"TAP LINE" ORDER IS NULLIFIED AGAIN

Supreme Court Thwarts Government's Move to Separate Industries and Roads.

COMMERCE BODY IN ERROR

Lumber Companies Owning Roads Have Right to Share Through Rates With Trunk Lines and Not Violate Law.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Another attempt of the Goyernment to separate the ownership of railroads from industrial concerns met with failure today, when the Supreme Court held that "tap line" railways, serving lumber camps in the Southwest, owned by the same interests, were entitled to share with the trunk lines in through rates. The Interstate Commerce Commission had held this division of the rate was in effect a rebate and ordered it discontinued.

Justice Day, delivering the opinion of the court, said:

"Congress has not made it illegal for roads thus owned" (owned by the persons who also own the timber and mills which they principally serve) "to operate in interstate commerce." He added that the commodities clause under which an unsuccessful attempt was made several years ago to divorce Eastern railroads from the coal business, expressly excepted from its operations the lumber industry.

Authority Held Exceeded.

It was further pointed out that the common ownership was not shown to be inconsistent with the laws of the states in which the tap lines operate, and Justice Harlan said, "we think the Commission exceeded its authority when it condemned these roads as a mere attempt to evade the law and to secure rebates and preferences for themselves."

In effect the court held that the tap lines were common carriers as to both proprietary and non-proprietary business, and that ownership did not change their character when hauling commodities produced by a company in common ownership.

The recently abolished commerce court held in this case that "the commission was not only without power to forbid any allowance whatsoever to be made by a trunk line," to a proprietary railway, but "it was also without power to prohibit the making of joint rates by the trunk lines and the petitioning tap lines."

Today's decision did not come as a surprise to the Interstate Commerce Commission. Members of the commission were well pleased with that part of the opinion holding that the commission has full power to prevent preferences and discriminations in the fixing of allowances and divisions of rates.

Readjustment to Follow.

This leaves to the commission the fixing of allowances based upon the character of the service; that is, whether it is a switch or a line haul service. It can prevent a milling-in-transit privilege which makes no charge for the haul of the logs and may require a charge by the tap line for a log haul from forest to mill, in addition to the full lumber rate from mill to market.

The commission has not taken up the questions involved in the Supreme Court's decision, but in the near future the entire tap line case will be readjusted in conformity with the opinion of the court. It is not regarded as probable that the decision will affect the pending advance rate case, or that it will have particular bearing upon the decision of the commission in the industrial railways case unless the commission held that allowances to the iron and steel railways were practically rebates and ordered them discontinued.

MUCH IS LEFT TO MEXICO

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lution, some programme should be considered with a view to influencing a gradual settlement of the question. The purpose of the American delegates, it is said, is to place the problem so conspicuously before the world as an obligation of the future provisional government that no new administration could ignore it.

The mediators and the American delegates alike paid warm tribute to the Mexican delegates. The latter have approached the work of composing the difficulties besetting their country from a broad patriotic standpoint and have at no time shown a disposition to lift the personal fortunes of any Mexican publicist to a controlling place.

Secrecy Pledge Made.

The mediators as well as the American and Mexican delegates have pledged themselves to keep their proceedings secret. One reason for this is the desire of the Mexican delegates that various phases of the discussion here, particularly those relating to the retirement of Huerta, should not be misinterpreted in Mexico City and thus weaken the administration there in handling the military situation against the constitutionalists.

Certain Mexican delegates suggest that the United States should interpose no objection to General Huerta's becoming a candidate for the presidency at any election called by a provisional government set up as a result of mediation. This they feel would permit him to retire with dignity and would greatly conduce to the restoration of permanent peace.

Requena and Ocon Approve.

Jose Requena, who was a candidate for vice-president on the same ticket with General Felix Diaz, and Cecilio Ocon left today for Toronto after a conference with the Mexican delegates. It was learned they came primarily to express their approval of mediation and place their fortunes in the hands of the Mexican delegates.

There were no conferences with the American delegates during the day. The mediators spent most of their time explaining to the Mexicans the viewpoint of the Americans as presented to them last night.

Huerta Said to Be Satisfied.

MEXICO CITY, May 25.—There is a hopeful feeling in official circles with regard to the peace conferences, but it is believed they will continue longer than at first expected. President Huerta is reported to be satisfied with developments. The Mexican delegates are submitting questions to the government here and according to the announcement made are not acting on their own responsibility.

