EDGE WON'T SUMMON JERSEY LEGISLATURE

Denies Request for Special Session to Settle Fight on Trolley Fares

NO PUBLIC NECESSITY

Governor Says It Would Be Illogical While Issue Is Pending in Courts

Trenton, April 12.

Governor Edge has denied the request of George L. Record, of Jersey City, associate counsel for the New Jersey League of Municipalities, in the fight against the Public Service Railway Company for a seven-cent fare and transfer charges, for a special session of the Legislature to enact legislation nullifying a recent decision of the New Jersey Supreme Court holding in effect that contracts made between public utilities and municipalities are repealable by the State Board of Public Utility Commissioners. The Governor says that it is apparent to him that a special session at this time is unwise and unjustified and not in the public interest.

The Governor's communication was sent to Mr. Record after the former had received an opinion from L. Edward Herrmann, chief counsel of the Utility Commission, in which Herrmann said that in his opinion no such emergency exists as would justify the executive in convening a special session of the Legislature.

Governor's Letter

Governor Edge, in his letter to Record, says, in part:

"The petition of the Public Service Corporation, and, as I understand it, petitions from various other utility corporations soliciting permission to increase rates and prices charged the public, is, as you state, now under consideration by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners, to which tribunal the Legislature has delegated jurisdiction to regulate rates and to decide as to the reasonableness of petitions with respect thereto.

"It is my judgment that your request for legislative action at this time is premature. In the first place, while it is true that the Supreme Court decision in Collingswood Eewerge Company vs. Collingswood would seem to hold that the Public Utilities Commission has power to increase rates above the rate agreed upon at the time of granting the municipal franchise, it is equally true that the Court of Appeals of New York has, since the receipt of your letter, reversed the New York Supreme Court decision holding the same conclusions. It is reasonable to assume that if a special session were called and the public utilities act amended as you suggest on the point of rate naturally ensue, which would go through the courts to the court of last resort. Therefore, if the necessity for such amendment is later apparent it w ould be very much better, first to known what the opinion of the highest court on the existing law is, and then to have it as a guide for any legislature considering the subject.

Illogical Pending Court Ruling

"I am informed that the Collingswood case has already been appealed. Obviously, therefore, it would be illogical to call the Legislature in extraordinary session to amend an act now in our courts for final adjudication. My judgment is there can be no defense for an executive attempting to amend existing laws while the courts of the State are passing upon them. Certainly, the executive department could not justify such action upon what would seem to me to be an entirely unwarranted presumption that the Public Utilities Commission will grant rate increases. You, of course, understand that even the decision you refer to rendered by the Supreme Court in no way affects the powers of the Public Utility Commission to refuse an increase in rates if the evidence before it so warrants."

Counselor Herrmann, in advising the Governor against calling a special session of the Legislature, recites that the Utility Board's power over municipal ordinances fixing rates has been questioned in several suits, among them the Atlantic Coast Railway Company vs. the Public Utility Commission, now pending in the Court of Errors. Herrmann asserts that the board has heretofore exercised jurisdiction in fixing rates and fares despite municipal ordinances.

Teuton Break Near Just One Year Ago

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sions without prejudice to the compensations she should receive for the losses she has undergone. **Serbia should be re-established in her sovereignty, and as a pledge of our good will we are ready to assure her equitable natural access to the Adriatic and also economic concessions in Austria-Hungary.**

"On her side (Austria) we will demand, as primordial and essential conditions, that Serbia cease in the future all relation with and suppress every association or group whose political object aims at the disintegration of the monarchy, particularly the Serbian political society Narodni Ochrana; that Serbia, loyally and by every means in her power, prevent any kind of political agitation, either in Serbia or beyond her frontiers, in the foregoing direction and give assurances thereof under the guarantee of the Entente Powers."

"The events in Russia compel me to reserve my ideas with regard to that country until a legal definite government is established there.

Wanted England Consulted

"Having thus laid my ideas, clearly before you, I would ask you in turn, after consulting these two Powers, to lay before me the opinion first of France and England, with a view to thus preparing the ground for an understanding on the basis of which official preliminary negotiations could be taken up and reach a result satisfactory to all.

