

ATTACK MADE ON ALL WOOL RATES

Growers of Interior Demand Same Tariff as Rules From Coast.

RATES NOW BURDENSOME

Pacific Northwest Is Especial Subject of Complaint—Comparison Is Made With Other Textiles to Show Rates Are Too High.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 29.—The National Woolgrowers Association, through its attorney, Victor G. Johnson, has asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to order a general reduction in the rates on wool shipped from the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain states to Boston, New York, Chicago and other Eastern markets.

The complaint is directed particularly at the rates from Eastern Oregon and Washington, Idaho and Rocky Mountain region, and the commission is asked to extend to this territory a blanket rate equal to the dollar rate that is prevailing on wool shipments from Pacific Coast terminals to the terminal points on the Atlantic seaboard.

Early Action Urged.

The complaint is brought against the Oregon Short Line, Oregon-Washington Railway & Navigation Company, Union Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern and 20 or more connecting lines. It is signed by Frank H. Gooding, president of the association, and Victor G. Johnson and Paul S. Haddock, counsel. Early action is urged by the association, in order that its members may have the benefit of reduced rates on this year's shipments. In case the Commission finds that existing rates are unreasonable, the reduction is demanded primarily under the long-and-short-haul clause of the present interstate commerce law. In their complaint the officers of the Woolgrowers Association charge that the railroads are maintaining excessive and unreasonable rates for the transportation of wool from points in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Wyoming and other Western states, and especially from the intermountain territory, to the wool markets, especially to Chicago, St. Louis and Boston. It is alleged that the railroads have steadfastly refused to establish a reasonable classification of wool for transportation, in that wool is given an end-class rating in any quantity, whereas textile fibers similar in weight, bulk and value have a second-class rating in less than one carload, and frequently move on commodity rates much less than the fourth-class tariffs.

Undue Preference Alleged.

The complaint alleges that the railroads are giving undue preference to certain localities, particularly the Pacific Coast territory, subjecting the intermountain territory to what is alleged to be undue prejudice and disadvantage in eastbound rates. In this latter respect the charge is made that the railroads are violating the long-and-short-haul clause of the Interstate Commerce act, in that the rates on wool from the intermountain states to Atlantic Coast terminals is more than twice the rate charged over the same lines and in the same direction from Pacific Coast terminals to Atlantic Coast terminals. While the rates from the intermountain country to Chicago and St. Louis are said to exceed the rates to those points from the Pacific Coast by from 25 to 45 per cent.

Some of the railroads have filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission applications for relief from the operation of the long-and-short-haul clause in the matter of wool shipments, and the Woolgrowers Association enters protest against such relief being granted.

On their own behalf the woolgrowers assert that wool is entitled to a low rate of transportation for various reasons. It moves in large volume; requires no special equipment; calls for no extraordinary speed, the usual movement being less than 100 miles a day; the principal transport of wool occurs during a period when a suitable equipment for eastbound movement is obtained without a westward empty car movement; and, from available cars are plentiful; the loss to the carrier by reason of damage is infinitesimal, and finally, it is held that the conditions of the wool industry is such as to demand low rates.

Wool Rates Said Excessive.

