

CONGRESS TO TAKE UP RATE QUESTION

Amendment to Hepburn Law Affecting Rates to Be Passed.

DEFECTS ARE DISCOVERED

Interstate Commerce Commission Should Pass on Justice of Proposed Rate Increase—Standard May Enter Lumber Industry.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 15.—The railroad rate question is going to figure prominently before Congress next winter, in view of the action of the National Association of State Railway Commissioners at their recent convention held in this city. There will be no general attempt to amend the Hepburn law, but an amendment will be proposed along the lines suggested by the Interstate Commerce Commission to be reasonable.

Interstate Moves Slowly.

While Minnesota, Texas and one or two other states have laws prohibiting railroads from increasing intrastate rates until authorized by the State Commission, it is not so essential that State Commissions should have this authority as that a similar authority should be conferred upon the Interstate Commerce Commission. If a rate within a state is unreasonable, the shippers can enter complaint and the case can be decided within a few weeks, so that no lasting harm is done if the rate is excessive. But when it comes to interstate commerce, no such quick remedy is possible. The Interstate Commerce Commission is flooded with all manner of complaints from all over the country, and it must necessarily dispose of complaints in the order in which they are received, as the law now works. If a railroad raises a rate, it need only serve notice through the Commission, and after a fixed period the rate becomes operative. If shippers consider the rate exorbitant, they can file a complaint, but the Commission cannot give it immediate consideration, perhaps it cannot dispose of the complaint for a year or more. Meanwhile the increased rate is in effect, and so remains until declared unreasonable by the Commission.

As an illustration of the way the law works at the present time, it is pointed out by some authorities that there is a working agreement between James J. Hill and Weyerhaeuser, the lumber baron, whereby they work together for a common purpose. Hill, who owns the lumber and the transportation, by mutual agreement Hill can raise his rates on lumber, which Weyerhaeuser, under the law, must pay, and his competitors, Weyerhaeuser can afford to pay the rate, while the small lumbermen cannot. The consequence is that an increased rate drives the small men out of business, and Weyerhaeuser controls the market. That enables him to fix his price where he wants it, and he loses nothing in the end, in fact he gains by reason of his absolute domination of the trade.

Standard Oil May Enter Lumbering.

It is charged that the Standard Oil Company, which owns large sections of forest in Montana, is planning to do business in this same field. With Weyerhaeuser and the Standard Oil in control, and with a high freight rate, the small millman cannot pay, and with no immediate relief in sight, the fate of the small shipper is apparent.

What can be done in the lumber trade can of course be done in other lines of business, and the action of the National Association of Railway Commissioners serves to bring to the attention of Congress the crying need for amending the Hepburn law. New that the issue has been so prominently raised, an amendment will be proposed in Congress, and public sentiment is likely to be so strong that friends of the railroads will not be able to prevent action. That the railroads will fight the change is assured, for a quiet effort was made to suppress the resolution presented to the Railway Commissioners' convention. The same men who fought to rob the Hepburn bill of its teeth will fight to prevent the adoption of this amendment. The fate of the proposed legislation depends largely on the amount of interest shown by the public. The next is an ideal season at which to secure popular legislation, especially legislation aimed at curtailing the powers of railroads, for it is the season just preceding a National and Congressional campaign, and the average Senator and Representative will want to make himself solid with his people. Therefore, if the public generally shows a deep concern in the proposed amendment, it is more than likely that such an amendment will be adopted.

AITCHISON DRAFTS AMENDMENT

Suggests Right of Commission to Pass Upon Rate Increases.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 15.—The joint action of the Oregon and Washington State Railroad Commissions secured the adoption by the National Association of Railway Commissioners of the Aitchison resolution declaring in favor of an amendment to the Interstate Commerce law which will prohibit common carriers from arbitrarily boosting their rates, without respect to the rights or wishes of shippers. This resolution was discussed but briefly. As the convention was about to adopt a resolution in which it was stated that it would not recommend any amendment to the Interstate Commerce act until the operation of the present law has been fully

and thoroughly tried and its defects demonstrated. Mr. Aitchison, the Oregon Commissioner, rose and said:

"If the last sentence of the committee's report is borne in mind, you will notice that one committee recommended no amendment until the defects have been demonstrated.

"We of the Pacific Northwest think that one defect at least has been most clearly demonstrated. That is, that the Interstate Commerce Commission is powerless, at the present time, to prevent the most unjust rate you can imagine being put into effect. The remaining effective and tariff being collected on it for a considerable period of time until after the rate has become effective and decision can be had as to its reasonableness.

"Our experience has been such as to indicate that this power on the part of the carriers may be used to an extent that will paralyze sections of the country.

"I therefore move, or suggest, at least, as an amendment, this thought: 'No increase or discontinuance of the existing law in that it permits the railroads to raise their rates, despite the protests of shippers, and allows them to collect the increased rate for an indefinite period, or until the rate shall be declared unreasonable by the Commission.'

"I only wish to call the attention of the commissioners from the South to what the doubting knaves very well—the history of the yellow pine cases, where for years rates had been collected amounting to millions of dollars, which the United States Supreme Court said were unreasonable, and where, as I am informed, many of the claims for reparation are entirely barred by the statute of limitation.

"I am not talking, of course, as to the reasonableness of any particular rate; but the broad principle seems to me to underlie it that the shipper ought to have an opportunity to be consulted in advance of the rate becoming effective.

