

RAILWAY RATES ON THE STEADY DECLINE

Senator Elkins Files Long List of Statistics With Minority Report Rate Law.

GREAT SAVING TO PUBLIC

Rates in United States Less Than Half Those of Continental Europe. Increase in Equipment in Excess of Added Mileage in 14 Years.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Senator Elkins of West Virginia has just completed and filed in the Senate his minority report on the railroad rate law. It presents a comprehensive history of the economic development of American railroads, together with exhaustive tables which tend to show a constantly decreasing freight and passenger rate, and the relation between such rates and the price of commodities and cost of labor.

The average passenger rate, says the report, advanced slightly from 1870 to 1880. During the next 24 years there was a decline amounting to 17.50 per cent of the average for 1880. The total decline from 1870 to 1890 averaged 14.14 per cent. The decline in the average rate per mile per ton of freight was 56.71 per cent during the years from 1870 to 1890, and during the earlier years being about two and one-half times that of the latter, and the net saving to the shippers averaged 11.60 mills per ton per mile.

SHIP SUBSIDY IN THE HOUSE

Congress Will Have Busy Time Closing Days of 59th Session. WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Aside from appropriation bills and conference reports, the ship subsidy bill is the only measure of general importance that is likely to receive the attention of the House, and the Aldrich financial bill, the only one that probably will receive the attention of the Senate during the closing week of the last session of the Fifty-ninth Congress.

It is Senator Aldrich's purpose to press his bill for consideration when opportunity offers, and he is still hopeful of success, notwithstanding the opposition of the congestion of bills and the limited time left.

The House friends of ship subsidy also profess themselves as hopeful, but they admit that every day that goes by without action lessens their chances. Some of them express confidence in getting some features of the bill incorporated in the postoffice appropriation bill, but if they fail in that programme they will make a last effort for independent action by the House after the passage of the general deficiency appropriation bill.

No other business will be permitted to interfere with appropriation bills and conference reports in either house, but there will be times when other business may be interrupted and much miscellaneous legislation may be expected. An order will be brought into the House by the committee on rules early in the week, making certain classes of legislation of a minor character in order at any time under the suspension of rules, and the members generally hope to get a number of bills passed under this order. As usual, the Senate will make an effort to speed up the calendar, and by the end of the week there will be few Senate measures left to which there is not insuperable objection.

Most of the appropriation bills, except the general deficiency, have passed the House, but there are still five of these measures to be passed by the Senate at the hands of the Senate. These are the agricultural bill, which is now under consideration; the postoffice bill and the pension bill; the sundry civil bill and the general deficiency bill. It is expected that the consideration of the agricultural bill will be concluded Monday, and it will be taken up for consideration by the Senate on Tuesday.

session will be the rule rather than the exception. In addition to the appropriation bills, the 15-hour railway employe bill and the criminal appeals bills are in conference and will call for attention from both houses.

TRIBUTE TO DEAD STATESMEN

House Members Deliver Eulogies on Deceased Members of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Eulogies on the lives of the late Senator Russell A. Alger, of Michigan, and the late Representative Cullom Adams, of Wisconsin, William S. Flack, of New York, and J. H. Ketcham, of New York, were pronounced today in the House of Representatives, which convened to pay tribute to these statesmen. Those who spoke of Senator Alger's career were Representatives Townsend, Fordney, Hamilton, Gardner, Denby and Barragh, of Michigan, and Representative Lacey, of Iowa. Mr. Adams was eulogized by Representatives Hayes, of California, McCarthy, of Nebraska, and Representative Reeder, of Kansas, was among those who eulogized Mr. Flack.

HURRY REPORT, SAYS BAILEY

WANTS IT OVER, SO HE CAN GO TO WASHINGTON.

If Investigation Favors Senator, Opposition May Carry Fight Into the Halls of Congress.

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 24.—The finding of the legislative committee regarding the proposed railroad rate law, W. Bailey will, it is expected, be reported to the two houses of the Legislature not later than Tuesday. Senator Bailey and his attorneys are urging the committee to hasten so that Mr. Bailey may leave Thursday for Washington to be installed as Senator.

