



WILL INQUIRE INTO RATE INCREASE

Action Decided On by Interstate Board.

WITHOUT AWAITING ADVANCE

Probably Result of Shippers' Appeal to Roosevelt.

POWER TO INVESTIGATE

Cannot Forbid Increase Beforehand, but Can Gather Information Ready for Use After New Rates Take Effect.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today issued a statement that without waiting for filing of complaints it will institute an investigation in its own motion for the purpose of determining whether advances in freight rates are justified.

"The commission," the statement says, "has no authority to suspend a proposed advance in rates and can order reduction of the advanced rates only as the result of an investigation after the advanced rates have become effective, but the commission, while it could make no order prior to the actual advancement of rates, has almost unlimited power of investigation, and it is understood that if the tariffs filed with the commission show increases the commission without waiting for the filing of the formal complaints, will institute an investigation on its own motion for the purpose of determining whether or not the advances are justified.

"Such general information would enable it to handle promptly any complaint which may be filed against advanced rates. The commission is having a close check kept of all advances in freight rates."

COMBINE SMALL SHIPMENTS

Commission Decides in Favor of Shippers in California Case.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—According to a decision today by the Interstate Commerce Commission, shippers may combine small quantities of freight of various ownership, either by arrangement among themselves or through the medium of a forwarding agency, and ship the combined lot at the relatively lower rates applicable to large shipments.

The commission decided in favor of the smaller shippers on the ground that the ownership of property tendered for shipment cannot be made a test as to the applicability of carriers' rates. The interstate commerce law forbids discrimination between shippers and the fact that one shipper tenders a "bulked shipment" made up of property of various ownerships considered before delivery to the carrier will not justify the carrier in making a different charge from that for a shipment of a similar character tendered by a shipper who is also the owner.

The commission rests its decision principally upon the case of Light vs. the United States, where the Supreme Court held that the phrase "under substantially similar circumstances and conditions" as found in section 2 of the act prohibiting discrimination refers to the matter of carriage. The decision also follows the English cases interpreting the so-called "equality clause" of the English act, which clause has been substantially incorporated into the interstate commerce law.

This decision was made by Commissioner Lane, based on a complaint by the California shippers.

The export shipping cases, in which several railroads are named as defendants, arise on a similar situation. No practice has become more firmly established in the transportation world than that of combining small quantities of freight of various owners and shipping at the relatively lower rates applicable to larger shipments, and under this practice has developed an immense volume of traffic which otherwise could not have been brought into being. It is not an exaggeration to say that the enforcement of such a rule by the carriers of the United States would bring disaster upon many of the small industries and more surely, establish the conditions of greater industrial and commercial institutions.

Taft Sticks in Booth

After Using Telephone, Has to Be Released With Saw.

NEW HAVEN, July 27.—Wedged tightly into a telephone booth at Hot Springs, Va., William H. Taft was taken out only after long delay and after a carpenter had sawed away part of the booth, according to a letter received today from George Bush, superintendent of the telephone company at Hot Springs.

Mr. Bush writes that Mr. Taft went into the booth, which is of ordinary size, and could not worm his way out when he had finished his talk. He called for help, but the hotel carpenter had to be procured to remove part of the booth before the nominee for President was released.

A special mammoth booth has been built since, the contractor first taking

NAN PATTERSON TOLD TO MOVE ON

SHOW GIRL AN UNDESIRABLE CITIZEN IN PITTSBURG.

Woman Who Was Tried for Killing Bookmaker Accused of Designing Conduct.

PITTSBURG, July 27.—Fearing she was to be sent back to New York, Nan Patterson, the chorus girl, who was tried three times for the murder of Caesar Young at New York several years ago, and who has been making this city her



Nan Patterson, who, in fear of being returned to New York, has disappeared after being ordered to leave Pittsburgh.

home since that time, left here last Saturday for parts unknown, following a conference with the police authorities. In speaking of the matter today Acting Captain of Detectives Roche, said:

"When Nan Patterson was brought in before me she thought she was to be sent back to New York, as she is only out on probation there. She was very retiring and quiet and when I told her she would have to go she agreed to do so. The wife of a prominent man called me up on the telephone saying that Nan Patterson had enticed her husband, and Nan Patterson admitted this, promising to leave the city at once."

EXPECT HARRIMAN AUG. 1

Railroad President and Family to Enjoy Outing at Pelican Bay.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—E. H. Harriman and family, accompanied by a few friends, will arrive at their summer home, on Upper Klamath Lake, about August 1, for a stay of several weeks, during which the sons of the railroad magnate will hunt bear and deer among other out-door sports.

Pelican Bay lodge has been very improved under the direction of Colonel W. H. Holabird, personal representative of Mr. Harriman. An electric light plant has been installed, a small refrigerating plant and new launches placed on the water of the lake.

