

PUBLIC BEHIND LANSING, SAYS WILLIAM H. TAFT

Secretary Acted Within Rights, Declares Former President—Break Creates Sensation.

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part of the incident had to do with the outcome can only be left to speculation.

Lansing is Going Home. Mr. Lansing was not at the department today and it was understood, was preparing to go to his home in Watertown, N. Y., for a vacation and a rest.

The president's friends made the occasion one to observe that the president's action, like his conferences with Senators Fall and Hitchcock on the Mexican situation several weeks ago, served to emphasize that while he may be ill physically, he is in full possession of all his mental faculties.

To the senate, whose struggle with the peace treaty had given it some insight into the condition of foreign affairs, the revelation of President Wilson's disagreement with his secretary of state caused less surprise than did the time and manner of the final break between them.

Privately, many democratic senators expressed regret that the resignation came just on the eve of another effort to ratify the treaty.

Representative Mason, republican, Illinois, introduced a resolution to have the house foreign affairs committee to investigate "this tempest in a teapot between the ex-secretary of state and the president of the United States."

House Refuses Comment. New York, Feb. 14.—Col. E. M. House, in a statement here, refused to comment on the resignation of Secretary Lansing, stating that President Wilson and Mr. Lansing have been his friends and have shown him "much consideration and friendship."

The cabinet meetings called by Secretary Lansing were "necessary, if the nation's business was to proceed regularly," former Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield declared in a statement tonight, in which he expressed the belief that "other causes" than the calling of the cabinet sessions by Mr. Lansing lay behind the president's request for his resignation.

No Word of Disapproval. "No word of disapproval of our meetings ever came from the White House to the best of my knowledge. The cabinet gatherings were voluntary, informal and, to my mind, necessary, if the nation's business was to proceed regularly and with intelligent knowledge of progress made."

"I accept my share of responsibility for what was done. My knowledge is there was never the faintest suggestion in word or spirit that the cabinet members were trying to do anything except help President Wilson during his illness as far as we were able."

Suffrage Endorsed at Concluding Session of Farmer-Labor Congress

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Resolutions for the advancement of the co-operative movement in America and for legislation favorable to farmers and workers were passed at the final sessions of the National Farmer-Labor Co-operative congress. The next meeting will be held on Lincoln's birthday, 1921, at a place to be determined later.

A system of co-operative daily newspapers, press service and pulp mill to furnish white paper are called for in another resolution. Women suffrage was endorsed. Another resolution asked the German ships be retained by the government.

Say Increase to Miners May Shut Down Mines Washington, Feb. 14.—The coal strike settlement commission has appointed a subcommittee to investigate a complaint by operators of the central competitive field that the industry was in a critical condition, due to the operation of 14 per cent wage increase.

The operators' brief declared that the wage increase, without a compensating adjustment in prices, would force many mines to shut down.

Postmasters Appointed. Washington, Feb. 14.—(Special Telegram)—Nebraska postmasters appointed: Ethel W. White, Boone County; Vera W. Baker; Ernest C. Grippen, Gage; Arthur county; Elsie C. Cronan,

WELFARE HEAD OUTLINES PLAN TO AID CONVICTS

H. H. Antles Defends Parole System, But Makes New Recommendations.

H. H. Antles, superintendent of the state public welfare department, in a statement made public yesterday, defends the present system of paroles, furloughs and pardons, but makes the following recommendations, which, he says, will correct existing defects:

That experts in sociology or psychiatry, be kept at the penitentiary and the Kearney boys' school to study mental condition of prisoners with a view to holding in prison men so constituted mentally as permanently menace society.

That no prisoners be released until cured of social diseases. That a body of parole officers be appointed as an advisory board to the secretary of the department of public welfare, with suboffices in all cities. The proposed parole board, it is urged, should pass on each application for parole and each of the members should be held morally responsible for men paroled in his district.

Mr. Antles criticizes failure of prosecutors and trial judges in many Nebraska counties to furnish prison authorities with information effecting advisability of paroles. "There should be closer co-operation," he says, "between the power which prosecutes and those having paroling power."

