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UNWISE FOR RAIL OWNERSHIP TO BE VESTED IN U. S. Interstate Commerce Commission Tells Senate Committee in Statement

WAITING PERIOD URGED Body Says Plan of Private Ownership Should Be Under Broad Litigation

WOOLEY FOR CONTROL Majority Concludes Appropriate Provisions and Safeguards Necessary

Washington, Jan. 7.—Opposition to government ownership or operation of railroads at this time as expressed to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission, in a statement presented to the Senate Interstate Committee at its hearing on railway legislation, by Commissioner Edgar E. Clark.

"Considering and weighing as best we can all of the arguments for and against the different plans," said the statement, "we are led to the conviction that with the adoption of appropriate provisions and safeguards for regulation under private ownership, it would not be wise or best at this time to assume government ownership or operation of railroads."

Amplified Ownership Suggested The commission declared, however, that "a reasonable period of readjustment or preparation should be allowed before relinquishment of federal control. 'It seems obvious,' said the statement, "that no plan of private ownership should be considered unless it is under a broadened, extended and amplified government regulation."

Commissioner Woolley dissented from the recommendation against continuation of government control and advocated adoption of Director General McAdoo's suggestion for extension of federal management. The commission presented a detailed program of proposed legislation in case of a return to private management, providing for strict regulation by the government of rates, services, finances, security issues and pooling of facilities and clarification of doubtful relationship between federal and state authority.

Supporting the argument for return of railroads to private management, the Commission's statement says: "The law provides that Federal control shall not continue beyond twenty-one months after the promulgation of a treaty of peace. The wisdom of this providing a reasonable period after the passing of the imperative necessity of our Government in actual prosecution of warfare within which to readjust or make preparations for readjustment of the conditions and round out or prepare financial arrangements is hardly open to question."

"Our expression in favor of return to private ownership and operation is, therefore, not to be understood as favoring a return of the properties in a precipitate way. A reasonable period of readjustment or preparation should be afforded and reasonable notice should be given that upon a given date the properties will be restored to their owners."

"Manifestly, from a social standpoint, as well as from the standpoint of the nature of the problem, and because of the great importance of loyal and devoted service on the part of the employees, the railroad employees should be adequately compensated."

National History Society to Hold Annual Meeting Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at the annual meeting of the Harrisburg Natural History Society on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the Technical High School auditorium. At this meeting Mrs. Arthur H. Hills will speak on "The Customs of the Taos Indians of New Mexico." Mrs. Hills has gained her knowledge of the subject on which she will speak by long life among these peoples. She lived among them for a number of years, during which time she gained the name, "Friendly Hills." The lecture will be illustrated by some pictures taken by Mrs. Hills.

ARMY FLYERS DROP EMBLEMS OF GRIEF ON ROOSEVELT ELMS

Funeral of Former President to Be Very Simple

TO LIE AMONG FIRS ON KNOLL

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Theodore Roosevelt's own wish that he be buried with only simple ceremony will be fulfilled. There may be national memorial services at Washington or New York in the near future, but no military honors will be paid to the dead ex-President at the funeral services here to-morrow.

Desired Simple Funeral The announcement that it was the Colonel's own desire that his funeral be held in Oyster Bay, New York, was made today by Captain Arthur B. Roosevelt. Twenty-sixth Infantry, U. S. A., one of the former President's sons, at the Sagamore Hill homestead. "This statement indicated that later there may be held, perhaps in New York, perhaps in Washington, national memorial services at which the people of this country which loved the name Roosevelt will have an opportunity to 'express their love and admiration.'"

Casket of Plain Oak The casket in which Colonel Roosevelt will be buried is of plain oak with three silver handles on either side. On its face is a simple plate of silver with this inscription: "Theodore Roosevelt. October 27, 1858, January 6, 1919."

Service to Be Simple In accordance with the wishes of the former president, as expressed to Mrs. Roosevelt, the obsequies will be of almost Spartan simplicity.

WILSON STARTS ON REAL PEACE TASKS IN PARIS British Authority on League of Nations to Meet the President Today

Paris, Jan. 7.—President Wilson, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and Miss Margaret Wilson arrived here at 10.10 o'clock this morning from their visit to Italy. There were no formalities over his arrival and he proceeded to the Murat residency for a series of conferences, which will begin to give concrete form to the work of the Peace Conference.

Lord Robert Cecil, the British authority on a league of nations, will be one of the early arrivals in Paris after the President. Premier Lloyd George, if the British Cabinet situation permits, is expected toward the end of the week, and Foreign Secretary Balfour is expected to arrive in Paris about the middle of the week.

