



RATE DECISION IS IN COAST'S FAVOR

Water Traffic Rules, Says Commission.

GIVES SPOKANE REDUCTIONS

Present Rates and Earnings of Roads Too High.

POSITION IS UNCHANGED

Unanimous Opinion of Interstate Board Is Railroads Can Lawfully Adjust Rates to Competition by Ocean.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—By the unanimous decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission the present system of lower terminal rates to Pacific Coast points than are charged to interior points, though the latter may be nearer the point of shipment, is sustained as just and lawful under the Hepburn rate law. The contention of the Pacific Coast ports and the transcontinental railroads is upheld in its entirety.

Comfort is given: Spokane in the shape of a general reduction of class rates from Chicago and St. Paul and in 23 of the specified 34 commodity rates against which complaint was made. In the five of commodity rates against which complaint is made, increases are made. But this does not change the relative position of Spokane as an interior point and the Coast cities as points enjoying water competition. Under the decision the railroads are free to follow up the reduction in the Spokane rates ordered by the commission by making a proportionate reduction in the rates to Coast terminals. Should they fail to make such a reduction, they would be exposed to the danger of losing a large volume of their traffic to their ocean competitors.

Two Points Involved.

The two points in the complaint filed by the City of Spokane against the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the Union Pacific railroads were:

First, that the rates from Eastern points to Spokane were higher than to Seattle, a more distant point.

Second, that the rates to Spokane were inherently unreasonable.

On the first point defendants maintained that water competition compelled them to charge the rates in effect to Seattle and that therefore they might charge a higher rate to Spokane without violating the long-and-short-haul provision of the act without discriminating against Spokane under the law.

Recognizes Water Competition.

The Commission sustains the claim of the defendants in this respect and holds that the rates to Spokane, although higher than to Seattle, are not unlawful.

On the second point the Commission sustains the claim of the petitioner and holds that the rates from Eastern points to Spokane are unjust and unreasonable. It reduces class rates from St. Paul to Spokane 16.2-3 per cent, and makes substantially the same reduction from Chicago to Spokane. Rates east of Chicago are not dealt with.

The decision, if applied in principle to all commodities and to all interior points, must work a revolution in rates from Eastern points of origin to all interior transcontinental territory and in that view it is one of the most far-reaching decisions ever rendered by the Commission.

The case has been under consideration for about a year and a half. For many months the commission has been endeavoring to settle the intricate points involved, but not until a few days ago was an agreement possible. The unanimous opinion of the commission was prepared by Commissioner Prouty.

It is pointed out that nearly all commodities to the Pacific Coast move under commodity rates, and these were the principal subject of complaint upon the part of Spokane. Rates from all points on the Missouri River to Seattle are the same, while rates from the same points to Spokane usually are considered higher than to Seattle, and they increase as the points of origin lie farther east.

Cut in Spokane Rates.

As illustrative of this condition, the complaint referred to 32 articles. The decision says that the commission can fix the rates only upon the articles enumerated. The cut in rates ordered is horizontal and amounts, in some instances, to 30 per cent; in other cases to only 6 or 8 per cent.

In the hearing the cost of reproducing the properties of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, their financial history, their present capitalization, and their earnings in recent years were fully considered.

Coast Rates Held Legal.

The commission's findings in brief follow:

First—The system of transcontinental rates now in force applies lower transportation charges from points of origin upon the Missouri River and east to Pacific Coast cities than are applied to interior points.

COSGROVE RAPIDLY REGAINS STRENGTH

WASHINGTON EXECUTIVE GOES HOME SOON.

Dr. Sawyer Much Pleased With Improvement of Distinguished Patient at Paso Robles.

PASO ROBLES HOT SPRINGS, CAL., March 2.—(Special.)—Although still a guest of Paso Robles Hot Springs, Governor S. G. Cosgrove, of Washington, is rapidly improving in health, and according to Dr. Frank W. Sawyer, the director of the hotel and springs, the indications are that the Governor's condition will in a few days be as good as it was when he left for Washington to take the oath of office. The past few days he has been able to be about the verandas and grounds of the hotel and about the premises in a chair, and he is able to walk more each day.

The trip to Washington was very severe on him, and the many delays caused by washouts along the line of the railroad made the trip very tiresome to him. There is no doubt, states Dr. Sawyer, that this improvement will continue, and when the weather is warm in the state of Washington that he will be able to return and take up his duties as chief executive.