"Hoping that thus we will soon be able together to put a limit to the sufferings of so many millions of men and families now plunged in sadness and anxiety, I beg to assure you of my warmest and most brotherly affection.

"CHARLES."

The note adds: "Count Czernin, having recognized by his note of April 8 the existence of this negotiation due to the initiative of a personage of 'a rank far above his,' the Austrian Government now is summoned to give an explanation of the 'attempt' avowed by it and of the details of the conversation of its delegates."

Washington, April 12.

The diplomatic side of the world war today was rampant with sensation that yet may rebound to the advantage of the Entente. Premier Clemenceau's charge that Emperor Charles of Austria had favored restoration of France's lost provinces has caused a most profound sensation in Germany, despite the former Emperor's denial.

The report that Premier Clemenceau made it plain that the assurance of the Austrian ruler was contained in an autograph letter indicated that France is ready to produce proof. And it is very plain from information reaching official and diplomatic sources that Berlin is inclined to doubt the solidity of Germany's chief ally.

It is understood here that when Premier Clemenceau goes before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Deputies next Wednesday he will not only produce proof of the announced position of Emperor Charles, but that he also will make further sensational revelations of both Austrian and German intrigue—possibly involving two neutral nations—which may have the effect of clearing diplomatic skies and result in additional complications for Germany.

"Open-Air" Diplomacy

Peace efforts—by mail, secret messenger or "star chamber" session—only emphasize the value of "open-air diplomacy," officials declared today.

It was their answer to the latest developments in the international peace bickering, launched recently by the Teutons and now involving Austria, France and the United States.

The futility of alleged peace negotiations, such as the Austrian Count Czernin declared France had sought with Austria in Switzerland, or such as the French Government alleged yesterday Austria had taken up by autographed letter from Emperor Charles, with France, is shown plainly, officials declare, in the fact that today Premier Clemenceau says "Count Czernin lied" and Emperor Charles says "Clemenceau lied."

Meantime the United States got in on the peace-parley play with the Austrian story that a Professor Anderson had been bickering for peace with Austria—with the prompt disavowal here of anything Anderson may have done "officially."

Blankenburg, Great Reform Mayor, Dead

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which the greatest interest would be decived, started the comprehensive transit plans, and gave impetus to port improvement. Many of these operations are still in the course of execution.

Mr. Blankenburg gave previous proof of sincere reform when County Commissioner. At the end of his term he turned his $12,000 salary over to the policemen and firemen's pension fund.

Active in Charities

In addition to his activities in behalf of good government, Mr. Blankenburg also aided in many great charities during his aggressive career. He went to Russia in 1892 with a shipload of flour which Philadelphian s sent to starving subjects of that empire, and was chairman of the permanent relief committee for many years. This committee gave large sums of money to sufferers of many catastrophes in all parts of the world, and there was never any red tape about its response under the management of Mr. Blankenburg and other business men of his kind.

Worried Over Sister's Fate

At the former home of the Old War Horse, 214 West Logan square, many reform movements were started. Mr. Blankenburg's Logan Square home was but a few doors south of that of the late Senator James P. McNichol. Although he opposed the latter politically, Mr. Blankenburg and the Republican Organization leader were good friends at all times. Although born in Germany, Mr. Blankenburg was a real American and did much toward increasing the loyalty of the German Americans in the United States.

He worried recently over the probable fate of his own sister, who is in Germany. It is believed that anxiety over her welfare had a great deal to do toward hastening his death

That his mas a most happy death is generally believed by all who knew him. Today, on hearing of his passing, many recalled the favorite words of the "Old War Horse," which he frequently uttered at political meetings.

"When I close these weary eyes, I want them to say, well done, thou good and faithful servant."

L'EX-SINDACE RODOLFO BLANKENBURG E' MORTE

L'Ex-Sindaco di Philadelphia, Rodolfo Blankenburg, e' morto questa mattina nella sua residenza al N. 138 West Walnut lane, dopo una breve malattia. La moglie e la figlia lo hanno assistito sino agli ultimi momenti.

Egli aveva settantotto anni di eta' e la notizia della sua morte e' stata ovunque appresa con rammarico.