He points out the obvious object in Nebraska of sentencing men to penitentiaries is for reformation "and a reformed man has no place in a penitentiary." The parole system is operating successfully in most cases, he claims, pointing out that there have been only three violations of paroles among the 28 men paroled since the welfare department took over parole work in August, 1919. Three-fourths of all the men paroled from the Nebraska penitentiary have "made good," he declares.

"Co-operation, not fault-finding, is the plan that will result in betterment of the present system and accomplish reform of even a greater percentage of paroled men," he concludes.

500,000 Population Predicted for Omaha Within Next 15 Years

John W. Gamble, vice president of the First National bank, prophesied that Omaha's population would reach the half million mark within the next 15 years if present conditions continue to prevail, in a talk on "Omaha's Industrial Development" at a meeting of the School Forum at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Mr. Gamble attributed the rapid growth of the city to the influence of the hardy pioneers who first settled here; to its location in the heart of the greatest food producing section and to good railroad facilities. As the city grows the section east of Sixteenth street will become a great jobbing center, he said, and Farnam street, from Sixteenth street west to Twentieth will become a financial center. The retail district will also extend west of Sixteenth street to Twentieth street, he declared.

Dr. D. T. Quigley, member of the Chamber of Commerce aerial navigation committee, also addressed the School Forum. Development in air navigation will soon be just as important to a city as proper railroad facilities have been in the past, he declared. Dr. Quigley also prophesied that Omaha would become a great air terminal in a short time.

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RAIL LABORERS' STRIKE PUT OFF BY UNION HEAD

Walkout Postponed at Request of President Wilson To Await Outcome of Conference.

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The influence of the executive to get the railroad companies and the railroad employes to join promptly in the creation of a tribunal to take up these problems and carry them to a conclusion.

To Name Committee. "I shall at once constitute a committee of experts to take the data already available in the various records of the United States Railroad administration, including the records of the Lane commission and of the board of railroad wages and working conditions and to analyze the same so as to develop in the shortest possible time the facts bearing upon a just and reasonable basis of wages for the various classes of railroad employes with due regard to all factors reasonably bearing upon the problem and specifically to the factors of the average wages paid for similar or analogous labor for other industries in this country, the cost of living and a fair living wage, so as to get the problems in shape for the earliest possible final disposition. The views of this board will serve as a guide to me in carrying out the assurance I gave to the employes last summer that I would use the full influence of the executive to see that justice was done them and will, I believe, be the means of avoiding what might otherwise be a long drawn out investigation of facts. While I propose to act at once in regard to this matter and to avoid any delay in doing so, I shall, nevertheless, invite the co-operation of the railroad corporations and believe they will appreciate that it is to their interest as well as to the public interest, to get these matters promptly settled."

Recognizes Need of Action. Mr. Wilson said he recognized the necessity for disposing of the problem without further delay, but asked the continued co-operation of the unions and requested them to use their influence in obtaining a recall of the strike order issued by the maintenance workers. He said notwithstanding that "corrective factors were at work" in controlling the cost of living, "these important wage matters ought not to be postponed for further indefinite period and ought to be disposed of on their merits at the earliest practicable time."

The readjustment of living costs could not come with rapidity, Mr. Wilson explained, but added his belief that efforts to force prices down were having a "beneficial effect." The union reply expressed gratification with the president's "recognition of principles" which have a bearing on their demands, but added that there was a pressing necessity for immediate relief. "We feel justified in saying," the union answer continued, "that we do not believe the employes will countenance any plan which contemplates further delay."

It is our earnest conviction that the situation warrants us urging that you promptly indicate to railroad labor that you will create by agreement a special tribunal to deal with specific and important problems."

Principles Outlined. A set of principles with which the tribunal is asked to deal from the union view were outlined as follows: "1. Rates of pay for similar or analogous services in other industries."

"2. Relation of rates of pay to increased cost of living."

"3. A basic minimum living wage sufficient to maintain a railroad man's average family upon a standard of health and reasonable comfort."

"4. That differentials above this basic minimum living wage be established, giving due regard to skill required, responsibility assumed and hazard incurred; decision to be handed down within 60 days after agreement to establish it, and to be final and binding upon all roads in the United States," and employes whom we represent."

