



COAST CITIES WIN RATE REDUCTION

Cut of 20 Per Cent Eastward Ordered.

RAILROADS' PLEA UNHEEDED

Commission Finds No Serious Loss Is Threatened.

OWN FIGURES ARE TAKEN

Contention Made by Portland and Seattle Chambers of Commerce Upheld Fully, Confirming Tentative Decision.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 24.—Portland, Seattle and Tacoma jobbers won an important victory before the Interstate Commerce Commission today when that body ordered a 20 per cent reduction of all interstate class rates from these cities to points in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, and effected that the new rates be put into effect January 2, 1912.

The fight for this reduction was made by the Chambers of Commerce of Portland and Seattle. Today's order indorses the tentative decision of the Commission, announced some months ago, the railroads having utterly failed in their endeavor to show that a 20 per cent reduction would be ruinous or even unfair to them.

Railroads Not Injured.

When the Commission first announced its belief that a 20 per cent cut should be made the railroads obtained six months in which to submit figures showing what losses they would sustain if such regulation should be made. The Commission, after studying those figures, but no time in promulgating its order, for it discovered from the statistics compiled by the railroads themselves that a 20 per cent cut in class rates would deprive the railroads in question of less than 1 per cent of their operating revenue. In view of the financial condition of the four roads affected, the Commission holds that they will not be adversely affected by this reduction.

Effect on Lines Tabulated.

The following table gives the carriers' estimate of the effect of a 20 per cent cut in the present rates:

Carrier	Rev. under present rates	Total percent decrease
O-W. R. & N. P.	\$28,409	110.981
P. & N. W.	41,297	120.6
Q. Northern	381,720	92.299
N. Pacific	1,461,424	161.421
Total	\$1,852,848	\$288,070

The net operating revenue of those four roads for 1910 was as follows:

Carrier	Revenue
O-W. R. & N. P.	\$1,248,222
P. & N. W.	1,128,272
Q. Northern	23,207,343
Northern Pacific	28,328,420
Total	\$71,312,259

The following table gives in cents per hundred pounds for distances stated new class rates which the Commission orders into effect on January 2, 1912:

Distance	Class	A	B	C	D	E
100 miles	1	2	3	4	5	6
150 miles	1	2	3	4	5	6
200 miles	1	2	3	4	5	6
250 miles	1	2	3	4	5	6
300 miles	1	2	3	4	5	6
350 miles	1	2	3	4	5	6
400 miles	1	2	3	4	5	6
450 miles	1	2	3	4	5	6
500 miles	1	2	3	4	5	6
550 miles	1	2	3	4	5	6
600 miles	1	2	3	4	5	6
650 miles	1	2	3	4	5	6
700 miles	1	2	3	4	5	6
750 miles	1	2	3	4	5	6
800 miles	1	2	3	4	5	6
850 miles	1	2	3	4	5	6
900 miles	1	2	3	4	5	6
950 miles	1	2	3	4	5	6
1000 miles	1	2	3	4	5	6

OREGON MAY SEE CHINA

Battleship Scheduled to Go if Reinforcements Are Needed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 24.—The battleship Oregon, now at the Naval Yard, St. Louis and Raleigh and the monitor Cheyenne, now held in reserve on the Pacific coast, will be sent to join the Asiatic fleet in the event that complications in China become so serious as to require the reinforcement of the American warships now in Chinese waters.

The State Department has not yet made a request for additional ships to protect American interests in the Orient, but the question of preparing these reserve ships for Asiatic duty has been taken up by the Navy Department and these vessels can be sent across the Pacific on short notice, if their presence becomes necessary.

MAILCAR ROBBER ESCAPES

Masked Man Takes Registered Letters on South Carolina Train.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 24.—A masked white man tonight robbed the mail car of the Atlantic Coast Line train No. 35 between Roysters and this city, took the registered letters, stopped the train and jumped off just before it reached the city limits.

