

ROADS HIT BACK AT LUMBERMEN

Refuse Shipments Until Further Notice.

NORTHERN PACIFIC'S EMBARGO

Order Follows Injunction Issued by Federal Court.

MEANS FIGHT TO FINISH

Litigation May Continue for Years. State Law Prevents Railroads From Resuming the Old Rates Without 30 Days' Notice.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Oct. 31.—No more lumber shipments will be received by the Northern Pacific Railroad in the Northwest until further notice. This is the order sent out to all agents of the company last night.

This move of the Northern Pacific is expected to be followed by all the railroads affected by the injunction issued by the Federal Court in Seattle Thursday night, making it compulsory on the part of the railroads to charge the old rate of 40 cents on lumber shipments from terminal points on the Pacific Coast. The railroads had issued a new schedule of rates that were to be effective tomorrow. This move would be taking too great a risk to allow the excess freight to accumulate until a final decision on the rate is made, as they say that litigation will ensue before the matter is settled, and many of the lumber firms may have gone out of business.

Another agency the railroads have to face is the law, providing that all rates must be published and posted at least 30 days before they become effective, so that in case they decided to go back to the old rate they cannot do it now without the 30 days' notice.

HANFORD SIGNS THE ORDER

Federal Judge, After Hours of Debate, Issues Injunction.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—At 11:30 tonight, after three hours of argument and discussion by the railroad and lumbermen's attorneys, United States Judge S. M. Hanford signed an order temporarily restraining the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Burlington and the Transmontain railroads from collecting freight rates on lumber and shingles shipped from the state of Washington to the East and Central West as provided by the new tariffs filed more than 30 days ago, and which were scheduled to be effective tomorrow.

The ink on the order signed by Judge Hanford was dry just 35 minutes before the stroke of 12 o'clock tonight, one minute after which the new tariffs would have gone into effect.

Three hundred lumber and shingle men from various parts of Western Washington gathered here this afternoon and tonight to celebrate their victory over the railroads.

Late this afternoon the Southwestern Lumbermen's Association, which had not participated in the suit, and which numbers 50 of the largest mills in Lewis, Choshals, Cowitz and Thurston counties, became amalgamated with the Pacific Coast Lumbermen's Association, which instituted the suit against the railroads. Probably 15 other lumber and shingle mills during the day joined the northern combination, but there are yet fully 300 mills which have not been made parties to the suit and whose products may be forced to pay the higher rate.

HEIRS SEEK LARGE SUM

Washington's Descendants Want the Value of Land Grant.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(Special.)—Heirs of George Washington are seeking to recover a large sum from the Government on account of lands granted to him along the Ohio River and which subsequently were inadvertently given by Congress to actual settlers. An administrator of the undistributed assets of his estate was appointed today by the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, Virginia, on a petition of the heirs-at-law, Lawrence Washington and S. W. Washington.

Robert F. Lee was appointed administrator. He is the grandson of General Robert E. Lee and great grandson of "Light Horse" Harry Lee, General Washington's Chief of Staff.

AFRAID TO DIE HIMSELF

Wardell Confesses Aiding Wife to Execute Suicide Compact.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—After being convicted of manslaughter in the first degree in aiding and abetting his wife to commit suicide, James Wardell confessed today that he killed her and fired a bullet

into her dead body to give the impression she had died by her own life. Wardell said his mind had been completely upset by his wife's misdoings and when he suggested that they die together she readily agreed. He placed the gas tube in his wife's mouth, turned on the gas and when she was dead his own courage failed and he dared not end his own life. Then he thought to shield himself by firing a shot into her brain to make it appear that she had committed suicide. After the confession Wardell said: "Try me for murder; that's what I want. That's what I wanted to do."

KEEP LAND FOR NATIVES

Governors of Samoa Forbid Further Leasing to Whites.

TUTUILA, Samoa, Sept. 31.—(via San Francisco, Oct. 31.)—The Governor of American Samoa has stated that he will not consent to any further leases of large blocks of land in Tutuila. The land is to be reserved for the growing population of the islands. The German government has arranged that all existing leases in German Samoa may be converted into freeholds. Further leaseholds will not be granted by natives to whites. There is ample free-



Maximilian Harden, German Editor who Exposed Secrets of Round Table.

hold property, however, to satisfy all demands for some time to come. There has been great loss among the livestock on the islands, owing to the continued dry weather, which is unusual in this season in Samoa.

