



ROADS SHIFT VIEW OF RATE RULING

Big Interests Approve Bar to Increase.

PESSIMISM IS DISSOLVING

Wall Street Sees Change of Heart Among Rail Chiefs.

GENERAL COUNSELS MEET

Attorneys for Eastern Lines Discuss Commerce Commission Order, but Superiors Are Losing Interest in Protest.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Heads of the railroad systems of the United States who expressed great dissatisfaction with the ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission against an increase in freight rates, when it was announced recently, have undergone a change of sentiment and several have approved the Commission's action. Many powerful financial interests are now taking the same view. This fact became known here today when it was learned that the executive heads of the railroads had given up for the time being a general conference, which was to have been in the nature of an indignation meeting, to protest against the ruling and discuss ways and means of defeating it. General counsel for the Eastern railroads conferred today in the office of Vice-President Harris, of the New York Central, head of its legal department. Executive heads and bankers took no part in the session and Wall Street attributes this and the tentative abandonment of the general conference idea to a reaction in railroad viewpoint on the Commission's order. Many Approve Ruling. The pessimism which first greeted the Commission's ruling has given way, argues Wall Street, to acquiescence and, in not a few instances, to genuine approval of the blow to rate increases. Only the legal phases of what the Eastern trunk line railroads propose to do in the face of the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission were considered at the conference today. Fifteen attorneys discussed the situation for several hours in the offices of Vice-President Harris, of the New York Central, head of its legal department. The abandonment of the original plan to have a meeting of the executive heads was due, it is said, to the railroad officials' desire that their counsel shall first determine the status of their case from a legal standpoint. No Decision Reached. It is believed that while the discussion today hinged upon the question of constitutionality of the Mann-Elkins bill, the 15 attorneys present came to no decision whether the constitutional-ity of the bill would be attacked, if it is attacked at all. Those present at the conference today included: George V. Massey, general counsel of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Edward D. Robbins, general counsel of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad; Clyde Brown, of counsel for the New York Central; Hues, who had charge of that company's fight for increased rates; Hugh Bond, of the Baltimore & Ohio; George Brownell, of the Erie; W. H. Jenny, of the Lackawanna; John E. Kerr, of the New York, Ontario & Western; Jackson E. Reynolds, of the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

MURPHY GRILLS SHEPARD

Tammany Chief Breaks Precedent by Reply to Criticism.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, broke a precedent tonight and issued a nine-page typewritten statement replying to, and bitterly attacking E. M. Shepard, who characterized Murphy's dominance as a "rotting trust" in his letter of yesterday withdrawing from the United States Senators' fight. He holds Mr. Shepard directly to blame for the deadlock at Albany, and says he is inclined to believe that Mr. Shepard and his friends would not have been so quick to criticize Tammany Hall had it supported Shepard's candidacy. To clinch this assertion, he says that Shepard's friends begged his (Murphy's) support.

JAP COOLIES GOING HOME

Figures for Three Years Show Number in America Smaller.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—The number of Japanese laborers in the United States has decreased 13,322 in the past three years. If statistics prepared by the Japanese Foreign Office are correct, the figures were made public yesterday by Matsuo Nagai, Japanese Consul-General for San Francisco. The report indicates that the United States has lost 6171 Japanese of all classes by excess of departures over arrivals in the three years.

SHOW GIRLS FLEE IN HAREM SKIRTS

BROADWAY TRAFFIC BLOCKED AS THEY PASS BY.

Pretty Young Actresses, Wearing Divided Garments, Forced Three Times to Take Refuge in Taxi.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Fifth-avenue shoppers and crowds in Broadway from Herald Square to Forty-fifth street this afternoon were treated to a spectacle of the harem skirt in use by two pretty young actresses. So fascinating did the sight prove that throngs which gathered to gaze joined in the procession which followed, blocking traffic and driving the young women to refuge in a taxicab at three different times during their promenade. In Broadway everyone became insistent in their effort to miss nothing of the entertainment afforded, and such a crush developed that the young women were almost swept from their feet and carried into the street by the crowd struggling to catch a glimpse of the much-discussed draperies. The two actresses first appeared in Fifty-ninth street, near Third avenue, where they had gone to try on the skirts. They were so pleased with the general effect that they immediately decided to wear the skirts to their apartments.