The value of the registered mail stolen is not known, but the letters are said to contain several thousand dollars. There is no clue to the identity of the robber, who escaped in the darkness.

SEA IS POSTMAN AS PERIL LOOMS

PASSENGERS IN PANIC CAST MESSAGES OVERBOARD.

Pacific Mail Liner Weathers Typhoon That Once Threatened to Engulf All.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24.—Caught in a terrific typhoon off the coast of Japan and believing death unavoidable, passengers on the Pacific Mail liner Korea, which arrived here today, cast farewell messages to loved ones into the sea in wicker and tin bottles.

For more than 30 hours the big ship battled with the storm. Huge waves broke over her and often her twin propellers were fanning the air. The passengers were panic stricken and refused to be comforted by the officers.

It was the Count De G. Bedin de Galemberg, of Paris, who hit upon the scheme of trusting the waves to deliver a farewell to his wife and children in the French capital. Hastily writing two affectionate letters to his family, he sealed them in a bottle, which he tossed into the sea. Other passengers quickly followed the Count's example.

So fierce was the storm that Captain Fisher was compelled to alter the ship's course, turning back toward Yokohama for 125 miles.

FREE RIDES TO BE FEWER

Railroads Are Being Hemmed in by New Lot of Restrictions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24.—(Special.)—Circulars were received at the various railroad offices in San Francisco today in which it was said that each railroad is to designate and file with the Interstate Commerce Commission a statement of the designated officers authorized to request of and to issue to other railroads free or reduced transportation. Such designated officers are also required to keep on file the original requests received or made covering passes or reduced-rate tickets issued, in order that the records may be properly kept and easy of access and check.

In other words, it is no longer possible for a railroad to issue passes or other care passes from other lines without having the application referred first to a particular office in the company demanding the pass, then to the designated Eastern office and to the Commission before the request is even considered.

One railroad man remarked today: "If you want to give a pass to a country town off your own line to spend the holidays, you will have to ask for it in July."

PORTLAND BANK GAIN BIG

Clearings Increase 28.2 Per Cent. 40 Leading Cities Climb.

Without a single exception the 40 leading financial cities in the United States showed an increase in bank clearings for the week ending yesterday over the business for the corresponding week of last year. Portland made a fine showing with total clearings of \$11,552,000 and a gain of 28.2 per cent.

The total clearings of Seattle were \$10,282,000, the gain in that city being 12.2 per cent. Los Angeles and San Francisco made substantial gains, while Tacoma and Spokane were on the strong side of the percentage column.

The total clearings of the United States amounted to \$2,214,514,000, as against \$2,211,461,000 for the corresponding week in 1910, showing the remarkable gain of \$3,053,000.

ALLOPATHS ARE GRILLED

Senator Works Also Objects to Inspection of School Children.

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—United States Senator Works, of California, addressing the National League for Medical Freedom here tonight, assailed the allopathic school of medicine, which he charged was seeking to form a trust to the exclusion of all other methods of healing and particularly denounced the medical examination of public school pupils. His remarks were directed chiefly to the part of the school inspection involving girls in the upper grades. He said:

"I sincerely hope you never have medical inspection here. Do you know that in many states, under medical inspection practice, girls of from 14 to 20 are required to bare their bodies to the waist and submit to an inspection, usually by an unsuccessful or under-doctor just out of school and all this without the knowledge or presence of their mothers?"

33 KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Injured Terribly Mangled in Liverpool Oilcake Mill.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 24.—Thirty-three workers are known to have been killed and upward of 100 others injured by a boiler explosion today at the oil cake mills of J. Bebbly & Sons. Many of the injured were terribly mangled.

The force of the explosion was so terrific that the roof of the mill was blown off, while the walls split and crumbled. An outburst of flame followed. There were 400 workers in the building.

At a late hour tonight 22 bodies have been recovered from the ruins, and it is believed others are still beneath the debris. It is feared that some of the injured will succumb.