PLOT TO FORCE WAR SEEN

Constitutionalist Agent Bares Plan to Fire Across Border

EL PASO, Texas, May 25.—Rafael E. Musquiz, constitutionalist agent here, exposed today what he said was a plot to provoke American intervention.

He said that telegrams had told him of the movement toward the Texas border of groups of "reds" or former constitutionalists who now are serving as federal volunteers. Their intent, he asserted, was to fire across the border at American troops.

According to Musquiz, one group was headed for Ojinaga, opposite Presidio, Texas, while another was reported as having passed Cuarto Cienegas, south of Eagle Pass. The exact number of the troops said to be engaged in this plan was not given, but it was estimated that they numbered nearly 1000.

It was said that they had been dispersed in various recent battles in the interior, where they fought with the federal regulars of Huerta's army.

HOSTILE THREAT IS REPORTED

Invasion if Peace Negotiations Fail Declared Wilson's Order.

MEXICO CITY, May 25.—The newspaper El Imparcial printed a report today alleged to have come from Washington that President Wilson had ordered his delegates at Niagara Falls to notify the Mexican representatives that if the peace negotiations failed Mexico would be invaded by the American forces.

The report also said that the Army would remain until the country was completely pacified.

QUEEN OF NEWBERG'S ROSE FESTIVAL AND WOMAN WHO WORKED HARD FOR CELEBRATION.

Above, Miss Alma Forkner; Below, Mrs. E. E. Goff.

ARRESTS ARE EXPECTED

KIDNAPED MINISTER TESTIFIES AGAIN TODAY.

Police Try to Locate Auto in Which Rev. Mr. Patmont Was Carried Away as Prisoner.

DANVILLE, Ill., May 25.—Arrest of the men said to be concerned in the alleged kidnaping of the local option leader, Rev. Louis R. Patmont, who disappeared March 31 from Westville and was found last Saturday bound and gagged in an abandoned farmhouse near Columbia, Mo., is expected as a result of the testimony given by the minister before the grand jury today.

State's Attorney Lewman refused to give out the evidence which the kidnaped prohibitionist laid before the grand jury.

Rev. Mr. Patmont will resume his testimony before the grand jury tomorrow.

The police are trying to locate the automobile in which Rev. Mr. Patmont says he was kidnaped. The minister said today he would be unable to identify the machine in which he was conveyed to a house in which he declares he was held as prisoner for nearly two months and in which he was driven later to the farmhouse near Columbia, where he was discovered. His inability to identify the automobile he attributes to the fact that it was dark both times he rode in it.

The minister asserted the four men who kidnaped him in Westville were strangers. He believes he could identify two of them.

STORM IN EAST FATAL

ONE DEAD, $500,000 DAMAGE, IN WISCONSIN BLOW.

60-Mile Gale in Superior Vicinity Takes Church Spires, Buildings and Bridges With It.

SUPERIOR, Wis., May 25.—One man was killed and more than $500,000 damage done by a severe storm that swept this city and surrounding country tonight.

The storm came up suddenly, a 60-mile gale razing small buildings, smashing windows, tearing down telegraph poles and wrecking church steeples.

A bridge collapsed, Andrew Erickson, an operator on the bridge, going down with it.

Several men were injured when part of the roof at the Great Northern flour dock was blown off.

The steamer Frank C. Ball was torn from the Superior dock and blown ashore on Minnesota Point.

New York Editor Weds Here.

William Geppert, editor of the Musical Courier of New York, and Mrs. Katherine Hawley, of Los Angeles, were married in the Courthouse yesterday by Judge Morrow.

Sunburn? Use Santiseptic Lotion.—Adv.

QUEEN ALMA RULES

Newberg, Too, Honors Rose in Festival Style.

BABIES ON PARADE, TOO

School Children in Line of March Wear Wreaths Made of Flowers. Beautifully Decorated Floats Part of Procession.

NEWBERG, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—Newberg, too, has had her queen contest, and the opening day of the Rose Festival, postponed from Saturday on account of rain, was a royal success. After a ten-day contest Miss Alma Forkner was elected queen and she named as her attendants the Misses Effie Wentz, Anna Kennedy, Lucile Kennedy and Stella Badley.

