

STEP TO SIMPLIFY RAILROAD RATES

Rock Island and Frisco Lines Make Them Comprehensive to Shippers.

COMMISSION APPROVES IT

Authorizes Issue of New Lumber Tariff Which Gives Complete Information—Roads Invite Suggestions and Criticisms.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—By special permission of the Interstate Commerce Commission the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company, for itself and for the Rock Island and Frisco lines, will file with the commission in a few days one of the most remarkable freight tariffs ever constructed by an interstate carrier.

Make Tariffs Simple.

As an assistance in reaching more simplicity and clearness in tariff construction and contemplating eventual statements of rates in specific forms, the Interstate Commerce Commission has, by its special authority of December 17, 1934, No. 1269, to the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company, granted temporarily and subject to revocation its authority to issue a tariff on this issue which shall contain the following note:

Clear, Complete Information.

In the publication of this tariff, it is the desire of these companies to place in the hands of their shippers, and connecting lines, complete information in the form of a special section to provide rates to particular points so that the persons using this tariff will have complete information concerning rates from the point of origin of the lumber to the final destination of the consignment.

Invite Shippers' Suggestions.

To Our Patrons: It has been the aim to show this information in an comprehensive manner as possible and to perfect it in all its details and maintain it on a correct basis, we wish to urge upon you freely to communicate with the undersigned (P. C. Reilly, general freight agent), calling attention to any correction, omission or inconsistency which may appear to you. In other words, we invite suggestions or criticisms which will tend toward making this tariff a most perfect and complete issue, and one which will in every way fulfill your requirements.

RATES LIKE FIFTEEN PUZZLE

Move to Simplify May Abolish Highly Involved System.

If the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Company has succeeded in issuing a clear and comprehensive tariff by which any lumber shipper can find a rate without the aid of an expert, it has inaugurated a revolution. Railway freight rates are such an involved mess that they are a rate man at high salary as necessary to a large business house as an actuary to an insurance company.

STORM OF PROTESTS MADE

It is to do nothing about it until after the holidays.

TO MAKE STRONG APPEAL

"We purpose," he added, "to exhaust every effort to sustain our right to a free press and free speech."

CANADIAN REGRETS RESULT

Believes Sentence of Gompers Will Work Great Harm.

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THE MERRY CHRISTMAS

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CONDENSED NEWS BY WIRE

New York—New Yorkers have many novel diversions, but a skating rink 300 feet in the air and ice skating at that, is believed to be the latest. According to plans announced here Thursday such a rink will be opened on top of the new office building at Broadway and Thirty-third streets.

Washington—An experiment to determine the development of the brain of monkeys is to be undertaken by the scientists of George Washington University. There are 12 monkeys now housed at the medical college, and they will be trained and their brains then examined.

Cleveland—A. L. Faulkner, president of the National Window Glassworkers' Union, said Thursday that the new wage scale of his organization has been signed by a total of 10 manufacturing concerns, representing 500 men. Mr. Faulkner stated that his union was in a position to stand a long siege if necessary.

Chicago—A number of Daughters of the Revolution have made peace with the union. They have been persuaded to this course.

UNITED STATES CONSUL TO CURACAO.

E. H. Cheney. E. H. Cheney is our very efficient Consul at Curacao.

Dutch possession which is the naval base of Holland in her attack on Venezuela. It is through Mr. Cheney that the Government of the United States gets most of its information about the state of affairs in that part of the world just now.

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POSTMASTER HAS CHANCE

Compromise Deal Suggested in Postmastership.

BOURNE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC

Junior Senator Prefers Appointment of Young for Political Reasons, but May Consent to Have Minto Remain Until 1910.

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FARMERS' EDUCATIONAL AND CO-OPERATIVE UNION OF TEXAS

After wishing Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, Edwin R. Wright, president of the Illinois Federation of Labor, declares them to be the latest "victims of judicial oppression."

Justice presided over the trial, and Mr. P. McNamee, editor of the Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen's Magazine, telegraphed.

John A. Alpine, president of the United Plumbers, of Chicago, and President J. J. Sullivan, of the International Steamfitters' Association, express sympathy and indignation at the trial. Mr. B. Peckham, president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, desires to know what he and his order can do to aid in "restoring freedom of the press and speech."

Mr. Franklin, president, William C. Giltbore, international secretary-treasurer, and A. H. Hensman, of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, at Kansas City, sent a message declaring that Judge Wright's sentence is "unjust."

"The evidence proves that you obeyed Judge Gould's order," says the message, "but human judges retain and reflect the environment in which they live. This judgment threatens free speech and free press and tramples on the principles of the American freeman."

On behalf of the entire membership of the Switchmen's Union, F. T. Hawley, president, extends "sympathy and support."

From a committee of Union No. 1, Cement Workers International Union, at San Francisco, the committee came to the court and urged the court to grant a writ of habeas corpus to the defendants.

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GRAY OF PREJUDICE

Raised by Ruff's Lawyers in Asking New Trial.

QUOTES MANY SCORINGS

Press, Pulpit and Judge Accused of Exercising Influence on Jury.

Honey's Visit and Johnson's Speech Affected Jury.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The meaning of the sentence on Abraham Ruef, convicted of bribing former Supervisor John J. Furey to vote in favor of granting an overhead trolley franchise to the United Railways, was today continued by Superior Judge Lawlor until next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

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Days of the Carpet-Bagger Recalled in Tennessee.

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crowded that one room is conducted in the Congregational Church building. The erection of the high school building next Spring will provide more public school room and relieve the congestion now existing.

A levy of 2 1/2 mills was made to provide running expenses for the coming year and an additional levy of 2 1/2 mills was made to buy a site for the proposed new building.

MILLIONS AHEAD OF 1908

Dividends and Interest Disbursements Next Jan. \$210,000,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Dividends and interest disbursements of trust companies, railroad and other corporations of New York City for the month of January, 1909, will exceed \$200,000,000, an increase of approximately \$17,000,000 over the disbursements of January last year. The increase is generally attributable to the extraordinary amount of securities issued during the year.

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