the two nations lies at the end of the next jump southward, of Bettobu on Vektorofu, the largest island of the Kurile chain. This island is mountainous like Paramashiru, but has more volcanoes, as many as five of which sometimes are in eruption simultaneously.

The islands present some of the most awe-inspiring natural phenomena to be seen anywhere in the world. Their volcanoes are spouting fountains of fiery beauty, far surpassing anything in Japan proper, in Italy or in Hawaii, according to scientists, who have studied in all four sections.

"Gone are the days when the preacher's face was long. Gone are the days when he dare not sing a song; Now we are come to a better, brighter age. When we have preachers who are men, like Parson Myers."

So sang the Kiwanians celebrating the second anniversary of "Baby Kiwanis" at the Red Men's banquet hall in the Savings Bank Building Friday night.

For Parson Myers, who is listed on the roster of the North Carolina Methodist Conference as Rev. H. E. Myers, pastor of Duke Memorial Church, Durham, North Carolina, and who was for four years pastor of City Road Methodist Church of this city was the first president of the Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club and the club celebrated its second anniversary by inviting him to be with the club as its guest of honor on this occasion and to make the only speech on the evening's program.

"I have served four churches in my work in the ministry," Mr. Myers told the Kiwanians, "and I have rather made it a point not to return to those fields when I had been called away from them. But your invitation that I be here tonight came to me, I think, as to a friend rather than as to a preacher, and I came as a friend who appreciates friendship."

The speaker then sketched the early history of Kiwanis in Elizabeth City, mentioning Cliff Sawyer, Claude Williams, Clarence Pugh and Cam Melick as among those who had first become inculcated with the Kiwanis spirit in Elizabeth City and who had spread the infection until the Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club celebrated its charter night. Smiles came to every face as he indulged in a few reminiscences of that historic night, June 2, 1922, when he himself was the recipient of a bouquet "too large for a corsage for Boush Leigh with a huge cabbage as its centerpiece." He sketched the growth of the club, set forth what he conceived to be its ideal and reviewed some of its accomplishments.

"You fellows have been working in no unselfish manner," he said, "to build a better community through creating a better spirit in your community. While I was your president

## ROYAL KIWANIAN WELCOME IS GIVEN PARSON MYERS

Club Celebrates Its Second Anniversary in Red Men's Banquet Hall Friday Night With Its First President as Guest of Honor and Only Speaker on Program

"There are as fine men in the Rotary Club as there are in the Kiwanis. Outside of each club there are men as fine spirited and as unselfish as there are in either of them. All are working on the ideal that the way to build a better city is first to build a better civic spirit in it, a spirit that submerges selfish interest to the common good. Then through the better spirit comes a greater measure of material prosperity as a by-product."

C. R. Pugh referred to by Kiwanian President Sawyer as "the best program leader in North Carolina Kiwanis," had charge of the anniversary night program, one of the features of which was lifting an American flag draped over a chair to disclose a statue therein as the youngest guest of the evening "Baby Kiwanis" herself. Numerous prizes were awarded during the evening, enhancing the program, and the usual thing in the way of songs and good fellowship prevailed. The feast was served by the degree of Paschantas and Miss Katharine Spence was introduced as the newly elected accompanist of the club.

The Kiwanis quartet, which has a more than statewide fame, was right on the job and quite up to its usual high standard, despite the fact that Harry Kramer lost his voice on a recent trip to New York, and brought the assemblage to vociferous applause when it sang a special number "We're Crazy About You, Parson Myers." Kiwanians smiled broadly when Kiwanian President Sawyer hinted that nobody knew what else Harry Kramer had lost in New York and even more broadly when the president told them that Harold Foreman, Caruso of the quartet, had deferred having his tonsils removed in order that he might not jeopardize his being able to sing with the quartet for the occasion—though Phil insisted it was no joke.

A suspicious circumstance about the drawing of prizes was that almost all of them went to the same table and Bryan Combs got a new straw lid that just suited him and was a perfect fit.

## SOLDIER BONUS BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

Washington, May 17.—The House today passed the soldier bonus bill over President Coolidge's veto. Party lines vanished as supporters of the measure piled up a comfortable margin over the two-thirds majority required on such a vote. Enactment into law or final defeat of the bill now is up to the Senate where a closer result is expected.

## TRYING SECURE REMUS CHECKS

Courts Will Be Asked to Aid Daugherty Committee in Getting Evidence to Back Up Convict's Story.

Washington, May 17.—The courts will be asked by the Senate Daugherty committee to help it secure cancelled checks of George Remus, Ohio liquor operator, which he had testified will tend to verify his story of the large money payments to the late Jess Smith, companion of Attorney General Daugherty for "protection."

After a conference with Attorney General Stone the committee held an executive session to arrange for legal procedure.

There was no friction between Stone and the committee, Chairman Brookhart said, but court action was considered necessary because Remus is serving a term in the Atlanta penitentiary.

