

MELLEN VISITS THE WHITE HOUSE

He and President Discussed the Railroad Situation Just Thirty-five Minutes.

CONSULTATIONS TO CONTINUE

Mr. Roosevelt Frankly Says That He Is Learning All He Can About Railway Matters.

Washington, March 19.—The interview between President Roosevelt and Charles S. Mellen, president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, recently arranged for the purpose of discussing the railroad situation, took place at the White House today. It lasted not more than 35 minutes. No statement of the questions discussed was made at the White House, and Mr. Mellen declined to talk.

Mr. Mellen said he did not expect to again visit the White House for a conference with the president unless he was sent for.

Mr. Mellen's visit was the outcome of a call made at the White House last week by J. Pierpont Morgan, the New York financier, who came to Washington at the request of many business men to discuss the present business situation, particularly as affecting railroads.

The visit of Mr. Mellen followed the conference he had several days ago with Presidents McCrea, Newman and Hughton of the Pennsylvania, New York Central and Chicago & North-western railroads, respectively. These four were the names suggested to Mr. Roosevelt by Mr. Morgan. It is not known at the White House whether Messrs. McCrea, Newman and Hughton will visit Mr. Roosevelt. The president will see them if they come.

During the past three weeks President Roosevelt has had visits from half a dozen well known financiers and railroad men, with whom he has discussed various phases of the railroad situation. These include J. Pierpont Morgan, James S. Speyer of New York, President Stickney of the Chicago Great Western railroad, B. F. Yaskum, chairman of the board of directors of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, E. H. Harriman of the Union Pacific, and Charles S. Mellen of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad. All of these persons have made specific recommendations, incorporating their ideas on the question whether the president should recommend additional railway legislation and most of them have urged him to make a statement defining his attitude in explicit terms, with a view to allaying public apprehension.

Generally there has been but little approach to unanimity in these recommendations. He has referred his callers, who want information as to his attitude, to his public declarations on this general subject, and has told them that he means to be consistent with what he has already said.

The president says frankly that he is learning all he can regarding the railroad situation, and that he intends to continue to consult with railroad people and others on the subject. It is understood he is making inquiries on some points pertaining to federal supervision and control of the railroads; to the question of an appraisal of the physical valuation of such properties, and to the matter of the issue of various forms of indebtedness. As he sees no objection to a proper issue of obligations for equipment, terminals and betterments, but thinks there should be a careful scrutiny to see that stocks or bonds are issued for such purposes.

The president has not reached any final determination as to whether he will make any recommendations to Congress for legislation on any of these matters. The president has made it plain to his callers that he cannot be expected to outline his policy in informal talks with them, and that inferences as to his attitude must not be drawn from what he says in these casual talks.

When he has made up his mind and is ready to tell the public just what his attitude is on particular questions and specifically on the railroad issue, he will do so in a speech or in a message to Congress. Some expression from him are expected on the railroad question during the next few months. The president is scheduled to make four speeches between now and the middle of June, and it is expected that he will

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have something to say on the railroad question in one of these speeches. President Mellen left for New England at 8:30 o'clock this evening.

SPECIAL DELIVERY LAW.

Postal Officials Looking Forward With Interest to Its Working.

Washington, March 19.—The postoffice department officials are looking forward with interest to the putting into effect of the law permitting the transmission of letters and packages for special delivery where the necessary 10 cent postage is attached in addition to the ordinary postage. The law will become effective July 1 next, and it is intended to do away with the necessity for the usual special delivery stamps. It is believed that a considerable increase of business will result from the new system. The regulations are now being prepared.

MORE ANTI-JEWISH OUTBREAKS IN ROUMANIA.

Vienna, March 19.—According to a telegram received here from Czernowitz, an Austrian town close to the boundary of Moldavia, Roumania, advice have been received from the Austrian frontier police stationed at Iztikani and Suczawa, that the anti-Jewish outbreak in Roumania is assuming serious proportions. Peasants have attacked and plundered Jews at Burduseni who are fleeing over the frontier to Iztikani. About 2,000 fugitives, mostly women and children, already have crossed the frontier. Other reports declare that further serious disturbances have occurred at Botosani, where the peasants have set fire to the houses of Jews, and as a result almost the entire town is in flames.

The Hebrew alliance of Vienna is preparing to take care of the Roumanian fugitives.

WYOMING STOCKMEN.

Cattlemen and Stockmen Effect a Compromise of Their Differences.

Laramie, Wyo., March 19.—At a meeting of cattlemen and sheepmen here today a compromise was effected as to grazing on the Medicine Bow forest reserve. A dividing line was marked out which both sides agree to observe. There had been danger of a clash.

THOMAS BAILEY ALDRICH DEAD.

Boston, March 19.—Thomas Bailey Aldrich, the author, died at his home in this city today. He failed to rally from a surgical operation performed about a month ago.

JURY PROBING BANKING FRAUDS.

Chicago, March 19.—A federal grand jury was impaneled today which will investigate incidents occurring since March 3, 1905, connected with the failure of the Chicago National bank. The jurors were charged particularly in regard to the violations of the banking law in relation to the funds of a national bank and the



COAL TESTING PLANT.

U. S. Geological Survey Will Erect One In Denver.

Denver, March 19.—Dr. J. A. Holmes of the United States geological survey last night concluded negotiations for the land upon which the first government coal testing plant will be constructed. The plant will be built on the site of the old city of Denver, and the land will be furnished to the government by the city of Denver. The plant will be used for testing coal and for the purpose of making a record of the coal resources of the country.

