

Railroad Pass List Under Fire

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Ministers Are on Roll

Lincoln, March 9.—(Special.)—Ministers, lawyers and doctors receiving passes from Nebraska railroads are under scrutiny by the Nebraska Railway Commission.

Letters directed to railroads were mailed today warning them against breaking the Nebraska anti-pass law, which provides that no one shall receive a railway pass unless a major portion of his time is spent in employment of the railroad.

The pass list of railroads filed names, in full, everyone receiving a pass. The Rock Island is the only road showing passes issued in Nebraska to ministers.

The national law provides that railroads may, at their discretion, issue passes to ministers of the gospel, but railroads, under the Nebraska law, are forbidden to issue passes to ministers for intrastate travel.

In short, the railroad may issue a pass for a minister to go from Omaha to Council Bluffs, but has not right to issue a pass from Omaha to Ashland.

Passes Under Scrutiny. The commission has asked for information relative to the nature of passes issued by the Rock Island to the following Omaha ministers: Bishop Homer C. Stuntz, Rev. C. C. Cissell, Rev. W. H. Kearns and Rev. J. M. Wilson.

A number of passes to Nebraska physicians also are under scrutiny by the commission. The following Nebraska attorneys, listed as "railroad attorneys" on the Rock Island file here, are receiving attention from the commission: A. Hamlett, Beatrice; Fulton Jack, Beatrice; L. H. Laughlin, Beatrice; Frank L. Rain, Fairbury; C. L. Richards, Hebron; Norris Brown, listed as general attorney for the Union Stock Yards company, South Omaha.

Passes issued Everett Buckingham, vice president and general manager, and W. H. Schellberg, assistant general manager of the Union Stock Yards company, also are under scrutiny.

U. P. List Satisfactory. Passes issued by the Burlington to the following attorneys also are under question: J. A. C. Kennedy, George L. DeLacy, Yale C. Holland, C. B. Mathai, D. F. Smith, Norris Brown, Omaha; P. Romig, Alliance; J. F. Cordell, McCook; J. A. Kintosh, Sidney; J. C. Motherhead and R. F. York, Scottsbluff, and J. K. Murphy, Superior.

Passes issued by the same road to brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and daughters-in-law also must be explained to the commission.

It was stated today that the Union Pacific pass list had been checked up and found satisfactory. "The attitude of the railway commission is that the pass list should be strictly interpreted, and it is felt that in a number of instances it is questionable as to whether the issuance is clearly within the law," the letter to the railroads reads.

Bonds Stolen in Iowa Traced to Oklahoma. Fort Smith, Ark., March 9.—In an effort to obtain further details surrounding the disposition of \$20,000 in bonds stolen from the Iowa state bank at Des Moines in March, 1919, E. H. Hunter, former president of the institution, left Fort Smith this afternoon for Tulsa, Okla., where he alleges a large block of the bonds were negotiated.

Hunter alleges that the bonds and money were received in Fort Smith by Earl Ward, son of Joe R. Ward, wealthy ice manufacturer, and in connection with this charge, Ward's father filed charges of blackmail against Hunter and George A. Dismore, former cashier of the Iowa bank. The matter is now being investigated by the grand jury.

Troops Are Mobilized in South Africa to End Riots. Johannesburg, Union of South Africa, March 9.—(By A. P.)—The government, determined to end the present situation created by the gold miners' strike, today mobilized artillery, imperial light horse and other units to reinforce the public here. The public also was warned that airplanes will use machine guns if necessary.

At Germiston last night a band of raiders marched into the Primrose mine and intimidated the workers. A fight ensued, in which two natives were killed and the manager of the mine, with several others, including police, were wounded.

Prison "Bad Man" Reforms

Charles M. Morley, Slayer of Warden Delahanty and Pa. "Shorty" Gray, Gets Prize Job as Re-Being Orderly Prisoner.

Lincoln, March 9.—(Special.)—Charles M. Morley, slayer of Warden Delahanty, and sole survivor of the riot at convicts headed by "Shorty" Gray who shot their way out of the Nebraska penitentiary, is attempting to beat his way back.

For years Morley, confessed murderer, hold-up man and drug addict, who twice since his incarceration has attempted to commit suicide, has been picked as the one man in the penitentiary who will never see the outside of the prison walls.

Prison Educated. But as the long years have rolled by and the nerves of Morley, awakened and on edge from drugs, began to ring true again, he has slowly won his way back to the regard of prison officials. First, it was noted that Morley acquired information in the prison classes more rapidly than the others. He has taken short-hand, he has studied engineering and can read and write in five languages.

Next, officials noted that "only" Morley, one of the prize jobs of the institution.

Several months ago Morley told the story of his life to The Bee. He was born on a farm adjoining the Jesse James farm and as a boy saw thousands view the farm to pay homage to the outlaw and learned to look on Jesse James as the greatest man on earth.

