

SLASH IN FREIGHT RATES ORDERED TODAY

RATES TO BE LOWERED ON JULY FIRST

Interstate Commerce Commission Orders Freight Reduction.

STABILIZATION OF BUSINESS SOUGHT

High Rates of Present are Tending to Defeat Revenue Purpose of Their Establishment.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Horizontal and nationwide reductions in freight rates averaging about 10 per cent were ordered today by the interstate commerce commission. In western territory the cut ordered was approximately 13 1/2 per cent. In the southern and mountain and Pacific groups it was approximately 12 1/2 per cent and in eastern territory it is approximately 14 per cent. All cuts are effective July 1.

The rate cut removed the percentage of general increases given all railroads in 1920. The commission in its decision declared that the general reduction in rate levels is "as substantial as the condition of the carriers will permit and will tend to stabilize business conditions."

Charges Killed Business.
"Transportation charges have mounted to a point where they are impeding the free flow of commerce, thus tending to defeat the purpose for which they were established, that of producing revenue which would enable the carriers to provide the people with adequate transportation."

The commission decided that the railroads are entitled to earn 5-6 1/2 per cent on the value of railway property, compared with 6 per cent, which was made the reasonable return standard under the transportation act.

Passenger and Pullman rates are not affected by the order.

General Demand.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The general question of whether railroad transportation charges in the United States had attained levels too high for business and industry to support was brought formally before the Interstate Commerce Commission in the fall of 1921 on the Commission's own motion although in response to nationwide commercial and political suggestions. Farm organizations and representatives of Western states, particularly those in the grain producing area, obtained marked concessions about that time to which railroads voluntarily added ten per cent reduction on practically all agricultural products all over the United States except in New England.

Secretary of Commerce Hoover, appearing at the request of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, proposed that the commission should make over the existing rate structures on the principle of applying proportionately lower freights to the bulk, low priced, raw materials of industry and agriculture, such as coal, primary foodstuffs, and ores. Higher price finished materials and passenger traffic, Mr. Hoover suggested, might bear the charges until such a time as railroad revenues had developed to the point which would allow reductions without endangering railroad credits. Immediate and tangible cuts, he said, probably could not be made.

Representatives of the steel and iron industry asked more stringent and immediate action, principally arguing that the commission should remove the entire 40 per cent increase put on eastern rates on their products in 1920. The National Industrial Traffic league, representing shippers generally, took much the same position. The coal industry elaborated

AVIATORS IN EFFORT TO CIRCLE EARTH

Expect to Make Trip in Three Months With Flying Time Only 300 Hours.

(By Associated Press)
CROYDON, England, May 24.—A great crowd saw Major W. T. Blake and companions start today on an attempted thousand-mile flight around the world. The aviators are using a machine capable of 115 miles an hour. The first stop is scheduled at Paris. They will fly by stages to Rome, through India, China, Japan, Alaska, the United States, crossing the Atlantic from Newfoundland via Greenland and Iceland.

Major Blake estimated that with luck he could get around the world in three months, spending approximately 300 hours in the air.

TRAINING CAMP FOR CITIZENS

Will Be Held This Summer at Camp Lewis, Washington; Advantages Set Forth.

Captain Charles E. Knickerbocker is in the city today to place before the public the objects and purposes of the citizen's military training camps which are being conducted all over the United States. The national defense act as amended by the act of June 4th, 1920, provided a military policy for the United States and also provides for the maintenance of citizen's training camps to be conducted by the war department. The main purpose of these camps is to bring together young manhood on a common basis of equality to stimulate and promote citizenship, patriotism and Americanism; and, through expert physical direction, athletic coaching and military training to benefit the young men individually. No obligation for further military service will be incurred by any attending the camps. The benefits derived from attending a camp can be secured without any expense to the students as the war department will provide transportation to camp and return, board, lodging, medical attention, uniforms, equipment, arms laundry, athletics and recreation. The military training will consist of a series of three courses known as the Red course, the White course and the Blue course. The Red course provides basic training limited to the fundamental principles. The age limits for this course are 18-25. However, no student who has successfully completed the Red course will be derived of taking the White course on account of age. The Blue course provides more advanced training in that part of the time the students will attend the school of application established at the camp. The Blue course is intended to qualify students for officers in the reserve corps. There are no educational requirements for the Red course, to be eligible for the White course the student must have an eighth grade education or its equivalent, to be qualified for the Blue course the student must have a high school education or its equivalent. Camp will be held at Camp Lewis, Washington, from July 27 until August 25th. Physically fit male citizens between the ages indicated for the various courses are eligible to attend these camps provided they are of average intelligence and good moral character. Applicants desiring application blanks may secure them from the Ad club officers or the Supt. of Schools, W. C. Hampton. Each camp will have a surgeon, a chaplain, a moral and recreation officer and an athletic officer whose duties will be to look after the health and moral surroundings of the students. Opportunities will be offered all to attend religious services of their own particular creed. Every effort will be made by the camp personnel to make the stay of the student both pleasant and profitable.