SMUGGLING PLOT WIDELY EXTENDED

Texas and British Columbia Yield Clews.

ONTARIO HAS ONE GATEWAY

Large Quantities of Opium Brought in by Chinese.

MORE ARRESTS EXPECTED

Store in Chicago Fitted Up With 100 Bunks in Rear Thought to Be Station on Line of Underground Railway.

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—(Special.)—An opium-smuggling plot by means of which thousands of pounds of contraband articles are brought into the country by Chinese border-runners and upon the persons of smuggled Chinese was revealed today while the Federal grand jury here was hearing testimony against "Crosby" Nelson, "Bimble" Ouselette, Lorne Stoneberg, Gordon Ferris and Moy Sing, arrested as leaders in the Chinese "smuggling trust."

When Ferris was arrested in Detroit six cans of opium were found in his possession. The opium, it is said, was also found in large quantities at Moy Sing's store in Chicago, which was the hiding place for contraband Chinese. In New York, at Moy Sal Tighe's place in Mott street, large quantities were found.

Windsor, Ont., Is Gateway.

According to information obtained today Government operatives found that the opium was being smuggled ashore from inbound steamers at Victoria, B. C. It was taken to Windsor, Ont., and smuggled across the border, either at Detroit or Niagara, in sealed box cars on the Grand Trunk Railroad or by Chinese runners who "ran the Canada line" under the cover of darkness.

At Detroit an electric line runs parallel with the river. Outside of the city cars were stopped and contraband Chinese and opium were taken aboard by the "white pilots" of the smuggling gang. At South Bend, Ind., the Chinese were usually met by white men, who were scheduled to deliver the contraband to either Moy Sal Tighe in New York or Moy Sing in Chicago. Ramifications of the smuggling gang extend from coast to coast and from the Gulf into Canada.

Store Shelters Chinese.

At Moy Sing's store, which was conducted as a Chinese grocery in Chinatown, (Concluded on Page 2.)

THE OREGONIAN ANNUAL WILL BE PUBLISHED JANUARY 1, 1912

Continuing a policy that has been followed for 30 years, The Oregonian, on January 1, 1912, will publish a special New Year's Edition. This number will be devoted particularly to chronicling the progress of Portland during the year, calling attention to forces that are effecting the development of this city and describing some of the big things that Portland and Portland's people are doing. The state's industries will also be covered adequately.

The Oregonian Annual is an institution. In the 30 years it has been printed it has been the most potent single factor in advertising and upbuilding Oregon. It has been the one great medium for telling Eastern and Middle Western people of the state's resources and opportunities, thus attracting them to Oregon. The reliability of its text and the excellence of its illustrations commend it to everyone. The circulation is enormous.

As in the past, The Oregonian will publish the Annual without thought of expense involved. The preparation of an elaborate edition, such as will be issued, is accomplished only at heavy cost, yet the price will be 5 cents a copy. It is the purpose of this newspaper not to print the Annual for profit, but to promote the welfare of the city and state.

ITALY PLANNING BLOCKADE

Threat Against Dardanelles Stirrs Diplomats to Action.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 24.—Neutral commerce is seriously threatened by the proposed blockade of the Dardanelles by Italy and Turkey's defensive measures. The ambassadors of the foreign powers here are conferring on the subject, as it is believed that Italian action will not be delayed much longer.

It is thought Italy may even try to force the Dardanelles and dictate her terms of peace at Constantinople.

COIN PALMED FOILS THIEF

Eugene Man, Victim of Holdup, Is Today \$5 Richer.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—Because he had the presence of mind to palm the coin that he was fingering in his pocket when a holdup man thrust a long blue gun in his face tonight and ordered him to hold up his hands, Claude Kelly is \$5 richer than he would have been had he been slow-witted. He retained the money in his hand when he shoved it above his head and the holdup found nothing in his pockets but a bunch of keys. Disgustedly ordering Kelly to "beat it," the man disappeared down a dark street. (Concluded on Page 4.)

