

SOUTHERN PACIFIC STRIKE MOVEMENT REPORTED TO BOARD

Dispute Already Under Jurisdiction of Railway Labor Body and No Special Action Planned.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—The United States railroad labor board today reported receipt of a telegram from J. H. Dyer, of San Francisco, general manager of the Southern Pacific railway, calling attention to the fact that a strike vote is being taken among the firemen and engineers of the system. The board took no action.

Dyer's telegram stated that the vote was being taken because the employees had "failed to compel" the management to confer with them about a dispute over wages.

Representatives of the engine brotherhoods here said they were informed that the vote was being taken because the management "had refused to confer" with the employees.

No Special Action

The dispute concerning which the employees proposed to confer is already under the jurisdiction of the board, and spokesmen of the board indicated that therefore it would not be deemed necessary for the board to take special action. The board assumed jurisdiction over the protest of the brotherhood last April, its action affecting the Southern Pacific and nearly all other important lines west of Chicago.

The roads refused to confer thereafter with the employees on the separate properties, maintaining that they had authorized the western managers conference committee (Jeffers committee) to represent them in the dispute until its conclusion. The board held that failure of the employees and the Jeffers committee to agree threatened interruption of commerce; the employees contended that the intervention of the board interfered with the conference between employees and managements. The question is now before the supreme court.

Agreement Impossible

The employees contended that an agreement with the Jeffers committee was impossible because the committee insisted upon the application on all roads of a number of rules affecting them unequally, but that they could agree with the individual roads if allowed to confer with them one by one on local issues. Representatives of some of the railroads differed.

W. M. Jeffers, Omaha, chairman of the committee, said he was unable to answer when asked at a board hearing why the managements had formally insisted on separate conferences and now insisted on concerted conference.

MORE MONEY IS ASKED FOR

Railway Commission Thinks \$9,000 A Year Additional Necessary For Work.

Eighteen thousand dollars more for the next biennium is requested by the state railway commission in its budget estimate filed with the secretary of finance. The total asked for is \$14,250, which is substantially the sum that was given for the support of the work previous to the effort of Governor Bryan to make a record on tax-cutting.

For the last two years the commission has had \$10,000 for maintenance. It asks the same amount for the next two. Salaries for the current biennium total \$50,000 while \$58,200 is asked. This is for the purpose of being able to again hire a reporter for the hearings held by the commission from time to time, for which \$2,000 is asked each year. It is also desired to reemploy an assistant accountant at \$2,100 a year.

The commission also asks for an increase of the appropriation for extra help from \$30,000 to \$40,000. This is urged as necessary because of railroad rate and telephone litigation pending and to come. The remainder of the estimate is the same as now, \$30,000 for salaries for the commissioners and \$5,650 for the secretary.

RAISE PAY OF OFFICERS OF SAUNDERS

Population Fixed by Board as Basis May be Attacked and Appealed From, Says Atty. General

The attorney general's office has been asked by A. S. Dolezal, county clerk of Saunders county, whether a resolution of itself, passed by the county board, would fix the population of a county and justify county officers in drawing an increased salary, based on the assumption that the county has a population exceeding 25,000.

Assistant Attorney General Dorr in reply holds that the resolution of itself would not fix the population, as the population of a county is a fact to be determined by the best evidence obtainable. He cites recent supreme court decisions in the cases of Buffalo County vs. Bowker, 197 N. W., 620, and Koyen vs. Dodge County, 199 N. W., 1022. He says that these cases do not determine that the action of the county board definitely settles the proposition of the population, but they do determine that the resolution of the board, bona fide made, and based upon evidence taken by the board constitutes a prima facie showing which cannot

be collaterally attacked. But if the resolution is directly attacked, the attorney general believes the question of population would then become a question of fact to be determined in the case, and that the resolution of the board would be but prima facie evidence which might be rebutted by a showing of the true population.

He says if the board desires to pass upon the question of population a public hearing should be held with opportunity for interested persons to be present. He believes the board might consider the votes cast at the last general election, computing population pro rata thereof, or the board might take a school census, pro rating according to families. It might have a right to hear any and all evidence tending to prove population. He believes the board would act in a quasi judicial capacity from which an appeal or proceedings in error might be prosecuted to the district court.