The outing will include a trip to Crater Lake, a spot about which the railroad president became enthusiastic last year. The chief electrician of the Southern Pacific arrived several days ago to inspect the telegraph line to Pelican Bay and to have everything in connection therewith in perfect condition for the dispatch of business during the next few weeks.

HEIR IS FOUND BY CHANCE

Imperial Valley Farmer Stumbles on Fortune of \$200,000.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 27.—(Special.)—While Isaac Lowthian, a scotch-louper grower from El Centro, Imperial Valley, was reading a newspaper today at a friend's home in this city, his attention was attracted to an item regarding the filing of the will of Edward McGirk, disposing of a valuable California estate.

The ranchman recalled that he had an uncle of that name and was so impressed by the coincidence that he called on a lawyer whose name was mentioned. It developed quickly that the will was that of his uncle and that Mr. Lowthian, who had been struggling with unprofitable crops, is heir to one-fifth of \$200,000. The property is in San Diego and Santa Barbara, the best in the former place. The executor of the estate had been unable to locate Mr. Lowthian, who had never seen his uncle.

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HEARST SAYS OLD PARTIES ROTTEN

Declares Mission of Independents.

BRYAN A KNIGHT IN MOTLEY

Convention Opens With Ovation to Its Leader.

GREAT NEED OF NEW PARTY

Both Democratic and Republican Parties Have Outlived Usefulness and Either Defend or Compromise With Trusts, He Says.

CHICAGO, July 27.—Amid loud and enthusiastic cheering, and with its members showing every sign of loyalty to their new standard of political faith, the first National convention of the Independent party was opened at 8 o'clock tonight in Orchestra Hall.

The main floor of the hall, in which some of the largest gatherings are held in this city, was filled by the delegates. There were no alternates. The galleries were crowded with a throng which entered heartily into the spirit of the proceedings, and throughout the night applauded vigorously whatever met its approval. The delegates were slow in arriving inside the hall, and when the hour arrived at which the convention was to be called to order, not more than a sprinkling of them were in their seats. The weather, which was hot and uncomfortable, doubtless accounted for this.

General Exchange of Cheers.

At a few minutes after 8 o'clock the delegates came trooping into the hall. New York headed the column. The delegates from the Empire State carried a white banner bearing the words, "Independence Party," between them being an evenly-balanced scale, signifying exact justice to all. Other delegations carried the National colors, and they waved them back and forth in greeting as they found their allotted positions in the hall. New York cheered every other delegation, as every other delegation cheered New York. The demonstration lasted about 15 minutes, and continued for some time after the delegates were in their seats.

The red, white and blue of the American flag was used in almost every possible combination in the scheme of decoration. The effect was brought out on a large scale in draping the three balconies—red on the first, blue on the second and white on the ceiling. The temporary chairman, officers of the convention and official stenographers occupied a space set off by a barrier of red bowered by white stars on a blue ground. Back of this rose tier on tier of seats occupied by specially invited guests, many of them women. Flanking the stage was a plot of flags and nestling among them were pictures of Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson and Jackson.

Some Hearst Epigrams.

Around the sides of the hall were placards bearing the names of various states and also allusions to the existing political situation as viewed from the standpoint of the Independence party. Some of these were:

"The Democratic machine, the plutocrat chip, the Republican machine, the dollar, pass current at the same counter."

"New Jersey: The home of the trusts; wants to smash 'em."

"Indiana wants a new deal with a clean deck."

"Oregon—No Chicago steam-roller; no Denver stone-crafter."

"Rhode Island—'Aldrich owns the Senate; we want the people to own both.'"

The entrance of George W. McCaskin, whom the Illinois delegates are supporting for the gubernatorial nomination, was a signal for cheers "for the next Governor of Illinois."

This outburst had scarcely subsided when the arrival of W. R. Hearst started a delirious demonstration. The

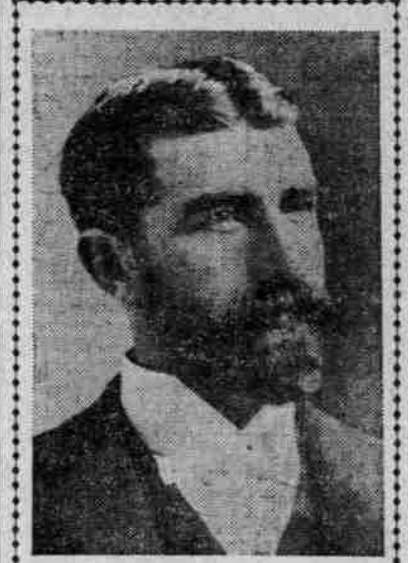
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SHEPHERD TO BE REGATTA ADMIRAL

PORTLAND MAN NAMED BY MAYOR WISE.

