

Rail Act Attacked by R. B. Howell

Republican Candidate for Senator Tells Yutan How Similar Measure Would Affect Their Industry.

Crowds Demand Speech

By F. C. POWELL, Staff Correspondent. The Omaha Bee, Yutan, Neb., Oct. 27.—(Special Telegram)—R. B. Howell, candidate for United States senator, described to 150 farmers and townspeople here today how the farmer would fare if congress treated him as it did the railroads under the Esch-Cummings bill for which his opponent voted.

Under the Esch-Cummings bill and the rulings of the Interstate Commerce commission, railroad rates must be fixed high enough so that the minimum return upon the valuation of all the railroads shall not be less than 5 1/2 per cent. Mr. Howell said, "If a railroad owns more, one-half goes to the railroad and one-half to a rotating fund, for which the government is the trustee and for which fund and interest thereon, as claimed by the railroads, the government must respond to the contributors thereof. Thus, congress has awarded special protection to the railroad industry. Suppose the agricultural industry should ask for similar consideration, and receive it."

Then the price of farm products would be fixed by an agricultural commission, as railway rates are now fixed by the Interstate Commerce commission, so as to afford the agricultural industry of the country a minimum return of 5 1/2 per cent. "If any farmer earned more than 5 1/2 per cent, half would go to the farmer and half to the rotating fund, to be loaned to the farmer; but if a farmer contributed to the rotating fund, his contribution and the interest thereon would belong to the farmer."

In addition, each farmer would receive for each hour's work on his farm an average of 58.3 cents per hour, an additional allowance for management services; also all maintenance of his land, buildings and implements; also an allowance for depreciation; and all taxes and insurance.

"This is what has been done for the railroad industry. "Suppose the farmer should ask congress for similar consideration at its hands?" Dollars Are Equal. "The answer undoubtedly would be that the railroad industry is on a different basis. Yet a dollar invested in a railroad is no more sacred than a dollar invested in a farm. "Of course, it would be insisted that it would be impracticable to do this for the farmer, and no doubt, it would be impracticable. However, as this is a government of justice, this fact is evident: "If such consideration cannot be afforded the agricultural industry, it should not be afforded the railroads."

The meeting and how was interrupted and followed by a request of citizens. Mr. Howell has not, as yet, recovered from his cold and following the Yutan meeting went to Omaha for a much needed rest. He will start on Monday. At Ashland this morning he spoke to 250. C. N. Walton introduced Mr. Howell. The meeting was in charge of Ed Swanson. Omaha, who drove to Lincoln last night, accompanied the Howell party today. At Ashland Mr. Howell was met by Randall Brown and Warren Blackwell, who were on their way to Fremont.

Eight Missing as Fire Ravages Timber Lands

San Bernardino, Cal., Oct. 27.—Hope was expressed today among fire fighters in the San Bernardino mountains that the eight of their number who at latest reports were missing had been saved. The search is open stretches along a road. The eight men left the main body of those fighting a fierce forest fire near Lake Arrowhead when the flames jumped a fire break, where a final stand had been made to save heavy sections of timber. The fire has been burning several days. Last night it swept over the crest of the San Bernardino range. At midnight a newspaper man who started toward where the eight firemen fled, was turned back by the blazing trees that fell about him and the dense smoke. Fifty more firemen were sent from the Lake Arrowhead village early today. The region is noted for its summer homes and represents heavy investments. Immense timber stands. In some places the flames, as they topped the ranges, were estimated to be 400 feet high. There was hope today that the summer colony at Lake Arrowhead would be saved.

Railways Order 122,953 Freight Cars This Year

Chicago, Oct. 27.—Railroads of this country have placed orders for 122,953 new freight cars and 1,792 locomotives from the first of the year to October 15, statistics compiled by the Railway Age show. The number of cars exceeds the average number ordered annually for the 10 years ending with 1921, which was 104,465. The average number of locomotives ordered during the same period was 4,118. The number of cars loaded with freight in the four weeks ending October 14, 1922, was 2.3 per cent more than the number loaded in the corresponding weeks for 1921. The Railway Age reports.

