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STATE RATE POWER RENEWED AS ISSUE

Supreme Court Ruling Extending I. C. C. Jurisdiction May Bring New Legislation

FARMERS ADVOCATE CHANGE

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1923, by Public Ledger Company Washington, Feb. 28.—The latest Supreme Court decision affirming the power of the Interstate Commerce Commission to regulate railroad fares within States will start a movement in Congress to restore authority to the State railroad commissioners.

This decision is the culmination of a long line of decisions whose tendency has been steadily to widen the authority of Congress over intra-State rate making until now Federal bodies are fixing the fare paid upon trolley cars in the State of New Jersey.

In this Wisconsin case nearly all the States intervened to protect their right to governing within their own borders, but the decision handed down by Chief Justice Taft is unanimous. The authority of Congress is usually upheld. The field of State regulation is narrowed to rates within States which in no way compete with or discriminate against inter-State rates.

Two Sides to Argument The argument for a single control of rate making is that railroad earnings depend upon both their rates within States and across States and that a divided authority results in confusion, the power of inter-State control being affected by any such cutting of rates within States as would affect income seriously and limit the reduction of rates across States.

On the other side the argument is made that central control at Washington is not sufficiently responsive to local needs and conditions. The Interstate Commerce Commission is too far away and does not understand. Moreover, it is burdened with work and moves very slowly. Rates are likely to be made in a mass, often with injustice, as the recent modification of individual rates seems to show.

Since the high rates were made following the war, great dissatisfaction has been felt with the Interstate Commerce Commission, especially in the agricultural States of the West and South. And some Eastern States, like New Jersey, which have experienced the ravages of the trolley fares, are just as desirous of restoring State authority as are the Western States.

The farmers, in their recent conference at Washington, desired a return to State control of rates within their own borders. Their sentiment was unmistakable. The farm bloc in Congress, which is a powerful factor in legislation, may be counted upon to press for a modification of the law such as will decentralize control.

Change in Law Foreseen The Southern members have the farm feeling in their own States to reckon with. The traditionally State's rights supporters. These groups with Eastern members who have special reasons for supporting a return to State control make considerable a number that a change in the law is likely.

Constitutionally the Supreme Court decisions leave the situation thus: Under the Constitution Congress has nearly complete authority. This authority Congress cannot give to the State commissions. That is to say, Congress cannot pass a law giving that the State may exercise supervision of certain rates or under certain conditions.

But Congress can apparently pass a law defining the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission. It can decline to exercise jurisdiction over certain rates entirely within the confines of the individual States. The effect of such a law, it is said, would be to leave the States themselves free to exercise the jurisdiction that Congress declines. Bills are pending before Congress supporting the farm bloc restoring the control of the States on intra-State rates and they are certain now to be passed.

The situation is full of difficulties. It is plain that a time must be drawn somewhere, for local communities will not be content to permit an authority so distant and irresponsible as that at Washington to pass upon rates of their local concern as trolley fares.

Hard to Draw the Line But it is hard to draw the line so that State commissions may not nullify the rates fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission. It has been possible within the last few years in traveling across the States to buy a ticket to the State line at a lower rate than the interstate rate and then buy another one at the State line, thus reducing the return which the commission hold to be necessary to the railroads from its interstate business.

The centralizing tendency in legislation in Supreme Court decisions and in constitutional amendments has reached the point where it is a serious danger to local self-government. An immense literature is being built up in Washington which is tending to become more and more a mere tool of the central government and are little responsive to changes of administration. And so the facilities are being developed, it is contended, an automatic form of government, for localities have nothing to say about the Federal organization which has little connection of their needs and pays no regard to their sentiment.

Another effect of the centralizing tendency is to strip local self-government of its resources. Training in citizenship largely depends upon local handling of many problems as possible. These are the problems which most immediately interest the voter. If they pass into the hands of a Wash-

ington bureaucracy, self-government is stripped of much of its meaning. The swing against centralization is unmistakable. The organization of the farm bloc was one sign of it. The farm representatives got together so that the agricultural interests which are sectional and local should be effectively presented. They have broken down central party authority and as sections and localities develop special interests, the tendency against centralizing control in Washington will become stronger.

"DANDY" PHIL KASTEL AGAIN IS SOUGHT BY THE POLICE

Man Implicated in Arnstein Case Involved in Another Bond Deal

New York, Feb. 28.—(By A. P.)—"Dandy" Phil Kastel, one-time broker and habitue of the bright lights, who last spring walked into the District Attorney's office offering himself as a willing prisoner in connection with the "Nicky" Arnstein bond theft case, is being sought by operatives of the same prosecutor's office that had refused to hold him after he surrendered.

This time "Dandy" Phil is wanted in connection with a bond deal involving a chorus girl, several stock brokers, \$12,500 in cash and the United States Steel Corporation, scheduled for an airing before Justice O'Malley in the State Supreme Court today.