A subcommittee spent the day revising the testimony to be submitted to the Legislature. Friends of Senator Bailey are of the opinion that the committee can make the suggestion that there is nothing in the evidence in any way reflecting upon the Senator. If this procedure is followed, the minority of the committee will bring in an adverse report.

It is also stated that some of Bailey's opposition will try to prolong the agitation, even to the extent of taking the matter to Washington in the form of a memorial. The following statement was given out tonight from Senator Bailey's headquarters: Many of the supporters of Senator Bailey throughout the state have requested us to notify them when the report of the investigating committee would be before the Legislature for final action, and in response to the request from a great number, we deem it proper to say to them that our information is that steps will be taken in the Senate on Monday looking to immediate and final settlement of the issue in that body. We are also advised that the subcommittee of the House has about completed its labors. This being the case, the full committee will report to the House some time Monday afternoon.

TRAIN HITS OPEN SWITCH

Officials of Pennsylvania Road Deny Any One Is Injured.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 24.—The Philadelphia Express on the Pennsylvania Railroad this evening ran into an open switch in the yards at Sixteenth street. Ambulance men were summoned to the scene, but according to the railroad officials and physicians, no one was injured.

One coach on the Philadelphia train was derailed and two others derailed. It was learned at 11 o'clock tonight that five women passengers on the express had been injured. It is said they sustained serious cuts and bruises. They were given medical attention and afterward continued their journey west.

FRANK H. HEARNE VERY ILL

Well-Known Steel Man Suffers Peritonitis After Case of Grip.

DENVER, Feb. 24.—Frank H. Hearne, chairman of the board and president of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, is critically ill of peritonitis at his home here. Three physicians are in constant attendance upon the sick man. Mr. Hearne is conscious, according to a report from his home tonight, but is very weak. The attack of peritonitis was brought on by the grip, with which Mr. Hearne was taken down a week ago today.

AMERICAN DIRECTOR IS IN JAIL

Mexicans Detain Him Without Bail Because Woman Died in His Office.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 24.—His friends here were advised that, following a close investigation into the peculiar death of Miss Mary Fanling, a young American woman who died in the office of Dr. H. C. Rees, a popular American physician of Mexico City, that Dr. Rees has been placed in prison without privilege of bail.

Dr. Rees states that the young woman came to him suffering from an operation previously performed. The Mexican authorities held that had the operation been previously made the patient could not have reached the office where she died.

REJECTS BY HOUSE

French Government's Plan for Church Leases Fails.

STATE WILL STAND FIRM

Churches Will Remain Open and Cabinet Will Return to Solution Previously Contemplated—Negotiations End as Predicted.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The clerical organ has united in declaring that Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris, will not submit to the new proposal of the government regarding church leases, and their Rome dispatches categorically insist that Pope Pius is resolved to maintain integrally the original text offered by the French Episcopate and to refuse even to discuss the government's exceptions relative to the liability of parish priests for the keeping up of churches and the exclusion of foreign priests or members of the dissolved orders as parties to contracts.

Premier Clemenceau now admits frankly that as far as he is concerned he never expected the church to accept the conditions as to leases. The minister of Education Briand did and that the Cabinet unanimously accorded him a chance to conclude the negotiations upon the terms demanded.

"The future will show which is right; whether he is the victim of an illusion or I am mistaken," the Premier added. "If no agreement is reached, what will happen?" Premier Clemenceau was asked. "Nothing very terrible," he replied. "I think we will return to the solution previously contemplated. The churches will remain open, that goes without saying, and it is conceded, without lease to the clergy, and the State Department or Commune, as the case may be, will bear the cost of keeping up the churches. But rest assured the government will go no further in the matter of concessions. The Republican majority in the Chamber of Deputies will not increase, nor even M. Briand, favor yielding any more."

It is said in clerical circles that the French cardinals today received fresh instructions from Rome, which they will communicate to the Episcopate early this week.

SAYS FRENCH PLAYED UNFAIR

Vatican Declares Conditions for Leases Were Impossible.

ROME, Feb. 24.—The Vatican communication, issued Sunday, in which it was stated that the negotiations for the leases of 1904, which were considered to have been broken by the French cabinet, also said that the French cabinet had taken recourse in an old stratagem by pretending that it wished peace, but putting the blame on the French government. The communication also remarks that Minister of Education Briand, when he presented the separation law of 1904, admitted that a church clergy could participate in Cultural Associations because otherwise Dutch and English protestant ministers and German rabbis would have been excluded, but now that it is only a question of Catholics, he does not admit foreign priests as heads of parishes.