Excess Profit Tax and Sincerity

EDITORIAL. Senator Norris has taken the democratic candidate for re-election to the senate to task on his record on the excess profit tax issue, and is holding this record up to public scrutiny if not to public scorn. For months, readers of the democratic candidate's personal organ have been told that the repeal of the excess profit tax was wrong. During the campaign, the democratic candidate has denounced the repeal at every meeting. Among other things Senator Hitchcock and "Brother Charley" have told the ex-service men that it was the repeal of the excess profit tax that prevented their bonus at this time.

It was natural that the readers of the senator's organ and those who heard his speeches, would get the impression that the senator voted for the excess profit tax law. Senator Norris, however, brings out the fact that, as usual, Senator Hitchcock was absent and not voting when the important revenue bill of 1917, containing the excess profit tax, was passed.

In defense of his action in 1917, Senator Hitchcock says he was absent from the city and could not vote for this law and that the reason he didn't vote for the amendments that Norris wanted was because Norris wanted the excess profit taxes "too high." There is something suspicious, however, about Senator Hitchcock making a chief issue of his campaign the repeal of the excess profit tax, which was repealed after the war was over, when he was "afraid" the excess profit tax would be "too high" for the war profiteer at the time the war was on and when war profiteering was at its height. The democratic candidate's organ says, "Senator Hitchcock joined with Senator Norris in opposing the revenue bill of 1921, repealing the excess profit tax law of 1917. Here are the facts, however. Senator Hitchcock, prior to October 28, 1921, did vote for a variety of amendments, including the Walsh amendment to change the form or amount of taxes on incomes. Several of these amendments which Senator Hitchcock voted for would have had the effect of increasing the tax on profits. But here one must let his voice fall. For on October 28, 1921, the senate amendment which repealed the excess profit tax law, came up for final vote. Senator Hitchcock voted for the repeal. Senator Norris voted against it. The following is an excerpt from the original record from Washington. The amendment was known as H. R. 8245, voted on October 28, 1921. "F" means "for." See page 2, this paper, for complete congressional record on this amendment:

Table with columns: Record #, Subject, Y/N. Row 1: 10-28-21 Revenue Bill. Committee amend. substituting flat tax on corporations in lieu of excess profits tax...

And now let us go a step further in investigating the record of the democratic candidate's efforts to retain (?) the excess profit tax: On November 7, 1921, the revenue bill, containing the repeal of excess profit taxes, which according to the senator's organ, prevented the ex-service men in securing the bonus at this time, came up for final vote in the senate. Senator Hitchcock was not "out of town" this time. He was present but not voting. "N. V." as shown by the following reproduction from the record:

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After the revenue bill was passed by the senate, it was necessary for it "to go to conference in a committee with the Senate and the House." After the conference committee had agreed, it became necessary for the senate to vote again on the "conference report." This was final passage of the revenue bill which repealed the excess profit tax. This came up on November 23, 1921. Here again, Senator Hitchcock was not absent from the city. He was present, but not voting. "N. V."

It is thus that Senator Hitchcock "opposes" the repeal of the excess profit tax. Thus, the whole campaign of Senator Hitchcock against the repeal of excess profit tax and in behalf of the ex-service boys, is revealed to be bunk, just plain bunk.

League No Advantage to U. S. Former Ambassador Finds

New York, Oct. 27.—Europe finds many advantages in the league of nations, but the United States could gain nothing from membership at this time, declared Dr. David Jayne Hill, former ambassador to the Netherlands, in his return from abroad. "The league is doing admirable work," said Dr. Hill, "especially in the compilation of helpful national statistics. It has encountered insuperable difficulty in enforcing article 10, concerning the political sovereignty of nations, and that article is practically nonoperative at the present."

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Loys Comes Into Own for Day

All Hands Turn Out to Celebrate Navy Day at National Capital—Tribute to Unknown Soldier.

Denby Is Chief Speaker

Washington, Oct. 27.—(By A. P.)—All hands, including the weather man, turned out in Washington today to celebrate Navy day in a way befitting the national capital. Events were strung along all through the day, each interwoven with the navy's tribute to the memory of Theodore Roosevelt in recognition of his birth anniversary. And in true sailor fashion, the dual celebration culminated tonight around the mess table with Edwin Denby, now secretary of the navy, but once just plain "Jack Tar" Denby, as chief yarn spinner.