On last Thursday evening, during the visit of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific excursion of 140 people, the Governor was about the lobby meeting many of his old-time friends.

ARMED YACHT FOR COCOS

Treasure-Seekers Fear Attack From Robbers on Return From Quest.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 2.—(Special.)—Tomorrow afternoon the yacht Ramona will clear from San Pedro with a party of twelve persons to go in search of treasure on Cocos Island. The party is headed by Major W. A. Desborough, of this city. A wealthy Eastern man who is passing the Winter in Pasadena, is backing the expedition, but Desborough refuses to make his name public.

A supply of arms and ammunition has been provided the party, as an attempt to rob the yacht is feared. In the quest is successful, and Desborough has purchased engines and hydraulic apparatus for washing away the forty feet of earth which now covers the location of the cave, caused by a landslide some time in the century or more since the millings were buried, according to legend.

Desborough owns the chart and description of the spot where the treasure is said to be buried.

MULKEY FOR CONGRESS

Jackson County Prosecutor Wants Place Hawley Fills.

SALEM, Or., March 2.—(Special.)—District Attorney Mulkey, of Jackson and Josephine Counties, an avowed candidate for Congressman from this district to succeed Congressman W. C. Hawley. The report of his candidacy was circulated here today and the report has been confirmed.

Mulkey was for a number of years Recorder of Polk County, served four years as State Senator, from Polk County, held a position in the Monmouth Normal, was later president of Ashland Normal, and at the last election was elected District Attorney in Jackson and Josephine Counties.

It is understood that he will make an active campaign for the nomination.

CASTRO TO BE ARRESTED

If Returns to Venezuela, Tried for Plot to Kill Gomez.

CARACAS, Monday, March 1, via Willemstad, March 2.—Should Cipriano Castro, ex-President of this Republic, attempt to return to this country, he will face the possibility of arrest, he having been indicted in the Federal Court on the charge of conspiracy to effect the assassination of Juan Vicente Gomez, the present President.

In consequence of this contingency, the report that Castro purposes to embark at Bordeaux March 28 for La Guayra has been received here with much interest. It is feared that Castro's presence in Venezuela would result in dangerous demonstrations against him.

MINISTER SAVES CROSS

Though Ill and Weak, He Dashes Into Burning Church to Rescue.

PHILADELPHIA, March 2.—While flames were being overcome by smoke from the flames which destroyed the interior of the chapel of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church here today, the pastor, the Rev. David M. Steele, who is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever, dashed into the edifice and rescued the cross and altar ornaments. Ten firemen were overcome. A new pipe organ valued at \$10,000 was destroyed.

PASTOR KILLS DRUNKARD

Congregational Minister Shoots a Liquor-Crazed Valet.

TEMPLE, N. H., March 2.—While crazed with drink George L. Marcott, a valet in the employ of Brigadier General James Miller, U. S. A., retired, ran amuck today and after shooting at several villagers, was shot and killed by Rev. Harvey Eastman, pastor of the Congregational Church.

HONEST PHYSICIAN FOILS DEEP CRIME

Plot Hung on Miner's Debauch and Death.

DOCTOR TURNS DOWN FORTUNE

Woman Used as Decoy Grows Dangerously Ill.

DETECTIVES HEAR SCHEME

Two Men Gain Power of Attorney and Then Plan to Have Victim Drink Himself to Death With Wife of One.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—The integrity of a physician, Dr. Joseph L. Howard, today probably saved the life of James Goodwin, a miner 60 years of age, and foiled one of the most unique murder and robbery plots in the annals of the police of this city. As the result of Dr. Howard's refusal to become a party to the plot, even when a small fortune had been offered him, Sydney J. Danby, formerly of the Danby Inheritance Company; James O'Loane, his partner, and Mrs. O'Loane, are now in jail, and the miner Goodwin is on the road to recovery.

Goodwin is estimated to be worth at least \$25,000, most of his property consisting of Nevada mining stocks. The three under arrest plotted to obtain control of this, and to that end introduced the aged miner to Mrs. O'Loane. With him he was started on a prolonged debauch, and while he was in a semi-drunken condition, power of attorney was secured from him. He was then pled with more liquor, it being the plan of the conspirators to allow him literally to drink himself to death.