Kills Man at 15. Morley ran away from home when he was 14 and at 15 shot a man in a row over a girl. He said he was put in a cell with a degenerate negro. Later he became ill and said the doctor gave him drugs. He served time in the Missouri penitentiary, was later arrested in connection with a holdup at Forty-second and Cuming streets, Omaha. Then, with "Shorty" Gray and Dowd he shot his way out of the Nebraska penitentiary. Several lives were lost before Gray was killed. Dowd killed himself and Morley was captured.

As a result of their "break" a drug addict in the penitentiary was exposed. Warden Fenton was appointed and has put the drug business out of existence. There was no disposition in official circles today to conceal that Mr. Davis' statement which explained again the government's position was one result of the repeated refusal of Pennsylvania and other mine operators in the central competitive field to enter negotiations looking to another national wage agreement. The union, it was pointed out here, has sought this course from the beginning, and the operators have been unyielding in opposition, though willing, in some cases, to make local or district contracts with the union.

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Davis Urges Settlement of Mine Row

Secretary of Labor Says Government Has Duty to Perform in Event of Coal Strike.

Washington, March 9.—Secretary of Labor Davis today broke the silence he has maintained during the 10 days in which the government has actively sought intervention in the impending coal strike, to urge mine operators and the miners' union "in the name of common sense, to get together and save the country from the costly results of a strike."

The government has "no desire to interfere unduly," he announced, but "has a duty to safeguard the interests of the people who will be seriously affected by the suspension of coal mining."

Although no immediate responses were received at the secretary's office after the statement was issued, press dispatches immediately reflected the interest taken in it by representatives of unions and operators in the coal fields. Official reports to the department, however, were concerned largely with details concerning the dissemination in the miners' organization where Frank Farrington, the Illinois leader, and some other district heads, are said to be beginning local negotiations in defiance of the policy of President John L. Lewis and the national executive board of the United Mine Workers.

Men Vote to Strike. The department's agents have been assured that miners' locals in nearly all sections throughout union fields are "overwhelmingly voting to strike April 1" but this information has been discounted to a degree, officials said, because a strike vote is quite often taken so that committees assigned to negotiate the issues can act with fullest authority.

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Fur Flies at Hearing on Rail Wages

Executives and Union Leaders Clash Over Statistics Presented Before Labor Board at Chicago.

Chicago, March 9.—Charges of hidden power in railroad labor organizations and counter charges of influencing public opinion by propaganda, culminated a day's presentation of statistics by eastern railroads in the wage hearings now in progress before the federal railroad labor board.

John G. Walber, appearing for the eastern roads, offered a mass of data in support of the roads' requests for lower wages for shop crafts employees, asking a graduated scale without limits to be fixed by the board, the carriers to pay wages prevailing in each locality for shop labor. Mentioning the standard country scale asked by B. M. Jewell, head of the shop unions, Mr. Walber remarked that agreements could have been reached on several roads "if the men had been free to express their wishes."

Mr. Jewell immediately took up the challenge, asking Mr. Walber to name any instance in local negotiations where the men were not free to act.

Would Endanger Union. To do so would endanger the union representative, Mr. Walber replied, but declared he would name an instance where "only his size" saved a union negotiator from trouble because he desired to come to an agreement with the carrier.

"There was the Elkhart dispute," Mr. Walber added, "where they not only threatened to throw him out, but to have a lynching too."

Further attempts by Mr. Jewell to draw specific instances of inability to come to a local agreement, only brought heated assertions by the railroad representative that union leaders could "camouflage their power any way they wanted to," but that it was felt in union locals just the same.

Present Jewell threw back the charge that the association of railroads also wielded a power to lower wages simultaneously and to influence the public with appeals for lower wages, giving savings which the roads promised should be translated into lower rates. Mr. Walber then spent 15 minutes carefully explaining that the railroads' association did not condescend.

Franklyn Takes Hand. J. A. Franklyn, president of the boiler-makers, then jumped into the discussion.

"But you create public sentiment by your propaganda from the railway association," he declared.

"I wouldn't insult the public by admitting that it was necessary to put thoughts into their heads," answered Mr. Walber. "As for propaganda, you can beat the railroads seven ways from Sunday on special rate propaganda."

Both Mr. Walber and J. W. Higgins, representing the western roads, denied there was any collusion in presenting the requests for lower wages by the eastern and western roads, the argument continuing until Vice Chairman Hooper stopped the dispute by adjourning the session.

House Restores Free Seed Appropriation. Washington, March 9.—The house put into the agricultural appropriation bill the \$360,000 item for free seed, recently cut out by the committee framing the measure.

Friends of free seed, satisfied they could win again as they have for 20 years, carried on like a crusade during the brief battle, which they won by a vote of 145 to 65.

Offered by Representative Langley, republican, as an amendment, Chairman Anderson, in charge of the bill, promptly made a point of order against the measure.

Representative Hicks, republican, New York, who was presiding, held the amendment in order, while a great shout went up from both sides of the chamber.

Claiming that seed prices had dropped from the old high mark, Mr. Anderson sought to reduce the amount to \$240,000, but his proposal was howled down.

The 65 members voting against the bill let loose such a howl that the chair was in doubt. Representatives Mondell and Garrett, the party leaders, stood up to be counted with the winners.