WILSON SENDS A CABLE TO WIDOW

Oyster Bay, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Roosevelt received during the night a cablegram of sympathy from President Wilson, dated Monday, which is on the Franco-Italian frontier, reading as follows: "Pray accept my heartfelt sympathy on the death of your distinguished husband, the news of which has shocked me very much."

Name on Bronze Tablet The quaint church where the services will be held has seating accommodations for only 250 persons. Admission will be by ticket. The church recently celebrated its two hundredth anniversary. A bronze tablet bearing the names of the vestrymen includes that of Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States. Two pages of foolscap, hung in cases on the walls, carry the names of young men of the church who entered the service for the war. The names of Colonel Roosevelt's sons head the list.

Member of New York Church While the ex-president regularly attended services at Christ Church when in Oyster Bay, he was at the time of his death a member of the Collegiate Reformed Church of St. Nicholas, Fifth avenue and Forty-eighth street, New York City. At this church he was baptized, and later, as a young man, united in the confession of faith at its altar, as his parents had done.

Captain Archie Arrives Captain and Mrs. Archibald Roosevelt, Congressman and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt Jr. arrived at Sagamore Hill last night. The Colonel's other sons, Kermit and Theodore Jr., are still in Europe. Mrs. Richard Derby, who was Ethel Roosevelt, now the wife of Major Richard Derby, of the Medical Corps, United States Army, is expected to arrive in Oyster Bay to-day with her two children from Alken, S. C., where she has been sojourning. The major is in France.

WILSON SPEAKS AS TURIN CITIZEN Turin, Jan. 7.—President Wilson's address on the balcony of the municipal building at Turin yesterday was as follows: "My friends of Turin: I now have the privilege of addressing you as my fellow-citizens. It is impossible at this distance that my voice should reach all of you, but I want you to know that I bring the greetings and the fraternal greetings of the United States to the people of Italy and the great city of Turin. My sentiment, coming from my heart, is the sentiment of our people—viva Italia!"

SHOPMEN VOTE ON RETENTION OF PIECEWORK Many Penny and Philadelphia and Reading Employes Are Casting Ballots Today

Pennsylvania and Philadelphia and Reading Railroad shopmen of the several shops of this territory are voting on the retention of piecework today. The vote of the men working during the day is being taken at such periods that they do not interfere with their regular work.

From Two to Three Years For Man Who Tried to Escape Officers by Jumping Off Mulberry Street Bridge

NOT ONE HITCH TO MAR HARMONY IN HOUSE OR SENATE

Robert Spangler, of York, Is Chosen Speaker of House by Republicans

BUCKMAN ALSO HONORED Bucks County Senator Made President Pro Tempore of the Senate

FLOWERS FOR MEMBERS Speculation as to Legislation; Adjournment Until Inauguration Time



ROBERT S. SPANGLER New Speaker of the House Assumes the Chair

Governor Brumbaugh, in his farewell message to the Legislature, recommended that the memorial bridge at State street, as planned by the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings, and the development of the Capitol Park Extension area. He touches on many other important subjects for legislative consideration and outlines the accomplishments of his administration.

House and Senate of the Pennsylvania Legislature convened at noon to-day, the House to elect Robert S. Spangler, of York, speaker, and Clarence J. Buckman, of Bucks, president pro tem. of the Senate and to carry out the programs outlined at the caucuses last evening.

Filtered water from the city's plant is being supplied now to residents of the Fourteenth ward, and has been furnished since New Year's day, Commissioner S. F. Hassler announced to the other members of Council at the meeting to-day.

AUTO THIEVES SENTENCED TO LONG TERMS IN PRISON From Two to Three Years For Man Who Tried to Escape Officers by Jumping Off Mulberry Street Bridge

Pleading guilty to a charge of stealing an automobile owned by J. K. Bowman, a well-known business man, and to stealing a check for \$29.66 from the Mac garage, 117 South Third street, and forging it, Joseph Smith was sentenced to serve not less than two years and three months and not more than three years in the Eastern Penitentiary.

VOTERS MAY PASS ON BRIDGE AND ELECT SENATOR

One Election to Suffice For Money Transfer and Picking of State Senator

UP TO THE LEGISLATURE To Select Successor to Lieutenant-Governor Beidleman in February

WOULD CUT EXPENSES City Solicitor Prepares Bill For Submission to the General Assembly

Legislation to be passed early in the present session authorizing City Council to direct a special election, at which time voters will ballot on the transfer of the \$300,000 Walnut street bridge loan to a fund for the State street bridge, will be prepared in a few days by City Solicitor John E. Fax, he announced.