NATIONAL GUARD HAS MADE GROWTH

Fifty Per Cent Increase in Its Strength During the 1924 Fiscal Year.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Through unwavering zeal of the personnel, the national guard component of the United States army scored a 15 per cent increase in strength during the 1924 fiscal year. Major General George Rickards, chief of the militia bureau, informed Secretary Weeks today in his annual report. The aggregate strength of the guard June 30, 1924, was 176,322, he said, due to recognition of new units by the federal government, the increase therefore being "a legitimate and permanent expansion."

During the year there had been a marked decrease in the number of states upon national guard troops to preserve order or give aid in great disaster, General Rickards reported.

"In each instance, however, when troops have been so employed," he added, "the manner of the performance has been favorably commented upon with notable absence of criticism."

HUSKERS TAKE IT EASY IN PRACTICE

Paul Dobson, 1919 Captain and Famous Kicker, Suits Up and Watches Workout.

Nebraska's first string worked under wraps Monday evening and following a brief signal drill the rookies were sent twice around the field and then to the showers. Locke was working in the backfield of the first string. Some of the time was devoted to finding a leak in the line which was permitting an Aggie lineman to rush Bloodgood, when the latter was punting and drop kicking.

The first attempt failed to show it up as Scholz broke through and blocked a punt. That gave the situation away, however, and it did not take long to remedy the trouble.

The Oregon Aggies are heading for Lincoln now and are due here at 1 p. m. Tuesday. Scholsser's eleven has been breaking the long ride with short workouts along the way. Paul Dobson, captain of the 1919 Nebraska team, who was one of the best of Cornhusker kickers, is here on a vacation from his home in California. He suited up Monday evening. It was Dobson's toe that beat Syracuse on a snow covered field on Thanksgiving of 1919. He was largely responsible for the scoreless tie of 1918 with Notre Dame when the latter team was full of All-Americans. Dobson was punting every time the Huskers got the ball.

There was a much different spirit extant among the squad members following the Aggie contest than was apparent the Monday following the South Bend game. A cold wind kept everybody moving to keep warm. Everybody came through the Aggie game without injury.

DAWES WON'T SIT IN ON CABINET MEETINGS

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—When he becomes vice president, Gen. Charles G. Dawes will not follow the precedent when Vice President Coolidge, at the invitation of President Harding, regularly attended the sessions of the cabinet.

It was made known at the White house today that President Coolidge and General Dawes had discussed the continuance of the precedent, and that while President Coolidge invited General Dawes to sit at the cabinet table, the vice president-elect said that he would not take advantage of it.

The reason for General Dawes' declination was not disclosed.

TO ACT AGAINST NEWSPAPERS

Omaha, Nov. 25.—The federal grand jury that reconvened Monday is expected to take action on publicity given income tax returns by newspapers in Omaha. United States District Attorney Kinsler declined to say what evidence he would present. The grand jury's investigation is part of the attorney's plan to bring indictments against newspapers throughout the country for a series of test cases.

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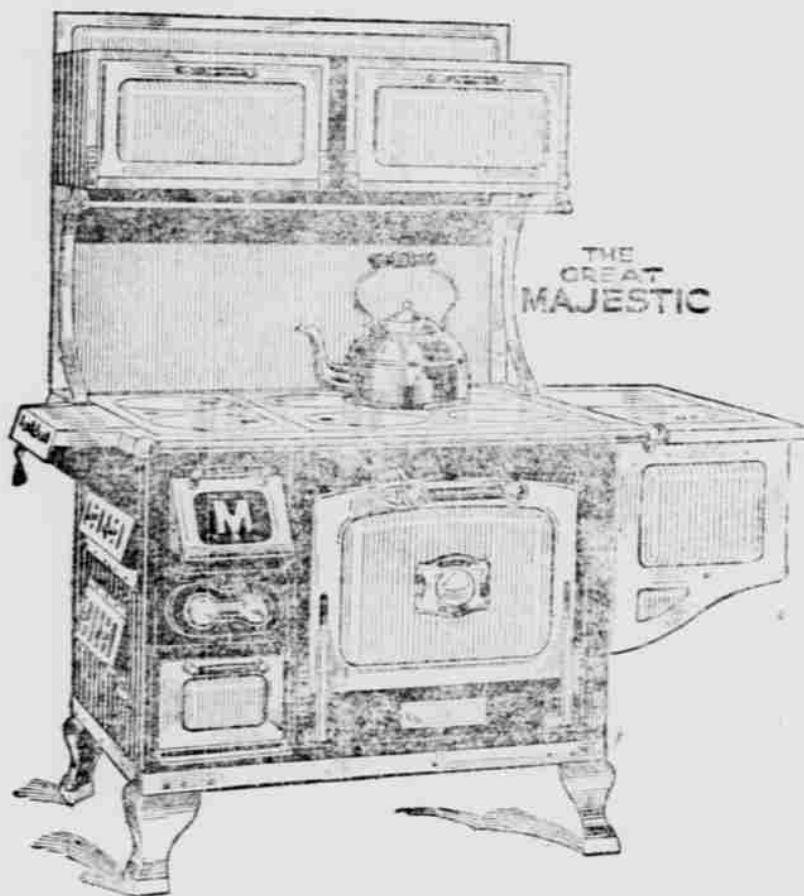
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BROOKHART GIVEN IOWA CERTIFICATE OF HIS ELECTION

