



MAKE NEW RATES ON SPOKANE ROAD

Union Pacific Is Exempt From Decision.

BECAUSE ITS LINE IS LONGER

Points Between Pendleton and Spokane Affected.

MUST PRESENT NEW PLAN

Entire Revision of Rates From St. Paul to Points East of Spokane Is Condition of Postponing New Spokane Rates.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 12.—Because it is 250 miles from St. Paul to Spokane over the Harriman railway system and only 1600 miles over the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, the Interstate Commerce Commission today modified its recent decision in the Spokane rate case...

The Commission, however, is unwilling at this time to grant similar exemption to the Harriman system on freight from Chicago to Spokane, because the Northwestern and Burlington roads, which connect with the Union Pacific system at Omaha, were parties to that case...

Reach Spokane Opposite Ways.

"The real difficulty arises with respect to territory traversed by the Union Pacific in reaching Spokane. The Union Pacific line to Spokane leaves the main line at Pendleton, reaching Spokane over a branch 251 miles in length. The Northern Pacific extends to Pendleton, which it reaches through Spokane from the East. Therefore, with respect to the Union Pacific route, Spokane is a more distant point, while with respect to the Northern Pacific route, Pendleton is a more distant point...

Roads Must Revise Rates.

"The effective date of the order of the Commission with respect to all defendants has been postponed until June 1. One of the conditions upon which that postponement is granted is that on or before May 20 some comprehensive plan will be presented by the carriers to the Commission for the establishment of rates to all intermediate territory. That plan will necessarily embrace this territory between Pendleton and Spokane. If it is approved by the Commission, no further steps in this case will be necessary. If it is not approved, Spokane will probably be obliged to file a supplemental petition for the purpose of securing an order with respect to the remaining commodity rates and we think that one or more of these other communities should also intervene in this case...

CALIFORNIA ENTERS PROTEST

Says New Interior Rates Will Injure Coast Cities.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—Believing that the reduction of freight rates to inland distributing points ordered recently by the Hill and Harriman roads, in accordance with the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the so-called Spokane case, will seriously injure Pacific Coast cities to which no corresponding reduction has been made, William R. Wheeler, traffic manager of the Merchants' Exchange, wired to the commissioners today asking for a stay in their approval of the proposed rates until the coast cities have had an opportunity to show the injustice of the new tariff.

When the Interstate Commission decided the Spokane case, it ordered the railroads in revising their rates to take into consideration the rates from the Pacific Coast to interior points, so that the business of the coast cities should not be affected adversely. One of the objects the commission has in mind when this was ordered was to keep an even balance between merchants competing for the same trade.

Under the ruling as the railroads have construed it, it is asserted by Traffic Manager Wheeler and others interested, that Eastern jobbing houses will be

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FEWER RAILROAD CRASHES REPORTED

YEAR 1908 WAS 40 PER CENT SAFER THAN 1907.

Lack of "Prosperity Rush" Gives Trainmen Chance to Use Care and Observe All Rules.

CHICAGO, May 12.—(Special.)—Not since the business prostration of 1905 and 1906 has travel on American railroads been so safe as it was during 1908. In a pamphlet issued by the Bureau of Railway News and Statistics, it is stated that there were 1962 fewer fatalities to passengers and employees in railway accidents during 1908 than there were during 1907, which is a decrease of approximately 40 per cent.

RIPLBY HITS POLITICIANS

Says They Meddle With Railroads From Evil Motives.

CHICAGO, May 12.—President Ripley of the Atchafon, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, returned here today after a trip over the system. "The railroads of the West," he said, "have but one thing to fear, and that is meddling and malicious interference in the conduct of their business by legislation and commissions having no interest in the property and no knowledge of railroad matters, elected solely for justice, but for the sole purpose of getting as much as possible out of the corporation's increased service and reduced rates."

BEAT BOY BLACK AND BLUE

Two Des Moines Teachers Accused of Cruel Treatment.

DES MOINES, May 12.—Miss Maude Wing and Miss Ida May Tilden, teachers in the Longfellow school here, were arrested today charged with having beaten 9-year-old David Kaplan until he was black and blue. Tonight at a hearing before Police Judge Stewart the teachers pleaded not guilty. Their trial was set for May 22. The teachers accused the boy of stealing a \$5 bill from Miss Tilden. When he denied the charge, he says, they laid him over a chair and beat him with switches and pinched his cheeks and body.

DISAGREE ON PROHIBITION

Two Houses in Missouri Make Amendment Hopeless.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 13.—After hours of debate the House and Senate decided they could not agree on the statewide prohibition amendment. The members of the committee will ask tomorrow to be discharged. With the disagreement tonight, there now seems to be no hope of the Legislature submitting the amendment to the people at this session. Another committee may be appointed to consider the amendment.