On the whole, it was a joyous day for navy folk and their friends. Even the humblest "gob" from the navy yard seemed to feel he had his own part in it from the time he "hit the deck" this morning. There was a smarter slant to his flat-top hat and more of a deep sea roll to his stride. Homage to Unknown Soldier. Still there were moments of deep solemnity. Over at Arlington, when Secretary Denby stopped to lay a navy wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier, the glittering staff that made the pilgrimage with him stood uncovered with bowed heads for a moment. That was all. There was no speech making.

The soldier sleeping in lonely grandeur "there is representative of the navy's war debt as well as the army's. But he is more than that. He typifies the fighting manhood of America and the navy loves a fighting man. Later in the day Secretary Denby brought out this sailor love for valor in his honor another floral tribute to the monument in the Mall to the memory of John Paul Jones. This time the whole force of navy and marine corps officers turned out to share in the tribute. A jockey hand, lusty of limb, led the way with such rollicking old-time sea ditties as "Nancy Lee" to keep on going long swinging. At the monument the tune changed to "Anchors Aweigh," the fighting chant of the midshipmen at Annapolis.

First Among Sea Fighters. First among sea fighters of American history, Mr. Denby said, stood John Paul Jones. The gay courage and grim determination with which he fought his sinking ship to victory, the naval secretary added, was the proud heritage of every man who wore the American naval uniform. It was fitting, Mr. Denby said, that navy day should be John Paul Jones day, too. While the navy itself was thus paying homage to American valor, officials of the Navy league were busy with preparations for the banquet which concluded Washington's share in Navy day celebrations. A host of distinguished men were present when Secretary Denby made his closing speech of the day. President Harding, who, it had been announced, would speak at tonight's dinner, however, was unable to be present.

Suspect Embraces Slain Wife's Body

Cleveland, O., Oct. 27.—Identity of the slayer of Mrs. Hazel May Burns, wife of Henry Burns, whose body was found buried in a woods near Painesville Wednesday afternoon, remains a mystery. Although her husband is charged with first degree murder and has been under cross examination for a total of 25 hours, he has made no admission, the authorities say, that would connect him with the death of his wife. A dramatic incident followed the bringing of Burns into the morgue where the body of his wife was yesterday. Falling to the floor he cried: "No, no! I didn't do it!" Burns knelt beside the bier and clasped the body in his arms, while his lips moved as if in prayer. The body was sent to Zanesville today for burial.

Y. W. Pledges \$24,478.

Workers in the Y. W. C. A. campaign to raise \$45,000 reported at the noon luncheon yesterday additional pledges of \$24,478 since Thursday. Total pledges to date are \$24,478.

For Prosperity on Nebraska Ranches

Cattle raisers in Argentina have millions of acres of fine range, they say, that is available for 40 months, and the rider boards himself, most can be shipped from Buenos Ayres or Montevideo to an Atlantic port for one-third the cost of shipping from Omaha. Mailing from Australia was said to be Omaha and Kansas City before the emergency tariff put the embargo on this form of competition. Live stock men of the northwest, and of Nebraska especially, know that without protection they cannot keep alive, that Omaha, South America, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia will drive them from the home market. If you want to keep the cattle and sheep industry alive, vote the republican ticket. If you want to clear the ranges of herds and drive a vote for the democratic ticket and free trade.

