

DEMS KILL LIABILITY BILL

Nebraska House Overthrows Work of State Commission.

HORSE PLAY OVER MEASURE

Bill of State-Wide Import, Pledge of Majority Party Fetched About and Finally Let Up in Midair.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 27.—(Special.)—In committee of the whole last night, house recommended for indefinite postponement of House Roll 848, the workmen's compensation bill prepared by a subcommittee of the judiciary committee.

The house spent two days and tonight discussing the measure. This afternoon the discussion was simply a farce, while tonight the farce became serious by reason of the fact insinuations were made that corporations and skystr lawyers had been lobbying to kill the bill by the use of money.

Lawyers Fight Bill. One member said the lawyers would spend \$10,000 to kill this bill. Gates of Barry, asked another member who was speaking against the bill if he had seen any of the money "that is floating around to kill the bill."

Sugarman Again Shines. Sugarman came very near being rapped for chopping block again tonight with six-foot Bollen and six-foot Richardson wielding the axe. Sugarman was arguing against the bill when both Richardson and Bollen yelled to him to stick to the truth.

Vote on Bill. Those who voted to postpone the bill indefinitely were the following: Republicans—Allen, Ayers, Buckner, Corbin, Croun, Davis, Erickson, Gustafson, Haggerty, Harris, Hartwell, Jaski, Hostetter, Morris, Stebbins, Stevens, Sugarman and Yates—13.

Democrats—Banks, Busch, Emselund, Fox, Fuhrer, Funk, Gates, Gruber, Guat'n, Helliger, Hoffmeister, Jones, Maurer, Murphy, McCarthy of Cumming, McCarthy of Greeley, McKissick, Omalley, Orr, Pilger, Reische, Reuter, Rudenill, Scheuth, Sindelar and Van Dusen—27.

Absent and Not Voting—Anderson of Kearney, Brott, Fallstead, Foulon, Flanagan, Losey, Palmer, Regan, Snyder, Trumbell and Lee. Total voting to postpone the bill, forty.

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Farce in Afternoon. The house staged a one-sided prize fight in the afternoon and then completed a hilarious program by putting on a farce comedy which was a scream to all except the taxpayers who occupied the gallery. They were paying the freight, \$10 a day to member, \$1,000 in all, in addition to the many employes.

The title of the farce was "A Platform Pledge, or Looking After the Poor Workingman," written by a subcommittee of the judiciary committee of the house, which imagined it knew more about a workingman's compensation bill than men who spent many months studying the situation.

Reminder Avails Not. Mockett, leader of the house minority, said: "Gentlemen, this is a platform pledge; it was in the democratic platform. What will you tell your constituents when you go home if you kill it?"

Sugarman, the little giant, who gave up part of his oratorical in defense of his ideas, put ginger into the play by failing the audience the bill had been prepared in a star chamber session, and he seriously doubted if the labor union representatives voiced the position of the labor unions in agreeing to the measure.

Objects to Uproar. "I object, Mr. Chairman; every time a man says anything against this bill he is howled down. I insist he be given a chance to talk." (Loud cheers from the other mob. Loud knocks by the chairman.)

The noise got so overpowering that the chairman asked the members of the farce company to "please be decent." He insisted to such an extent that the noise gradually subsided until it resembled merely a herd of cattle on a bank floor bellowing at once.

Richardson then explained what a good bill it was and urged the democrats to stand by the platform and pass it. "Tell us what's in the bill and let us on platforms," yelled several voices. Several motions were made to adjourn and were ruled out of order; then Mockett moved for the committee to rise and report. This carried. Reische moved that the house refuse to concur in the report of the committee of the whole. This carried and the bill was left in the air while the house recessed for supper.

To show the audience they could get down to business the committee of the whole voted on roll call not to report the bill for third reading by a vote of 31 to 19.

Wabash Passenger Train Goes in Ditch Enroute to Omaha

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 27.—Wabash passenger train No. 1, carrying Omaha and Kansas City sleepers, was wrecked tonight near Normandy a few miles out of St. Louis. The fireman was killed and it is reported the engineer was fatally hurt and that several coaches were overturned into a ditch.

Fifteen passengers were injured, although it is not known how seriously. The wreck was caused by water loosening the roots of a tree, which fell across the track. The dead fireman was O. W. Butts of Moberly.

Telephone Men Are Flood Heroes

CHICAGO, March 27.—Two employees of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, M. B. Stohl, wire chief at Dayton, and C. D. Williams, wire chief at Phoneton, Ky., almost unprecedented devotion to duty, have kept Dayton in touch with the outside world.

Batteries and power at the telephone company's plant were put out of commission. Stohl then went to the roof and "cut in" with a lineman's "test set." By means of this meager equipment, messages were exchanged by means of the underground wires of the company, which held up until after the noon hour Tuesday.

Since then, except for brief intervals, Stohl has remained at his instrument on the roof of the building, suffering the discomforts of exposure to the rains and low temperature.

Mayor H. W. Pedlar. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., March 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Mayor H. W. Pedlar of Loup City died at the St. Francis' hospital of pneumonia, which sickness set in while he was recovering from an operation for appendicitis. He leaves a widow and one child, nine brothers and four sisters. He was a candidate for re-election as mayor and had no opposition. J. S. Pedlar, a banker, accompanied the remains of his brother to Loup City today.

Cities on Coast Will Send Funds

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—Mindful of the generally shown by eastern states and cities to San Francisco in the hour of its affliction, Governor Johnson joined with the legislature today in an appeal to the public to contribute to the relief of the stricken cities of Ohio, Indiana and Nebraska. Telegrams were sent to the governors of the suffering states asking them to command what they would, although what can be done in the matter of a state appropriation must be a subject for consultation.

Indoor Athletic Meet Postponed

On account of the tornado the big indoor meet to be given April 4 and 5 has been indefinitely postponed. Persistent Advertising is the Road to Big Returns.

A Fortunate Texan

E. W. Goodlow, Dallas, Tex., found a sure relief for malaria and biliousness in Dr. King's New Life Pills. Only 25c. For sale by Heaton Drug Co.—Advertisement.

Hartman Will Protect the Nests He Feathered

By careful checking, we find that the hundreds of families that suffered losses in the tornado were members of the Great Hartman family of patrons—happy nests that had been feathered by Hartman. Some have lost their goods—others have lost everything.

To you and all other sufferers we extend our sincere sympathy, and all the help and services of this great organization.

Payments are forgotten in this time of dire disaster. Our only thought now is to help you "feather the shattered nest." We want to do our part—and do it quick. You can do your part whenever you think you are able. Come and get what you want!

Again we say—our entire organization is at your service. Our men, our stock, our wagons, our warehouses, etc., and we gladly call and take care of your household effects until you are again located.

Phone us your needs! We are waiting to serve you!

1414-16-18 DOUGLAS ST. HARTMAN'S 1414-16-18 DOUGLAS ST.

We Desire to Thank the Public

For its patience during the time our service was demoralized by the tornado of Sunday night, and beg to announce that service on all lines has now been restored.

Much of the construction of the past few days is necessarily of a temporary character, and, in consequence, there may be some minor delays in service, but it will be the aim of the Company to overcome this as rapidly as possible.

Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway Co.