

Railway Men Plan Referendum Vote On Wage Question

Ballots Must Go Out to Union Workers Before September 1—Further Reductions Hub of Issue.

Cleveland, Aug. 16.—The call for the referendum of all the members of the "big four" railroad brotherhoods and the Switchmen's Union of North America to determine their attitude on wage reductions ordered by the United States railway labor board, under which they have been working since July 1, may be issued before the end of the week, according to officials of the railroad brotherhoods.

The ballots for the referendum must be sent out to the membership before September 1, James Murdock, vice president and acting head of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen during the illness of President W. G. Lee, said today.

It will take a month to complete the balloting and the verdict of the train service employees of the nation's railways, Mr. Murdock said.

A statement outlining the attitude of the chief executives of the five organizations may be issued before the end of the week. The situation hinges not so much on the average 12 per cent reduction already ordered but on rumors that the roads would seek further reductions, the elimination of time and one-half pay for overtime and the revision of schedules and working rules.

Acting on the instructions of the conference of general chairmen in Chicago on July 1, the brotherhood chiefs are holding conferences with railway executives in each of the four regions established by the Interstate Commerce commission. They are putting up to them three four propositions:

That the wage reduction already ordered be recalled and the old rates of pay restored.

That no reduction be required or sought.

That no effort shall be made to take time and one-half pay away from their members.

That for a fixed period, no attempt be made to cancel or change present schedules or working rules.

Executives of the eastern railroads, after a conference between their committee and the brotherhood chiefs, rejected all these propositions last Thursday.

"Drys" Get Hard Jolt In Action by House

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York, sought to make it necessary to have a search warrant before baggage and packages could be searched, but this was defeated 39 to 90. Representative Cockran, New York, insisted that all persons should be exempt from personal search without warrant.

In urging adoption of his substitute for the Stanley amendment, Mr. Volstead declared the latter would break down prohibition enforcement because it would not allow the searching of automobiles or other places without warrants.

Upholds Privacy of Home.

Congressman Reavis, who came out Saturday for the amendment as reported from the judiciary committee, said that its adoption would further the enforcement of the prohibition act.

"I would not vote for a bill that would permit any man, officer, or otherwise, to invade the privacy of my home without a search warrant," said Reavis. "There are two things among many others that civilization has done for the race and they are to teach men to say: 'This is my home and this is my woman, keep hands off both,' a sentiment that was followed by a storm of applause."

"I would not vote for any bill that would permit officers to invade the privacy of my home. The right of castle is most sacred to the Anglo-Saxon race and for that reason the committee on the judiciary has placed this bill as an amendment to the senate bill with a provision that no law officer, under the guise of enforcing the prohibition law, shall be permitted to go into a private dwelling without a warrant authorizing him to make a search."

"Persons" First.

Bourke Cockran, the brilliant New York orator, asked Mr. Reavis if he held the home more sacred than the person, in view of the fact that the fourth amendment to the constitution spoke of "persons" first in its enumeration of the things held sacred from "unreasonable searches and seizures."

Mr. Reavis replied that he held the home more sacred than the person and said:

"I would not place my home on the low level of my luggage or my automobile, as the senate amendment does. If you are not permitted to search an automobile or a grip in the enforcement of the prohibition law, you might as well wipe the law from the statutes."

Following the vote on the substitute for the Stanley amendment, the entire bill was sent to conference. The conferees are planning to make every effort to reach an agreement so that the bill may become a law before congress recesses.

New World's Record Made

In Sinking Mine Shaft

Salt Lake City, Aug. 16.—A new world's record in shaft sinking was made today when a gang of the Walter Fitch jr. company of Eureka, Utah, completed 427½ feet of a vertical three-compartment shaft on the Water Lily claim of the Chief Consolidated Mining company of Eureka.

The distance was made in 31 consecutive days and exceeded by 127½ feet the previous world's record made in 1920 by the Crown Mines Ltd. of Johannesburg, South Africa, where a depth of 310 feet was made in 31 days.

The new record was made through 367 feet of porphyry material and 60 feet of white lime shale. An average of 12 men per shift were employed in three eight-hour shifts.

The vital statistics are published on the want ad page.

Witnesses Ask Change In Permanent Tariff Bill Passed by House

Washington, Aug. 16.—Witnesses appeared before the senate finance committee today to ask changes in rates of the permanent tariff bill as passed by the house. A wide divergence of opinion among business interests as to the effect of the duties was indicated and members of the committee gave notice of their intention to delve deeply into the appeals for increases over the house rates.