Accepts Honor of Presiding Over Water Carnival at Astoria Last Week of August.

ASTORIA, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—Mayor Wise, acting as chairman of the regatta committee, has appointed George S. Shepherd, of Portland, as admiral of the annual regatta to be held here during the last week in August.



George S. Shepherd, of Portland, to be Admiral of Astoria Regatta.

and Mr. Shepherd has accepted the position. Mr. Shepherd has always taken an active interest in the Astoria regatta, and has participated in several of the races as a member of the Portland Yacht Club.

WOUNDED BY NIGHT RIDERS

Farmer Who Betrayed Them Shot From Ambush in Kentucky.

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., July 27.—(Special.)—Walter Goodwin, a farmer, who at the last term of the County Court gave the names of seven men who with himself composed a "night-club" squad at Central Furnace, was shot from ambush and seriously wounded while returning home last night. Until recently he had been under the constant protection of militia.

CATTLEMEN KILLING SHEEP

Herder Reaches Baker City With Report of Range War on Burnt River.

BAKER CITY, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—A shepherd reached this city tonight with information that trouble has again broken out between sheep and cattle men on Burnt River range.

The herder claims that he and another herder for A. N. Whittier, who took their guns and forced them to round up a band of sheep, after which the cattlemen used their rifles, killing 46 sheep and crippling 30 more.

ROOSEVELTS TAKE RIDE

Kermit and Young Folks Sent to Motor-Boat Races on Yacht.

OYSTER BAY, July 27.—For two hours this morning President and Mrs. Roosevelt, taking advantage of the delightful weather, enjoyed a ride through the country on their saddle horses. They returned to Sagamore Hill shortly before noon, and the President then went over state business. The remainder of the day was spent in reading until early evening, when the daily tennis game was played. No visitors came to Sagamore Hill today.

Komura Will Visit Russia.

LONDON, July 27.—Count Komura, who is retiring as Japanese Ambassador to the court of St. James, to assume the portfolio of foreign affairs in the new Katsura Cabinet, left London today for Japan by way of Siberia. On reaching St. Petersburg, the Count will stop over for some time.

CASTRO'S CONSUL NOT MOURNED

Howling Mob Follows Him to Wharf.

PROTECTED BY DUTCH SOLDIERS

Citizens of Williamstad Celebrate His Departure.

SENTIMENT IS WARLIKE

People Demand Protection Against Venezuela and Cruiser Gelderland Is Sent to Look Out for Dutch Interests.

WILLEMSTAD, Island of Curacao, July 27.—(Special.)—The population here made a big demonstration against Senor Lopez, the Venezuelan consul, who retires, when he sailed on the steamer Maracabo today. A large military force protected Senor Lopez on his way to the steamer and soldiers are patrolling the streets. The populace is overjoyed with the order of the Governor exiling the Venezuelan consul.

The principal club here admitted everybody today on account of the occurrence and there was great joy manifested when it became generally known that Senor Lopez had left. The public demands from the government protection against Venezuela and insists that a naval force shall be sent to declare that the traffic in arms and ammunition shall be free and to compel Venezuela to respect the Dutch flag.

The Dutch cruiser Gelderland arrived here this morning and went first to the quarantine station. The cruiser had as a passenger M. de Reux, the Dutch minister who was expelled by President Castro. She has been ordered back to Venezuela to protect Dutch interests as their condition is now considered alarming.

DUTCH PLANS NOT ANNOUNCED

Castro's Consul Drew Revolver and Was Hit With Stone.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—If the Dutch government contemplates making any naval demonstration against Venezuela as a result of the recent trouble with that country, terminating in the expulsion of the Dutch minister, de Reux, it is doing so without having consulted the American government, it was said at the State department today that no communication had been received from the Netherlands having in view the programme in regard to Venezuela.

BELIEVE SAVAGE GUILTY

Postoffice Detectives Say They Have Positive Proof.

KANSAS CITY, July 27.—Postoffice officials have obtained positive proof that Charles Stevens, or Savage, the negro arrested here Saturday, charged with having stolen a mail pouch containing \$50,000 from the Union Station here three weeks ago, is the right man. Late yesterday Inspector Vickery, after a severe sweating, obtained evidence that it is believed will lead to the finding of the greater part of the stolen money. There were 63 packages in the stolen pouch, making it possible for the lodging of as many counts against the man, and this may mean life imprisonment.

Auto Owner Exonerated.

ST. LOUIS, July 27.—Fred C. Pepper, millionaire proprietor of the Christian Pepper Tobacco Company, who last night in his automobile, ran down and seriously injured Mrs. H. N. Lyon, a prominent society woman, was released on bond today, after Dr. Lyon, the woman's husband, appeared and exonerated him of blame for the accident. He reported improvement in Mrs. Lyon's condition.