EDDY FOY AS ARTIE CHOKO.

Philadelphia, March 19.—Eddy Foy, in the role of Artie Choko, scored another comedy success in the first American production of "The Orchid," which was given its premier tonight at the Lyric theatre. The piece is full of snap, elaborate in costume and scenic effect and was well received. Besides Eddy Foy, Trilza Friganza, Amelia Stone and several others of the principals made notable hits.

POLICE WANT W. H. BODEMANN.

Chicago, March 19.—Accused of defrauding wholesale drug houses out of \$30,000 worth of goods, William H. Bodemann is sought by the police. He is wanted for the purpose of making a record of his activities in the city. The police are working upon the theory that the goods were shipped to distant places immediately upon receipt. Little of value was found when the police recently went to the place.

U. S. ATTORNEY FOR WYOMING.

B. M. Ausherman of Evanston Declines The Appointment.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 19.—The announcement which was made today that B. M. Ausherman of Evanston, recently appointed United States district attorney for Wyoming by President Roosevelt, had declined to qualify for the office, caused a surprise in local political circles. It is reported here that the intention of the administration to insist upon criminal rather than civil prosecutions in the cases of illegal fencing of the public range had a bearing upon the decision of Mr. Ausherman. Mr. B. Campbell of Sheridan has announced his candidacy for the office.

TRAINMEN AND CONDUCTORS REJECT MANAGERS' OFFER.

Chicago, March 19.—Trainmen and conductors on all railroad lines west of Chicago have rejected the recent offer of the general managers of the systems for an increase in wages, according to information reaching the Record-Herald. The official canvass of the referendum vote, which has been in progress for a fortnight, will begin tomorrow. It is stated further that the trainmen have voted to strike if their demands are not granted. Unless the railroad managers offer further concessions a strike of 50,000 men is likely to result.

When the conference between representatives of the employees and the companies adjourned Feb. 27, it was the understanding that another conference would be held after the men had voted upon the managers' offer. This second meeting is expected to be held next week.

The managers have already offered to submit the matter to arbitration, but it is said this proposition has also been rejected by the voting members of the unions.

The offer which the men are said to have rejected was for an increase of 10 per cent to men in the freight service and of \$10 a month to conductors, \$5 a month to brakemen and flagmen in the passenger service.

The men originally asked an increase of 25 per cent with an eight-hour day in freight service, but later these demands were reduced to an increase of 12 per cent and a nine-hour day. It was explained that the men when the vote was started that a verdict rejecting the offer of the railroad managers would carry with it a strike vote. As the matter now stands the strike vote has been carried, but no order to quit will be issued until further efforts to reach an adjustment have been made.

DOUMA LEARNS MODERATION

Absolutely Refused to be Drawn Into Fruitless Discussion Over Ministerial Declaration.

WANTS TO GET TO BUSINESS.

Premier Stolypin Warns Hot-Heads That No Playing With Fire Will be Permitted.

St. Petersburg, March 19.—The lower house of parliament acquitted itself creditably today in its first encounter with the administration. An overwhelming majority of the members of the house, including the constitutional Democrats, the Octobrists, the group of Toil and the Social Revolutionists, refused to be drawn into fruitless discussion over the ministerial declaration read by Premier Stolypin, and adhered to the decision rendered in caucus to proceed with as little delay as possible to the program of constructive legislation. The only fear of trouble came when the extremists of the right and left participated in the debate. The remarks of members were devoted largely to mutual recriminations. Neither the vitriolic speeches of Prince Zereteli or M. Alekseyev, Social Democrat, nor the provocative utterances of M. Parushkevich or M. Kroushchev, the anti-Semite from Kishinev, caused the anticipated outbreak.

The feature of the day was Premier Stolypin's second speech with its plain warning to hot-heads that no playing with the would be permitted, and that the dooms must confine itself strictly to its legitimate functions if it does not wish itself to be dissolved.

The aggrandisement made a noticeable impression.

The council of empire responded to the ministerial declaration of policy by a resolution expressing willingness to co-operate with the government in its legislative program.

During the debate Count Witte made a brief speech in which he declared he would support this resolution provided it did not imply a vote of confidence in the ministry.

The ministerial declaration setting forth the program for legislation was read this afternoon by Premier Stolypin before the lower house of parliament.

The declaration avoided all reference to drumhead courts-martial and all other cases of contention and was received in silence.

M. Stolypin at the close received hearty applause from the conservatives.

The first speech, however, that of Prince Zereteli, in behalf of the Social Democracy, evoked an angry scene between members of the right and left parties, in which such epithets as "liar" and "murderer" were freely exchanged. The prince proposed a resolution raising the government for violating all the rights of the people promised in the imperial manifesto of Oct. 30, 1905, and concluding with the declaration that the people can liberate their friends, fighters for freedom, only when they themselves are free.

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Completion of the trans-Siberian railroad in Russian territory.

Popular education.

SYMPATHY FOR RUSSIANS.

Washington, March 19.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor today listened to addresses by Messrs. Alexis Aladyn, representing the Group of Toil in the first duma, of Russia, and Nicholas Tchekovsky, representing the Revolutionary party, regarding the question of economic improvement, material advancement and political liberty for Russian working men.

The council unanimously adopted resolutions expressive of its sympathy in the struggle of laboring men in Russia for their freedom, and pledging co-operation with them in the promotion of their cause.

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