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## SEEK CHEMIST FOR FAKE DEATH; APES BRUMFIELD

Head of Chemical Company Is at Large After Finding of Charred Body.

## WIFE CLAIMS BODY

Dentist Declares Examination of Teeth Proves Dead Man Victim of Plot to Get Insurance.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) MARTINEZ, Cal., Aug. 2.—Dentist by Mrs. Charles Henry Schwartz on the Contra Costa district attorney's office for possession of the body found in the laboratory of the Pacific Cellulose company after an explosion was refused today by District Attorney Tinning. At the same time he announced that a grand jury would be called to investigate the case.

Firm in her contention that the corpse is that of her husband, who was chemist and general manager of the company, Mrs. Schwartz took the first step to assert the rights of a widow by making formal claim for the remains through Attorney E. S. Bell.

District Attorney Tinning is equally yielding in his contention that a murder has been committed and that the charred corpse is not that of Schwartz. As a protection against loss of possession of the body through any possible coup or legal action, Tinning requested the sheriff to send a special deputy to Walnut Creek to stand guard over it.

The district attorney's office is proceeding now on that theory that Joe Rodriguez, a Portuguese, missing since noon of last Thursday, the day of the explosion, may have been slain and his body placed in his laboratory after having been mutilated to prevent identification.

Detectives representing an insurance company in which Schwartz carried a large policy are aiding in the investigation.

Sheriff R. R. Veale has broadcast a description of Schwartz and an order for his arrest on a murder charge.

The police were informed today by two women, whose names were withheld, that they had seen a man running from the vicinity of the Pacific Cellulose laboratory, just after the blast. The women, who were walking home at the time, but who were not together, told similar stories, although neither was able to identify the man who ran from the plant, as Schwartz.

As he passed under a street light with averted face, they said they observed that he wore a straw hat and a blue suit. One of the women said she tried to halt the man to ask where the explosion had happened, but that he refused to stop.

H. M. Ray, secretary of the company which was managed by Schwartz, told the authorities that three or four days prior to the explosion Schwartz had given his wife and E. S. Bell, his attorney, two sealed envelopes to keep for further instructions. Mrs. Schwartz declined to discuss this report referring questioners to Bell. Bell declared that the report was unfounded.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—Henry Schwartz, vice-president and general manager of the Pacific Cellulose company, who was supposed to have met death in his own laboratory at Walnut Creek on last Thursday by an explosion, today was sought by Sheriff R. R. Veale of Contra Costa county.

A. N. Nielson, a dental expert, who had worked on Schwartz' teeth declared after a minute examination of the charred body found in Schartz' laboratory that "this dead man is not Schwartz. The teeth vary widely from Schwartz' teeth."

Schwartz carried \$160,000 in life insurance.

Joe Rodriguez, a laborer, has been missing from the Walnut Creek district since the explosion.

District Attorney A. B. Tinning announced today that he had withdrawn permission he had given to Mrs. Schwartz yesterday to proceed with the funeral of the body which she insists is her husband.

"You can announce that Schwartz is wanted for murder," the San Francisco Examiner quotes Tinning as saying. "This body is positively not Schwartz. I have asked the sheriff to broadcast a request to sheriffs and chiefs of police to find Schwartz."

## of Coal, Worry, Ha. mond Says



There is enough coal in storage, and enough of substitutes, to supply the whole country until after Christmas, says John Hays Hammond, engineer, chairman of the coal commission appointed by President Coolidge. He advises the country not to stand a strike and the price shooting up.

## BANDIT SHOOTS 4 WHEN FOILED IN HOLDUP ATTEMPT

Boulevard in Denver Is Scene of Cold-Blooded Shooting—Robber Is Still at Large.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) DENVER, Colo., Aug. 3.—City and county police authorities today were combing Arapahoe county for a holdup bandit whose revolver late last night took a toll of three lives, two young women and a young man, when he was foiled in his attempt to rob them of their valuables. The shooting was committed on a boulevard on the outskirts of Denver.

