

NASHVILLE LIKE PARIS

E. H. Bennett, After Brief Survey, Sees Great Possibilities.

"Immense problems—and magnificent possibilities." That is the way E. H. Bennett, expert in city planning, brought to Nashville by the industrial bureau, sizes up the situation after a brief preliminary survey. After the luncheon at the Maxwell House yesterday, Mr. Bennett made a trip about Nashville and suburbs.

The party that accompanied Mr. Bennett was composed of Johnson Bransford, Robert L. Burch, Richard T. Wilson and Dixon L. Merritt of the industrial bureau, and Maj. F. P. McWhirter, Maj. E. C. Lewis and Ben Lindauer of the park commission.

Mr. Bennett declares that, on the whole, Nashville is situated more nearly like Paris than any other city on either side of the Atlantic he has seen. He asserts that it will require very careful and very difficult work to make an adequate plan for undoing what carelessness has done in marring the city.

This morning Mr. Bennett will meet the administrative committee of the industrial bureau to determine definitely what preliminary work will be done.

SPEECHES BY TENNESSEANS

Cong. Houston and Cong. Littleton, N. Y., Talked on Statehood.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—(Special.)—Two Tennesseans made excellent speeches today in the house on the joint statehood resolution. They were Congressman William C. Houston and the Hon. Martin Littleton, of Franklin county, Tenn., but now a member of the New York delegation. Mr. Houston declared unequivocally for the resolution and said the constitutions were the people's, made by them, and it was their law; that their power was supreme.

A large number of congressmen were in their seats, and the representative of the Fifth district was enthusiastically applauded. Today's speech from Martin Littleton was his maiden effort, and he was accorded a tremendous ovation by democrats and republicans alike. In fact, the tribute paid the effort of the popular New York representative is said never to have been exceeded in the case of any maiden speech in the house.

WOULD NOT GO ON STRIKE

Mail Clerks Wish a Union to Present Their Case, Says Van Dyke.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Denying the assertion that the railway mail clerks were organizing for a general strike, Carl C. Van Dike of St. Paul, recently dismissed from the service for "pernicious activity" in connection with the proposed postal clerks' union, testified today before the house civil service committee, which is considering a bill granting government employes the right to affiliate with trades unions.

Mr. Van Dyke stated the clerks, in their efforts to organize, sought only to better their conditions and to obtain the right to be heard in their own behalf by congressional committees. He pictured what he termed sorry working conditions, and gave instances of alleged persecution of employes by the postoffice inspectors.

OFFICERS OF TRAINMEN.

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 23.—These officers were elected at today's session of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen:

Senior vice-president, Val Fitzpatrick, Columbus, O.; second vice-president, James Murdock, London, Ontario; secretary-treasurer, A. E. King, Binghamton, N. Y.; editor and manager of the Trainmen's Journal, D. D. Cease, Phillipsburg, N. J.; third vice-president, A. F. Whitney, Eagle Grove, Iowa; fourth vice-president, D. H. Sines, Detroit; fifth vice-president, R. M. McIntyre, Tucson, Ariz.

There was no choice for sixth vice-president, and a second ballot was ordered.