The day opened auspiciously and the baby parade was a prominent feature of the morning, the line of march being down Meridian to First and thence to Washington, where the procession disbanded and the prizes were awarded to those who had displayed the most beautifully decorated baby carriages.

The main procession of the parade proceeded, after a drizzling rain started to fall, to Duncan Hall, where the programme of the day was carried out as follows:

Music, Oddfellows' band; address of welcome, Mayor Colcord; music, Pacific College Quartet; reading, Mrs. Charles A. Morris; violin solo, Miss Doris Gregory; address, Levi T. Pennington; music, Oddfellows' band; reading, Melvin D. Hawkins; vocal solo, Leslie Getchell; reading, Mrs. J. B. Hollingsworth; vocal solo, Clarence Watkins.

There were many school children in the line of march, all wearing wreaths of roses, and the baby parade was much admired though not so large as heretofore on account of threatening weather. The queen of the festival rode in a beautifully decorated float and was followed by her attendants in another, equally attractive. Shiloh Post of the G. A. R. turned out and there were many decorated vehicles of different characters in the parade. The street was lined with spectators. In the ball game this afternoon the score was Chemawa Indians 3, Pacific College 2.

Mrs. E. E. Goff, president of the Woman's Civic Improvement Club, was one of the most active workers bringing about the celebration.

UNION LEADERS NAMED

REPUBLICANS HOLD LOVE FEAST AT LA GRANDE.

Colon R. Eberhard and C. H. Bidwell Are New Men on County Central Committee.

LA GRANDE, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—The Republican party leaders are: J. H. Peare, county chairman, La Grande; Colon R. Eberhard, county secretary, La Grande; C. H. Bidwell, State Central committeeman, Island City; M. B. Donohue, Congressional Delegate, La Grande.

Seventeen men, representing 21 of the 29 precincts in Union County, held a Republican love feast in La Grande yesterday and elected chairman, secretary and delegates. While no resolutions were adopted, each man present had something to say about conditions in his particular precinct, and that it was a Republican year from Senator down was the consensus of opinions expressed.

No fights developed, as was predicted last week. No opposition tickets were put up and the whole meeting passed off smoothly and without political fuss.

The secretary is a new man in the Republican Central Committee of Union County and C. H. Bidwell, the State Central committeeman, is likewise a new member. While he has been prominent in his precinct, he has not taken an active part in the county or state management in recent years. J. H. Peare was State Central committeeman two years ago and has virtually acted as county chairman during the absence of William J. Church.

2 LEAN PUPS BREAK LAW

First Day of Muzzling Ordinance Almost Barren of Results.

Two hungry-looking pups were the only victims of the first day's operation yesterday of the new city ordinance requiring the muzzling of dogs caught running at large. The two canines that fell into the dog catcher's dragnet were caught in the North End and now occupy cells in the dog jail.

Dog catchers and the police will co-operate in gathering up unmuzzled dogs. Every residence section will be visited and all dogs found unmuzzled excepting those tied up or kept in a yard or pen, out of reach of pedestrians going by or into the house, will be "arrested."

J. P. MORGAN MAKES DENIAL

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year our firm made public a letter showing in detail the total net profits from every source to the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., or to any of its members, growing out of transactions of any kind whatever connected with the New Haven lines for a period of 20 years. Those total net profits amounted to approximately $350,000 which included their compensation for handling, alone or in connection with others, securities of the par value of $332,000,000.

Records Still Intact.

"The records of my firm and the personal records of my father are still intact. They are available and ready for production before any proper tribunal at any time.

"In the present state of the New Haven's affairs the shareholders are entitled to have made public every obtainable bit of evidence bearing not on one, but on all sides of the question. Meanwhile the honest and capable man now managing the railroad should have the active co-operation not only of all shareholders, but of all public bodies as well, to the end that this great property may be restored to the position to which it is entitled."

MELLEN RETORTS TO MORGAN

"I Testified Under Oath; Let Him Do Likewise," He Says.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New Haven system, tonight made this comment when his attention was called to Mr. Morgan's statement:

"I testified under oath. My testimony stands as it was given. If Mr. Morgan wants to testify under oath he can do so, so far as I am concerned."

Just Received—the July Pictorial Review and Fashion Sheets
—You are always months ahead in style if you use Pictorial Review patterns. —Second Floor.