Appeal to Public. In a statement supplementing their letter to the White House, the union officials declared their conviction that a settlement of the controversy along any lines other than on the principles they set forth would be "at best, a makeshift." They declared those principles to be fundamental and appealed to the public "not to fear that any wage increase granted will prove a step in the so-called 'vicious cycle'."

"It is the conscienceless pyramiding of profits, and not the increasing circle of costs incident to giving labor a living wage, that the public should be on guard against," the statement said. "Labor, assured of uniformly fair treatment and relieved of distress and worry due to inadequate wages, will always, through greater efficiency and a desire to return square deal for square deal, hold labor costs on a sound economic level by increasing production and service. We ask the American people to see that we are met half way in our effort to settle wages fairly, but speedily, a great and trying problem."

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says she has always been a suffragist, teaching it along with geography in her early years. Proposed for President. Mrs. Catt is the dominant figure at all sessions. Her wit, judgment and guidance sway the meetings. Mrs. Sumney and Mrs. Richardson declare her speech before the league of women voters on Saturday afternoon was one of the inspirations of a lifetime.

Delegates at the ratification banquet, which was brought to their feet with a cheer when Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt was proposed for president of the United States by Mrs. Peter Olson of Minnesota. Mrs. Catt waived the suggestion with a smile.

Commenting on the fact that the convention program contained the advertisements of two candidates for president, Mrs. Olson said: "Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt for president. That is what I would put on the program. Others are starting booms. Why can't we? I say this in all seriousness. It is time we did honor to our living leaders."

Mrs. Olson was applauded when she predicted that "the league of woman voters will see to it that the saloon is out to stay out."

Elected permanent convention chairman of the League of Voters Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt today outlined the policies of the new organization and declared women should affiliate with the political parties.

Mrs. Catt's keynote address came at the conclusion of the first session of the new league, at which the work of organization was begun. Today's meetings were concluded with a ratification celebration banquet tonight, at which prominent suffrage workers addressed the 2,000 delegates.

"There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding the league of women voters," Mrs. Catt declared, in addressing the new body. "There is evident opposition, largely political."

Cutting Criticisms Made. "Persons interested in enrolling members in their political parties are making rather cutting criticisms. They think the league will keep women out of politics. That must not be. For 60 years we have waited for political parties to give us the vote. No state has given it until the political parties had consented."

"Are we going to continue to petition them as we always have done? If so, what was the use of getting the vote?"

"The only way to get things in this country is from the inside of the political parties. More and more

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the parties have become the agencies through which powerful things have been accomplished. It is not a question of whether it is right for us, but rather a realization of the fact. They are powerful."

No Common Body. "Why have the governors in the west acted so independently of the women voters? We expected that they would call special sessions immediately after the amendment had passed. The reason is this: That the women voters have been a sort of ladies' auxiliary. There has been no common body to exert an influence."

"Women must get into the parties. Without, we should continue to be auxiliaries. We have been 60 years urging men to confide in the abilities of women. We've got to convert them. Prove your capacities in the parties. You cannot carry the struggle on from the outside."

Only a start was made on the constitution of the league today. Affairs of the league, it was decided, would be in charge of 10 national directors elected for a one-year term. Seven of the directors would represent divisions of the country and three would be elected at large.

The board of directors would elect a chairman, vice-chairman and a secretary and also the treasurer of the League of Women Voters, and would meet annually in each of seven districts.

Will Get National Manager. A national manager also will be chosen by the board "at a sufficient salary to get the best available talent in the country." The manager's term of office would be determined by satisfactory service.

An executive council also was provided for, to be composed of the presidents of state auxiliaries and chairmen of standing committees.

Evidence of partisan activity was given repeatedly today. Four women

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although declared out of order by the chair, rose to insist that the word "nonpartisan" be kept in sight, and another delegate asked that "nonpartisan" be used in the permanent name of the league, which is yet to be chosen.

Following the morning session, at which a resolution praising Will H. Hays, chairman of the republican national committee, for aid rendered the suffrage cause, was adopted, democratic adherents, especially delegates from the southern states, complaining openly that the convention had been packed with republicans.

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