Name League Umpires

Chicago, April 12.—With the signing of "Buck" Freeman, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a former International League umpire, President Hickey, of the American Association, yesterday completed his staff of umpires. The other members are Robert Hart, Ollie Chill, W. F. Finneran, Louis Knapp, Howard "Duckey" Holmes, Frank Connolly and James Murray. Hart and Finneran also were in the International League last season.

Gibbons and McFarland to Box

Camp Dodge, Ia., April 12.—Mike Gibbons and Packey McFarland, boxing instructors at Camp Dodge and Camp Zachary Taylor, respectively, will meet in a six-round bout at the feature of an athletic tournament between the two cantonments here either April 25 or 26, it was announced here yesterday.

Knitting Needle Poisons Finger

Manchester, N. J., April 12.—Martha Davenport is suffering from blood poisoning as the result of puncturing a finger with a knitting needle while working on a sweater for the soldiers. She failed to treat the injury and her condition is now serious.

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RAPS FOREIGN TONGUE FOR SCHOOLS OF U. S.

Demand Is for Education to Make Pupils Wholly American, Lecturers Told

Washington, April 12.

"The demand of the hour is that all American boys and girls receive an education which will make them 100 per cent Americans," declared George D. Strayer, of Columbia University, before the National Conference of American Lecturers today.

"The American democracy, which is being developed by the war, is dissatisfied with the present situation in which it is possible for American boys and girls to complete their education in schools in which German or some other foreign tongue is the language of instruction," he continued.

Professor Strayer further declared that the ideals and the institutions for which America is willing to sacrifice her treasure and her choicest manhood, cannot be perpetuated in schools which seek to hand on the traditions and the institutions of those who speak another tongue.

"The American people," he said, "are becoming increasingly conscious of the necessity for significant training in preparation for citizenship of those who come to this country to enjoy the opportunities, made available for all, in our democratic society.

"We have something less than a democratic system of education so long as people who live in the rural areas of the United States are denied an opportunity for education equal to that provided in urban communities. We are becoming wholly dissatisfied with the scheme of education which prepares a few for work in the professions and in which the many leave school without any training which will prepare them either to satisfy their own legitimate ambitions by reason of the skill which they have acquired in industry, or to serve the nation through the contribution which they may make in productive activity. There is a growing demand that rural schools be improved."

Eight Stars in White Sox Flag

The Chicago White Sox have added three stars to their service flag. They are small stars in a baseball way, but just as bright for Uncle Sam. The new enlistments are Fred Henry, recruit first baseman; Harry Lake, recruit catcher, and Leo Constantineau, rookie pitcher. The other White Sox in service are Jim Scott, Joe Jenkins, Al van Kobitz, George Payne and Karl Keiser. That's eight, all told, from Comiskey's team, and pennant honors as bright as ever.

Naval Camp Claimed Kauff

San Diego, Cal., believes in advertising. It has a naval training station and the training station has a ball team, recruited from the best talent that can be induced to enlist. Last week manager Sam Dugan sent out a dispatch to the effect that Benny Kauff had joined the navy and would be a member of the San Diego station team. But Benny kept right along with the Giants at Marlin.

PHILADELPHIA INCREASES WAR LOAN TOTAL OF FORTY MILLIONS

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can only be decided by the co-operation of every man, woman and child in the United States."

Lewis H. Parsons, director of the campaign in this district, declared that at least 20,000,000 persons must subscribe to the loan if it is to be a complete success.

No Strikes During War

In urging all unions to refrain from striking, James McDonald, local head of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, said: "There can be no strikes during the war. There is only one union in the country and that is the Union of the United States and the American people."

City postoffice employes are leading a hand in the drive, having filed 40,000 applications for bonds on the $1-a-week payment plan. The postoffice committee quota is $1,500,000.

The schools are realizing large subscription amounts from their intensive drives. In the first three days of the campaign high schools subscribed $276,800 and elementary and public schools have taken $1,160,250, it was announced today.

Twenty-six Jewish congregations have subscribed heavily to the loan. The Rev. Dr. Joseph Krauskopf, chairman of the Jewish division and rabbi of the Reformed Congregation Keneseth Israel, reported that the women of his congregation had obtained $176,300.

