

PEACE

Conference on Strike Almost Makes Terms.

EXPRESS MEN AN OBSTACLE

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POWER TO REVISE RATES Interstate Commissioners Give Opinions to Senate Committee.

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Mr. Fifer spoke of rebates and rate-cutting and said they were induced by railroad men distrusting each other. Rates, he said, should be made by the railroads in the first place, but should be subject to revision, and that the commission could adjust a rate complained of in accordance with rates on like commodities in other sections under like conditions. He thought an adjustment of the long and short-haul difficulties had been left to the commission. He believed that the power of rate regulation, if given to the commission, would be exercised very often, as the roads would be careful not to get into trouble with the commission. Mr. Fifer spoke of the fact that the commission would not be employed at the time he struck. He would be given a position, it was asserted, if a vacancy existed at the time of his application. This position was the subject of a matter discussed at the conference tonight and in the opinion of all present it opened a way for the settlement and the negotiations will be continued tomorrow.

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