\$800,000 HOSPITAL GIFT

San Francisco to Get Memorial to Mills and Paige.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—A new St. Luke's Hospital, to be one of the most modern in the world and to be erected at a cost of \$800,000, is the monument which two philanthropic women, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid and Mrs. Louis F. Montague, have decided to erect to the memory of two of California's pioneers, the late D. O. Mills, father of Mr. Reid, and the late Calvin Paige, uncle of Mrs. Montague. The new hospital will be built upon the site of the old one at Valencia and Twenty-seventh streets, where additional grounds has just been purchased, that the gardens and settings may be as adequate as the large edifice may require. Mrs. Montague and Mrs. Reid, who is here with her husband, Whitelaw Reid, Ambassador from the United States to the Court of St. James, are personally supervising many of the preliminary details regarding the plans and specifications of the building, and the old structure will be razed at an early date. All of the prominent doctors and many of the leading nurses of the city have been asked to advance ideas and suggestions, that the hospital may be the peer in point of convenience and equipment of any like institution in the world. Two drastic provisions of the original plan against the proposed presentation of a silver service to be placed on the United States battleship Utah, as the gift of the State of Utah. "This service," continue the resolutions, "bearing the portrait of Brigham Young and a picture of the Mormon Temple at Salt Lake City, will discredit the state making the gift and be a disgrace to the Nation if accepted. The insolvency of this proposal calls for immediate and emphatic resentment. "The insignia of any church has no place on the service of a United States ship and the insignia of the Mormon Church so placed is an insult to the Christian people of the whole country."

UTAH'S GIFT RESENTED

Presbyterians Protest Against Mormon Pictures on Warship's Plate.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The Presbyterian Ministers' Association of New York and vicinity adopted resolutions today protesting "as citizens and patriots against the proposed presentation of a silver service to be placed on the United States battleship Utah, as the gift of the State of Utah. "This service," continue the resolutions, "bearing the portrait of Brigham Young and a picture of the Mormon Temple at Salt Lake City, will discredit the state making the gift and be a disgrace to the Nation if accepted. The insolvency of this proposal calls for immediate and emphatic resentment. "The insignia of any church has no place on the service of a United States ship and the insignia of the Mormon Church so placed is an insult to the Christian people of the whole country."

NEW CLAIMANT APPEARS

Ohio Woman Says She Is Baldwin's Daughter—Wants Money.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 27.—A new claimant to a share of the Baldwin estate appeared today, when Mrs. Laura P. Alisp, who resides in Illinois, filed a paper in the probate department in which she claims to be a daughter of the late tycoon. The new claimant alleges that before 1850, the late millionaire was known as William Baldwin, and under that name he married Ophelia Henderson, in Ohio, in September, 1845. Mrs. Alisp claims to be an issue of that marriage. A further charge is made that Baldwin abandoned his wife in 1853 and took the name of Elias Jackson Baldwin. Mrs. Alisp asks for one-third of the estate.

CAUCUS ASKED TO DECIDE

Colorado Democrats Seek to Force Selection of Senator.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 27.—Further efforts to bring about a caucus on the United States Senatorship were begun today. State Senator Franklin E. Carringer circulated an agreement providing for a caucus of the 65 Democratic members, the caucus to meet daily at 2:30 P. M. and vote for the various candidates. As soon as any one candidate receives 21 votes in the caucus he or she shall be declared the caucus nominee and all Democrats will thereby become bound to vote for such person in joint assembly. Fifty-one is a majority of the joint assembly. It is not considered possible to secure the signatures of the entire Democratic contingent in the Legislature to this agreement at present.

LORIMER FORGES SECURE VANTAGE

Vote to Be Taken When Enemies Napping.

CASE MAY SOON BE DECIDED

Night Session of Senate Is Forced by Conflict.

BAILEY CALLS FOR VOTE

Cummins Is Equally Determined to Have Action on Tariff Board, So No Recess Is Taken, Though Sherman Dines Senate.

CRAWFORD ON FLOOR AT 3:15

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—At 3:15 o'clock this morning, with many Senators sleeping in their chairs and on lounges about the Senate chamber, Senator Crawford still held the floor after having been talking almost continuously for five hours. There was no indication when he would yield.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—It took several hours to accomplish it, but supporters of Lorimer tonight advanced the case to the point where a rollcall in the Senate may be started at any time when the anti-Lorimer forces may be caught napping.

BAILEY TOLD ADVANTAGE OF A LULL

in the proceedings to move that, when a vote is taken on the Lorimer resolution, it be by calling of the ayes and noes. Brandegee, who was presiding, submitted the question to the Senate and it was declared carried.