The victims of the bandits were: Mrs. Julia Sterns; her sister, Miss Marie McCormick, 17; Fred Funkner, 19. Carl Perry, 25, was wounded in the shoulder.

The bandit, who is believed to be the man that has recently foiled his activities on automobile "petting parties" in Denver, jumped on the running board of the slowly-moving machine in which his four victims were riding and ordered them at the point of two revolvers to turn over their money and valuables. One of the men told him that they had no money. The bandit then fired into the machine several times, instantly killing Miss McCormick and fatally wounding Funkner and Miss Sterns, so that they died on the way to the hospital. He then took flight.

Perry, who was shot in the shoulder, ran to a nearby farm house and summoned the police.

A police automobile scouring the countryside soon after the robbery encountered a motorcyclist, who sped by them. Their orders to halt were not heeded and they gave chase, but the man outdistanced the police car quickly and escaped toward Fort Logan, an army post ten miles west of Denver. According to the police the man's descriptions fitted that of the bandit related by Perry.

## GREEK TROOPS ARE SENT TO BULGARIA

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PARIS, Aug. 3.—An Athens dispatch today says Greece has sent two regiments to the Greek-Bulgarian frontier, is drafting an ultimatum to the Bulgarian government and expects to send Greek troops into Bulgaria if the ultimatum is rejected.

The dispatches say the Greek government has demanded reparations from Bulgaria for the murder recently of M. Nikolaidis, a Greek citizen, at Stanimaka, Bulgaria. The Bulgarian reception of the demand has not been favorable.

If Bulgaria formally refuses the reparations, the present Greek intention is to send troops to positions three miles across the frontier and establish a line there in Bulgarian territory. In this case Bulgaria is expected to appeal to the League of Nations. The Bulgarian minister to France said today that he knew of no serious cause for disagreement between his country and Greece.

## CAL STARTS HIS THIRD YEAR AS NATION'S CHIEF

President Quietly Plans Legislation for Remainder of Time in Office.

## PLEASED WITH WORK

Not Disturbed Over Coming Issues—Domestic and Foreign Situation Gratifying.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., Aug. 3.—Calvin Coolidge started in today on his third year as president, seemingly satisfied with his administration's record and quietly perfecting plans for legislation and executive action during the remainder of his term.

Two years ago—just before dawn on August 3, 1923, in his father's modest home at Plymouth, Vermont—Mr. Coolidge took the oath as president a few hours after the death of Warren G. Harding.

Looking back over his White House incumbency, President Coolidge, his friends say, feels well satisfied with the turn of events, the election results last November, increasing his confidence that his policies were meeting with approval.

Apparently Mr. Coolidge is not disturbed over any of the major issues which remain to be settled. He hopes that anthracite operators and miners eventually will agree on a new wage scale he has determined not to interfere with negotiations. He also believes that an agreement among the powers is near on the vexing Chinese problem, that prospects are bright for favorable senate action on the World Court proposal and that the way is being cleared for enactment of a satisfactory tax reduction bill.

Today the president turned his attention to politics, the visit to the summer White House of John T. Adams, of Iowa, former chairman of the republican national committee, affording him an opportunity to obtain information as to conditions and prospects, particularly in the northwest.

## FOUR KILLED, MANY INJURED IN FIGHT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) ROME, Aug. 3.—Four persons were killed and fifteen injured in a fight today at San Giovanni in Florence, in the province of Calabria, southern Italy, when a mob demanding the abolition of communal taxes and the dismissal of all city medical employes not natives of the place, stormed the town hall. The police were forced to fire and troops were rushed from Cosenza, twenty-five miles to the west to restore order.

## ANNUAL TENNIS MEET HELD TODAY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PORTLAND, Aug. 3.—The twenty-seventh annual Oregon state tennis championship tournament opened here today with 256 entries. The entries include 71 men's singles, 35 women's singles, and 29 teams in the mixed event.