Walking the Plank



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Star Witness for State Describes 'Hammer Murder'

Mrs. Peggy Chaffee Details Events Leading to Slaying of Mrs. Meadows by Mrs. Phillips. Los Angeles, Oct. 27.—Mrs. Peggy Chaffee, a former chorus girl and the state's star witness in the trial of Mrs. Clara Phillips, on trial here for the murder of Mrs. Albert Meadows, July 17, detailed to the jury today what she witnessed the day Mrs. Meadows was killed. Mrs. Chaffee told how Mrs. Phillips purchased a small hammer the day before the killing and this brought from Mrs. Phillips a denial with the statement: "Now, Peggy, tell the truth. You know you bought the hammer." After purchasing the hammer, Peggy said that Clara told her she had heard her husband, Arthur Phillips, was "going with another girl." That night the witness and Mrs. Phillips drove to the apartment of Mrs. Meadows, but Mrs. Meadows was not home. Both the witness and the defendant remained all night at Mrs. Chaffee's apartment. In the morning they started for Los Angeles, where Mrs. Chaffee was working, the witness said. "While waiting for the train, Clara went to the telephone, saying, according to the witness, that she was going to 'call' and asked if he had a 'litter drink.'"

World Fight Against Prohibition Planned

Brunswick, Oct. 27.—(By A. P.)—A world fight against prohibition with the United States as the center of the wet campaign was planned at the closing session of the secret conference of anti-prohibitionists here. The meeting ended with a banquet Friday night which was marked by the naming and value of rare old vintages, chiefly French, served to the military wives. Count De-Mon of France was named head of "The International Committee of Defense." The committee was described as a force to bring the dry people back to the wet fold. Next year's campaign has been planned secretly, but it is known that the principal effort will be made in the United States where it is thought there is a chance for the greatest success.

Pennsylvania Convict Arrested at Prison Gates

Philadelphia, Oct. 27.—Frank Thompson, also known as Arthur W. Roach, a graduate of a California college, was arrested today as he was leaving the state penitentiary where he served an eight-month term for obtaining Liberty bonds under false pretenses. He broke down when he found he must go to Boston to face similar charges. The police said he was wanted on 15 similar charges in Seattle and Baltimore, but the Boston charges have precedence.

Driving Rainstorm Halts California Forest Fires

San Bernardino, Cal., Oct. 27.—A driving rain today brought to a sudden halt the forest fires which have been burning for the past week in the San Bernardino mountains, threatening numerous resorts. The rain came down in torrents for several hours.

The Weather

Table with columns: Forecast, Hourly Temperatures, Highest Winds. Includes temperature readings for various locations like Chicago, New York, and London.

Jurist's Wife Kills Pastor; Slays Self

Best-Known Minister of Montana and Called "Bishop of All Outdoors" Dies Instantly. Bodies Found by Widow.

Hayre, Mont., Oct. 27.—Rev. Leonard Jackson Christler, pastor of St. Mark's Church of the Incarnation at Hayre, the best known minister in Montana and widely known in the west as "the bishop of all outdoors," was shot and instantly killed at his home in Hayre at 1 this morning by Mrs. Margaret Christler, wife of former Judge Frank Christler of the district court of Hill county, who then committed suicide, according to Mrs. Christler wife of the pastor. Immediately after reporting the tragedy to the police Mrs. Christler sent telegrams conveying the shocking news to relatives of her husband and of Mrs. Christler. Mrs. Christler also ordered the bodies taken over by a local undertaker and announced that burial of her husband would be in his old home in Chicago county, New York, and that burial of Mrs. Christler would be wherever relatives desired. Mrs. Christler assuming all financial arrangements in connection with both funerals.

Wife Finds Bodies

Mrs. Christler, who was in another room, heard the shots, stepped to the door to find her husband and the woman lying dead. Neither the minister nor Mrs. Christler spoke a word after the shooting. Mrs. Christler telephoned to Dr. McKenzie and Dr. Foss, both intimates of the family, and to the chief of police. Mrs. Christler was but a few feet away when the tragedy occurred. According to her story, Rev. Mr. Christler held services at the church Thursday night. These were attended by a visiting minister. Afterwards Mrs. Christler suggested that the two ministers, several men who were attending the services, and herself go to a restaurant and have supper. She then left for the Christler home, one of the most imposing residences in Hayre, to secure some keys. Approaching her home, Mrs. Christler said she saw the lights lighted, and going in, discovered Mrs. Christler tearing up a number of photographs of the Rev. Mr. Christler and burning them. Mrs. Christler said Mrs. Carleton gave no explanation, but talked in an incoherent manner. After a while, according to the minister's wife, both women went to bed. (Turn to Page Two, Column Four.)

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