HIBERNIANS UNDER BAN

Cardinal Logue Says Order Is Pest and Practices Cruelty.

DUBLIN, May 12.—Cardinal Logue has issued a strong condemnation of certain practices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He says that in some places the Hibernian Society is a pest and practices cruelty, compelling people to join the organization by force, by threats to boycott and even by personal violence.

RECORD PRICE FOR WOOL

Montana Clip Is Sold for 24 Cents to Boston Merchants.

WESTON TAKES IT EASY

Expected to Reach Dorrance, Kan., at Midnight.

WILD WEST REALLY WILD

Fight in Show Tent Nets Two Dead, One Wounded, One Fugitive.

SAN ANGELO, Tex., May 12.—Two dead, a third wounded and the authorities in pursuit of another are the results of a pistol fight in the tent of a Wild West show tonight. The shooting followed the performance.

SCHIVELY SHIFTS BLAME TO NICHOLS

Department's Head Is Responsible.

WILL NOT TALK OF PLANS

Attorney Insists Manner of Defense Shall Not Be Shown.

INVESTIGATION TO SPREAD

Representative Beach Demands Inquiry of All State Offices Which Reported Deficit to Recent Legislative Session.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—J. H. Schively will attempt to evade personal responsibility for the scandals uncovered in the insurance department by the legislative investigating committee by shifting the entire responsibility upon Secretary of State Sam H. Nichols, who has resigned upon promise of immunity from prosecution.

Schively Moves in Secret.

Just before leaving Schively declared he would never resign. His attorney, George Israel, who was with him, in reply to a question as to what would be done by Schively if the Legislature is called to impeach him, said: "We'll not expose our ammunition to the Governor by answering that question. We may wish to take some steps we do not care to make public now."

Followed Law, He Says.

Asked if it was his intention to shift all blame for the collection of flat rate fees and alleged irregularities upon ex-Secretary Nichols, Israel stated that the advice of counsel to Mr. Schively in regard to criminal proceedings was that there was no statutory offense in the charging of flat rates for examination of insurance companies, in lieu of following the exact statute providing for the collection from companies of the actual cost of examination.

If Act Wrong, Secretary Liable.

"We contend," said Attorney Israel, "that if there is a criminal offense, Mr. Schively's only connection with the violation of the statute was that of an employee in the office of the Secretary of State, ex-officio Insurance Commissioner, performing the duties and carrying out the policies of his chief. If there is any criminal responsibility, it rests upon the Secretary of State and not upon Mr. Schively. The deprecatory policies of the Secretary of State were abandoned when Schively took the insurance department following the election. The past policy was abrogated."

Ross Charges Denied.

The legislative investigating committee.

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TEACHERS LET OUT; SCHOOL IN UPROAR

Students in Revolt at University of Pacific.

Side With Dismissed Instructors and Many Threaten to Leave Institution.

SAN JOSE, Cal., May 12.—(Special.)—The wholesale dismissal of professors and teachers at the University of the Pacific, the big Methodist college here, preliminary to a complete reorganization of the faculty, has brought about dissatisfaction among the students which threatens serious consequences. Four heads have already fallen, and still it is said the ax is not weary. At least 20 more members of the faculty are to be retrenched in the near future.

Taft Plans Alaskan Trip

President Desires to Make Comprehensive Tour of Territory.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 12.—President Taft today informed Delegate Wickerman, of Alaska, that it was his desire the latter part of the summer to visit the most important points in Alaska, and asked the Delegate to prepare his Alaskan itinerary for him. The President will first visit Ketchikan, Wrangell, Juneau, and Skagway, then cross White Pass, and descend the Yukon River. He desires to stop at Dawson, Fairbanks and St. Michael and thence go to Nome.

Ecuador Has Temblors

For Past Month Quakes Have Been Increasing in Violence.

QUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, May 12.—Ecuador has been experiencing earthquakes during the last fortnight. A slight shock was felt here today. Telegrams from Jijoa, in the Province of Manabi, announce that shocks have been experienced there since the first of the month, becoming more severe in the last few days. A dispatch from Quito says quakes were experienced there yesterday and that the local seismograph recorded on Wednesday very strong shocks somewhere in the West Indies.

Rain Comes to Rescue

Will Extinguish Prairie Fires Which Ravage Saskatchewan.

WINNIPEG, May 12.—Only the heavy rain which is falling throughout the Canadian Northwest will check the disastrous prairie fires that have been raging throughout the southern Saskatchewan for several days. Loss of life, it is feared, will be sterling and the property loss will be high.

Cle Elum Gives Roses.