Before the motion was put to vote, Chairman Fairchild, of the Washington Commission, spoke briefly in support of the motion of Commissioner Aitchison, saying:

"I desire to say simply a word. It is a matter that affects, as the gentleman from Oregon stated, at least a third of the industries of the Pacific Coast. It is not with us a question of paying exorbitant rates. It is a question of one of the greatest industries of the Pacific Coast being paralyzed. I am assuming now that the rate is an unreasonable one. If it be an unreasonable rate, the business that has been built up there during these years will not be able to move, the customers that the Pacific Coast lumbermen have will be lost to them. It is something where there would be no remedy.

"Now, if that rate can be put in force, and is unreasonable, the damage is done, there is no question of re-consideration of the rate because the excess rate will not be paid, the lumber will not move. Three dollars and fifty cents you can readily see will prohibit the moving of lumber. I apprehend this measure, very far in its effect; in short, the effect of this amendment means that Congress shall have the power not to correct an unreasonable rate as today, but it means that the rate in the first instance. It is very far-reaching, because if you cannot change the rate, that means that these rates of the Pacific Coast will not be changed. If objection is made, they cannot be changed. That is, they cannot be changed without the consent of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"I am not speaking of the placing of the power in the first instance in Congress of fixing the rate. It is very broad in that particular. But I do believe that power ought to be granted. I believe that the Interstate Commerce Commission ought to be vested with the power of saying that, until it is demonstrated that a rate is unreasonably low or not remunerative, that rate should not be advanced. If objection is made; and I therefore heartily support the amendment.

"Mr. Commissioner Jones, of Washington, supported the resolution, saying: 'The proposition is very simple. It seems to me, the people of the Pacific Coast, that those rates are reasonable before they are put into effect. As with the present law, the rates will be put into effect and the money collected from the lumbermen, and our trade, that has taken years to build up, will be taken away from us and it will be impossible for us to recover that which we have at the present time, and it seems to me that there is every reason why the present law should be amended so as to give us the opportunity that we speak of.'

Commissioner Lawrence, of Washington, also advocated the resolution of the Oregon Commissioner. He said:

"I move the adoption of the report for the reason that a motion to accept a report does not give an endorsement to a report such as this is entitled to, and I believe that ordinarily this association ought either to adopt or else refuse to adopt a given report, because if a committee has taken the pains to gather together the material for a report and put it in specific form and present it to the association, that committee is entitled to have it considered on its merits. That which we have in explanation of my motion to adopt, and which I favor because that report in the main meets my personal approval.

"Just a word of explanation in addition to what has already been said as to the amendment offered by Mr. Aitchison, of Oregon. It means an exception to the general proposition in the report and the amendment made here, if adopted, will become a part of the report, because, as Mr. Aitchison has said, this is something that is approved definitely in existing law. If notice is given of a proposed increase in a rate, shippers ought to be given an opportunity to be heard before the rate becomes effective. That is all the amendment means."

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WIVES ARE TRIED

If First Does Not Suit, the Eskimo Takes Another.

PROBLEM SEEMS SETTLED

Tribe Lives in Ideal Condition of Communism Until Christianity and Civilization Come—Children Well Provided For.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—A special to the Washington Herald says: Trial marriage among the Eskimos of Alaska and in the region of the Mackenzie River is a complete success, and the life and morals of these people excel those of any civilized nation.

George H. Williams has sent a letter to the officers of the Depositors' Association, who are working for the reorganization of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank and may deposit amounts to about \$1000.

It is surprising to me that depositors should hesitate one moment to take these bonds for their deposits. It is perfectly clear that they can realize in this way the full amount of their deposits and it is equally clear that they will not lose a cent through the regular course of reorganization.

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PARK DEER FAST DYING OFF

Beautiful Animals Quickly Succumb to Ravages of Tuberculosis.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 15.—From a large band of 45 deer in Point Defiance Park the ravages of tuberculosis have reduced the number to three. Superintendent Roberts reported to the board that one of the beautiful animals died Saturday. They will not stand being confined in the parks. A peculiarity of the case is that Central American deer and elk kept on either side of the native deer seem to stand captivity well, but if kept too close to the native deer soon contract tuberculosis.

HE IS DANGEROUS CITIZEN

JUDGE THUS CONDEMNNS DISBELIEVER IN PART OF LAW.

Socialist Who Selects What Part of Law He Will Obey Rejected as a Jurymen.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—There not only are "undesirable citizens" in this country, as indicated at one time by President Roosevelt, but there are "dangerous citizens," and in this second class, according to Judge Gemmill of the Municipal Court, are those who acknowledge fealty only to such laws as suit their purpose.

"Sir," said Judge Gemmill in a loud voice, rising from his seat, "if you only believe in part of the law, and you leave that part to be selected by yourself, you are a dangerous citizen and should not be protected by the law which protects good citizens. You are dismissed."

DELAYS IN ADAMS' CASE

Defense Secures Postponement—It May Not Go to Trial This Winter.

RATHDRUM, Idaho, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—The case of the State against Steve Adams, charged with the murder of Fred Tyler, was called in the District Court and on request of counsel for the defense was passed until tomorrow morning. It is thought likely that the case will not come to trial this session. The case was transferred here from Shoshone County. The defendant was then ready for trial.

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