State Council Finds He Defeated Steek by 755 Votes; Senator Believes Check Final.

Des Moines, Nov. 24.—United States Senator Smith W. Brookhart tonight was in possession of the official certificate of election, approved by the state executive council, following the finding of that body today that the senator received 755 more votes in the November 4 elections than did his democratic opponent, Daniel P. Steek. The election certificate, which entitles the senator to the seat in the United States senate, was issued by Secretary of State W. C. Ramsay late today. Senator Brookhart received it personally, having spent the day at the state capitol, where

the council made it check of the count canvasses. The official figures in the senatorial contest, as given out by the executive council, were: Brookhart, 447,706; Steek, 446,951.

The council's check recorded five more votes for Brookhart than the unofficial figures compiled by the Associated Press.

The check on the senatorial figures was taken up before that on president because of the close race and the fact that a contest will be brought before the senate by Steek. Representatives of both Brookhart and Steek were admitted to the room where the council checked the county figures.

While the council was doing its work Senator Brookhart visited with friends at the state house but was somewhat reticent on congressional matters. He indicated, however, that it was his belief that farm interests would be as strongly championed in the new congress as in the present one.

Of the recent election, Senator Brookhart said he felt certain the check made by the executive council

today was authentic and final. A contest by his opponent will only strengthen his own position, Senator Brookhart told friends. He was of the opinion that the number of "arrow ballots," claimed by some to be sufficient to throw the election in favor of Steek, was negligible.

The senator leaves for Washington, D. C., on Thursday.

SECOND FIRE IN CAPITOL MONDAY

Supposed to Have Caught When Janitor Emptied Trash From Box Into Incinerator.

Fire discovered in the old capitol Monday forenoon was the second blaze to serve as a premonition that moving into the new building now almost completed may be in order even before some of the state officers have their affairs in order or before they agree upon a date. Black smoke filled the corridors

and where it could not be seen it could be scented. Nobody knew where it came from. W. L. Nausler, janitor for the third floor, headed a searching party in the territory under his jurisdiction and finally found the smoke coming from a large pasteboard box, such as is used for shipping purposes. The box was in a public corridor about ten feet from the entrance to the offices of judges of the supreme court on the third floor, north side of the old building. Other paper boxes and one wooden packing box were nearby.

Mr. Nausler picked up a bucket of water under a drinking tank and doused the burning packing box. By that time a hole about a foot in diameter had been burned near the top of the box.

Inspector L. J. Butcher from the state fire marshal's office volunteered his professional services and within a few minutes gave it as his opinion that Nausler had set fire to the box accidentally when he emptied its contents into an incinerator which is located in the basement, that the pasteboard box was of such a nature that the fire thus caught

would smoulder and spread, and this it did after Nausler had replaced it on the floor in its proper or improper place on the third floor. The inspector said he had objected in the past to the use of pasteboard boxes as receptacles for waste paper.

Last Thursday afternoon a fire was started by the explosion of the contents of a glass condenser in the laboratory of the bureau of health on the fourth floor. But for the use of hand fire extinguishers which the board in charge of the old capitol had provided last summer the fire last week might have destroyed the building. Following that blaze a roadway was cleared from the east entrance to the grounds so that the walls of the old building so that the city fire department may get fire fighting apparatus directly under the walls.—State Journal.

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