Plans have been completed for two meetings at the Metropolitan Opera House Sunday afternoon and evening. The afternoon meeting will be held under the auspices of the Polish executive committee. The evening meeting is to be in charge of the Jewish division. Earl Reading, British Ambassador to the United States, will speak.

The Liberty Bell will be a feature of the "March of Democracy," the great parade to be held in Philadelphia Saturday, April 27. It will head the parade, acording to present plans, until it reaches the Union League, where it will halt. The soldiers and sailors who will follow it, eight abreast, will then divide, passing on either side.

It was further announced that in addition to the thousands of troops from Camp Dix at least 1000 men from the Wissahickon Barracks at Cape May will be in the parade. Altogether about 40,000 persons and at least thirty-five bands will take part. Mr. Bertlet has called a meeting of representatives of fraternal, civic, religious and industrial organizations for next Monday night to complete the parade details.

Poles to Parade Sunday

The Polish executive committee, organized under the foreign language division, will hold a parade, followed by a mass-meeting in the Metropolitan Opera House, Sunday. The speakers will include Judge Joseph Buffington, Robert von Moschzisker, Hampton L. Carson and E. T. Stotesbury.

A patriotic mass-meeting, preceded by a parade, will be held at the Bryn Mawr firehouse on Monday evening. The Bryn Mawr Band, the Red Cross workers, the Girl Scouts, the Bryn Mawr Children's Chorus, the Marine Band, the Bryn Mawr Home Guard the Boy Scouts and other organizations will participate. The speakers include H. L. Whittemore, vice chairman of the Main Line Liberty Loan committee; Judge Charles F. Moore and Captain J. C. Curren, surgeon of the British navy.

"Liberty Loan Day" will be observed in Swarthmore Monday. In the evening a parade of all the town's organizations will take place. A detail of the Swarthmore Reserves, Company H, First Regiment Infantry, Pennsylvania Reserve Militia; the Swarthmore Red Cross and Emergency Aid; the Delaware County motor messenger corps and the Swarthmore College students in a body will take part in the procession.

Imogen B. Oakley, corresponding secretary of the Civic Club, will be the speaker at a meeting of the Daughters of Beth Israel in the assembly rooms of the Temple, Thirty-second street and Montgomery avenue, next Sunday afternoon. "The Third Liberty Loan" will be the speaker's subject.

Captain R. Amundsen, Arctic explorer and discoverer of the South Pole, will address a Liberty Loan mass-meeting at the University of Pennsylvania Museum, Thirty-third and Spruce streets, on Monday evening, April 15.

The Kensington Board of Trade has planned a demonstration for Monday, April 22. A parade will be held, in which 100 draftees of the district, who will leave for camp the next day, are to take part.

JOHNSON'S NOMINATING PAPERS ARE CONTESTED

Harrisburg, Pa., April 12.—Argument on objections to the Republican nominating petition of Renault Johnson, candidate for the Legislature in the Twenty-first Philadelphia District, was heard yesterday by the Dauphin County Court, the point being raised that some of the signers were men who had voted the Town Meeting party ticket in November and were, therefore, not eligible to sign a Republican paper. The Dauphin County Court held that the Town Meeting was a county party a week ago and the question was whether they could also be members of a State party like the Republican party. During the hearing the court suggested mandamus proceedings against the Secretary of the Commonwealth to raise the issue.

Supplemental objections were filed to Johnson's papers by Joseph P. Sheehan, Philadelphia, who raised the same point as in the original paper. The court will give a decision in a few days.

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FAIRBANKS DEFENDANT IN SUIT OVER FILM PLAY

Publishers and Executors of Richard Harding Davis Estate Charge Infringement

New York, April 12.—Charles Scribner's Sons and the Franklin Trust Company, as executors of the estate of Richard Harding Davis, began suit in the Federal Court yesterday against Douglas Fairbanks and several motion-picture producers, distributors and exhibitors, alleging infringement of the copyright of "The White Mice," of which Davis was the author.

It is charged that in the film play, "The Americano," the defendants used materials found in the book. Henry Staton, counsel for the plaintiffs, said that if the suit is won his clients can recover $100 for the first performance and $50 for each succeeding performance. The screen scenario was written by Anita Loos and Fairbanks was the principal actor under Emerson as director.

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