SEES EVILS OF MISRULE DISAPPEARING

Senator Watson Addresses Indiana Republican Convention Today.

RIOTOUS ORGY IS LAID TO DEMOCRATS

Keynote of National campaign Sounded at Indianapolis; Speech To Be Used In Campaign Literature.

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 24.—Efficient and wise management of the nation's affairs, both domestic and international and substantial results in relieving "the evils of eight years of democratic misrule" were claimed of the Harding administration in an address here today by Senator Watson, republican, Indiana, before the Indiana republican convention. For years it has been the custom of Indiana republicans to have the keynote of the national campaign sounded before them, and Senator Watson's speech, which was discussed in advance with President Harding, will be incorporated in the party literature for the congressional campaign this fall.

Senator Watson praised the executive, legislative and diplomatic record of the present administration and flayed the recent democratic administration as "right-losing, surplus scattering, bond-issuing, industry paralyzing, prosperity-destroying, social upheaving and cat-astrophe-producing." "We are not responsible for all this waste," he declared. "We did not produce all this wreckage. We did not incur these debts. We did not pile up this mountain of obligations and those gentlemen who are responsible for all this riotous orgy of extravagance and all this upsetting of industry, unsettling of financial conditions now stand and leer at us because in fourteen months we have not overcome all the evil they produced in eight years."

In domestic affairs, Senator Watson said the Harding administration

PASTOR FLAYS MOVIE MAKERS FOR ATTACK

Claims that They are Ridiculing the Cloth; Prejudice is Charged.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 24.—Rev. Dr. Gustav Bruegel of Pasadena, waving a letter from William ("Bill") Hart, two-gun motion picture star, 14 the faces of 800 Presbyterian commissioners of the 134th general assembly here, charged that films are ridiculing Protestant pastors in their pictures in retaliation for censorship campaigns being conducted against them by Protestant denominations.

Hart's letter was in reply to one from the California pastor protesting against a picture in which a pastor is portrayed as robbing a stagecoach in order to complete the construction of a small church. The "grim hero of the studios," who is himself the author of the scenario in question, replied to the criticism that he admires "a man brave enough to go ahead with his good work although it involves robbing a stage coach."

Later in the picture the pastor is caught by a posse and Hart saves him from hanging only by cutting the rope with a well-directed shot from his trusty pistol. "Show me a film which ridicules or insults a Catholic priest or a Jewish rabbi in this manner," shouted Dr. Bruegel. "Their insults are aimed at us." Twice Dr. Bruegel's speaking time was extended by a vote of the general assembly.

The attack on motion pictures made by the committee on temperance and moral welfare in its report earlier in the day gave only a hint of the storm which burst when Dr. Bruegel of the subcommittee on movies, took the platform. The California moral crusader described a scene from a picture now showing in Des Moines, in which a woman, stooping to pick up something from the ground, is bitten on the breast by a viper. The hero, undaunted by convention, tears off her bodice and sucks the poison from the wound.

"Why, if the motion picture men's intentions are so moral, did the director not have the viper bite the woman on the wrist?" asked Dr. Bruegel.

TO RESUME SESSIONS.

BERLIN, May 24.—With the return of Chancellor Wirth and Foreign Minister Rathenau from the Geneva conference, the reichstag will resume this week its discussions of Germany's international relations.

VOTE COUNT IN COUNTY IS COMPLETED

Judge Rand Receives the Highest Number of Votes of Any Candidate.

PIERCE HAS BIG LEAD OVER OTHERS

Many Candidates Received Majority of the County's Votes for Offices They Seek.

The official count of the Union county vote at the primaries Friday was completed this morning. The following is the vote according to the records:

Republican.
Member of the Republican national committee: Ralph E. Williams, 780; O. G. Fithian, 466.
For representative in congress, second district, N. J. Slinnott, 769; James H. Gwinn, 606.

For governor: Ben W. Olcott, 627; I. L. Patterson, 334; George A. White, 122; Louis E. Benn, 79; Charles Hall, 361; J. D. Lee, 24.

For state treasurer: Thos. F. Ryan, 688; O. P. Hoff, 640.

For justice of the Supreme Court: John L. Rand, 1997; George S. Shepherd, 316; Geo. H. Burnett, 778; John McCourt, 732.

For superintendent of public instruction, J. A. Churchill, 1042.

For commissioner of the bureau of labor statistics and inspector of factories and workshops: C. H. Gram, 741; Wm. A. Dalziel, 482.

For commissioner of the public service commission: Thomas A. Campbell, 585; F. R. Layman, 253; J. R. Thichoff, 293.

For senator, nineteenth senatorial district: Colon R. Eberhard, 678; Joseph T. Hinkle, 359; Rodney J. Kitchen, 419.

For representative 24th representative district: Charles A. Hunter, 809; Robert J. Campbell, 405.

For county commissioner: C. A. Galloway, 1011.