ABERDEEN CHECKS I. W. W. INVASION

Special Police Sworn in Number 700.

LAWS WILL BE ENFORCED

City Streets Patrolled and All Roads Under Guard.

ALL CITIZENS BACK MOVE

Grays Harbor Towns Promise Support to Aberdeen in Effort to Resist Plans of Industrial Workers of World.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Nov. 24.—Aberdeen is tonight in the hands of its citizens and the threatened invasion of the Industrial Workers of the World has so far been effectually checked. Seven hundred business men and citizens patrol the streets in downtown sections, all alleys are guarded, H street at Heron, has been roped off and every road leading into the city is carefully watched.

At midnight the men who had been arrested were escorted out of town and told not to return. These joined some 50 workers who were camped all evening at Junction City, just outside the city, not daring to come in until they should have received word from their companions that it was safe to do so. They never got the word.

The raid, which followed last night's demonstration, resulting in a near-riot and forcing the city authorities to call out the fire department in an effort to drown out the demonstrators, began shortly before 6 o'clock when W. J. Patterson, head of Hayes & Hayes Bank, assisted by Dudley G. Allen, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, made the first arrest, taking into custody, under the orders issued by Chief of Police Templeman, the first man they saw wearing a red tag. From that time on the arrests continued.

By 6:30 o'clock tonight 700 men had reached the station and had asked to be sworn in as volunteer special policemen.

Theater Meeting Called Off.

The Empire Theater had been rented tonight to the workers for a meeting, but it was decided to prevent the meeting. The theater was placed under guard and those who came in there wearing a red tag were placed under arrest. Then word went around that the workers were assembling in another hall. This, too, was visited, but (Concluded on Page 4.)

DEAL IN RAWHIDE NETS BIG PROFITS

GOODWIN OPTIONS 20 CENTS; SHARES SELL UP TO \$1.50.

Government Introduces Contract in Effort to Convict Bankers of Misuse of Mails.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Although R. H. Scheffels & Co., whose officers are on trial for alleged misuse of the mails paid only 20 cents a share for Rawhide Coalition stock, they sold it all the way up to \$1.50 a share according to evidence adduced in court today.

The Government's first step toward proving this was the introduction of the agreement between the Nat. C. Goodwin Company and the original owners of the Rawhide Coalition Company, which it is alleged was later taken over by the Scheffels concern.

The contract was made March 3, 1908, and, witnesses testified, gave the Goodwin Company an option on the greater part of the 3,000,000 shares at 20 cents a share. Its par value was \$1. The stock was deposited with the Scheffels Banking & Trust Company at Reno, Nev. Morris Schelline, president of the bank, testified today that the Goodwin company had exercised its option on thousands of shares.

In a paper published by the Goodwin Company and later in one published by the defendants under another name, it was testified, Rawhide stock was steadily advanced, the price at one time reaching \$1.50.

NEW ORLEANS GETS REPLY

Bates & Chesbrough Say Traffic Did Not Justify Steamer Line.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—Bates & Chesbrough, the San Francisco owners of the California & Atlantic Steamship Company, which has abandoned this port, today replied to an inquiry of J. W. Porch, president of the Progressive Union, declaring that lack of freight tonnage, heavy losses and no prospects of increased business from this end of the line primarily caused the action by the company.

The telegraphic reply further declared that if New Orleans merchants "desire to operate a steamer between New York, New Orleans and Colon, making a Pacific Coast connection, we would be very glad to co-operate and assist in every way."

The reply is not regarded by President Porch as satisfactory and does not heal the wound.

