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10-HOUR WORK DAY IS RE-ESTABLISHED

NEW RULING OF LABOR BOARD WILL AFFECT 12,000 RAILROAD SIGNALMEN.

OVERTIME PAY IS ELIMINATED

Time and One-Half Pay For Regularly Assigned Work on Sundays and Holidays Also Eliminated.

Chicago.—Re-establishment of a ten-hour day at the usual hourly wage and elimination of time and one-half pay for regularly assigned work on Sundays and holidays, new rules governing railway signalmen, were announced by the United States railroad labor board to replace on February 16 the national agreement made under federal control.

The board's rules affect more than 12,000 rail workers. According to figures based on interstate commerce commission statistics, the annual labor bill of the railroads will be cut about \$300,000 by eliminating the overtime pay provisions of the national agreement.

While the new set of rules retains the principles of the eight-hour day, the door is open for a ten-hour day.

Overtime pay is likewise eliminated for employes paid a monthly salary by a new formula for determining the monthly rate, based on the standard hourly rate.

Other minor provisions which will affect the signalmen's pay envelopes are substitution of straight time for the former time and one-half rule; provision for a minimum of three hours straight time instead of two hours at time and one-half for working less than four hours on Sunday, and complete elimination of the old rule allowing half pay from 10 o'clock at night to 6 a. m., for men traveling on boarding cars.

Other rules were changed to eliminate any fixed hour for starting work and any specified lunch period. The time limit for investigations into discharges, decisions and appeals was extended from seven to ten days.

300 Students Iave Ptomaine Poison.
Columbus, Miss.—More than 300 students of the Mississippi state college for women here are suffering with ptomaine poisoning as a result of eating chicken salad which was served at the evening meal at the college.

Every physician in Columbus was called to the institution and it is stated that all the students are out of danger, although a large number are still very ill.

Dr. J. C. Fant, president of the institution, stated that the poisoning was undoubtedly caused by the salad, as those who did not eat it were not affected. Dr. Irene Fatheree, the college physician, made the same statement. A thorough investigation will be made by the college authorities, it was announced.

Chicago Has Second "Ponzi."
Chicago.—Raymond J. Bischoff, taken into custody, after involuntary proceedings in bankruptcy had been instituted against him by creditors, admitted that he owes about \$4,500,000, representing the savings of 6,000 Chicagoans, mostly foreigners. Less than one million dollars worth of oil and gas stock of doubtful value is available to meet the obligations, it was announced.

Bischoff, whose financial operations apparently rival those of Charles Ponzi, the Boston "wizard" expressed relief when taken into custody by deputy marshals. He had received threats from those he is alleged to have fleeced, he said, and was afraid to venture into the south and west side districts.

To Reinstate Teachers.
Dublin.—School teachers of Irish nationality, who have been dismissed for political activities in the recent past, will be reinstated by the Daill Eireann, the ministry of education announces. In determining the status of such teachers and the salary they are to receive, they will be considered as having served continuously.

Millions Starving in Russia.
London.—More than 250,000 children are starving in the Chuvash region of Eastern Russia, to say nothing of a half million adults who have lost all hope of help, according to a telegram from the Russian famine relief commission of the International Federation of Trade Unions received by Arthur Henderson, prominent labor member of the house of commons.

The telegram says a total of 36,500,000 workers and peasants in all Russia are starving and that thousands are dying daily.

Four Thousand Employes Released.
Washington.—The number of employes released at the navy yard by the suspension of capital ship construction has now passed the 4,000 mark but no further material reductions are anticipated. It was said at the navy department. Employes retained are believed sufficient to carry on the present building program and handle repair work, provided the naval treaty is adopted, and no hope of re-employing the men released is no held out by the navy department.

ing the measure, and the bill is expected to encounter little, if any, opposition when it comes up for third reading.

