

MADDOO CRITICIZES R. R. FUNDING BILL

Former Director General Thinks President Must Have Been Misled

NATION NOT OBLIGATED

By the Associated Press Washington, Aug. 24.—Disapproval of the Administration's Railroad Funding Bill, recently reported by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee...

The Government is not "morally and legally bound," as stated by President Harding, to fund the \$783,000,000 the railroads owe the Government for additions and betterments...

Payment of this balance, Mr. McAdoo said, may be deferred ten years by the railroads provided satisfactory security were given and 5 per cent interest were paid.

"This is the kind of settlement the law now authorizes and contemplates," Mr. McAdoo said, adding that when the roads were returned to private control they owed the Government \$1,144,000,000 for additions and betterments...

"I suppose you realize that in addition to the \$1,144,000,000 the railroads owe the Government for additions and betterments they have received additional loans under the Esch-Cummings Bill of about \$300,000,000, making a total of \$1,444,000,000," Mr. McAdoo's letter said.

"Stripped of confusing non-essentials, what is now proposed is that the Government shall wait ten years for \$783,000,000 the railroads owe it for betterments and improvements and pay immediately \$500,000,000 to the railroads on account of claims for alleged under-maintenance, etc., taking from the 180 or more railroads involved with their varying degrees of financial responsibility, such securities as they may be able to provide; securities which in many instances may not be adequate to protect the Government against loss."

POLICE TRANSFERS

Several Promotions Also Announced by Cortelyou Director Cortelyou this afternoon announced several changes and promotions in the police department.

George M. Smith's Funeral

George M. Smith, widely known in theatrical circles as "Pop," died late last week and was buried yesterday in New Cathedral Cemetery after services in St. Elizabeth's Church.

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CLARA SMITH HAMON Acquitted several months ago at Ardmore, Okla., of the murder of Jake L. Hamon, she is now the wife of John W. Gorman, a motion picture director. The marriage took place at Los Angeles.

Mayor Opens Drive for Fair Primaries

Continued from Page One Mayor Moore today opened a drive for fair primaries at City Hall, a rumor traveled around which challenged it in interest.

Brown Flop Rumored

The rumor was to the effect that President Judge Brown, one of Senator Penrose's staunchest supporters, had made up his mind to desert the Vares combine and come over to the Administration, throwing in his strength with that of Richard Weglein, president of Council, whose help is expected by the Vares league in the primary fight.

Two of the Mayor's best friends, Joseph C. and Harry J. Trainer, went to Washington today to call on Senator Penrose. The object of their visit was to get a more explicit statement from the Senator regarding his position in the primary fight.

Yesterday Penrose said he was "unintentionally" opposed to a "fifty-fifty" split. Mayor Moore today gave his considered opinion on Senator Penrose's statement.

A close reading of Senator Penrose's statement, he said, "shows that the Senator is irrevocably opposed to the proposed fifty-fifty Vares combine ticket. It supports the assurance hitherto given by the Senator to me personally. It will hearten all the friends of the Senator everywhere who desire to finally destroy contractor rule in municipal affairs."

The Mayor refused to talk about candidates, saying this matter was now open to public discussion. He said the big point politically was to have made public the views of Senator Penrose, who is not only a national figure, but the recognized Republican leader of this State. The people, he said, are now better informed as to the situation.

Senator Vares heartily endorsed the Penrose statement. No comment came from the Voters League.

The Penrose statement was satisfactory to Judge Brown and Thomas W. Cunningham, they said, in endorsing the Penrose statement, let it be known he would stand with the Vares in backing the Combine ticket. In short, the Penrose statement was not considered by the "Judge" as a clarion call on him to smash the Combine and line up with the Independents.

Weglein Stands By Penrose

One cloud, however, rose over the Combine's horizon. Richard Weglein, president of Council and Penrose leader of the Twenty-ninth Ward, which had been counted on as one of the prize assets of the Combine, announced he would stand by Penrose. He said the Twenty-ninth Ward would "go whichever way Penrose asked."

Weglein, however, looked upon the Penrose statement in a different light than did other organization leaders. For Weglein, it is clear, regards the Penrose statement as an endorsement of anti-Combine candidates. Because of this Senator Dux, Weglein's ally, filed nonunion with City Treasurer against Thomas F. Watson, the Vares candidate. Senator Dux will appear on the Voters League ticket.

There is hope in Administration circles that the Weglein stand and the drive that will be made on Penrose to endorse the League candidates will force the Combine to modify its ticket. A special effort will be made by League leaders to be learned, to win Cunningham back to the place he had in the Moore campaign when he worked with leaders of the Committee of One Hundred, many of whom are now active in the League.

Voters League Statement

The text of the statement issued today by the Voters League, through its executive secretary, E. J. Hunter, follows: "Information has come to the Voters League as the result of the publication in the newspapers of the league's request that men and women desiring information concerning registration call Spruce 6831, that makes it necessary to warn all independent voters, particularly the women, that they should inquire definitely whether or not their names are on the assessors' lists."

