

TALKS OF LEGISLATION

B. R. Tillman Stops at Greenwood.—
The Passenger
Rate.

Greenwood, Feb. 21.—Senator B. R. Tillman, who arrived here today from Atlanta, where he has been since his appearance at the asylum investigation in Columbia, gave out this statement this afternoon:

"I have just returned from Atlanta, where I have been for the benefit of my wife's health principally, and incidentally, of my own. The rest has done us both lots of good. I shall return to Washington as soon as possible, but want to go by home to plant my vegetable garden before leaving the State.

"I have tried as best I could since the legislature met to keep in touch with what it has been doing, but the two things which have interested me most are the asylum investigation and the 2 cent flat rate for railroads. I want to say something about this latter for the benefit of my fellow citizens. I am not very hopeful, however, of it having any effect whatever on the legislature, because it is perhaps too late; but I can see the ear marks of the railroad lobby. One branch of the general assembly, the house, has passed the flat rate, without making exceptions.

"This is unjust and never ought to have been done. It is not right to compel the short poor roads, of which there are 15 or 20 in this State, with only one or two passenger trains a day and these with very inferior cars, to carry passengers at 2 cents per mile. It should not have been thought of and the bill ought to have been amended in the house to provide for the exemptions that are necessary if the law is to be a just one. But I notice that there is an effort in the senate to kill the bill on account of these exemptions not having been made, and every device and parliamentary trick is being employed to accomplish this result. Why don't the senators who want to serve their constituents, the people, amend the bill so as to make it reasonable and just and send it back to the house instead of killing it and doing nothing as the railroads want them to do?

"Why do not the legislators look after the rights and privileges of those who have bought railroad mileage over the through lines, but can not use it in South Carolina at all from point to point within the State? Why is not the railroad commission given power, if any more be needed than it already has, to regulate this matter of exemption? How long will railroad attorneys, inside and outside of both branches of the general assembly, be permitted to manipulate our law making machinery in the interests of the railroads and to the detriment of the traveling public?

"I have not kept up with the debates and do not know what names to specify, but unless my health fails or quits improving my purpose is to investigate the journals of both the senate and the house and see who is to blame for this condition of affairs, and so help me God, I will let the people know who are their faithful servants and who are traitors to their interests before the next primary.

"I can not make any speeches on the stump or anywhere else, but I can dictate to a stenographer and sign what I write in that way. It makes me sick, old and decrepid as I am, to see how cunning and subtle and unscrupulous the railroad lobbyists are, and how cowardly and corrupt the people's servants are becoming, how the people are bamboozled and are being debauched by demagogues high and low.

"The governor bawls for a 2 cent rate and the house votes it, flat, without any exemption, and his conscience is clear. He knows, as well as I do, that a 2 cent flat rate is not right and every sensible man in the State knows it is not right to allow the long and rich roads like the Southern, Seaboard and Atlantic Coast Line to do as they are now doing and will continue to do until the people arouse themselves and hold their servants to account."

RATIFIES ARBITRATION TREATIES

Senate Approves Pacts With Eight
Nations.—Good Majority in
Every Case.

Washington, Feb. 21.—General arbitration treaties ratified by the senate today renewed for five years agreements with Great Britain, Japan, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland, and marked the first step in the policy of President Wilson to place the United States in a more advantageous position in the world of nations.

Amendments to the treaties having been rejected Friday, debate closed

today within two hours after the senate went into executive session and ratification resolutions were adopted one after another without roll call. Opponents of the treaties made no efforts to delay voting.

The treaties, briefly, provided for reference to The Hague tribunal of legal differences and questions relating to the interpretation of other existing treaties which can not be settled by diplomacy. They are not, of themselves, far reaching, but in view of the long delay in their ratification, during which many disturbing factors both at home and abroad have contributed to general agitation, the feeling among the senator is that the action today will serve to place the United States on a firmer confidential basis with the powers.

Not Really Sweeping.

No matter involving the vital interests, independence or honor of the contracting powers is included in the scope of these treaties, and all disputes involving the interests of third parties also are excluded. The method of procedure toward arbitration fixed

by the treaties provides that a special agreement shall be drawn up setting out the details of the dispute and defining its issues and the scope of consideration to be granted to the arbitrators. Such agreements must be signed by the president and ratified by the senate before the question can be submitted at The Hague.

Matters still before the senate foreign relations committee are the Panama tolls question, the pending treaty with Nicaragua and the treaty with Colombia growing out of the surrender of the Panama strip. Reports on these, it is understood, will be laid before the senate in the near future.

KIDNAPED CHILD FOUND

Sheriff Taking Her to Fort Smith.—
Man Is Also Arrested.

Fort Smith, Ark., Feb. 21.—A special from Huntsville quotes Sheriff M. H. Suster as saying that he will arrive at Fort Smith tomorrow with a man and a girl 10 years old de-

tained there today in the belief that the child is the daughter of Dr. Winters of Newcastle, Ind., who has been missing from her home for nearly a year. The man gives the name of Stuart and according to the sheriff insists that he did not abduct the girl but that he secured her from the man who did. The child corroborates the latter statement, according to the sheriff. She said she was persuaded to enter an automobile by a strange man and that later she was turned over to "the man in the wagon" who taught her to call him father. The child says the pair spent the time until their detention in Huntsville traveling around the country in the wagon. Questioned further by the sheriff, she is quoted as having said that her name "used to be Katherine Winters but it is Lucy now."

Stuart volunteers no information in relation to the alleged kidnapping but is not adverse to discussing the recent movements of himself and his companion. They were in Little Rock last week, he said, and were driving back to Indiana when they decided to re-

main in Huntsville for a while "because is was quiet and out of the way."

Stuart is being closely guarded.

DR. WYCHE TO LEAVE HOSPITAL

Stricken Speaker Pro-Tem of House
Practically Recovered From
Paralysis.

Columbia Record, 20th.

Announcement that Representative C. T. Wyche would be sufficiently recovered from a stroke of paralysis to leave the Knowlton hospital, here, within a few days was made Friday by hospital officials. Representative Wyche was stricken February 6 at the night session of the house while wielding the gavel in the absence of the speaker, M. L. Smith. He has to a large extent recovered the use of his limbs which were afflicted, it is said.

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