There are 24 out of town entries, including players from San Francisco, Palo Alto, Cal., Vallejo, Cal., Honolulu, Vancouver, B. C., Seattle, Tacoma, Montesano, Wash., Vancouver, Wash., Hood River, Gresham, Oswego and Eugene, Oregon.

## NEWSPAPER TEAM RETIRES LEAGUE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) KIAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 3.—Definite announcement of its retirement from baseball was made today by the Kiamath Falls Evening Herald team following its defeat here yesterday at the hands of the Medford Mall-Tribune, 15 to 13. The game was replete with baseball as it should be played, so far as the Herald crew was concerned.

The game was a benefit for a street sign fund, inaugurated two weeks ago by the Kiamath Falls Herald, and the presence of 300 courageous fans assured sufficient funds for the purchase of a complete system of street signs for the city.

## LEWIS TO MEET CANTOWINE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) TULSA, Okla., Aug. 3.—Ed "Strangler" Lewis, claimant to the world's heavyweight title and Howard Cantowine of Webster City, Iowa, will wrestle to a finish in a match at Tulsa, September 2.

## JURYS SELECTED TO TRY RUSSELL SCOTT ON SANITY ISSUE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—The jury to decide the fate of Russell Scott was selected in four hours today in the court of Judge Joseph B. David with Scott's sanity the issue.

"Cell shock," will be put into American legal and scientific vocabularies if the sanity hearing beginning today before Judge Jessup B. David, saves Russell Scott from the gallows.

"Cell shock" is the term Scott's attorneys have used to describe the mental debility he has suffered since his conviction ten months ago for the murder of Joseph Maurer, a drug clerk.

The state presented a list of 20 witnesses, including fifteen laymen and five alienists.

The defense presented a list of nine alienists and a dozen lay witnesses.

Jacob Maurer, father of the 19-year-old boy for whose murder Scott was convicted, was in court. Thomas Scott, father of the prisoner, entered with the defense lawyers and took a seat in the press section.

Judge Davis excluded a large crowd from the court room during the selection of the jury. Scott was brought in as the first panel was drawn. The court advised the veniremen that the only question at issue in the hearing was Scott's sanity.

## DISCLAIMS CRIME BLAMED ON SCOTT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—Sheriff Peter M. Hoffman, was notified that the purported confession of John Gordon, a prisoner at Wichita, Kansas, that he killed Joseph Maurer, for whose death Russell Scott was sentenced to hang in Chicago, was a hoax. Sheriff C. E. Groves at Wichita telegraphed that Gordon had retracted the statement.

## KILLS MAN FOUND IN HOME WITH WIFE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 3.—Ben Taylor, 36, logger, who yesterday shot and killed L. J. Nicholson, 33, when he is alleged to have found Nicholson in Napier's home here with his wife, was still in the Lewis county jail today although no charge has been placed against him. Nicholson died in a hospital here yesterday an hour and a half after the shooting.

A charge against Napier is to be determined when Prosecuting Attorney Don Abel returns here from a convention in Seattle.

## CONTINUED SHOCKS ALARM ITALIANS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) CERIGNOLA, Aug. 3.—The continuation of earth shocks here, following those which began last Tuesday night, has heightened the alarm of the population which is especially frightened because the shocks are limited to this city only.

A great religious procession was held today, more than twenty thousand persons following a picture of Holy Mary of Ripalta, the protectress of Cerignola, imploring the Saint to save the city from destruction. The peasants are sleeping in the open air fearing the collapse of their homes.

Cerignola is a city of about 35,000 population in the province of Foggia, Southern Italy. One hundred buildings were damaged by earthquakes there last week.

## UMATILLA YESTERDAY PASSES VETERAN

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 3.—Another of the little band of Civil war veterans in Umatilla county has answered the final reveille. Hiram B. Lee, 81, who served with the 80th Illinois Infantry throughout the war, died yesterday at his home in Milton following an illness of months. Lee was born in Illinois in 1844 and shortly after the end of the war in 1867, journeyed west in a covered wagon caravan to Oregon. Arriving in this state he took up a homestead on Dry Creek near Milton and lived in and near Milton until the time of his death.