STONE AND OWEN SUSPECTED A SNARE

in the request and both were pleading for recognition as the question was submitted. Throughout the proceedings, after Bailey had accomplished his purpose, there were demands for the regular order. Stone, somewhat nettled by these calls, warned his colleagues that their course might "bring home a black chicken to roost."

LORIMER MEN HAVE ADVANTAGE.

The Lorimer forces expressed themselves as very well pleased with the advancement made. The parliamentary position of the Lorimer resolution allows a rollcall to be ordered without a preliminary motion.

IF THE LORIMER SUPPORTERS HAVE THE VOTES CLAIMED BY THEM, THE EFFECT WOULD BE TO DISPOSE OF THE CASE.

Crawford at 10:15 o'clock resumed his speech in opposition to Lorimer's retention of his seat. La Follette interrupted and raised the point of no quorum.

SEVENTY-FIVE SENATORS RESPONDED, BUT DRIFTED OUT INTO THE CLOAKROOM AGAIN AS THE SOUTH DAKOTAN RESUMED HIS ANALYSIS OF THE TESTIMONY.

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FROZEN FIREBELL COSTLY

Pendleton Suffers \$10,000 Blaze Because Alarm Not Sounded.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Fire today destroyed the Love boarding and rooming-house on Johnson street, together with all its contents. Twenty roomers lost all their worldly possessions except those they had on their backs. Two other buildings were badly damaged and the entire block was endangered for an hour. The loss will be \$10,000 or more and is only partially covered by insurance. The fire bell was frozen up so that no alarm could be sounded and the flames had gained great headway before the volunteer department arrived on the scene.

30 ARE FROZEN TO DEATH

Finding of Derelict in Caspian Sea Reveals Tragedy.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A news dispatch from Odessa says a tragedy of the sea was revealed in the discovery in the Caspian Sea, a few miles off Astrakhan, of a derelict vessel, the whole crew of which, numbering 30, had been frozen to death. The ship was a mass of ice.

WHITES AND REDS BATTLE; 9 KILLED

Indians Defeated in Running Fight.

SQUAWS WOUND WITH ARROWS

2 Women and 2 Papooses Are Among Tribesmen's Dead.

PURSUERS LOSE ONE MAN

Posse Nearly Wipes Out Party of Shoshones Sought for Weeks as Murderers of Four Wealthy Stockmen in Nevada.

WINNEMUCCA, Nev., Feb. 27.—Eight Indians, including two squaws and two children, and one white man were killed in a running fight yesterday afternoon near the Tuscarora, when a pursuing posse of 21 men came upon the band of 12 Shoshones, charged with the murder of four wealthy Nevada stockmen in Northern Washoe County, on January 19. On the posse's side, Edward Hogle, of Eagleville, Cal., was killed. A 16-year-old girl and three children were captured. It is said that loot taken from the bodies of the murdered stockmen was found in the camp of the Indians. The state police, under Captain Donnelly, and Sheriff Smith's posse had been trailing the Indians since February 8, when the mutilated bodies of the murdered stockmen, frozen solid, were found. Indian Leader Killed. Captain Donnelly and Sheriff Smith and their men stopped Saturday night at Stewart's ranch, 25 miles from Winnemucca. Yesterday morning a report reached them there of a band of Indians camped about ten miles north-west. Led by Skinny Pascal, an Indian trapper, the soldiers followed the trail and about noon sighted the Shoshones, moving in single file, 50 miles northeast of Winnemucca. After a consultation Skinny Pascal was sent ahead to talk to the band. When within 100 yards old "Indian Mike" raised his rifle and fired. Pascal dropped from his horse unhurt and fired twice. Indian Mike fell and was seen to crawl away into the bushes, where he later was found dead. When they saw their leader had fallen, the remainder of the band started down a canyon, driving their stock before them. A running fight ensued. The bucks with their rifles acted at first as a rearguard, while the squaws and children ran ahead. One of the young bucks fell under the posse's fire. Two miles down the canyon the Indians crossed a ridge and went into another but smaller canyon. Women and Children Fight. Here they made a stand, the Indians, including the squaws and children, executing a "war dance." The white men over rocks engaged the Indians in a pitched battle. It was here that Ed Hogle was killed. With only two bucks armed with rifles (Concluded on Page 4.)

JUANITA MILLER TO NURSE FATHER

SIERRA POET'S DAUGHTER DEFERTS ART CAREER.