In some schedules, Chairman Penrose said, it was evident now that reductions would be made. Some schedules probably would have to be increased, he added, and committee experts already have begun work on suggested new bases. The subcommittee studying the dye protection phase of the bill has made no progress, Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, said and a report from it may be delayed several days.

Further hearings will be held tomorrow on the chemical schedule.

Mystery Surrounds Death of Man and Son

Baltimore, Aug. 16.—The tragic and mysterious deaths of Louis Saro, 76, and his son, Edward L. Saro, 36, the one by fire and the other by a bullet, in their home today, have caused an investigation by coroner and police.

Efforts are being made to establish whether the younger man committed suicide, and if so whether he shot himself before or after the death of his father, whose body was found on the burning bed. Discovery of the bodies followed a call to the police by Mrs. Maurice Shores, who occupied an apartment on the second floor. She told the police she had seen Edward Saro rushing through the hallways, with a revolver, and later, she had heard the shots.

Nation's Tax Bill Is \$790,330,000 Less Under New Law

Actual Reductions for This Year Estimated at \$200,000,000—Other Cuts Effective in 1923.

Washington, Aug. 16.—A reduction of \$790,330,000 in the annual tax bill of the nation will result from the changes in the 1918 revenue act embodied in the new administration tax bill, Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee, declared in a majority report filed today with the house.

"Inasmuch as the repeal of the excess profits tax and reduction of surtax rates on individual incomes do not become effective until the calendar year, 1922," the report said, "406,520,000 of the contemplated loss of revenue will not be reflected in revenue collections prior to 1923."

Actual reductions in taxes for this fiscal year, the report continued, are estimated at approximately \$200,000,000, total collections under the new bill being figured at \$3,376,000,000 as against the estimated collections of \$3,570,000,000 under the present law.

List of Reductions.

Estimated reductions in taxes beginning with the calendar year, 1923, are given in the report as follows:

Repeal of excess profits, January 1, 1922, \$450,000,000.

Reduction of surtax rates on individual incomes to 32 per cent, January 1, 1922, \$90,000,000.

Increased exemptions of heads of families to \$2,500 for incomes not in excess of \$5,000, \$40,000,000.

Additional exemptions for depend-

ents, increased to \$400 from \$200, \$30,000,000.

Repeal of all transportation taxes, January 1, 1922, \$262,000,000.

Repeal of taxes on life insurance, \$6,300,000.

Drop Luxury Taxes.

Repeal of taxes on beverages, \$60,000,000.

Reduction of taxes on candy, \$8,000,000.

Sporting goods, \$2,000,000.

Furs, \$4,510,000.

So-called luxury taxes, \$15,000,000.

Estimated gains in taxes beginning with the calendar year, 1923, are given as follows:

Increase of corporation income taxes from 10 to 12½ per cent, January 1, 1922, \$133,750,000.

Will Lose \$790,330,000.

License to sellers of soft drinks, \$10,000,000.

Tax of 6 cents on cereal beverages, \$12,000,000.

Tax of 5 cents on carbonic acid gas, \$2,000,000.

Taxes on fruit juices, still drinks and fountain syrups, \$12,000,000.

Substitution of manufacturers' taxes on toilet preparations and proprietary medicines for existing stamp taxes, \$8,000,000.

The total loss in revenue is thus placed at \$968,080,000 and the total gain at \$177,750,000, leaving the net loss of \$790,330,000 estimated by the report.

General Rain Needed for Corn Crop Near Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—A general rain is needed in this section of the state to put the finishing touches on the biggest corn crop raised in Gage county in years. Farmers living along the state line south of here say that corn has been damaged some, the dry spot extending into Kansas six or eight miles. Much of the fall plowing has been finished, and the work will be well in hand by the first of September.

Wage Cut Planned

Lincoln, Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Lincoln city employees must submit to a 5 per cent decrease in wages

under a budget presented to Lincoln city commissioners for their approval today.

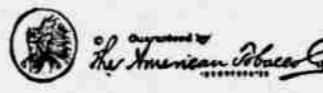
Hartington Guard Entrains for Camp

Hartington, Neb., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Company F, First Nebraska infantry, has left for 15 days' encampment at Camp Dodge, Ia. The company consists of 75 men and three officers, Capt. L. I. Eby and Lieutenants R. C. Beasley and H. R. Sorrenson.

S. B. Strong of the Hartington Herald is responsible for the organization which was mustered in August 3, 1920. Members were recruited from Hartington and Coleridge.



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