The bill, which was first introduced last year with the idea of supplying teeth to the check law of the state, provides "that it shall be unlawful and felonious for any person in his own name, or as an attorney in fact for any other person or persons or as an officer or agent of any corporation or unincorporated association, society or company, to obtain money or other property of any kind or nature whatever, with fraudulent intent by means of a check, draft or order, of which such person is maker or drawer, or which, though he is not maker or drawer, he, with like intent, utters or delivers or aids or abets another to utter or deliver. If such check, draft or order is not paid by the drawee, the person making, drawing or uttering the same shall be deemed guilty of the larceny of such money or property or thing of value obtained on such credit, and the fact that such maker or drawer did not have on deposit with the bank, person, firm or corporation upon which such check, draft or order is drawn, sufficient funds to pay the same in full when presented, shall, as against the maker or drawer of such check, draft or order, be prima facie evidence of fraudulent intent, and any person so convicted shall be punished by fine or imprisonment in the discretion of the court. Provided that if such check, draft or order be paid, with costs and interest, upon notice, or at any time previous to the trial or examination of such person, or if such person be not tried or examined, if such check, draft or order be paid before indictment by a grand jury, no such presumption shall arise: Provided, further, that if the amount of the check, draft or order be less than \$20, the offense may be triable within the jurisdiction of the magistrate's court."

Prospects for an adjournment of the general assembly within the constitutional 40 days look rather slim at present with the senate legislative mill grinding exceedingly slow in comparison to the house. Those in touch with the inner workings of the assembly seem to think that several extra weeks will be necessary unless "more gas is turned on" and the mill speeded up. One official said that if much more speed was not shown within the next week he was convinced the two bodies would be here until April 1. That, however, is probably a little far-fetched.

Victim of Theater Collapse.
Washington.—Miss Caroline Upshaw, of Atlanta, Ga., niece of Representative Upshaw of Georgia, died as a result of injuries sustained in the Knickerbocker theater disaster. Her death brought the number of dead from the disaster up to 98.

Miss Upshaw had been at the point of death since she was taken from the theater ruins a week ago.

certificates from reputable physicians that they were free from venereal diseases before they could procure marriage licenses.

The senate also passed and returned to the house the university trustee bill enlarging the board of trustees of the University of South Carolina to 21 elective members by 1926. One amendment adopted by the senate merely changes the years as the bill was introduced last year and this clerical change was necessary, but a last minute amendment offered by Senator McGhee to provide that no member of the general assembly shall be eligible to be elected a trustee under the terms of the act may provoke opposition in the house. The senate agreed to the amendment.

By a vote of 26 to 10 the senate adopted a resolution at the beginning of the session giving all the revenue measures now before the body and those yet to come right of way over all matters, with the exception of local, uncontested matters. Later an attempt was made to get up the income tax bills for the purpose of sending them to third reading with the understanding that the debate come then, and this brought on considerable debate as to the advisability of such procedure.

The brokers' license tax bill, a newcomer among the series of revenue measures in the house, was reached on the calendar, but action on it was delayed on the objection of Julius S. McInnes of Darlington. Jesse S. Leopard of Pickens is the author of the bill.

Duplicate bills were introduced in the house and senate to provide for the transfer and annexation of 8,900 acres of Lexington county territory to Richland county and to alter the county lines so as to conform thereto. The bills are sponsored by the Richland county delegation.

The territory affected by the bills lies in the extreme northeastern corner of Lexington county. Fourteen square miles of territory make up the plot, which is bounded by Broad river on the east and north, on the south by Richland and Lexington counties and on the west by Newberry county.

The house also refused to concur in the amendments of the senate on the gasoline and inheritance tax bills. The senate insisted on its amendments and a free conference committee consisting of Senators Johnson, McColl and Laney was appointed for the inheritance tax measure on the part of the senate.

An unfavorable report was made by the finance committee on the bill by Senator Wells to require state colleges and other state institutions as well as county supervisors to purchase supplies from the home markets where practicable.

The ultimate passage by the house of the Sheppard-Barnett "bad check" was foreshadowed when the house, after considerable discussion of the measure pro and con, sent the bill to third reading by an overwhelming majority. The one test vote taken showed a majority of 75 to 34 favor-

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'HITMAN BILL KILLED IN THE SENATE; AIMED AT HIGHWAY COMMISSION ACT.

BOTH HOUSES ARE BUSY

Upper House Upholds State System of Roads in Slaughtering Measure—Other Matters.