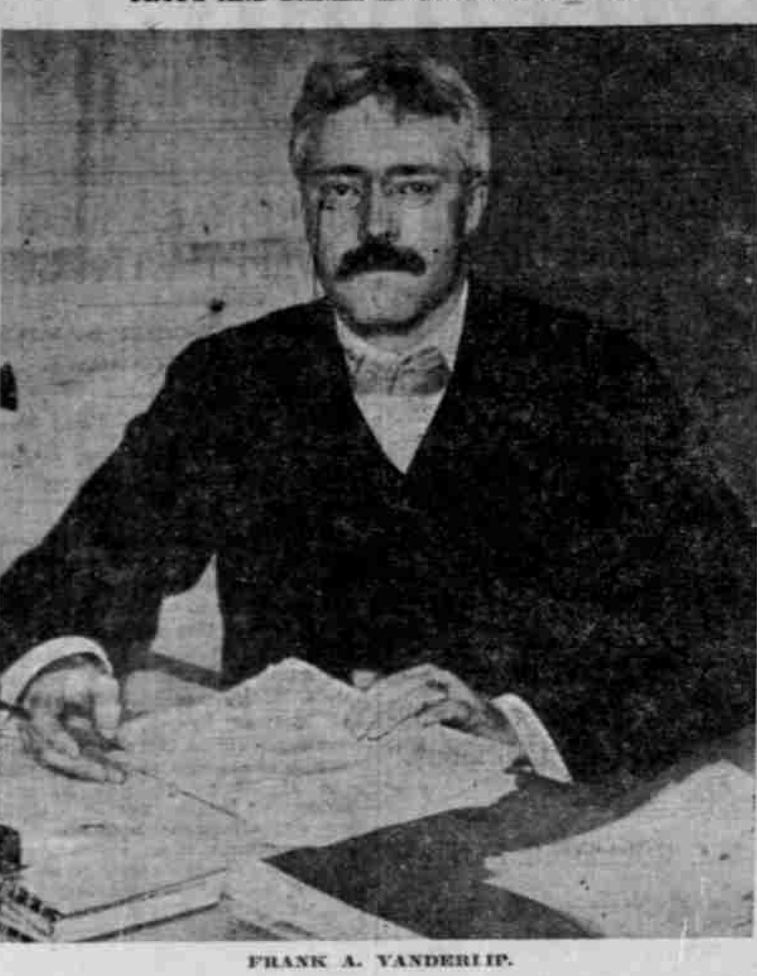
The existing rates on wool are declared to be excessive in that they exceed the traffic can bear. During the past five years there has been a constant increase in the cost of production of wool, due to the increase in the cost of the increased cost of summer pasturing, as well as the expense of winter feeding. The market value of wool, it is declared, has steadily increased in recent years, and this, with the high cost of transportation, has jeopardized the wool industry and threatens to destroy it. During the recent past, the complaint, "these and other adverse conditions have decreased the flocks in Western territory many hundreds of thousands and, if these conditions continue, the sheep industry and the production of wool must steadily decline, to the great and irreparable injury of the stockmasters and of the country as a whole."

Citing present rates to sustain its contention the Woolgrowers Association, in its complaint, shows that the present rate on wool to Boston from Pacific Coast terminals to Eastern ports is \$1 per hundred pounds; that the rate gradually increases as the point of origin recedes from the coast and that from much of Eastern Oregon, Idaho, Utah and parts of Montana and Wyoming the rate to the East is almost as high as that prevailing on wool shipped from the coast, made up by a combination of the local on Mississippi River points. What is true of the increase in Oregon and Washington is also true of the increase in the rates gradually increasing on receding from the Pacific Coast. Early action on the protest is asked, and notice given that reparations will be claimed on all wool shipments hereafter made, if the Commission orders a reduction in existing rates.

Missionary Held Wife-Slayer

CINCINNATI, March 28.—A charge of murder in the second degree was contained in an indictment returned today against Oliver P. Smith. His wife was found murdered in their home here early in February. Smith and his wife were known widely as mission workers.

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for and I fear he will not take the securities as the public would like for he considers the conditions which are likely to affect his investment. He knows that the cost of living has gone up and about the only thing which has not are freight rates. "I have been impressed with the Westward movement. They are really great from whatever standpoint you take them. All seem to me to have their hearts in their work. "I am delighted with the Willamette Valley. It is a wonderful country. I can say to you that whatever comes East from Portland in the way of securities for sale has very respectful consideration here. We have the faith of the Eastern capitalist in Oregon than the millions he is pouring into the construction of railroads throughout the state. It is a complete answer, I think. He believes that you have a great country, with a wonderful future, and he is putting his money into the venture as a guarantee of his faith.

Present Laws Prolong Panic.

"Down East we are greatly interested in the reforms of our National currency. I have no idea of the position of your bankers upon this question. I have hope of meetings with some of them to learn their sentiment. This country today is in need of an elastic system of finance which can be made applicable to emergency conditions. As it stands today, we have a system created which acts as an aid in keeping up a panic when once it is on. Senator Aldrich, whom I regard as a man of great attainments in economic and financial matters, has devised a system by which there will be created throughout the country a National Reserve Association of the National banks. There will be a central agency in Washington, by which securities may be hypothecated and money obtained upon them. There are numerous details to the proposition which would take hours to explain, but which are readily understandable.