According to Elizabeth Brown Caser, otherwise Betty Brown, "Dandy" Phil traded her his note for \$12,500 in exchange for \$11,000 in shares of United States Steel preferred, paid her \$1500 on the note and disappeared. Miss Brown is suing her brokers for the entire value of the stock on the ground that she was under age when she turned the stock over to Kastel and that therefore she is not legally able to authorize the sale. The Steel Corporation is joined with the brokerage house as defendant.

DELAWARE MILLER KILLED

L. W. Allen, Seaford, Electrocuted While Repairing Auto

Seaford, Del., Feb. 28.—Leroy W. Allen, who with his brother, Howard F. Allen, owned and operated the Enterprise Milling Company's plant here, was electrocuted last night.

Allen was working on his automobile, using an electric light to see by. It is supposed something went wrong with the light and that he took off the bulb and gripped the socket, containing 110 volts, one of the wires being grounded. He was found by his wife, who summoned three physicians, but their efforts were unavailing.

NAMED G. O. P. SECRETARY

Lockwood Succeeds Miller on Republican National Committee

Washington, Feb. 28.—(By A. P.)—Appointment of George B. Lockwood, publisher of the Muncie, Ind., Press, and of the National Republican of the Detroit, Mich., as secretary of the Republican National Committee to succeed the late Clarence B. Miller was announced today by Chairman Adams.

Mr. Adams issued a statement in which he said he had made the appointment after consultation with President Harding, Attorney General Daugherty and members of the Republican National Committee.

BOLL WEEVILS MENACING

Heavier Infestation Than Usual in Cotton Belt Forecast

Washington, Feb. 28.—(By A. P.)—A heavier infestation of boll weevils in the cotton belt than in any recent year is indicated for the coming season by observations made at the Delta Laboratory at Tallahassee, Fla., by experts of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine of Agriculture. It was announced today.

This forecast was based largely on the mildness of the winter, coupled with conditions last fall which permitted an unusually large number of weevils to enter hibernation.

NEGRESS GETS \$20,000,000

Court Gives Louisiana Oil Lands to Daughter of Dead Owner

New Orleans, Feb. 28.—(By A. P.)—Oil lands in Caliborne Parish, said to be worth nearly \$20,000,000, were declared yesterday by the Louisiana Supreme Court to be the property of Lillie G. Taylor, a Negress, when the court denied a request for the appointment of a curator for the estate of Loma McGee, her mother, of Caliborne Parish had contended the estate was "vacant," as no legitimate heirs were living.

ROB INDIANAPOLIS BANK

Five Armed Bandits Escape With \$30,000 in Cash

Indianapolis, Feb. 28.—(By A. P.)—Five armed bandits today held up a branch of the Fletcher Savings and Trust Company and escaped with \$30,000 in cash.

Three of the men entered the bank and struck R. A. Reebald, the assistant manager, over the head as he was closing the door to a vault.

Lincoln Motor Patents Sold

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 28.—(By A. P.)—The patents, interests in patents, bills and accounts receivable, legal and financial rights and the corporate franchise of the Lincoln Motors Company were sold this morning to George B. Perry, of Detroit, for \$10,000.

Ventnor Mayor Won't Run Again

Atlantic City, Feb. 28.—Mayor A. W. Boehman, of Ventnor, a former Philadelphian, announced today that he would not be a candidate again to succeed himself. Former Mayor Charles H. Godfrey today was spoken of as Mayor Boehman's likely successor.

The New Warfare

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FREE STATE PARTY IN CONTROL IN DAIL

First Test Vote Shows Majority of Six for Provisional Government

DEBATE IS ACRIMONIOUS

By the Associated Press Dublin, Feb. 28.—Continued control of the Dail Eireann by the party favorable to the Anglo-Irish treaty, although by a narrow majority, was shown at the resumed session of the Dail today. The first test of strength resulted

in a vote of 56 to 50, with the Collins-Griffith party casting the larger number. The test came on the confirmation of Patrick J. Hogan as Dail Minister of Agriculture.

Lamon de Valera and other of the republicans raised at the outset of the meeting the question of the Dail's supremacy over the Provisional Government. Mr. De Valera saying that unless this were made clear it would be impossible for him and his party to remain in the chamber.

Messrs. Griffith and Collins gave the assurances required, Griffith adding that if the Dail was to "be made the means of harrying the Provisional Government" he must vigorously protest. Every member of the Provisional Government, he continued, would work in harmony with the Dail.

Michael Collins declared he was responsible to the Dail for what he did in the capacity of Dail Finance Minister, but for what he did in other capacities he was responsible only to the electorate.

The exchanges between the republicans and the Free State adherents were at times most acrimonious.

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School Teacher Dies of Apoplexy Reading, Pa., Feb. 28.—John F. Adams, forty-six, principal of the Millersburg public school, died here today at the residence of Dr. W. F. Taylor, a brother-in-law. Mr. Adams was president of the high school division of the State Educational Association. Death followed an attack of apoplexy that overcame him while he visited here Sunday.

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