Columbia.—The senate killed the Wightman bill to allow the supervisor and county commissioners of Saluda county to use 80 per cent of the automobile license fund in the county, at their discretion.

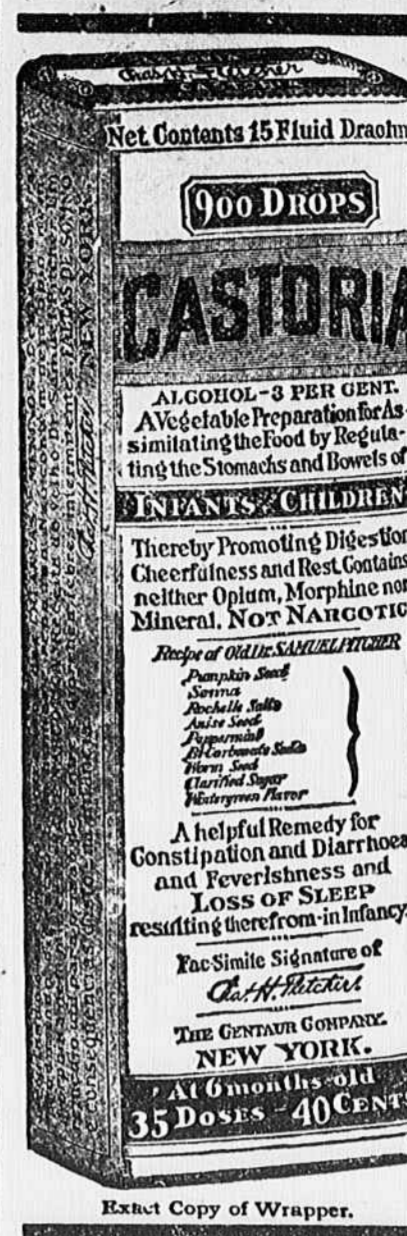
By the killing of the Saluda bill the senate refused to disrupt the state highway act and thus begin an undermining of the highway commission, according to several senators who spoke against the measure. The senate was apparently surprised at itself as the bill drew forth a long debate, but when the vote was reached the balloting was overwhelmingly against the measure. The vote was 24 to 11 to strike out the enacting words, this being on the motion of Senator Young of Charleston.

The concurrent resolution offered by Mr. McInnes in the house providing for conferences between the railroad and highway commissions during the year in an effort to derive a plan to eliminate dangerous grade crossings was slaughtered by a vote of 26 to 6. Senator Wightman moved to strike out the resolving words and after a short debate pro and con the resolution was killed.

Senator Hubbard's joint resolution to prohibit the planting of cotton in South Carolina for one year in order to eradicate the boll weevil was killed on a viva voce vote. This resolution would not have taken effect until similar laws had been passed by Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama and North Carolina, but the senate did not think the bill to be along the right lines. Senator Moore moved to strike out the resolving words and this was done.

The senate likewise struck out the resolving words of the Florbe concurrent resolution asking the tax commission to lower the assessments on land by 25 per cent. The resolution was characterized as "confusing and useless." Senator McGhee moved to strike out the resolving words and the vote was 14 to 8 to kill the resolution.

By a vote of 16 to 15 the senate killed the Simonhoff marriage license bill to require all males to present



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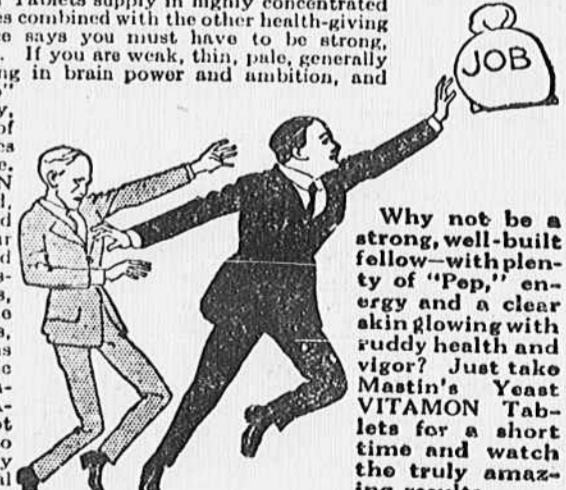
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