"The whole plan is amply protected and hedged about with safeguards, so that the danger imagined by those who doubt is not to be regarded as serious. It will enable bankers in times of distress to go to a central agency to secure such funds as will relieve them. That is important, and in time of depression, which all countries are subject to, it will save many a business man from ruin. I am convinced that the country at large is taking a broader view of the banking situation and is being educated up to a proper appreciation of the effectiveness of a central operating department of the National banks. It is only by education that the people will come to appreciate this.

Men Should Get Land.

"The Pacific Northwest is a wonderful section of the United States and it is becoming more appreciated every day. I was thinking as I came down the Valley on the train that now is the time for every man to get a piece of land. It would not be long before it would be impossible to get it. So I say it would be every man's duty to secure for himself and his children a piece of land, for it is the land, after all, which is the base of all values, and it is from the soil that we get our sustenance. And if a man were to seek for a piece of land now I would say by all means get some of the soil of the Willamette Valley—it is a chosen country. "I might add that it is just the radical sentiment which rules in California that makes investing capital hesitate. This illustrates the sensitiveness of capital, of which Texas has had its fill. But Texas is today improving. The people there had more or less ground for action on account of unjust treatment by the corporations. As a result Texas,

too, became unfair and legislatively dishonest. But after several years of this they have grown better and conditions are more hopeful. The people are beginning to believe that development is an important part of their citizenship and that to get the money they must cultivate the favor of capital. I am sure that we in America appreciate the fact that to move, with our progressive business spirit, we must constantly acquire additional capital for operation, for we expand and expand and each year seems to bring forth additional reasons why we should expand more."

RAIN IS LEAST IN 50 YEARS

March Weather in Clark County Is Driest Since 1860.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 29.—(Special.)—March thus far has been the driest month in 50 years, according to official records kept by A. A. Quarnberg, weather-observer for Vancouver and vicinity. Only 7 of an inch of rain has fallen this month, and indications are that no more will fall until the month is completed. During the early 60's there was a March with as little rain as March, 1911. The ground is so dry in places in the county that the farmers are unable to plow. The roads are dry and firm. Many farmers have been busy putting in crops while others have been pruning trees and spraying them. In Mr. Quarnberg's orchard the first blossoms on his Bing cherry trees opened yesterday, three days later than last season. buds on prune trees are now opening and ready to burst into bloom.

THE DALLES HAS WARM DAY

Temperature of 81 Breaks March Record for 36 Years.

THE DALLES, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—Today was the warmest March day experienced in The Dalles in the 36 years of local weather observation, the thermometer reaching 81 this afternoon. The precipitation of the month has reached only .22 of an inch. Only one March, that of 1885, when the precipitation was .31 of an inch has there been so little rainfall in the 36 years which the weather man has noted.

MERCURY RISES AT MONTH-END

Temperature, 74 Degrees, Seldom Exceeded on March 30.

When the temperature was 74 degrees yesterday the mercury was at a point exceeded on March 30 only seven or eight times in Portland since 1874. The best previous record for the date was 79 degrees.

AMERICAN CHRISTENS SHIP

Mrs. Harcourt Officiates at Launching of British Super-Dreadnought.

LONDON, March 28.—An American woman, Mrs. Louise Harcourt, wife of the Colonial Secretary and who before her marriage was Miss Mary Elber Burns, christened the super-dreadnought Monarch, which was launched today at Ellswick, which was launched the fifth of this type of British battleship took the water. The Monarch is the largest battleship ever built in the Tyne and inaugurated a departure in ship construction, being launched with her boilers, funnels, bridges and other equipment installed. She is of the same type and armament as the Thunderer, which was launched February 1. Her displacement is 22,500 tons and turbines of a total of 37,000 horsepower are expected to make possible a speed of 21 knots an hour. The vessel is 584 feet in length and she is armed with 10 12.5-inch guns and 24 four-inch guns.

TAMMANY IS IN CORNER

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stage where it seems that, as chairman of the state committee, he is called upon to express to the Republican members of the Legislature what seems to be their obvious patriotic duty. Senator Needed in Congress. He continues that, in view of the call for an extra session of Congress, the grave consideration that the State of New York has in the matters that will come before the session, and the fact that it must be clearly known that no Senator can be elected by the Democratic majority, the Republican minority, in the performance of its public duty under the Constitution, should give to the independent Democratic members of the Legislature, if any there are, the opportunity to fill New York's vacancy in the Senate by giving its unanimous support to a conservative for the office of United States Senator.