PALMER MARRIES MISS KOHLSAAT

SON AND DAUGHTER OF LEADING CHICAGOANS UNITED.

Young Man Who Has Become Resident of Oregon and Daughter of Newspaper Owner.

CHICAGO, July 27.—(Special.)—Although quietly celebrated, no wedding party in Chicago has created more interest than that today of Miss Pauline Kohlsaat, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Kohlsaat, to Potter Palmer, Jr. The



Mrs. Potter Palmer, Jr., Formerly Miss Pauline Kohlsaat, Who Was Married in Chicago Yesterday.

marriage took place at noon at the home of the bride's parents, with only members of the families of the bridal couple present.

Miss Kohlsaat made her debut a few years ago at the old home of her parents on the Lake Shore Drive. She has lived in Chicago all her life, except for the time spent at Miss Master's school at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. Of recent years she has traveled abroad with her mother and sister.

Mr. Palmer is the second son of Mrs. Potter Palmer and was graduated from Harvard in 1890. He has been interested in land and banking enterprises in Chicago and took up the same lines of work in Oregon.

A wedding breakfast was served immediately after the ceremony, after which Mr. and Mrs. Palmer left for Mattapoisett, Mass. Later they will go to Europe.

DODGES AN AVALANCHE

Titled German Tourist Has Narrow Escape in Rockies.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, July 27.—Baron Von Rosenberg, a tourist in the Canadian Rockies and a leading artocrat of Germany, had a miraculous escape from death Saturday near Banff. While climbing Mount Rundle he stepped on some projecting snow near the summit and his weight caused the bank to give way and he was carried down to 40 feet.

Fortunately there was a small cliff on which he was carried, and he remained in safety while tons of ice and snow rumbled over him on a mad rush to the base.

HARRIMAN WILL ELIMINATE GOULD

Add Another Great System to His Roads.

CALL FOR FINANCIAL HELP

Appeal to Harriman Bankers Will Bring Climax.

HARRIMAN TO BE SUPREME

Will Be Greatest Railroad King When Deal Is Completed—Gould's Return From Europe Will Clinch Negotiations.

CHICAGO, July 27.—(Special.)—Wall Street and the railroad and financial world are wrought up to the highest pitch over the extreme possibility of the elimination of George J. Gould from the galaxy of railroad magnates and the substitution of Edward H. Harriman in his stead. The matter became acute today, when it was stated that Mr. Gould would return from Europe Tuesday and seek aid of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. in the refinancing and reorganization of his railroad properties. There are strong intimations that the banking interests will insist that Mr. Harriman be given control.

May Eliminate Gould.

Negotiations have been carried on for several months between Mr. Gould, Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the Harriman interests concerning the Gould properties. As the negotiations now stand, there is a fair probability that they will go through and that the result will mean an entire change and reorganization of all the Gould lines in the East and the elimination of George J. Gould as autocrat of the Gould system.

It is recognized in Wall street and even in circles closely associated with Mr. Gould that he cannot continue to stand alone. Before he sailed abroad, Mr. Gould had many conferences on the Gould situation in the East with E. H. Harriman and also with Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and while as yet nothing has been definitely done, the matter will be taken up again on Mr. Gould's return and there is a fair probability that the idea will be carried through. The position of the Gould lines in the East, as all know, is precarious. The lines are in urgent need of relief and most of them will get it through reorganization.

Harriman Greatest Railroad King.

The deal will make Mr. Harriman the greatest railroad king in history. He will be in absolute control of vast systems from ocean to ocean and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf. He will have power to dominate rate and other conditions. His only formidable competitor will be James J. Hill in the Northwest.

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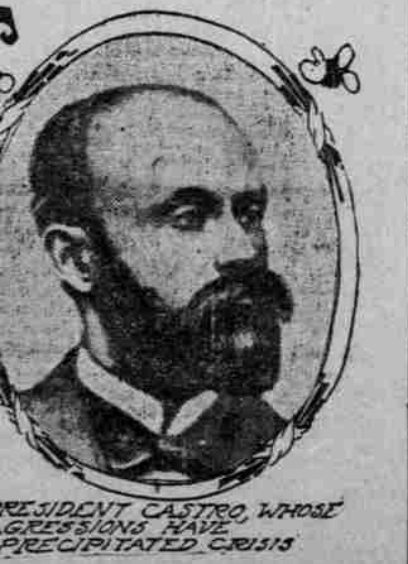
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SEÑOR LOPEZ, VENEZUELAN CONSUL WHO HAS BEEN FORCED TO FLEE WILLEMSTAD.



BODY GUARD WITH WHICH CASTRO CONSTANTLY SURROUNDS HIMSELF.



PRESIDENT CASTRO, WHOSE AGRSSIONS HAVE PRECIPITATED CRISIS.