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SAYS PRESIDENT IS SLOW

Federation President Says He Told Him of Eight-Hour Violations Three Years Ago

Washington—“Impetus has been given to the labor movement in politics by President Roosevelt's order directing the rigid enforcement of the eight hour law,” declared Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. “We are much gratified that the president has issued the order, although we conceive it to be a little late,” added Mr. Gompers.

“The original request for the enforcement of the eight hour law on government work was made by me nearly three years ago. During the intervening time I have repeatedly called the president's attention to the continued violation of the law and have cited specific instances, backed up by affidavits.

“On March 22, 1906, the president requested Frank Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, to bring to his attention specific violations of the law, which he would refer to Mr. Neill for investigation. This was done on April 21, with the result that the order requesting the enforcement of the law was issued yesterday.

“It certainly will encourage labor to pursue its work of organization in the campaign which has been mapped out, in the hope that a large degree of justice may be attained.”

WILL BOOST THE AMERICAN HEN

Agricultural Department to Try to Add Billion to Egg Crop

Washington—In addition to its activities on the subjects of meat inspection, pure food, grain inspection, and like matters, the department of agriculture is devoting some time to the American hen. Secretary Wilson has set on foot some experiments to make her even more valuable than now.

Statisticians do not usually make much of the plain, every day chicken in figuring on the wealth and resources of the nations, but last winter Secretary Wilson gave some figures that opened every one's eyes. He showed that the farmer's hen was rapidly becoming a worthy companion to his cow, and that the annual production of eggs is now no less than 20 billions.

What the department of agriculture intends to do now is to test the food of hens and find out on what they thrive best and lay the most eggs. Poultrymen have long quarreled over whether mash fed to hens should be moist or dry. The introduction of the hopper feeding system has also caused doubt and uncertainty as to

whether it is effective.

Robert R. Slocum, an expert, has been added to the staff of the animal husbandry office to give his attention to settling these problems and others connected with poultry raising. He will feed fowls on different diets and watch the results. It is hoped to show that by using certain diets the egg crop can be materially increased. Considering there are 20 billion eggs produced in a year, if Mr. Slocum can find some diet that is especially suited to the hen he may increase the egg crop 5 per cent. This would mean a billion more eggs in a year the country over, something the agricultural department believes is worth striving for.

HIGHER MEAT UNDER NEW LAW

Washington Agent of Packers Predicts Raising of Prices

Washington—Frank E. Graham, Washington manager of Armour & Co.

tion the United States will continue to collect the customs revenues of the island, and out of these revenues create a sinking fund for the liquidation of the foreign indebtedness of Santo Domingo. Santo Domingo will obligate itself to this country to use a specified proportion of the customs receipts for the payment of its indebtedness, but the United States will not act as paymaster.

Effect of Two-Cent Fare

New Haven, Conn.—An estimated yearly loss of nearly \$750,000 to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company as a result of reducing its passenger rate 2 cents per mill several months ago already has turned into actual gain in gross receipts, as compared with other years, through an increased volume of business. In addition to the reduction of passenger rates the tariff on coal

LOWER RATES THE ISSUE

The Interstate Commerce Commission Notes a General Demand for Lower Railroad Rates

Washington, D. C.—The information comes to the interstate commerce commission that efforts are making to start a general agitation for lower railroad fares and that legislation will be pressed in many states the coming winter. In addition, a federal two-cent fare movement is under consideration.

Ohio last winter passed a two cent law and the schedules of fares all over the east are being revised to comport with it; Ohio gets two cent fare and adjoining states two and a half or three cents which displeases them greatly.

The fact that all free transportation and even newspaper mileage has been cut out by the new law is accepted as ample reason for reduction of fares. It is pointed out by an officer connected with the commission that the last annual report of the Burlington railroad system showed a net revenue of \$1.49 per mile on all passengers hauled; yet in every state on its line the Burlington charges three cents or more per mile. The Northwestern system, likewise, in its annual report claimed but \$2.05 per mile net revenue for passengers; yet it, too, charges nominally three cents. The difference, it is explained, shows the proportion of passengers hauled free or practically free.

That the passenger traffic would be even more remunerative if fares were greatly reduced and everybody forced to pay them is the opinion of the experts; and to this end much effort will be devoted in the coming sessions of congress and many state legislatures.

JEROME BOLTS HEARST

Says He Will Work in Any and All Ways for Hughes

New York—The day after the close of the two state conventions was not marked by any degree of activity in the working of republicans or democrats but was given to discussion and a preliminary straightening out of the ranks into lines of battle for the campaign.

District Attorney Jerome came in on one of the Tammany specials. In reply to a request for an expression of opinion he said: “After watching carefully and being in a position to know what happened at the alleged democratic convention at Buffalo, I do not believe that any man who is a real democrat is bound by his allegiance to the democratic party to abide by the action of such fake convention. I shall work all I can in every way and in any way I can to serve the democratic party by securing the elec-

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is quoted in an interview today as saying he has no doubt that the new meat inspection law, which goes into effect October 1, will cause an advance in the prices of meat food products. “The prices of meats are always controlled by demand and supply,” said Mr. Graham, “the same as almost any commodity. When you take the under grades of meat not strictly first class off the market and consider that that class forms a large percentage of all meat sold, then you can readily understand that as the supply is shortened and the demand just as great the consumer will have to pay a few cents more for his beef, because he is getting first class meat.”

NEW SANTO DOMINGO TREATY

Proposed Plan Eliminates the United States as Paymaster

Washington—A new treaty with Santo Domingo probably will be negotiated. Under the proposed conven-

tion to New England points was also reduced to a figure which, on the old volume of coal business to New England points, would have resulted in a yearly loss of \$150,000 to the railroad company. Receipts to date indicate that not only has this estimated loss been overcome, but there will be an actual gain over other years.

JUDGE LINDSEY FOR GOVERNOR

Popular Colorado Jurist is Nominated by Convention of Independents

Denver, Col.—Judge Ben B. Lindsey was nominated for governor of Colorado at a convention of independents made up of republicans and others. The matter of nominating an entire ticket was left to a committee to be appointed by the chairman of the convention, N. S. Gandy of Colorado Springs.