KOLLSAAT READY FOR CONSEQUENCE

Chicago Editor Will Not Violate Confidence Even if Jail Is Penalty.

MAN'S PROMISE SACRED

Name of Informant About Lorimer Bribery Fund Can't Be Wrung Out of Kollsaat—Committee Will Ask Senate to Decide.

CHICAGO, March 29.—(Special.)—"I am ready for the consequences, whatever they may be, and I have not weakened one iota in my position," said H. J. Kollsaat, editor and publisher of The Record-Herald, when he appeared at his office today and was interrogated concerning the attempt of a legislative committee at Springfield to wring from him the name of a man who gave him confidential information relative to the raising of a \$100,000 slush fund to effect the election of William Lorimer as United States Senator. "There was nothing about Mr. Kollsaat's demeanor that indicated fear of the threat of a possible jail sentence if he persisted in refusing to answer the questions of the committee. "The talk of a jail sentence does not frighten me," said Mr. Kollsaat. "I have the consciousness of knowing that I have done right and there is absolutely no way in the world by which I could be prevailed on to betray a confidence. I told them in Springfield that if they wished to make a martyr of me, it was their own affair. "The question is a broad one and I do not care to advise his work, as come up. It is simply the question of whether an honorable man may be punished for refusing to betray confidence. It is the question whether or not a man's promise is to be considered sacred. People would say that I was a coward if I attempted to save myself at the injury or expense of some one else. I have no fear in the matter."

No action will be taken by the Legislature relative to the refusal of Mr. Kollsaat to answer the questions that were put to him yesterday until next Thursday, when the Hein bribery investigating committee will report the situation to the Senate and ask for instructions. Investigators Can Get No Cash. SPRINGFIELD, March 29.—Attorney-General Stead today informed Lieutenant-Governor Oglesby that the latter could not legally sign vouchers for the expenses of the Hein bribery investigating committee. This will affect Attorney John H. Healy, of Chicago, and others employed by the committee, as the House probably will refuse to appropriate money for this purpose.

MITCHELL STICKS TO UNION

He Tells Why He Quit \$6000 Job With Civic Federation.

NEW YORK, March 29.—John Mitchell, former president of the United Mineworkers of America, in a statement to a New York social organization, has just made his first public reply to the action of the union in ordering him to resign from the union or resign his \$6000 a year job as an officer of the Civic Federation. In response to the order he gave up his place in the Civic Federation. "I believe my union has done wrong in this action," says Mr. Mitchell, "but, if it would have been my last public 'my union—may it be always right! But, right or wrong, my union!" "I did not give up \$6000 a year for a principle. I gave up the money for a principle. I had power to enforce similar edicts, I ordered other men to give up their money. I would have been my last public had I hesitated. I hope that my action may be an example."

TWO COUPLES WOULD PART

Mrs. Lothrop Alleges Spouse Accused Her of Infidelity.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—She was filed this afternoon by Emma Lothrop against Harry O. Lothrop for divorce. They were married in Fresno, Cal., August 8, 1908, and Mrs. Lothrop says her husband charged her with infidelity. They separated September 1, 1910. Mrs. Lothrop, who desires to resume her maiden name of Bueckman, charges that during their entire married life she was obliged to support herself, with some assistance from her own people. Frank Van Hoeter has filed a suit for divorce against Meta M. Van Hoeter, to whom he was married in California in December, 1890. They have four children. Van Hoeter says his wife deserted him in January, 1895. He is willing to give her the custody of the children and \$50 a month alimony.

Appeal Is Before Supreme Court.

ST. LOUIS, March 29.—C. A. Tiles, of St. Louis, who with Cella Bros. was indicted in Washington, D. C., on a charge of operating a bucket-shop, resisted extradition and was ordered by the United States Court of Appeals to be taken to Washington. He appealed to the United States Supreme Court and his appeal is still pending there. Holzman Suspect Wrong Man. Detective Coleman returned from The Dalles last night and reported to Captain of Detectives Moore that the man suspected of being the murderer of little Barbara Holzman was not connected with the case in any way. The suspect was found in a lumbering camp and Detective Coleman learned that he did not fit the description of the murderer in any way. Zeppelin's New Airship Flies. FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, March 29.—Count Zeppelin's new air-

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