At Cle Elum a band and a large number of citizens appeared at the station. There was a bouquet of roses for every visitor and automobile rides for all who cared to see the sights of this budding coal mining town. Roslyn, four miles

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YAKIMA HOST TO PORTLAND PARTY

Fine Orchards Shown to Visitors.

RIDE OVER VALLEY IN AUTOS

Nob Hill District Surprise to Oregonians.

SPEECHES MADE AT CLUB

Trip Eastward From Seattle Includes Stops at Hot Springs, Cle Elum and Ellensburg—Excursion Is Made to Roslyn Coal Mines.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—The business men's excursion arrived at North Yakima at 5:40 today. The visitors were greeted by a large delegation of North Yakima business men, headed by President Alex Miller, of the Commercial Club; Secretary H. P. James and representatives of the city.

There were in waiting a number of automobiles to accommodate all of those who wished to take a ride, and these were shown about the famous fruit section surrounding the city. The visitors were deeply impressed by the Yakima Valley, as an irrigated section, and freely said that what they saw was far beyond what they had expected.

Visitors Well Cared For.

At the conclusion of the drive many of the visitors were entertained at the homes of North Yakima people at dinner, while others were the guests of local men at the hotels. Tonight the visitors were entertained at the Commercial Club, presided over by L. O. Meigs, speaker of the last Washington House of Representatives.

Lunch Served at Hot Springs.

The business men's trip spent all night at Seattle and at 7:30 o'clock this morning began the Eastern Washington section of its six-day journey. There were no important stops before the well-known Green River Hot Springs were reached. Dr. J. S. Klobner, proprietor of the sanitarium at that place, had arranged a pleasant programme of entertainment. There was a hot lunch, copious quantities of mineral water and sulphur baths for all who cared to indulge. It had been raining at Seattle, but at Hot Springs the clouds disappeared and there was definite promise of a clear day.

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CHAUFFEUR'S WIFE SUES RICH WOMAN

Declarer Mrs. G. V. Harper Won Husband's Love.

Los Angeles Woman Asks Court to Grant Her \$150,000 Balm for Loss of Her Mate.

LOS ANGELES, May 12.—(Special.)—The story of a shattered romance is told in a suit filed today against Mrs. Grace Velle Harper, one of the best known society women in Northern Illinois. The plaintiff, Mrs. Jane Harris, the pretty young wife of Sidney Harris, formerly Mrs. Harper's chauffeur, seeks \$150,000 damages for the alienation of her husband's affections. Stuart Harper, husband of the defendant, is made a defendant for legal reasons only.

RENOUNCES HOME TO WED

American Becomes South Sea Islander for Love of Half-Breed.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—A romance of the South Seas, involving sacrifice of his citizenship by A. J. Stevens, of San Diego, was told today by arrivals from Tahiti on the steamer Mariposa. Stevens, who was a passenger on the outward-bound trip of that steamer, visited the home of Chief Salmon, near the town of Papeete, in the island of Tahiti. Stevens, who is half French and half native.

ANTI-TREATING SALOON

Des Moines Boniface Bans Treating and Discourages Liquor-Drinking.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 12.—The first anti-treating saloon in the United States will be opened here May 22. Permit to open was granted tonight to A. Kirkhart, of Des Moines, who controls 13 local saloons.

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GIVES HIM HUGE MAJORITY

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STRIKE DOOMED TO FAIL

Only 10 Per Cent of Postal Employees in Paris Out—Dismissals Spread Dismay in Ranks and Some Resume Work.

PARIS, May 13.—A turbulent session of the Chamber of Deputies today resulted in a victory for Premier Clemenceau, when the government's policy with regard to the postal strike was emphatically indorsed by a vote of 454 to 59, including also the government's insistence that the postal employees and other functionaries have no right to strike.

Immediately afterward the Chamber passed a vote of general confidence in the government by 365 to 75.

The strikers received the Chamber's rebuke with a shrug of the shoulders, declaring it only served to bind closer their forces, which would soon startle the country by a big increase and a rapid extension of the general movement. On the other hand, it is intimated that the government has other plans in view to offset any serious growth of the strike.

Up to midnight there was no change in the situation. If anything, it was in the direction of a weakening of the strike sentiment. The general conviction is that if the movement does not make vast strides tomorrow it is almost certain of complete failure.

M. Barthou, Minister of Public Works, Posts and Telegraphs, asserted during the debate that only 2367 out of 252,000 postal employees in Paris and the Department of the Seine are out, and that conditions in the provinces were even better.

M. Clemenceau coolly concluded the exciting session with the statement that it was a case merely where France must choose between revolution on the one hand and progressive evolution on the other, or between work under Republican law and order and a spirit of adventure

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