Lipman Wolfe & Co.
"Merchandise of Merit Only"

Busy Buying Throngs in Our Women's Apparel Sale Is Proof of Public Appreciation

Our Apparel Sales Are Ever Gaining Fame and New Customers

—This sale yesterday was a revelation to the many eager shoppers who crowded our third floor garment salons. Many were the surprises awaiting them, as all the garments represented the best and the latest of this season's styles in coats, suits, dresses and tailored skirts. Today we continue this great sale, offering equally as broad an assortment of ready-to-wear apparel. Below we give you in brief some of these special prices and an idea of the many fashionable materials employed in the fashioning of these garments:

—SUITS of moire silks, silk poplins, wool crepe, wool poplins, worsteds and fancy weaves in all the fashionable colorings as well as the very smart checks and stripes.

—COATS of taffeta, moire and poplin silks, brocades, charmeuse, Bedford cords, chinchilla, worsteds, cheviots in styles suitable for evening wear, automobiling, traveling and street wear.

—DRESSES for afternoon and evening and tailored wear, of French serge, plain and fancy crepe de chine, wool crepes, chiffon taffeta and charmeuse.

—SKIRTS, smart and practical models of chiffon taffeta, silk moire, wool poplins, French and English serges, plaids and shepherd checks.

All Goods Purchased Today and the Balance of the Month Will Be Charged on Your June Bill Payable July First

THE SUITS ON SALE
$25.00 new novelty suits, sale....$13.95
$30.00 new novelty suits, sale....$17.50
$35.00 new novelty suits, sale....$22.75
$37.50 new novelty suits, sale....$23.50
$40.50 new novelty suits, sale....$28.75
$50.00 new novelty suits, sale....$33.50
$60.00 new novelty suist, sale....$38.75

THE COATS ON SALE
$12.00 to $14.00 new coats, sale..$ 6.95
$17.50 to $22.50 new coats, sale..$ 9.85
$25.00 to $27.50 new coats, sale..$15.00
$35.00 to $50.00 new coats, sale..$17.50
$45.00 to $60.00 new coats, sale..$24.45

THE DRESSES ON SALE
$12.00 to $13.50 new dresses....$ 7.50
$16.50 to $17.50 new dresses....$ 9.85
$20.00 to $22.50 new dresses....$12.45
$25.00 to $27.50 new dresses....$14.95
$35.00 to $37.50 new dresses....$17.75
$40.00 to $45.00 new dresses....$21.50

THE SKIRTS ON SALE
$ 5.00 separate skirt, sale.....$3.45
$ 5.50 separate skirt, sale.....$4.65
$ 6.00 separate skirt, sale.....$4.85
$ 8.00 separate skirt, sale.....$6.05
$ 8.75 separate skirt, sale.....$7.35
$10.50 separate skirt, sale.....$7.95

Principal Portland Agents for All Styles—Klosfit Petticoats—Third Floor

New Hemp Hats
In Black and White
Special $1.95
For $3 Styles

—Tuesday we will place on sale a charming collection of beautiful new hemp hats for midsummer wear. They are neither extremely small, neither are they large—but are in the new medium sizes but lately brought out for the sunny days of Summer.

—They are shown in many shapes which will make it simple for you to find the style you wish. In black and white.

—Second Floor

Free Lessons in Art Needlework
Every Day, 2 to 6
—Fifth Floor

Lisle and Silk STOCKINGS
Usually 50c and 65c
Sale 35c
or 3 pairs for $1.00

—Thread silk mixed stockings in fast black and seamless.

—Silk lisle stockings, full-fashioned, in fast black, new tan or pure white.

—Silk mixed boot stockings in pure white or fast black.

—All made with double garter tops and heels.

—Extra wide stockings of fast black cotton, in light or medium weight, extra long and elastic. —Main Floor

Economy Basement Store

Oregon Wool Batts.
$1.25 crib size..... 89c
$2.50 full bed size..$1.79
—Thus is absolutely pure Oregon wool, long fiber. The ideal filling for fine comforters.

15c Motto Placques
Economy Sale 9c

—Woodenette arts and crafts mottoes with illuminated Old English letters. These are finished with block ends and cord for hanging. About two dozen different mottoes to choose from.