Young Woman Gives Up Studio in East to Care for Father During Declining Years.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—In order that she may remain with her father during the last years of his life, Miss Juanita Miller, the 24-year-old daughter of Joaquin Miller, announced today that she would give up her studio and musical career in New York and that she would make her home at "The Heights," near Oakland, with the aged poet. Miss Miller will leave for the East in a week or ten days and will immediately close her studio, terminate her affairs there, and return to nurse her father back to health. Mr. Miller's condition is improving daily, and his physicians state that there is little probability of relapse. Miss Miller said: "It was one of the hardest blows of my life to hear when I learned that my father had been found sick and helpless in his mountain retreat, and that he had not received proper care and attention. I was thousands of miles away from him, but I hurried to his aid as quickly as I could. Now I have determined that no such unfortunate thing can ever happen to him again as long as he lives, for I propose to give up my studies and take care of him myself."

WEDDING LINKS FORTUNES

Helene Irwin Becomes Bride of Templeton Crocker Today.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—The wedding of the two most fortunate of San Francisco's youth, F. Templeton Crocker and Helene Irwin, will be celebrated tomorrow afternoon at the home of the bride. The services will be performed at an altar erected in front of the stained glass window at the stair landing. This marriage unites two fortunes that will at least top the \$20,000,000 mark. The bride starts in her new venture of housekeeping well outfitted by thoughtful friends. Her father, William G. Irwin, presents her \$1,000,000 in glittering bonds, to help defray expenses. The mother gives her a beautiful hand-laid automobile in which to do her marketing. The bridegroom's gift is a diamond necklace with emerald and pearl pendants. His family offer many gifts in costly jewelry. Mrs. Whitelaw Reid gives a ring and her daughter, Mrs. James Ward, a jewel-studded gold purse. Miss Jennie Crocker, the only sister of the bridegroom, has made many individual gifts of handsome jewelry. Mr. Crocker has had "Uplands," the beautiful Crocker country residence at San Mateo, thoroughly renovated to be worthy the reception of his bride.

TOURIST LOSES DIAMONDS

Thieves Get Jewels Worth \$800 in Handbag Left in Pullman.

Diamonds worth about \$800 were stolen from a Pullman sleeping car in the Shasta Limited, at or near this city, on February 24, and the case came to light yesterday when the Pullman officials requested Captain of Detectives Moore to have his men watch for the expected offering of the jewelry for sale in this city. C. P. Bratmeyer, a passenger on the train en route from Seattle to San Francisco, was the owner of the diamonds, which he left in a handbag in his berth on the car "Brattle." With them was \$15 in money. Bratmeyer was absent from his seat but a short time as the train was approaching the Union Station, and is confident that it was within this period that his valuables were taken. He immediately announced the loss to the train officials. It is supposed that the thief, after taking the handbag, alighted from the train and escaped in the crowd at the gate. Under the present law the several superintendents on the first of every month call at the Statehouse with payrolls prepared by themselves and have them allowed by the Board. Every payroll is then presented to the Secretary of State, who draws a warrant to the superintendent and he receives from the State Treasurer the full amount of all salaries and then pays the employees. Senator Wood felt that this system was loose and would lead to abuse. He proposed that a warrant should be drawn to each employee and issued to him, but the Senator from Washington and his bill was defeated on the floor of the Senate after many of the members had been importuned personally by various state officers to oppose the bill as it was considered "an anti-administration" measure. Coin With Subalterns. Senator Wood also looked carefully into the question of deficiencies and found that the taxpayer was not being protected in the expenditure of his money. Under the existing system the Legislature meets biennially and passes bills appropriating money for the various branches and departments of the state government. The expenditure of this money is left to the State Boards and by them to the numerous superintendents and underlings of various degrees of importance and many titles. If these officers and subordinates conclude that the Legislature has been parsimonious or that, for any other reason, more money should be spent than has been authorized, they go in and contract debts without stint, let or hindrance of law except their own sweet will. Interest-bearing certificates of audit are issued and the next succeeding Legislature is then called upon to pay the "deficiencies." Wood introduced one bill which abso-

CHIEF POISONED, BELIEF

Comanche Medicine Men Accuse Brethren of Cheyenne Tribe.

LAWTON, Okla., Feb. 27.—The death of Quannah Parker, chief of the Comanche Indians, last Thursday, resulted from poison administered by medicine men of the Cheyennes instead of pneumonia, as reported by the white physicians, is the belief of medicine men of the Comanches, announced here today. The Comanches will send White Parker, son of the late chief, among the Cheyennes to investigate. Quannah had been among the Cheyennes three days when he became ill. He hurried home and died 20 minutes after reaching there.