EMPEROR WILLIAM PLEASSED

Tells President of Reichstag He Is Glad of Election Results.

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—Emperor William today gave an audience of an hour to Count Udo von Stolberg-Wernigerode, president of the Reichstag, to whom he expressed his high satisfaction at the result of the recent election, which, he said, had shown that the Social Democracy had been overthrown. He hoped this spirit among the people would continue regarding the colonies. Emperor William expressed a wish that large numbers of the Reichstag would convince themselves as to their value by traveling there.

Italy Will Co-operate for Peace.

ROME, Feb. 24.—From the work of Professor de Martens, Russian imperial councillor of state, which has already begun here in connection with the forthcoming session of the League of Nations, it appears that Italy, recognizing the necessity of peace, will simply co-operate in any movement leading to concerted action on the question of simultaneous reduction of arms or the lessening the disasters of war.

Honors for Von Meyer.

ROME, Feb. 24.—King Victor Emmanuel has signed a decree bestowing on George L. von Meyer, the newly appointed cabinet officer, the order of the Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus, as an expression of appreciation for his work when United States ambassador to Italy.

FARMERS' TRUST A REALITY

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right. We shall demand and get more for our produce. The additional toll we demand will be put upon you by the middlemen. You do not get the price you deserve. You will find that protection comes best by allying yourselves with us in this great movement.

Co-operative Produce Market.

The Federation of Labor has taken steps to put this suggestion into execution. It is proposed that the Federation shall establish a produce market in Chicago or make a deal with the number of grocers by which they sell purchase and sell at an agreed price, governed by the general market, only the commodities raised by the members of the American Society of Equity. The members of the society meanwhile are to pledge themselves to buy only union-made goods, so far as that plan is feasible. The executive committee of the Federation is now working out a plan of affiliation.

Texas Organize Banks.

The organized husbandry of Texas is inclined to listen to proposals to amalgamate with the American Society of Equity. The Texas plan is to establish a system of farmers' banks in every town where there is a cotton

market in order to make themselves independent of other interests. In this way they expect to be better able to cooperate for self-protection and finance any project. The banks are to be conducted in connection with a string of warehouses now operated throughout the state for storage purposes.

What the farmers are able to do has been illustrated by the accomplishments of the cotton growers of the South. Radical methods to the point of violence and crime were resorted to in places last year. These tactics were aimed at the cotton growers, who are members of the Cotton Growers' Association, but peaceful combination and concerted action brought flattering results.

The American Society of Equity is subdivided into county and state lodges. Five farmers may form a local lodge or union and procure a charter from the central body. Five unions are authorized to form a county organization and 50 county organizations may establish a state branch. The officials may there are organizations in 24 states.

State branches are authorized to form a distributive department in cases where more than one state is dependent on a central market. Chicago, for instance, is the basic or central market for Wisconsin, part of Michigan, Indiana and Illinois. St. Louis is the central market for Missouri and adjacent states.

Objects of the Trust.

Among the stated objects of the American Society of Equity are these: To get a fair profit for the fruits of the farmers' labor; to build elevators where grain and produce may be stored; to purchase lands; to procure equitable freight rates and prompt and adequate transportation facilities; to make a special report on crops at home and abroad independent of the government report; to secure country highways for the better marketing of farm commodities; to stand against the enactment of any protective legislation in the interest of the farmers; to establish special schools for the training of farmer boys.

Price List for Produce.

Previously, at this gathering, a schedule of prices to be demanded for grain and other commodities was agreed upon as follows: No. 1 Northern wheat, \$1.10; corn, 50 cents to the end of the year; 50 cents from January 1 to April 1 and 55 cents after April 1, with such other additions as the state of the market might suggest; oats, 40 cents; barley, 55 cents; rye, 75 cents; potatoes, 55 cents; sweet potatoes, 20 cents; hogs, \$8.50 per hundred weight; cattle, \$8. The Chicago market was accepted as the basis of these prices.