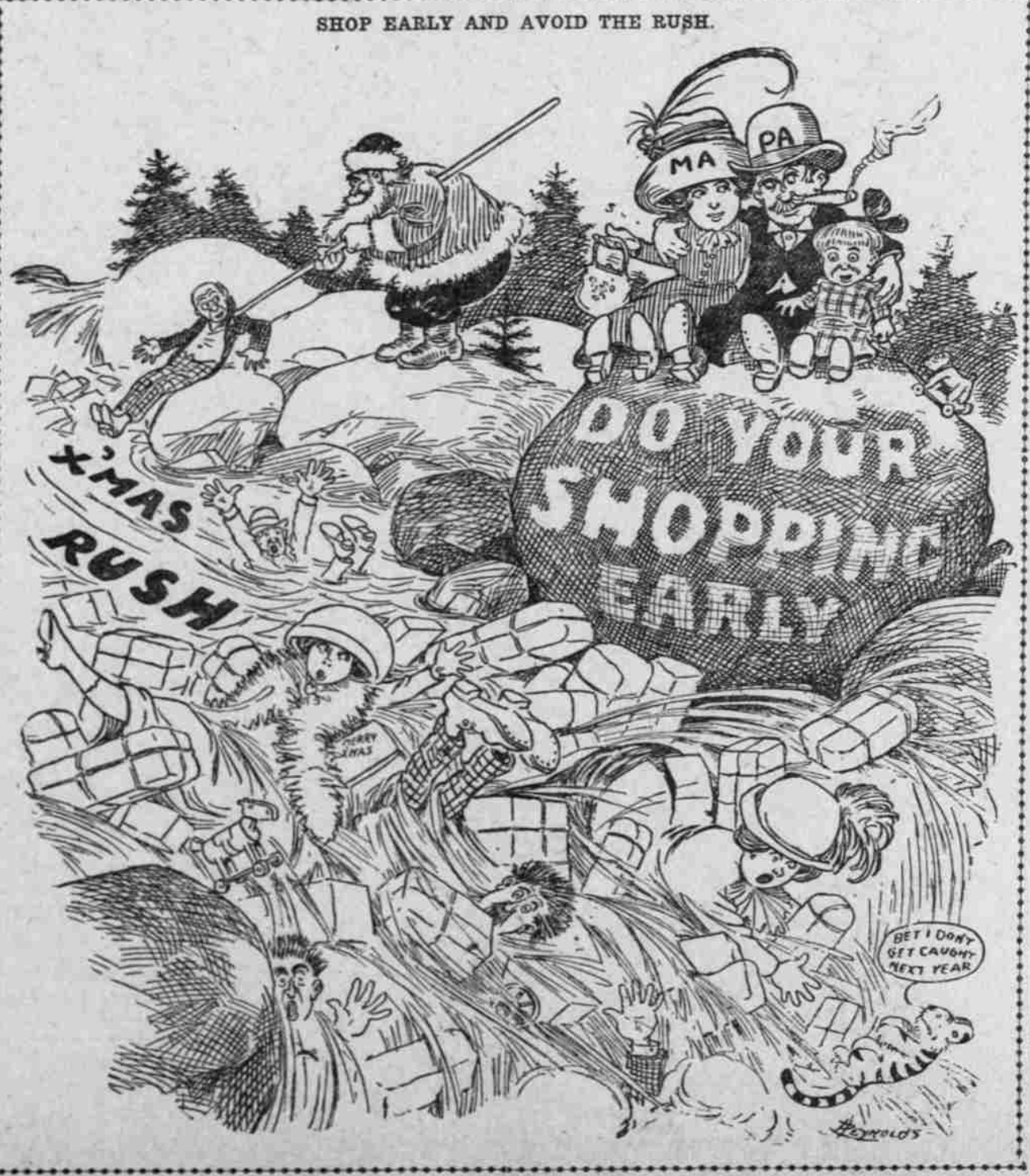
MINERS' HEAD ACCUSES

Election Returns of 49 Unions Were Purloined, Says White.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 24.—The Columbus Dispatch today says: One of the biggest sensations in the history of the United Mine Workers of America, involving the direct charge by President White, that fraud prevailed in the election contest for president of the order between himself and Tom L. Lewis last January and that the returns of 49 unions in Illinois disappeared after they had reached international headquarters in Indianapolis, has been disclosed.