The men concerned in the plot bargained better than they had expected, however, and Mrs. O'Loane soon showed that she was in danger of dying first. Alarmed at this state of affairs, the two men called in Dr. Howard, whom they knew slightly through his having formerly rendered them professional services. He found Mrs. O'Loane in a critical condition, but by heroic treatment brought her back to recovery.

The plotters then told the physician that in an adjoining room in the lodging house where they had Mrs. O'Loane was another victim, whom they wanted him to see, permit to die, and then furnish a death certificate. They offered him for this service one-third of the proceeds of their scheme. Dr. Howard pretended to fall in with their plans, and made an appointment with them at his hotel, when final arrangements would be made.

Before meeting the men Dr. Howard (Continued on Page 2.)

QUEER DISHES FOR HUNTERS' BANQUET

CANADIAN CLUB HAS ANNUAL FEED.

Broiled Whale, Roast Monkey and Other Unusual Dainties Grace Festive Board.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Broiled Pacific whale, grilled blubber from Nootka, roast Amazon monkey, baked Winnipeg porcupine and boar constrictor cutlets were among the more imposing features of the annual dinner of the Canadian Club at the Hotel Astor tonight. These delicacies came at the end of the menu, the diners' appetites being whetted earlier in the feast by ordinary viands, such as martindale, one-eyed trout, mountain lamb (with horns), Newfoundland rabbit pie spiced, famous pigeons and African sorbet a la White.

Colonel C. J. (Buffalo) Jones was the guest of honor and the principal speaker. His address, which the toastmaster described in advance as a "challenge to nature fakers and mollycoddlers," was illustrated with stereoscopic pictures. Not the least interesting part of the discourse were imitations by "Buffalo" Jones, of the cries of the coyote, bear, mountain lion, buffalo and other animals of the plains, enabling any of the diners, the speaker said, "to recognize these specimens easily by ear, whenever they chanced to get within speaking distance."

'CORPSE' RETURNS TO WIFE

William Conley Was in Desert, Not in His Grave.

LOS ANGELES, March 2.—A remarkable story of wrong identification was revealed today when William Conley, of Salt Lake, whose body supposedly was identified when it was washed ashore at Venice three weeks ago, returned here from the desert where he had been employed and effected a happy and tearful reconciliation with his mourning "widow." Conley had not seen a newspaper in months until recently when he picked up one and saw a notice of his death and the identification by his wife and son. He hastened to the city and a brief search located Mrs. Conley.

METEOR HITS NEAR DAYTON

Palouse Farmer Sees Heavenly Body Which Strikes in Barnyard.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 2.—(Special.)—Falling with a terrible velocity, a meteorite, the first one ever known to have fallen in this section of the country, struck the rim rocks on the S. E. corner of the farm, three miles east of Dayton, last night. Only small fragments of the meteorite have been found, but it was evidently a large one.

AVALANCHE BURIES TROOP

Thirty-one Austrian Soldiers Meet Death Near Innsbruck.

INNSBRUCK, Austria, March 2.—A detachment of six officers and 25 men of the Austrian army was overwhelmed by an avalanche near La Franze today. Troops have been sent to the scene of the disaster. All trains have been stopped at Brenner Pass.

SHIP SUBSIDY BILL BEATEN IN HOUSE

Majority of Three Settles Fate Again.

SCHEME TO LOOT TREASURY

Clark Denounces Open Lobbying Among Members.

GREAT RALLY OF FORCES

One Member Carried From Hospital to Vote—Thirty Republicans Contribute to Defeat, Four Democrats Aid Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The ship subsidy bill, passed previously by the Senate, was defeated in the House today by the narrow margin of three, the vote being 172 to 175. The opponents of the measure cheered wildly. The feeling in the House was strained as the hour of voting approached. The attendance was probably the largest of the session. Every one recognized that the vote would be close. Goldfogle of New York, who was operated on yesterday in a hospital, was carried on the floor in a chair to vote against the bill.

Provisions of Bill.

An understanding was reached whereby four and a half hours would be devoted to the bill and at the end of that time a vote should be taken. The principal feature of the bill is that American mail ships of 15 knots or over and of not less than 3000 gross tons shall be paid 40 per nautical mile outward bound on routes of 4000 miles or upward to South America, the Philippines, Asia and Australia.

Overstreet, in charge of the bill, explained it and he was followed by Landis, who made an earnest plea for the passage of the bill. Moon of Tennessee led the opposition.