SOLDIERS TAKE LONG WALK

Two Men Marching From New York to San Francisco as Test.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—To test the efficiency of a new Army knapsack, an invention of an officer of the National Guard of New York, two privates of that organization, who left New York February 9 and arrived in Washington today, are walking from the former city to San Francisco. The men are Privates Medos Gravel, of Company C, Twelfth Infantry, and Fred B. Ostrander, Jr., Company E, Seventy-first Infantry. The men are required to walk 25 miles a day, except on Sunday. They are expected to arrive at their destination July 4. The new equipment they carry weighs 18 pounds.

POLITICS PLAYED IN WEST'S VETOES

Friends' Bills Signed, Foes' Discarded.

CORPORATION LAWYERS HELP

Railroads Favored in Casting Out of Measures.

FUND SAFEGUARDS KILLED

Governor Fulfills Threat Not to Sign One of Thompson's Acts—Settlers' Plea Not Heeded—Vengeance Prompts Disapproval.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 27.—(Staff Correspondence.)—The very large number of bills vetoed at the close of the recent Oregon legislative session justify careful scrutiny as to the reasons which brought about Governor West's disapproval. Many citizens who endeavored to wander through the maze of proposed legislation and sought to understand the efforts of the lawmaking body, as well as the activity of the Chief Executive, are much inclined to the belief that many bills were introduced which might well have rested and incubated in the more or less fertile minds of embryonic statesmen and that the Governor sought by the use of his veto power to play a game of politics at the expense of the material interests of the state. An examination of the record of the recent session discloses the fact that bills were permitted to become laws or were given their everlasting quietus by vetoes, not according to merit but by reason of the author's being "in" or "out" with His Excellency. Partiality Is Shown. A salmon hatchery bill introduced by two friendly House members from Clatsop County was passed and allowed to become a law, while a similar bill for a trout hatchery, introduced by Merryman in the Senate and backed by his colleagues, Thompson and Belknap, in the House, was vetoed. Of 18 game bills, Thompson favored two, Mahoney one and Church one. These were vetoed. One of the Thompson bills was particularly meritorious. It sought to change the trout-fishing season in Lake County so that it would not permit fishing during the spawning season, as at present. Under the present law the streams of Lake County are fast becoming depleted, but this bill received the same unfavorable consideration accorded most of the Lake County members' measures and was placed at the top of the gubernatorial junk heap, and yet crabs, lobsters, prawns and many other productions of the state were fully and carefully protected by the Governor and his legislative, bipartisan associates. Senator Woods Not Heeded. Many of Senator Wood's bills likewise decorate the backyard of the executive department. Wood was the chairman of the committee of holdover Senators appointed in 1909 to examine the various state institutions and report as to the conditions found and make recommendations to the 1911 session. As is his custom in official matters, he went into the situation with thoroughness and discovered several reforms which he thought should be made. Under the present law the several superintendents on the first of every month call at the Statehouse with payrolls prepared by themselves and have them allowed by the Board. Every payroll is then presented to the Secretary of State, who draws a warrant to the superintendent and he receives from the State Treasurer the full amount of all salaries and then pays the employees. Senator Wood felt that this system was loose and would lead to abuse. He proposed that a warrant should be drawn to each employee and issued to him, but the Senator from Washington and his bill was defeated on the floor of the Senate after many of the members had been importuned personally by various state officers to oppose the bill as it was considered "an anti-administration" measure. Coin With Subalterns. Senator Wood also looked carefully into the question of deficiencies and found that the taxpayer was not being protected in the expenditure of his money. Under the existing system the Legislature meets biennially and passes bills appropriating money for the various branches and departments of the state government. The expenditure of this money is left to the State Boards and by them to the numerous superintendents and underlings of various degrees of importance and many titles. If these officers and subordinates conclude that the Legislature has been parsimonious or that, for any other reason, more money should be spent than has been authorized, they go in and contract debts without stint, let or hindrance of law except their own sweet will. Interest-bearing certificates of audit are issued and the next succeeding Legislature is then called upon to pay the "deficiencies." Wood introduced one bill which abso-

CHORUS—"SAY, FOLKS, DON'T FORGET TOMORROW ABOUT THAT EASTERN FRIEND!"