GOVERNOR JOLTS BOOKMEN

Publishers Must Meet Oregon Contracts or Suit Will Be Instituted.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—Acting in behalf of the State Board of Education, which is chairman, Governor Chamberlain today telegraphed the American Book Company, of New York, Powers & Lyons, of Chicago, and the World Book Company, of New York, that they must supply public school books in Oregon according to contract or suit would be brought on the bonds given by them.

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MYSTERY HANGS OVER HITCHCOCK

Friends Say He's Killed or Kidnaped.

HOUSED BY BLACKMAILERS

Wife Confident of Innocence of Any Crime.

SOME SUGGEST SUICIDE

Missing Actor Believed to Have Been Spirited Away by Blackmailers Who Fear Exposure When the Indictments Are Tried.

THIRD DEATH FROM PLAGUE

MRS. GEORGE OSBORNE VICTIM OF DREAD SCOURGE.

Attending Physicians Diagnose Case and Attribute Woman's Death to Bubonic Plague.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—Mrs. George Osborne died shortly after midnight and the attending physicians state that they will assign the cause of death to bubonic plague. Mrs. Osborne was the wife of a member of the Osborne family, in which there have been three deaths within the past two weeks, one of which was officially diagnosed as plague by the City Bacteriologist and Board of Health.

Mrs. Osborne died in the house in which her husband died. The diagnosis is confirmed in this case it will make three deaths from the plague in Seattle.

PLANS TO STAMP OUT PLAGUE

Canadian Health Officer Visits Seattle to Confer With Dr. White.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 31.—Dr. F. Montlembert, Director-General of Public Health of Canada, arrived here from Ottawa today and, after conference with Dr. M. J. White, of the United States Service, agreed to adopt uniform measures for the suppression of bubonic plague along the Pacific Coast. The Canadian ports have already adopted many precautions similar to those in force in Seattle. No new cases of plague have developed. Hundreds of men, under the direction of Board of Health Inspectors, are engaged in cleaning up the city's vacant lots and old rookeries, which many harbor rats are being condemned by the Health Board and destroyed. Where practicable, the structures are surrounded by fences of wire netting to prevent the rats from escaping.

Aberdeen Particular About Plague.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 31.—Active measures are being taken to enforce the quarantine regulations at this port. Some of the captains coming here are quite averse to taking the trouble required by the officers, but the law will be rigidly enforced. William E. Kindred has been appointed a special officer by Health Officer Chamberlain to enforce the regulations in regard to the use of rat funnels, and also to see that the vessels that tie up at the docks keep the regulation distance from them.

ger lists scrutinized. A wireless message was sent to the Majestic, which sailed yesterday.

No Preparation for Flight.

Mrs. Hitchcock told Henry W. Savage, owner of "The Yankee Tourist" Company, that her husband left the hotel where they were staying shortly before breakfast, saying that he was going to a Turkish bath and would join her at the matinee. This is the last she saw of him. He had spent a very restless night, she said.

Mrs. Hitchcock, to whom he was married two years ago, in St. Louis, is the daughter of Dr. Mangassarian, an Armenian of Chicago, a lecturer on ethical culture.

After the close of the performance last night Mrs. Hitchcock remained up all night, assisting in directing the search for her husband. She will not listen to any theory which included flight, insisting that she believes he has been the victim of foul play. In support of her contention she declares that Hitchcock made absolutely no preparations for flight, as he had only a few dollars in money and two or three rings with him when he left the hotel yesterday morning.

As a result of Hitchcock's disappearance Wallace Berry, a young Western actor, who has been his understudy, has risen to the leading role in the popular Broadway piece at a single bound and is likely to keep the place.

FINANCIAL SITUATION.

NEW YORK—Gold imports arranged increase to \$23,750,000. Increase in Bank of England discount rate from 4 per cent to 5 per cent does not affect gold movement. Bankers will increase currency \$50,000,000. Government helps financing of cotton crop. Crisis revives demand for currency reform. Small investors buy \$100,000,000 in stock.

SAN FRANCISCO—All banks open except Safe Deposit & Trust, which is in charge of State Bank Commission. Clearings for week decrease 14 per cent. Subtreasury puts \$1,200,000 in circulation, bond sales in New York will add \$1,000,000, and much imported gold will come here. Subtreasury may lend money on Government bonds.

LONDON—Bank of England raises discount rate from 4 1/2 per cent to 5 1/2 per cent.