"From one division in a northwest ward comes the information that the assessor in making his error of the ward asked for the names of the men in each house, ignoring the women. Steps have been taken to advise this Assessor of his error—if it is simply an error. From other divisions come reports that the assessment has been carried on in the same slipshod manner that has characterized this work in recent years."

on the first Monday in May and thereafter until he has made a complete canvass, and that he shall make careful and diligent inquiry, so that every bonafide resident shall be placed on the lists.

Provides for Adding Names

"It is also provided in case he shall miss any eligible voter that he shall add this name upon the application of that man or woman so missed. The law also provides that any assessor failing to perform his duties or discriminating against voters may be brought before the courts. The Voters League is determined that no bonafide voter—man or woman—shall be disfranchised through organization trickery. Thousands of women who were entitled to vote for President were disfranchised at the last election through this failure of the assessors to do their duty."

"The Voters League calls upon every man and woman to see that this does not occur in this important battle. To the assessors of Philadelphia it says: Do you want contractor government to come back? That is the issue. The decision is in your hands. If the contractors are defeated in the primary election they will be routed for good and all."

"Send a postal card to the Voters League, 230 North Broad street, and tell us whether you are going to register, and if you will join in the work of registering the voters in your division. "Come out on the firing line!"

C. T. J. PRESTON'S FUNERAL

Services Held for Chief of Charities Bureau The funeral of Charles T. J. Preston, Chief of the Bureau of Charities and Superintendent of the House of Correction, took place this afternoon from the funeral establishment of J. T. Ryan, 200 Green lane, Manayunk.

The services were conducted by the Rev. Charles Mervine, pastor of Mount Pleasant Episcopal Church, after which interment was made in Westminster Cemetery. Members of Matthias Henderson Lodge, No. 691, F. and A. M., were the pallbearers.

Mr. Preston, who was widely known in the Twenty-first ward, having taken an active part in politics for many years, died last night, following an illness extending over a long period.

Police Must Carry Clubs in Hands

Superintendent of Police Mills issued an order today that all patrolmen must carry their clubs in their hands in the future, instead of letting them dangle from their belts. Mounted patrolmen will continue to carry their clubs in a socket attached to their saddles, the order stated.

Thieves Get In Through Cellar

Henry A. Knabe, 2081 North Twentieth street, reported to the police today that his home had been entered through a cellar window by thieves, who obtained \$100 worth of loot.

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THE DAILY NOVELETTE A House to Rent

By CLARISSA MACKIE Mr. Brent arranged his tie with precision, brushed an imaginary speck from the shoulder of his immaculate black coat, opened a window so that the room might air while he dined, and then with one glance around the four grim walls he closed the door and walked slowly downstairs.

"If I had a home to offer," thought Mr. Brent, blushing painfully in the dark, "but I could not take a wife home to a boarding house, though it has been done—he added hopefully. Out of the darkness an automobile flashed its lights. In the sudden glare Mr. Brent saw a white and black sign nailed on a tree—he saw a gate, a little lawn, and a small house—then darkness absorbed the picture as the car disappeared.

"Aha! A house to rent," mused the bachelor as he leaned on the fence. "A house—to rent!" But Elsie was not there, and her door was almost closed, so he did not absorb any of the hominess which he craved. He went down and dined with a dozen other lonely men and women who tried to make homes for themselves out of four walls in another man's house, and with more or less success.

A week or two later he went out for his Sunday afternoon stroll, overtaking Elsie Wren a block beyond the house. He had to hurry a little to catch up with her swift pace. "Isn't it a lovely day?" she asked. He agreed, then he added nervously, "Are you in a hurry?" "Yes—and no," she laughed. "Why?"

"I've been looking at a house—would like your advice," mumbled Mr. Brent, opening the gate of the little place and closing it behind her. His fine, clean-shaven face was set in tense lines; never had a greater problem confronted the gentle mathematician than this one.

"Fancy your taking a place and keeping house," murmured Miss Wren as she followed him into the wee hall. "Isn't it the cutest place—one could have plants in that window," she said with the flower-lover's eagerness.

"Yes, in any of the rooms—the sun follows the windows all day," he heard himself saying eagerly. "Awnings in the summer will make it cool—the rooms upstairs are charmingly arranged, but they are, of course, unfinished, so are the kitchen and dining room." He opened the doors, but Miss Wren quickly furnished them in her mind, and the few suggestions she uttered betrayed the yearning of the single homeless woman for a real abiding place of her own.

"One room is furnished," he said at last, when it was time to go. "Which one?" "The living room. I've had it furnished like one I've admired—and—"

"There was a little silence while the fate of the house hung in the balance. Suddenly she lifted happy eyes to his tender ones. "We will be happy here," she whispered.

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