## PRESIDENT COOLIDGE HAS A SLIGHT COLD

Washington, May 17.—Because of a slight cold President Coolidge today cancelled his engagements for the day and remained away from his office. It was said today at the White House that he was not confined to his bed but had decided to spend the day in his room on the advice of physicians.

## RESOLUTION FAVORS CHILD LABOR LAW

Springfield, Mass., May 17.—A resolution favoring the Federal law against child labor was today adopted by the Methodist Episcopal General Conference without a dissenting vote. Copies of the resolution will be sent to President Coolidge, the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives.

## YOUTH AND MAID ARE FOUND DEAD IN AUTO

Harrisburg, Pa., May 17.—Harry Ganster, aged 21, president of the senior class of Marysville high school near here, and Vera Ellensberger, aged 18, of Hollidaysburg, were today found shot to death in an automobile near Hogestown.

Whether the killing was a double murder or murder and suicide has not been determined although reports received here were that no gun was found.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, May 17.—Spot cotton closed quiet; middling 31.15. Futures closed at the following levels: May 29.79, July 28.51, October 24.97, December 24.33, January 23.98.

## Cleans Up



Death of a brother turned Ralph Evans from a \$16-a-week dustman in a big New York hotel into a wealthy man. Evans says he is so accustomed to hotel lobbies that he'll invest his money in the hotel business.

## SCHOOL CLOSURES AT MANTEO HIGH

Dr. Hubert Poteat of Wake Forest College and Dr. S. H. Templeman of Elizabeth City are Chief Speakers.

Manteo, May 17.—As the final program of the commencement of the graduating exercises of the Manteo High School were held in the high school auditorium Tuesday evening of this week. Dr. H. M. Poteat of Wake Forest College delivered an address the forceful theme of which was the dangers of ignorance to American citizenship. In less than an hour of convincing argument he stressed the danger of socialistic and ignorant immigrations into our borders; of the weaknesses brought about in our educational system by immature and poorly prepared teachers as well as by those grasping for new fancies and follies; of the overworked tendency toward vocational education and elective courses for young students as opposed to the cultural subjects for mental development; and, finally, of weak religious training in the home and community, which came in for particularly scathing condemnation.

The high school class was 17 in number and the largest class ever having graduated in the school. The roster follows: Hugh Basnight Clara Cox, Emma Mae Crawford, Lena Price Daniels, Dorothy Drinkwater, Margaret Hoyle, Alma Meekins, Angerola Nelson, Eliza Midgette, Eilery Midgette, Susan Midgette, Early Smith, Simeon Tolar, Harry Wescott, Mabel Wescott, Alice White and Hazel Lee Willis.

On Monday night, May 12, the high school students presented "Peg O'My Heart" with remarkable cleverness for an amateur production. Miss Beatrice Daniels starred as "Peg" and Harry Wescott as "Jerry."

Friday night, May 10, Dr. S. H. Templeman of the First Baptist Church of Elizabeth City preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class and previous to that the grammar grades had given a fairy like operetta beautifully costumed and capably trained. Throughout the entire commencement program the result of well taught music in the school was demonstrated and vocal talent rarely found was evidenced by several students.

## HARRISON CHAIRMAN DEMOCRATIC MEET

New York, May 17.—Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi was today unanimously chosen temporary chairman of the Democratic National Convention in New York next month and will make the keynote speech of the convention.

## MAY HOLD ASSEMBLY IN COUNTRY CHURCH

Austin, Tex., May 17.—Nashville, Tennessee, was this afternoon selected as the 1925 meeting place of the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly.

San Antonio, May 17.—A little stone church in the country district of Augusta County, Virginia, may get the next meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church.

The desire to strengthen the country churches of the denomination has turned attention to holding the national meeting in a rural church for the first time in a century and a pressing invitation has come from the Augusta County church.

## REMOVE NEEDLE AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS

Manteo, May 17.—Mrs. W. B. Tillett passed through here Thursday enroute to her home at Wanchese, after being in St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, for two weeks having a needle removed from her foot which, according to her statements, was stuck there about 27 years ago.

Mrs. Tillett stated that she was coming down the stairs with her oldest child, then an infant, asleep in her arms when she stuck this needle in her foot. Since that time she says that she has had several different doctors to try to locate it but all without success, some telling her that it must be imagination.

The X-Ray pictures showing just how the needle was located, that Mrs. Tillett was taking home with her seemed to be of considerable interest to all who saw them.

## NO CRIME WAVE HERE

No crime wave now sweeps in Elizabeth City at present, defendants in the recorder's court of late having been few in number and up for the most part, for minor offenses. Only three were before Trial Justice Spence Saturday morning and all of those were let off with the costs of charges of operating motor car with defective lights. The defendants were F. L. Bradfield and Lony Bundy; and Jim C. Shannon, colored.

## SHARPE IS POSTMASTER

Washington, May 17.—John M. Sharpe was yesterday nominated postmaster of Statesville, North Carolina.