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BEAUTY'S PAST IS RAKED OVER COALS

Mrs. Patterson's Story Mercilessly Assailed.

SOBS SHAKE MAN'S SLAYER

Endearing Notes to Husband Offset Tale of Cruelty.

DEFENDANT ADMITS SHAME

Under Persistent Questioning of Prosecutor, Widow's Relations With Chicago Millionaire Are Disclosed.

DENVER, Nov. 24.—Against the two vital points of the story Gertrude Gibson Patterson, charged with the murder of her husband, told upon the witness-stand—the cruelty and abuse of her husband, and the charge that he had sold her for \$1500 to her former admirer, Emil W. Strouss, a Chicago millionaire with whom she made a trip to Europe—Special Prosecutor Benson directed three hours of merciless cross-examination today.

Led to repeat various instances of her husband's abuse and forced to declare that, naturally, at the time she felt toward him the greatest indignation and contempt, she was confronted by letters she had written to her husband on dates only a few days subsequent. The letters were couched in terms of deepest affection, models of what a devoted wife would write to an affectionate husband.

New Construction Pat.

On the trip to Europe with Strouss—a trip undertaken, she had said, at the urgent demand of her husband, who received \$1000 from Strouss—the state put an entirely different construction and sought to wring from the witness admissions that would strengthen the theory it advanced only a few days subsequent.

Under the grueling of the special prosecutor, the mask of imperturbability that Mrs. Patterson had worn throughout the early days of the trial fell from her and vanished completely. She ran the gamut of emotions. Twice she broke down and wept, while at other times doubt, scorn and indignation held her. Offended dignity was often her attitude, and she used it to good advantage.

Early Life Reviewed.

Reviewing her early life in Sandoval, Ill., Prosecutor Benson obtained from Mrs. Patterson an admission that when she was about 14 years old she had been expelled from school, but not for immoral conduct, she declared, as he had intimated.

Gaining an admission that Mrs. Patterson had consulted a Chicago attorney because she was indignant over the treatment of her husband, Attorney Benson handed her a letter. She admitted having written it to Patterson, who was then in a Chicago sanitarium. In it she referred to Patterson as her "soul mate," and said:

"If you didn't sign the paper my lawyer has this afternoon, I will come to you soon, as I am very happy, and you are the only cure."

Endearing Terms Used.

In a letter written June 29, 1911, while her husband was in a Denver sanitarium, was identified. It read in part:

"My dear little pet: Yours just received. Now you must not worry and feel there is a responsibility on you, for there is not. You must take your own responsibility on your own shoulders. You will be happy when you step into your own little bungalow. Just be happy, and the way to be happy is to know that you have got the best little loving helpmate and wife in the whole world—lots of love and trust me. I am true all the time. Are you?"

Incident to the trip to Europe with Strouss, the state poured its heaviest fires and the witness fought desperately.

Prosecutor Fires Questions.

By every means the prosecution sought to glean from the witness that just prior to the trip she had urged her husband to get into some business for himself and that negotiations were pending for his purchase of a half interest in a Chicago printing establishment, for which she was to give him \$1500 she said she had received from an estate that had just been settled.

"Didn't you tell Charlie Patterson that Mr. Strouss was like a father to you, that he had had you educated and taught French, and that he wanted you to go to Europe because your knowledge of French would be of value to him in buying goods?" asked Mr. Benson.

"I did not."
"He did not."
"He did not."
"He did not."

Wife Begged to Stay.

"Didn't you receive a telegram from him in New York before you sailed, begging you not to go?"
"Yes, after he had the \$1500."
"Didn't he say that he had discovered that Strouss was a scoundrel and that things were not as he had been led to believe?"
"No."
"And when you and Strouss reached (Concluded on Page 2.)