For county treasurer, Hugh Mc-

FALL COMES TO RESCUE OF THE IRRIGATIONISTS

Rules that They Cannot Be Denied Water Unless Case Has Been Individually Passed Upon.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 24.—Secretary Fall notified all reclamation project managers today that they have no authority to withhold water from land owners and entrymen waterusers for non-payment of charges pending a decision by the secretary on each application for extension of time. The decision was made in a test case affecting the Minidoka project in Idaho.

PROVED LEADER OF ALL AGENTS

Insurance Bulletin Tells of Success of La Grande Woman in Writing April Business.

When the Insurance Bulletin was issued this month it carried the story of Mrs. Sade Van Buren, a tenderfoot in the life insurance business, having led the whole army of Guaranteed Fund Life Association agents in the United States. The article follows: "Mrs. Sade Van Buren, of Oregon, who took up our work in March, closed her second month as a G. F. L. A. representative with applications for \$195,000. Mrs. Van Buren has the honor of heading the April Big Gun with the largest amount of personal business written in one month since May, 1920. She has written more business in one month than all our women representatives have produced in any one year. We congratulate Mrs. Van Buren and are mighty proud of her record. She tied for second place on the Honor Roll with W. P. Couch, of Iowa."

TWO INJURED IN AUTO SMASHUP

A serious accident occurred yesterday afternoon about four o'clock when a Chalmers car, driven by Mrs. Mamie Lilo, carrying three other passengers, Mrs. Evelyn Clark and her three-year-old daughter, and Charley Clark, owner of the car, went into the ditch between Hot Lake and Lane Pine, damaging the car considerably and injuring Mrs. Lilo and Mrs. Clark. The other two were uninjured.

The cause of the accident is attributed to the losing of a spring, causing the car to become uncontrollable. The car landed on its side in the ditch tearing the top considerably and breaking the upper windshield. Mrs. Clark was sitting at one side of the seat with her daughter beside her and while she was severely cut about the lower limbs, her daughter was uninjured. Mrs. Lilo received several severe cuts but both ladies will recover.

MEMORIAL DAY GAME ARRANGED

On account of additional traveling expenses and other additional expenses the La Grande baseball club will charge fifty cents admission at the gate for the remainder of the season. This includes grandstand seats and war tax. The season tickets will be good the remainder of the season without additional charges.

Hector Molins, manager and temporary captain of the team, announces that arrangements have been made with the Cove team to play an exhibition benefit game in La Grande Memorial day immediately following the American Legion celebration. The game will probably be called at about 2:30 p.m.

OLCOTT LEADS IN REVISED TABULATIONS

As Official Counts Replace Unofficial Governor Holds His Own.

MANY COUNTIES NOW HAVE COUNTS MADE

Only One Precinct in Baker County was Missing in Entire State This Morning.

PORTLAND, May 24.—Complete returns of Oregon's 36 counties, 12 unofficial, at noon today gave Olcott a 627 plurality over Hall for the Republican nomination for governor. Olcott had 43,102 votes and Hall 42,475. Olcott carried 24 counties and Hall 12.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, May 24.—Revised figures including complete official returns from 24 counties, complete unofficial returns from 11 counties and incomplete returns from Baker county, gave Olcott a lead of 620, his vote being 43,045, while Hall's vote was 42,475.

Eberhard High Man.
(Special to The Observer)
PENDLETON, May 24.—Complete official figures for Umatilla county give Senator Colon R. Eberhard, incumbent, a large majority in this county over his opponents in the primary election of last Friday. Senator Eberhard polled a total vote of 2,039, while J. T. Hinkle of Hermiston received 1703 and R. J. Kitchen of Union county 589.

SALEM, May 24.—Although the definite result in the gubernatorial race in the recent primary campaign probably will not be determined until the official count is completed, Governor Olcott today received hundreds of letters and telegrams congratulating him upon his victory. The messages came from all parts of the state and were representative of voters of all classes.

The official returns from the Union county precincts show that Henry J. Taylor received 46 votes on the democratic ticket as candidate for joint senator for Union and Umatilla counties. He will run in opposition to Colon Eberhard in the fall election.

Several votes were written in on the democratic ticket for the three Republican candidates for the joint senatorship. Colon Eberhard still proved to be the favorite of the trio. He received 29 democratic votes, while Hinkle received 4 and Kitchen 5.

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, May 24.—L. E. Bean today sent his congratulations to Governor Olcott.

BULLETINS

MANTLE, May 24.—Leonard Wood, governor-general of the Philippines, missing for 26 hours after being caught in a typhoon, is safe today in his yacht at Mindoro, it is reported.

(By Associated Press)
GENOA, May 24.—The commercial treaty between Soviet Russia and Italy was signed at the Royal Palace today.

(By Associated Press)
BELFAST, May 24.—Brigadier General Heginson, who recently commanded the British infantry at Cork, was shot and wounded while riding near Tipperary today.

Weather
Tonight and Thursday, fair.