Infernal Fraud, Says Moon.

"It is an infernal fraud designed to plunder the treasury," he declared. Speaking of the provision for the training of American boys and answering the plea of patriotism advanced by Landis, he said it was but a blind to hide the giving of the people's money to corporations or shipowners.

The climax came when Clark, the minority leader, declared that a lobby had been carried on right on the floor of the House in favor of the bill.

"It is an outrage to a civilized country," he declared, "this thing of coaxing men, of butterflying men, and I undertake to say that when Mr. Moon denounced this bill as an infernal fraud he used language that he was justified in using."

The debate against the bill was closed (Continued on Page 2.)

SAYS IRISH GIRLS ARE MADE SLAVES

SENSATIONAL SEQUEL TO GINGLES MYSTERY.

Attorney Declares Canadians Make Business of Selling Girls to Lives of Shame.

CHICAGO, March 2.—(Special.)—Patrick H. O'Donnell, attorney for Ella Gingles, the victim of the Wellington Hotel mystery, today declared that he would bring before the United States Government evidence of white slave plots by which Irish girls are brought to Canada and sold into peonage in the Dominion and in this country.

Mr. O'Donnell has just returned from Belleville, Ontario, where he was looking up Miss Gingles' past life, and declared that his inquiries there clear up her character and establish the truth of many of her claims.

"I found that hundreds of girls are taken to Canada every year by a certain immigration agency on promise of employment at good wages," said Mr. O'Donnell. "They are trapped into white slavery and many of them are sent to the United States. I shall lay the evidence I have gathered in the hands of District Attorney Sims. I shall also attempt to stir up a feeling among the Chicago Irish on this matter. Hundreds of Irish girls are trapped into peonage every year."

NO SMOKING, SO QUIT CLUB

Dozen Walla Walla Young Men Object to Y. M. C. A. Rules.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 2.—(Special.)—Incensed at what they believe to be a curtailment of their rights, 12 young men who have been rooming at the Y. M. C. A. building for the past several months today rented a private residence, furnished the house and will live there.

The rupture came because of the proposed rule against smoking in the rooms of the building, although some of those who moved do not smoke, but left out of sympathy with the others.

Smoking has been permissible in this institution since it was opened, but Secretary Robert Carey, in showing visitors through the building, was not favorably impressed with the continual haze that hung in the rooms, hence his order banishing this practice.

The young men have formed a club and stated their intention of having nothing further to do with the institution in the future.

NINE DIE IN TENEMENT

Blaze in New York Proves Small-Sized Holocaust.

NEW YORK, March 2.—At least nine persons met death early today in a fire which swept through a crowded four-story brick tenement at 374 Seventh avenue, near Thirty-second street. Nine bodies had been recovered at dawn and it is expected that the death list will grow.

Several children are missing. The flames were started in the basement and swept rapidly up the stairway, cutting off the escape of terror-stricken tenants, all of whom were Italians. Many of them tried to jump from the windows. The police and firemen made several spectacular rescues, while a crowd, which surrounded the burning building, cheered their efforts.

Among the dead are a man and a woman and two children, but as there was great confusion around the scene of the fire and a number of bodies were badly charred, early identification was out of the question.

SPECIAL SESSION LIKELY

Members Give Governor Benson Pledge to Hold to One Bill.

SALEM, Or., March 2.—(Special.)—That a special session of the Legislature will be held looks much more probable today than it did yesterday. A number of the members of the Legislature were in communication with Governor Benson today, and most of them informed him that if called together for the purpose of passing the defective appropriation bill they will undertake nothing else.

It is almost certain that a special session will be called, but until Benson feels assured that general legislation will not be attempted.

COUNCIL DEPOSES MAYOR

Kallspeil Executive at Legislature Too Long for City Solons.

KALLSPEIL, Mont., March 2.—Mayor James Herbert was officially deposed by the city council last night and Alderman B. Jones was elected to fill the vacancy. The Mayor had been absent from office beyond the statutory limit without leave of absence. He is in Helena, representing Flathead county in the lower House of the Legislature.

COLD CHAPEL HURTS POPE

Reason of Pontiff's Illness Given by His Physician.

CHICAGO, March 2.—A special to the Daily News from Rome says: Dr. Petachi says that the Pope's illness is the result of early rising and saying mass in a cold private chapel. Neither the doctor nor the Pope's attendants can persuade him to change his habits. His present illness is not serious.