## MANY HOMELESS IN TEXAS FLOODS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 3.—High waters in the Rio Grande have rendered fifty families homeless and have done damage estimated at \$50,000 around Fabens, Texas. The water was still rising today.

Reclamation officials said the flood which passed here Saturday night with but small damage, is proving a menace to the lower areas around Fabens where there is less dyke protection. The crest of the flood is not expected to reach Fabens until tonight.

Attorney Howard M. Brownell and Mrs. Brownell, of Eugene, were in Roseburg today on their way to Coon and Curry counties for a short vacation.

## FALLING TREE BARELY MISSES LOCAL WOMEN

Party at Rest Haven Camp Near Myrtle Creek Gets Bad Scare.

## CABIN IS DEMOLISHED

Big Snag Falls on Building and Hits So Close to Car It Breaks Off Oil Cups.

Mrs. M. V. Pitchford, had a very narrow escape from death yesterday afternoon, when a large snag at Rest Haven auto camp fell near the car in which she was seated. Several other parties, including Mrs. Henry Harth, Miss Agnes Pitchford, and Mr. and Mrs. Stenger, also had a close escape and a bad scare. Except for the fact that the position of the car had been changed a few minutes earlier, all would probably have been killed outright.

Mrs. Harth motored to Rest Haven camp yesterday with Miss Pitchford and the latter's mother as her guests. Miss Pitchford is county juvenile officer and while at the camp, which is located near Myrtle Creek, she saw a tourist drive up with two boys. Miss Pitchford suspected that the youngsters were runaways, and upon inquiry learned that she was correct, and the car was driven to Canyonville, where she telephoned to police officers at Roseburg to hold the boys. Upon returning to Rest Haven camp the car was driven a few feet ahead of where it had been originally parked.

Mr. Stenger, the proprietor of the camp, was busy cleaning out of the small cabins, and Miss Pitchford, Mrs. Harth, and Mrs. Stenger were seated on a bench near the store building, a few feet away from the car. "Mother" Pitchford remained in the car.

Mr. Stenger emerged from the cabin just in time to see a huge dead snag, up the hill from the camp, break loose and start falling. He called a warning to the women, as the snag was headed directly for the store. It struck a nearby tree, however, and its course was changed so that it fell behind Mrs. Harth's car, so close that it broke off the oil cups projecting behind. One big chunk struck the aluminum top of the car and broke partly through, directly over Mrs. Pitchford, who was seated. However, she escaped without injury of any sort. The force of the falling snag was so great that it shook the entire ground for a great distance around, and threw dirt and rubbish over the entire camp. The cabin in which Mr. Stenger had been working a few minutes before, was completely demolished, and parts were scattered for two hundred feet.

The snag was over 150 feet in length and was nearly six feet in diameter. It was broken in falling, and pieces were thrown over a wide area. It fell exactly on the spot where the car had been standing originally, and had it not been for the fact that Miss Pitchford became suspicious when the road away boys appeared, all would doubtless have been killed, as all of the women were seated in the car at that time, and would have probably remained in the machine. As it was all were badly frightened, and were covered with dirt and rubbish, and are still picking out splinters, their hands and faces having been covered with numerous tiny splinters from the falling tree.

## HIGH COURT HOLDS SLAYER IS GUILTY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals today affirmed a decree of the United States district court of Washington, which found Richard Conner guilty of the murder of his wife, Pearl Conner, whose body was found in an abandoned well on the Camp Lewis military reservation early in 1924. The principal witness against Conner was Mrs. Iona Holl, who testified to gaining a confession from Conner.

## ST. LOUIS WOMAN KILLED IN SMASH

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) FALLS CITY, Neb., Aug. 3.—Mrs. Ernest E. Beech, 58, of St. Louis, was instantly killed and her husband was probably fatally injured when their automobile overturned on the King of Trails highway, four miles north of here, early today.