A Manufacturer's Entire Sample Line of Fine Curtain Nets
That Sell Regularly at 50c to $1.00 a Yard
Economy Sale 14c Each
In Lengths from 1 to 1½ Yards

—These curtain lengths are very attractive and can be used for sash curtains and for curtains for small windows in living-rooms and are particularly appropriate for bedrooms and dining-rooms. They come in pretty leaded glass and mission designs in white, cream and ecru. From 40 to 50 inches wide.

75c Printed Linoleum, Sale 39c Yd.

—5000 yards of the best standard quality of printed linoleum in a very attractive assortment of fine patterns in light, medium and dark colorings, showing the tile designs, conventional, wood inlaid and block designs. Bring in your room measurements.

Swiss Embroidered Collar and Cuff Sets and Collars
Selling Regularly at 65c, 75c, 89c and $1.25
Economy Sale 48c

—Fine St. Gall embroidered collars and sets in a variety of new and becoming shapes, pretty and dainty hand loom embroideries on mull, batiste and organdy. The embroidery work on these collars is exceptionally fine and the designs uncommon. Collars for children's wear, for coats, dresses and waists. In sailor shapes, inset collars, epaulet shapes, round and Quaker styles.

$1.00 and $1.25 Wash Dresses for Girls
From 6 to 14 Years
Economy Sale 69c

—Dresses of striped percale or galatea in navy blue or light blue stripes and plain blue. Made with high or low necks and with three-quarter or short sleeves. Made with sailor collar of contrasting color. Some are laced on front and others in straight or waisted effects.

$1.00, $1.25 and $1.50 Boys' Wash Suits
Economy Sale 69c

—Russian suits for boys in striped chambray and percale, plain percales and white Indian Head. Made with military collar in side button style, band trimmed or with sailor collars, self or contrasting colors and braid trimmed. In tan, blue and white. Sizes from 2½ to 7 years.

Crystal Flower Vase
Economy Sale 23c

—11½-inch flower vase of clear crystal, in Tuscan shape, with fluted sides and top, and star bottom. Specially suitable for roses.

Pound Paper
15c a Box

—Think of it, a pound box, containing 100 sheets of pure white linen paper in the regular royal size with a superior linen finish surface.

—Envelopes to match, special 8c the package. These envelopes are packed 24 to the package and have the small French cut flap.

25c Silver Plated Napkin Holders 10c

—Very practical and very neat holders for napkins in initial designs, showing the script style of lettering, all letters in the offering.

SPECIAL ECONOMY SALES EVERY DAY

BLAME PLACED BY JURY

WASHINGTON POWER COMPANY IS CRITICIZED FOR ACCIDENT.

Inquest Into Death of Ned Esterbrook Held—Two Men Injured Still in Critical Condition.

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 25.—(Special.)—At the Coroner's inquest, lasting all day, upon the body of Ned Esterbrook, electrocuted here Saturday night, the jury brought in a verdict reciting the facts leading up to the death of the man and censured the Washington Water Power Company for "proper precautions not having been taken by said company to guard men so employed against accident."

The decision to hold an inquest was the result of a hurried conference of officials last night. The body had been prepared for shipment to Esterbrook's former home at Sprague, Wash., but shipment was delayed.

It developed at the inquest that Ed Harris and Sam Porter, both linemen, risked their lives to save their companions. Harris grasped a peavy and hook and snapped the ground wire that was carrying the current, probably saving two of the men who were injured from death.

Porter received injuries when he struck one of the men in the faw to break him loose from the current. Porter was hurled 20 feet by the impact. Harry Marquits and Charles Crawford are in a critical condition, but it is believed they will live.

Session With Reporters Resumed.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—President Wilson will resume his semi-weekly conferences with the Washington correspondents on Thursday. It was announced today, however, that the President will not discuss the Mexican mediation. The conferences were abandoned a month ago.

POTATO PRICES DROPPING

Clarke County Ships 20 Cars to California and May Cease.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—The price for potatoes shipped to California is dropping fast, due to the crop of new potatoes being harvested.

From Clarke County about 20 carloads of potatoes have been shipped this Spring but it is doubtful if any more will leave here for the South.

Guy Bennett, chairman of the potato committee of the Vancouver Commercial Club, today received a message from Ernest Vince saying that fancy new potatoes in San Francisco are bringing only $1.40 per hundredweight, with a certainty that they will be lower in a few days.

A NEW LIGHTWEIGHT, DEEP POINTED
ARROW COLLAR
2 for 25 cts. Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc.
Makers of Arrow Shirts