30 Cases of Influenza Develop Among Children at the Industrial Home

Thirty cases of influenza have developed at the Children's Industrial Home, Nineteenth and Swatara streets, it was reported to city officials to-day.

James C. Thompson Is Reappointed to Office of City Assessor

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Bell Telephone Chiefs Hold Conference Here

District and division heads of the Harrisburg Division of the Bell Telephone Company, met in The Bell Telephone office, in the Johnston Paper Company Building, this morning, for a brief conference.

BERLIN STREETS SEIZED BY ARMED ANARCHISTIC MOBS WHO THREATEN CIVIL WAR

Natural Limitations

London, Jan. 7.—Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, is working every day at the German foreign office, preparing data for the peace conference, according to a Berlin dispatch the Express. The Count told the Express correspondent that he endorsed the plan for a league of nations, in which he saw the only way to prevent war by a limitation of armaments.

NEW PIED PIPER TO CLEAR CITY OF RATS

T. A. Tormey Catches 'Em With His Hands When Innocent Little Rodents Come Out of Their Homey Little Holes

Tabby as a rat catcher is out of a job, and her sister comes to the rescue. The modern Pied Piper sneers a preparation—no, not even his mother knows what is contained in it—on his hands and sits all alone in the dark cellar he is to clean up. The rats smell the preparation and creep up to him. When he has secured a nice representative gathering of notable rat personages around him, he dazzles them with a sudden flare from his flashlight. As quick as lightning, during their confusion, his hands are grabbing among them, and when they recover half of them are in his bag. This bag—the scene becomes more harrowing at this point—he swings over his head and brings with a terrific impetus against the wall. After that the only thing the rats are good for is a hole in the ground.

London—In Estonia the Bolsheviks are marching on Reval and have reached Charlottenoff.

SLAYER REFUSED NEW TRIAL; GETS DEATH SENTENCE

Refused a third trial, William Evans, colored, twice convicted of murder in the first degree on a charge of stabbing Rufus Gillam, also colored, on the night of February 15, 1918, was sentenced to be electrocuted by Judge A. W. Johnson, specially presiding in the Dauphin county court.

LUDENDORFF ON FARM IN SWEDEN Copenhagen—The recent newspaper reports, of the arrival in Sweden of General Ludendorff, the former virtual head of the German military system, are confirmed by T. A. V. Schotte, the Swedish home minister. It is stated that Ludendorff is living on a farm at Hasselholm, in southern Sweden.

McADOO'S SUCCESSOR NOT CHOSEN Washington—The impression is growing in Washington that the President may not appoint a new director general until he returns to the United States next month, watching meanwhile the reception by Congress of the proposal to extend government control for five years.

Baltimore—The ocean-going tug Piedmont sunk off the Virginia coast on Sunday night. Three of the crew of eight died of exposure and a fourth is not expected to live. They were adrift eighteen hours before being picked up.

THREE DIE OF EXPOSURE

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THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Snow or rain to-night and Wednesday; warmer to-night, with record temperature about 28 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania increasing cloudiness, followed by rain or snow Wednesday and Wednesday night; warmer to-night; fresh south winds.

For the Susquehanna and all its tributaries will continue to fall to-night and probably Wednesday. A stage of about 5 1/2 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning.

Hundreds Fleeing City as Firing Is Begun on Highways

LIEBKNECHT GAINS POWER Thousands Parade in Protest to Government

Copenhagen, Jan. 7.—Berlin is in a state of complete anarchy and civil war has begun there, according to the Munich correspondent of the Politiken. His information, he says, is based on telephonic messages from the German capital.

Machine Guns Busy Thousands of armed workmen of the Spartacus faction, the correspondent reports, are crowding the streets, and at several points firing has begun. The sound of machine gun fire could be heard from all parts of Berlin.

The message reported the intention of the government to try to storm the building of the police guards later in the day and take possession of the building.

URGES LEAGUE OF NATIONS Washington—Senator McCumber to-day urged the immediate establishment of a League of Nations. He is the first Republican Senator to approve the Wilson plan.

Washington—The Supreme Court to-day declared valid the Kansas law, known as the Mahin act, regulating shipment of intoxicating liquors.

London—The port of Rig awas captured at noon, on January 4, by the Bolsheviks, according to a Russian wireless dispatch received here to-day.

New York—In order to give permanent expression to "all Colonel Roosevelt stood for to the boys of the nation," sixteen thousand troops of the Boy Scouts of America, comprising 440,000 members, to-day were instructed to plant one or more trees with suitable inscription and ceremony in memory of the former President.

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