## GIRL MEETS DEATH IN MOUNTAIN FALL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) EVERETT, Wash., Aug. 3.—Mildred Hasselman, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hasselman, residing two miles west of Granite Falls, was instantly killed Sunday, when she fell from the highest point on Mount Pilchuck. The girl was one of a party of boys and girls from the Granite Falls district climbing the mountain, with Harold Brandt, the girl, against advice of older members of the party, tried to climb a rocky crag on the north side. She fell 300 feet into a snowfield and rolled several hundred feet. Brandt, endangering his life, went to the girl's aid, found her head and notified the Pilchuck ranger station. The body was taken from the mountain by a party organized by rangers. The girl is survived by her parents and one brother.

## MARSHFIELD BLAZE DESTROYS BIG MILL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) MARSHFIELD, Ore., Aug. 3.—Fire of undetermined origin early today destroyed the Fred Nelson saw mill and excelsior plant on South Inlet, near here. The mill was operated under lease to Youther Brothers, who lost about 80,000 feet of lumber. No insurance was carried. A cigarette stub was said to have probably been the cause of the fire.

## ESCAPED CONVICT IS CAPTURED SUNDAY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) SALEM, Ore., Aug. 3.—David Jackson, a trusty, who escaped from the state penitentiary potato patch last Thursday, was caught yesterday near Jefferson, Marion county. Philip Davies, another trusty, who escaped at the same time, is still at large. Jackson was sent up from Klamath county to serve two years for forgery.

## FIRST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE IS ISSUED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) SALEM, Ore., Aug. 3.—The first certificate of title to a motor vehicle under an act passed by the 1925 legislature, has been issued by the state department to James Speirs of Tangent, Oregon. Applications for certificates are being received by the department at the rate of thousands every day.

## VAUDEVILLE STAR MAKES LAST EXIT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) HOHOKEN, N. J., Aug. 3.—Arthur Chambers, vaudeville crayon artist, was found dead from gas in his room last night. Besides the body was a likeness of the dead man bearing this inscription: "Justified exit." "Too old—no faith." "Deaf—no hope." "Broke—no money." "Total—zero."

## BOMB EXPLOSION WRECKS BUILDING

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Explosion of a bomb early today in the vestibule of a four-story building in Madison street, Brooklyn, partly wrecked the building and drove 23 tenants from their homes. Police believe the explosion may have resulted from labor troubles.

## BRICKLAYERS OUT ON STRIKE TODAY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—A new phase in the inter-union conflict between bricklayers and plasterers developed today when bricklayers employed by the George A. Fuller Construction Company went on strike in all building projects in this city, Washington, D. C., and Florida. Company officials said work was halted on approximately \$20,000,000 worth of construction.

## REAL ESTATE BOOM HITS FLORIDA TOWN

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—A real estate boom which operators say outclasses Florida's palmiest days has hit Far Rockaway and Rockaway Beach, on the southern shore of Long Island, and sent ocean front property skyrocketing from \$300 a foot two months ago to \$2,700.

Thousands are scrambling for chances to invest. Squads of police yesterday fought to keep traffic moving.

One man reported losing \$10,000 on a fake real estate contract. As a result all bonafide brokers are wearing badges, buttons or ribbons.

William Zaret, a lumber dealer of Lawrenceville, Massachusetts, was reported to have made \$65,000 in two hours yesterday. Joseph Weinstein, theater owner, said he had realized \$2,000,000 on paper in four weeks from an original outlay of \$50,000.

Recent newspaper accounts that the city proposed building a \$1,200,000 boardwalk nine miles long at the Rockaways started the boom.

## Lives Immigrant Life to Refute Stories of Abuse



Lord Apsley, heir of the Earl of Bathurst, is back in London from Australia, where he went incognito as an immigrant and worked as a field laborer, to study reports of alleged abuse of immigrants. He says the stories are exaggerated.

