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WASHINGTON NEWS

George B. Cortelyou has resigned as chairman of the republican national committee. Harry S. New of Minneapolis is the acting chairman.

Grave charges are to be preferred against the Dawes commission by the select committee of the senate which is investigating the affairs in the Indian Territory.

Senator Daniel, speaking in the senate on the Foraker resolution relating to the negro troops, ridiculed the suggestion which he said had been mysteriously hinted at that the people of Brownville "shot up" their own town, in order to bring reproach on the negro soldiers.

Representative Murphy of Missouri introduced a resolution providing for an investigation to find out why in the matter of the arrest of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad officials and employes, because of the recent wreck near Washington, the employes were arrested immediately and taken to jail, while the officials were merely notified of the verdict of the coroner's jury.

By a vote of seventy to one the senate passed Senator LaFollette's bill providing that railway employes engaged in handling trains shall not work more than sixteen consecutive hours, which period is to be followed by ten hours off duty. Senator Pettus of Alabama cast the one negative vote. The text of the bill follows: "Be it enacted, etc.: That it shall be unlawful for any common carrier by railroad in any territory of the United States or the District of Columbia or any of its officers or agents, or any common carrier engaged in interstate or foreign commerce by railroad or any of its officers, or agents, to require or permit any employe engaged in or connected with the management of any train carrying interstate or foreign freight or passengers to remain on duty more than sixteen consecutive hours, except when by casualty occurring after such employe has started on his trip, and except when by accident or unexpected delay of trains scheduled to make connections with the train on which such employe is serving, he is prevented from reaching his terminal; or to require or permit any such employe who has been on duty sixteen consecutive hours to go on duty without having had at least ten hours off duty; or to require or permit any such employe who has been on duty sixteen hours in the aggregate in any twenty-four hour period to continue on duty or to go on duty without having had at least eight hours off duty within such twenty-four hour period.

"Section 2—That any such common carrier or any of its officers or agents violating any of the provisions of this act is hereby declared to be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 and it shall also be the duty of the interstate commerce commission to fully investigate all cases of the violation of this act and to lodge with the proper district attorneys information of such violations as may come to its knowledge.

"Section 3—That to enable the commission to execute and enforce the provisions of this act, it shall have the power to employ such inspectors or other persons as may be necessary, to enforce the provisions of this act, the commission and its agents and its employes thereunto duly authorized by order of said commission shall have the power to administer oaths, interrogate witnesses, take testimony and require the production of books and papers. The commission may also order depositions taken before any officer in any state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, qualified by law to take the same.

"The provisions of this act shall not apply to relief or wreck trains."

The bill making appropriations for the legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the government was reported to the senate. It carries \$30,855,834, a net increase of \$225,450 over the amount as passed by the house.

All propositions for raising the salaries of members of congress and members of the cabinet, including the provisions inserted by the house increasing the pay of cabinet members, the vice president and speaker of the house to \$12,000 a year, were rejected. It is expected, however, that an amendment will be offered on the floor of the senate to restore these items and also raise the salaries of members of congress.

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