The farmers are concentrating their efforts in some states to force the railroads to give them equal privileges with other interests. They declare that the railroads are being discriminated against in favor of large corporate interests, and they seek quick redress. In Illinois the independent grain elevators, who represent the farmers, complain to the Legislature that they are being driven into bankruptcy through discrimination in car distribution. Back of the railroads, they say, are the "beasts" in the Chicago grain market.

Embarrassed Flour Mills.

Coincident with the increasing power of the organized productive class there is going on a process of decentralization of the grain and flour markets. The events of the last six months show that Minneapolis and Duluth are no longer "the whole thing" of the Northwest. The Spring wheat comes from Interior elevators are taking on more importance and country flour mills are absorbing vastly more grain than in previous years. Minneapolis mills have been unable to get enough wheat of grinding quality to keep their mills going. In consequence, the majority of the mills are idle a large time when they are usually running full capacity. Chicago is losing ground as a grain market center. Board of Trade committees are resorting to heroic measures to win back former prestige and power, but the fight seems a losing one.

LIBERTY BY HUNGER STRIKE

Vienna Students Carry Day Against Prison Officials.

VIENNA, Feb. 24.—A large number of Rutenian University students, who were arrested recently at Lemberg and imprisoned for refusing to take the oath in the Polish language, adopted a hunger strike, refusing all food or drink. After three days they became so weak that the doctors in attendance declined to accept responsibility for their lives and as a result they were victorious and the authorities were compelled to liberate all of them, numbering 90. Even then the students declined to quit the prison because of the vote of their ringleaders, who were detained, and resisted election with furniture. In the meantime there was a great Rutenian demonstration outside the prison, and finally the ringleaders also were liberated on bail. Then all the students consented to leave the prison.

GOOD COUGH MEDICINE FOR CHILDREN

The season for coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. The quicker you cure his cold the less the risk. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliable remedy for children, and few of them who have tried it will be willing to use any other. Mrs. F. P. Starbuck, of New York, says: "I have never known anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children and it has always been successful. The remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult."

Olds, Wortman & King Fifth St. Washington St. Sixth St.

More About the Monday Magnets

Showing Lots of New Wash Goods

EARLY BUYERS get the best choice, there's no doubt of that. That's truer than ever this season, when we've so good an assortment to start with and the trend of fashions so decisive as it is this spring. Come see these wash goods, you'll be pleased with them, whether you buy or not.

- TUFTED MADRAS, a richly finished fabric with raised figures, in checks, plaids and stripes; colors, blue and all the wanted tan shades; 20c
'SOIE RADIANT,' a superb silk and cotton mixture fabric; comes in plaid effects, in pronounced patterns or colored grounds with woven figures; the yard... 60c
SCOTCH DIMITIES—The best in the world, from the famous McBride Mills; comes in checks, stripes and plaids, in corded weaves and fancy printed effects; the yard, 25c and... 35c
NEW JAPANESE KIMONO CREPPES—Latest importations, in all colorings and Oriental effects; very pretty; all cotton material; fast color; the yard... 25c
SCOTCH ZEPHYRS, the famous Anderson's make, all the craze for the coming season; in checks, stripes and plaids; the yard... 25c
MERCERIZED PLAIDS—Pretty as silk, with the added advantage that it washes much better; new patterns in handsome plaids; the yard... 25c
EMBROIDERED BATISTE, in white grounds with floral printed effects; comes in all shades; special value, the yard... 35c
'NERISSA' silk, one of the newest weaves out; comes in plain grounds and floral effects; price, the yard... 50c
'TISSUE GARONETTE,' in fancy figured and dotted effects, in raised silk figures, for the construction of beautiful soft wash dresses; special value, the yard... 60c
'BALL DE SOIE,' a lustrous silken finish, soft, clinging material; comes in all new colors; strikingly new designs in large coin spots; price, the yard... 50c
ENGLISH LACE BATISTE—A very pretty lace stripe material, in white ground effects, with embroidered squares in pink, light blue, green and tan; yard... 75c
COMO SUITINGS—Beautiful light-weight material for street costumes; one of the most popular and handsome fabrics brought out this season; yard... 18c

Come See the Dress Goods Display

Enthusiastic customers will be crowding the aisles all day long—be sure of that. For we're ready now to tell them and show them the correct things for this season's dress materials. Why, even the window display, Fifth and Washington streets, is a liberal display, and that's only a hint of the many beautiful textiles we have on display in the department.