## MANY INJURED IN RIOT FOLLOWING KLAN GATHERING

Rocks and Brick Fly When Mob of Anti-Klan Sympathizers Stage Attack.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) WESTWOOD, Mass., Aug. 3.—Injury to a dozen or more persons, the wrecking of a farm house, and the arrest of three men for carrying concealed weapons, was the aftermath of the Ku Klux Klan's first attempt to hold a meeting in this district since the state police stopped supplying guards for Klan gatherings.

The meeting in a field off the Boston-Providence highway yesterday, ended in a riot which the police of three towns were unable to quell. A mob of 500 anti-Klan sympathizers and three score klansmen staged a fight with fists, rocks and bricks. Although firearms were in evidence, no shots were fired.

Most of the klansmen escaped in their cars, but a few were bottled up in the house of Stephen Hilsley, where they huddled in the cellar while every window and much of the furniture disintegrated under a hail of rocks from the outside.

An appeal by Westwood town officials finally brought state troops from Frammingham, who dispersed the crowd and escorted the bottled klansmen to safety. They arrested three men said to be klansmen, on charges of carrying concealed weapons.

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"The gentleman's agreement" between Mr. Churchill and the publishers whose books are now in Oregon schools that they will furnish the books at as low a figure as they are sold in any other state, or at which they would have agreed by contract had contracts been made.

Governor Pierce took the position that by "standing pat" the state superintendent would have been able to get the books at prices contained in the old contracts and that to allow the bill passed by the legislature to become a law would have been a surrender to the "book trust."

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## PORTLAND TELEGRAM HAS NEW MANAGER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PORTLAND, Aug. 3.—J. E. Wheeler, president, and L. R. Wheeler, vice-president of the Telegram Publishing Company, announced today the appointment of W. S. Jones, as general manager of the Telegram. Until recently Mr. Jones was business manager and joint owner of the newspaper.

Gordon F. Law will remain as business manager of the Telegram and A. Hamilton will be auditor.

## TEXTBOOK FIGHT MUST BE SOLVED BY AGREEMENT

"Gentlemen's Agreement" Must Substitute for Contracts for Books.

## PUBLISHERS CONCEDE

Beat Possible Prices Promised by Publishers—Pierce Was Against Book Trust in His Veto.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) SALEM, Ore., Aug. 3.—Finding itself in a state of uncertainty today as to its powers to meet at this time and adopt textbooks, the state textbook commission put the problem before Attorney-General Van Winkle and adjourned until afternoon.

The commission voted, on motion of A. C. Hampton, of Astoria, to throw the matter of adopting two-thirds of the text books used in Oregon open to adoption by open competition on August 20. Whether this procedure is legal is the matter that the attorney-general is to decide before the end of the day.

State Superintendent J. A. Churchill and Milton A. Miller, who had been elected chairman of the commission, clashed during the meeting. Miller intimated that Churchill had acted illegally in preparing a state course of study with no contracts existing with publishers. Churchill replied that because of the governor's veto of a bill empowering the board of education to enter into contracts, there was no authority vested in anyone to enter into contracts at this time, therefore he could not be charged with proceeding illegally. Miller said that because of the governor's veto of a bill empowering the board of education to enter into contracts, there was no authority vested in anyone to enter into contracts at this time, therefore he could not be charged with proceeding illegally. Miller said that because of the governor's veto of a bill empowering the board of education to enter into contracts, there was no authority vested in anyone to enter into contracts at this time, therefore he could not be charged with proceeding illegally.

The reasons for this are Governor Pierce's veto of a bill passed by the 1925 legislature empowering the state board of education to enter into contracts at the best possible prices, that fact that the textbook commission has no authority under the law to make contracts and the impossibility at the present date to adopt new books and be able to get them for the coming school year.

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## FARMERS OPPOSE INCREASED RATES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 3.—The executive committee of the all-farm organization conference is meeting here today to discuss methods of opposing the increase of foreign rates, proposed by the western railroads.

The all-farm organization is made up of all the larger farm organizations in this section of the country and a number of the smaller ones.

It is expected that the committee will appoint a sub-committee charged with the responsibility of appearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Chicago September 8, to give reasons why the proposed freight increase should not be allowed.