CALIFORNIA CITIES—All ignore Governor's holiday proclamation and keep banks open.

MONTANA—Helena, Butte and Missoula all report ample cash in banks and do business under normal conditions.

OKLAHOMA and Indian Territory—Bankers agree to re-open next Monday.

PORTLAND—Arrangements are being made to bring \$1,000,000 in specie from San Francisco. Bankers will favor extension of holiday next week, if necessary.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Indications that the available supply of cash would be materially increased within a short time with imports of gold and the increase of the banknote circulation, and the movement of cotton and grain crops would be facilitated in every way possible, with the result of increasing our credits abroad, were the salient features of today's financial situation. It seemed to be recognized everywhere that the acute stage of the crisis was over and that all that remained was to obtain sufficient currency to resume currency payments upon a broad scale and thus to restore conditions prevailing before the crisis.

Increased Gold Shipments.

The engagements of gold made in New York, Chicago and elsewhere brought up the total import movement within the past week to \$23,750,000. As the amount of gold will afford a basis of credit to four times

MONEY SUPPLY SWELLING DAILY

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BANKS ISSUE MORE NOTES

Readily Accept Offer Made by Controller.

ASK CURRENCY REFORM

Bankers' Association Will Again Urge Congress to Adopt Its Plan. Cortelyou Will Help the Cotton Men With Deposits.

FINANCING THE COTTON CROP.

Interest is continuing to center in the movement of the cotton crop from New Orleans and other Southern points, and it is so essential to provide bills against the imports of gold. Secretary Cortelyou, according to Washington dispatches today, was disposed to increase deposits of public funds in the Southern banks as rapidly as such funds become available. This will supply the banks with the stock of currency so much needed to handle the cotton crop, and will enable them to await with less embarrassment than otherwise arrival of their cotton bills in Europe and the bringing back of their gold.

The committee of New Orleans bankers, which is in Washington, has suggested that the New York banks can ease the situation by giving the Southern banks credit for checks on foreign banks forwarded as soon as they receive telegraphic advices of the amounts. This will enable the Southern banks to check against balances in payment of collections and in making remittances to interior banks throughout the country.

Currency Reform Revived.

It is noted with interest by leading bankers here that the present scarcity of currency and the recourse which has been had to National bank circulation are arousing unusual interest in the plan for currency reform which has been endorsed by the American Bankers' Association. This plan was adopted in December of last year, after consultation with representatives of the New York Chamber of Commerce, and was presented to Congress at that time. The plan did not receive the definite approval of the American Bankers' Association, however, until the meeting at Atlantic City in September last, but at that time it was endorsed by a nearly unanimous vote, after strong arguments in its favor by A. Barton Hepburn, president of the Chase National Bank of New York, and Representative Charles N. Fowler, chairman of the House committee on banking. The committee which framed the measure was continued with authority to take further action. It has not held a meeting since the convention at Atlantic City, but some of the Western members are strongly desirous that such a meeting be called at an early date, in order to bring the subject properly before Congress while public opinion is aroused on the subject.

Buying Stock in Small Lots.

The Journal of Commerce estimates the dividend and interest payments for November at \$75,100,000, a new high record for the month, as against \$53,000,000 last year.

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the amount, or about \$95,000,000, it will in itself afford much relief to the existing pressure. The action of the Bank of England in raising its discount rate from 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 per cent was in accordance with expectations in conservative circles. The fact that the increase was not made to 6 per cent and that the English rate remains 1 per cent below the German rate is accepted as an indication that the situation at London is not considered acute.

More Currency to Issue.

The prompt response of the National banks through the country to the suggestion of controller Klingley that they should employ United States bonds as largely as possible to secure circulation and substitute other bonds for those pledged against deposits of public money promises a considerable increase in the available stock of currency. The estimate of an increase in the banknote circulation of \$300,000,000 is considered well within the probabilities. It will require time, however, in some cases for the banks to obtain proper bonds to substitute for their United States bonds. Frank A. Vandierip, vice-president of the National City Bank, made the fruitful suggestion today that the savings banks would at once improve the general situation and add to

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STATISTICS PROVE CITY'S PROSPERITY

All Trade Barometers Are Rising.

PESSIMISTS ARE ANSWERED

Find No Comfort in Figures Indicative of Progress.

RECORD WHEAT EXPORTS

October Shipments Exceed All Former Marks—Bank Clearings, Receipts of Postoffice and Realty Transfers Tell Like Story.



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