TAFT MOVES INTO THE WHITE HOUSE

Roosevelt's Guest for Few Days.

OCTOGENARIAN AUNT ON HAND

Miss Torrey Is Inspiration to Incoming Executive.

VICTORIOUS IN GOLF GAME

President-elect Tries Out New Auto and Leaves Secret Service Men Far Behind on the Muddy Road.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—As the guests of President and Mrs. Roosevelt, President-elect and Mrs. Taft will begin their occupancy of the White House tomorrow night, going there for dinner and remaining.

After the inauguration there will be a reunion of the various members of the Taft family at the White House. Miss Helen, Robert and Charlie, the three children of the President-elect, arrived tonight. Miss Della Torrey, 82 years old, of Millbury, Mass., the only representative of the Taft family of the next generation, is here. She is a sister of Mr. Taft's mother, and has lived with his parents since boyhood. There is a strong affection between the incoming President and his maiden aunt.

Aunt an Inspiration.

Her life has been an inspiration to him in a number of speeches he has delivered to young women students, particularly in his advice to them not to consider marriage the only object to be attained. Mr. Taft has stated that the loveableness of character developed by self-sacrificing unmarried women has shown that there may be much in a single life.

Mr. Taft enjoyed a golf game on the Chevy Chase course today. He defeated handily his opponent, General Clarence R. Edwards, and remarked with some regret that he believed he would be unable to get away for a game tomorrow.

Dodges Secret Service Men.

Returning from the course in his new automobile, Mr. Taft somewhat enjoyed the experience of leaving behind in the mud a member of his secret service guard, who had undertaken to make the trip on a motor cycle.

The Oregon delegation in Congress called on Mr. Taft today with reference to a Federal judgeship.

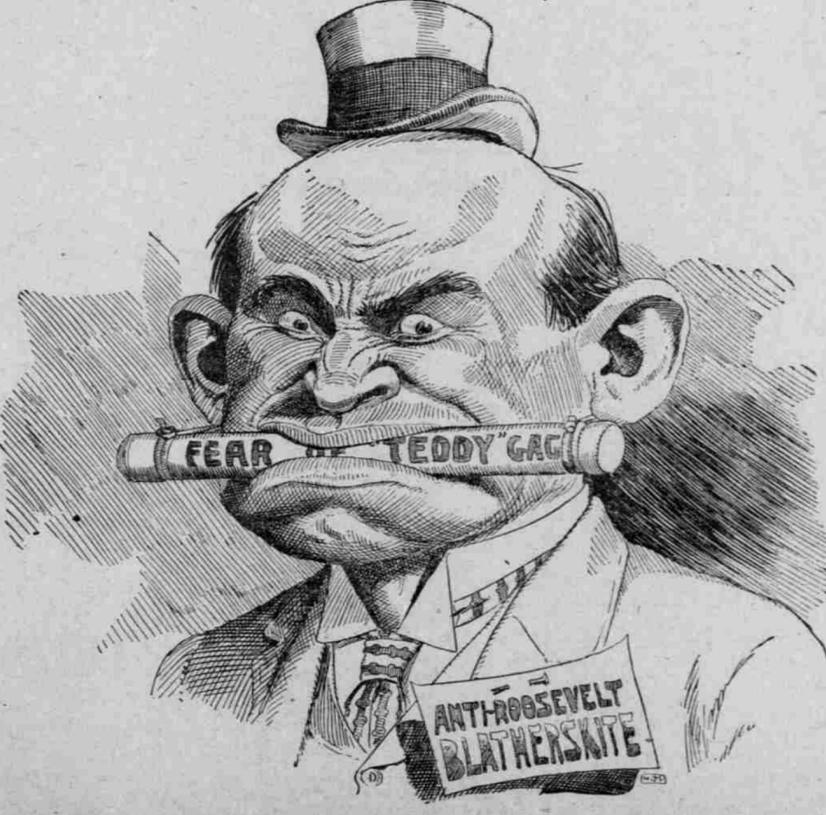
After dinner today Mr. Taft called at the residence of Thomas F. Walsh, who is entertaining a large public party for the inauguration.

He was proudly wearing the watch and chain presented him last night by (Continued on Page 4.)

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LOOK OUT FOR FREE SPEECH—HE CAN REMOVE IT TOMORROW.



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