Mellon Announces Issues of Treasury Certificates. Washington, March 9.—Secretary Mellon announced an offering of \$250,000,000 of one year, 4 1/4 per cent treasury certificates and an issue of four-year 4 3/4 per cent treasury notes for an undetermined amount.

Both securities are dated March 15, the certificate issue being on the 15th terms, while the notes are offered only in exchange for 4 3/4 per cent treasury notes, pursuant to the treasury's refunding plans for the gradual retirement of treasury notes.

Goodrich Rubber Manager Killed in Motor Car Wreck. Denver, March 9.—Robert E. Hayes, manager of the Denver branch of the Goodrich Rubber company, was instantly killed yesterday in an automobile accident on the Idaho Springs road, three miles west of Bergan park. Two men, D. P. Raymond and R. M. Gattshall of Kansas City, who were in the car with Hayes, were detained for questioning by the police when they called at the police station to report the accident.

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Tracks of Prehistoric Animals Found in South. Mecke, Ky., March 9.—Tracks of prehistoric animals, one of which is five-toed and 1 1/2 inches across, have been found in the solid rock on the summit of the dividing ridge between the Kentucky and Cumberland rivers, near here, it was reported today.

A three-toed track of abnormal proportions is nearby, and on another stone plateau are the tracks of a herd of animals of great weight. Petrified tracks believed to have been made by humans also have been found, it was reported.

In the same vicinity a few years ago was found a tooth the size of a loaf of bread.

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Divorce Given Omaha Woman in Fremont Court

Mrs. Clara Larsen Rees Freed From North Bend Contract—Rich Widow Named as Corespondent.

Fremont, Neb., March 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Clara Larsen Rees, wife of Martin Rees, prominent contractor, North Bend, has won her divorce and will now take steps to push action against Mrs. Emma G. Johnson, wealthy widow of North Bend, from whom Mrs. Rees seeks \$30,000 for the lost love of her husband.

Accompanied by sensational charges, the Rees case appeared in district court about a year ago, when Mrs. Rees requested a divorce from her husband and the custody of the daughter, Lois Anita, 8. She charged her husband with improper relations with Mrs. Johnson.

Preferred Other's Company. Mrs. Rees claimed in her plea for a divorce that the contractor openly told her that he did not care to live with her any longer, and that he preferred Mrs. Johnson's company.

He told Palma Larsen, sister of Mrs. Rees, the petition states, that he did not love his wife and that he wished to live with Mrs. Johnson on her farm. Mrs. Rees asserts that her husband came home on one occasion late at night in a disgusting condition, after visiting Mrs. Johnson. At Scotts lake, in August, 1919, she alleged, her husband and Mrs. Johnson were seen fondly embracing each other in an automobile.

Members of Dance Club. They all belonged to the same dance club at North Bend and at these events, Mrs. Rees stated, her husband and the widow made themselves conspicuous by their attentions to each other.

Judge F. W. Button has taken the question of alimony under advisement. Mrs. Rees is living with her parents in Omaha, where she took the case to court. Mr. Rees, she said, is alleged to have alienated affections against Mrs. Johnson, the divorcee claims that the widow is worth \$100,000.

Mrs. Johnson is the wife of the late Joseph Johnson, a wealthy farmer. She has several children.

Big Crowd in London Cheers Princess Mary and Husband. London, March 9.—(By A. P.)—Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles left Victoria station today on their way to Paris. They were almost overwhelmed by the salutations of a great crowd.

"Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles," as she is designated by the official court circular, wore an attractive moleskin coat and a blue hat. Women admirers particularly pressed forward to catch a glimpse of the newly married couple and almost broke through the police cord.

The honeymooners are on their way to Italy and plan to remain for an extended period at Florence.

High Fares Costly to Roads. Washington, March 9.—Increased passenger fares have lost to the railroads 23 per cent of the passenger business they had in 1920 and also the good will of the public, Fred W. Putnam of the Minnesota railroad commission declared today in the interstate commerce commission's inquiry into general rate levels.

Eugene Meyer, Jr., War Finance Head, Due Here Sunday

Will Speak Monday in Omaha on Tour of West Investigating Business and Farming Conditions.

By E. C. SNYDER. Washington, March 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Eugene Meyer, jr., managing director of the War Finance corporation, will leave this week at the suggestion of President Harding on an extended tour of the west, which will take him as far as the Pacific coast. Mr. Meyer will arrive in Omaha next Sunday evening, spending Monday there with the local war finance committee in a review of present conditions.

When Mr. Meyer made a tour of investigation last fall, business conditions in the farming and stock-raising sections of the country were anything but rosy. Desiring to help the agricultural sections of the country, Mr. Meyer has requested the managing director to make another "swing round the circle" for a more extensive examination into the business and farming situation.

Mr. Meyer contemplates being away from Washington a month or six weeks.

Theft Suspect on Trial on Samaritan's Charges. Harry Crawford and John A. Pryor, became good friends while they were working in the potato fields near Lakeside, Neb., a few years ago. Recently they met again in Omaha and Crawford informed his friend that he was without funds.

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