New Silks, new White Wool Goods, new Black Wool Goods, new Novelty Dress Goods and all the best weaves in silk and wool materials. Never mind if you do think it's a bit early to buy—you won't be urged to, and we want you to come feeling that you are welcome to look. We call special attention to the display of Plaid Silks, for Shirtwaist Suits. Scotch Plaids, nearly all clans represented. These have arrived so recently that we were not ready to tell you about them in the Sunday ad.

Suits for Spring Appear Now



We haven't the entire assortment ready to show you now. Shipments have been annoyingly slow, and many garments that should have been here are still on the road. But we've some mighty smart suits and waists for Spring, and they are authentic representatives of what the styles will be for the coming Spring and Summer.

Light colors are strong among the suits this Spring; short jackets in the pony and Eton styles lead. Skirts are mostly in the plaited style, and trimmings are used to decided advantage. The three-quarter coat will be popular.

WOMEN'S COATS—Three-quarter length, made of all-wool novelty goods, in light tan and white checks, panel front effect, trimmed with braid, and collar and cuffs of tan moire... \$20.00

WOMEN'S COATS—Three-quarter length style, in green and tan checked pattern, all-wool materials, loose-fitting effect; sleeves are plaited to elbow to form cuff; coat trimmed with fancy buttons and braid and finished with patch pockets and shoulder cape; collar... \$26.00

WOMEN'S SUITS—Pony jacket style, light plaid effect in black and white; trimmed with soutache braid and neat buttons; has three-quarter-length sleeves; collarless style, semi-fitting; lined with the finest satin; skirt plaited... \$29.50

The New Waists Are Pretty

- WOMEN'S WHITE WAISTS of lawn and mull, with round yoke of rich Val lace, with collar and cuffs to match; yoke finished with clusters of small, dainty pin tucks and insertion; fastens in back. One of the best values possible to offer, and a style that is really captivating. Price, each... \$4.00
WOMEN'S WHITE WAISTS, with yoke of pin tucks, lace and medallions; made with lace collar and short sleeves, finished with cuffs of tucks and lace; back also trimmed with dainty lace; and this style fastens in back. Price, each... \$4.50
WOMEN'S WHITE WAISTS, with front of fine tucks, embroidery Val, or baby Irish lace, short-sleeved style, sleeves trimmed with Val lace and insertion, attaché collar of lace and tucks; back trimmed with rows of insertion. One of the prettiest waists ever placed on sale, and the price at this... \$5.00

DAY OF GAITY IN HAVANA

CUBANS OBSERVE REVOLUTIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

Shout "Long Live Magoon," and Petition Governor for Right to Resume Cockfighting.

Topeka Woman Would Have Officers Believe She Killed Dennis Dufford.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 24.—In an effort to save her sweetheart, Harry Johnson, Mae Burne confessed to shooting Dennis Dufford in her house last night. Dufford was fatally wounded, dying at a hospital a few hours later. Today the officers found an eye-witness, who swears that Johnson shot Dufford, who was a rival. The Burne woman still insists that she did the shooting and that it was in self-defense. She will probably be released as soon as the officers can apprehend Johnson.

FORTY OF THE CREW PERISH

ALL PASSENGERS ON BOARD IMPERIAL ARE SAVED.

Captain Among Rescued—Foreign Warships Transfer Passengers to Places of Safety.

CANEA, Island of Crete, Feb. 24.—All the passengers on board the Austrian steamer Imperia, which ran on a rock Friday evening near Cape Elaphosio, were saved. Forty members of the crew, of whom 32 were Austrians and eight Indians, perished. Among those rescued are the captain and the first engineer of the Imperia. Foreign warships brought 82 survivors here and others were transferred to the Austrian Lloyd steamer Castorek, which was sent from Trieste to assist in the work of rescue. Several persons injured at the time of the disaster are being attended to here. It has been learned that the first boat launched from the Imperia was swamped immediately. The vessel carried a valuable cargo of timber and sugar.

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