



RATE PLEA AFFECTS PORTLAND, IS REPLY

Railroads Present Case in Astoria's Fight

DECREASE HERE MAY BE ASKED

Proposed Parity in Schedule Held to Be Unprofitable.

STATISTICS ARE GIVEN

Astorian, at Hearing, Denies This City Factor in Application for Same Figures as Puget Sound.

Attorneys and traffic officials of various Northwestern railroads industriously provided the record of A. D. Pugh, examiner for the Interstate Commerce Commission, yesterday with statistics and information intended to show that Astoria's demand for terminal rates affects the shipping interests of Portland as well as those of Puget Sound, but that, even should the rates be granted, ocean-going carriers could and would continue to come to Portland to receive and unload traffic.

They went farther and tried to prove that should the Astoria rate be cut to meet the Puget Sound rate, the shippers and railroad interests of Portland will promptly ask the Commission to grant a reduction in the Portland rate on the theory that Astoria is 160 miles farther from the interior than is Portland and that the railroad should not be permitted to charge as much for the Portland haul as for the Astoria haul.

No Change Predicted. Then, with Astoria and Puget Sound having the same rates and Portland having lower rates, the railroad attorneys sought to show, the carriers serving Puget Sound would be forced, to preserve their business, to meet the new Portland rate, thus reducing the relative position of the three affected points to that existing at the present time.

By this arrangement, they pointed out, Astoria would be just where it is today, regarding its relation to Puget Sound, and the revenues of the railroads would be materially reduced.

Revenue Held Inadequate. These revenues, the railroads went to considerable lengths to show, now are not sufficient to pay the carriers an adequate return for their services. In the case of the O.-W. R. & N. Company the business does not produce money enough to pay dividends, and has not since the company was organized, and in the case of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle, the North Bank Road, the revenue does not provide interest on its bonds. The Oregon Trunk, a North Bank feeder, does not even pay operating expenses.

Ex-Senator C. W. Fulton, representing the City of Astoria, contended throughout yesterday's proceedings, as he did on the previous day, that the position of Portland is not a factor in the case at all and repeatedly reminded the examiner and the railroad lawyers that his original complaint asks only for an adjustment of the Astoria rate to meet the Puget Sound rate without even considering the Portland rate.

Portland Prominent Factor. Mr. Fulton implied that he is seeking an order from the Commission that will make it imperative upon the carriers to give the same rates to Astoria that apply to Puget Sound, regardless of what the Puget Sound rates are and regardless of what the Portland rates are. Under such an arrangement the railroads could go so far as they like in reducing the Puget Sound rates, because the Astoria rates would go down at the same time.

Regardless, however, of Senator Fulton's efforts to keep Portland out of the deal, Portland was a very prominent factor in yesterday's fight, so prominent in fact that a night session was necessary.

Terminal Effect Described. Typical of the way Portland figured in the case was the direct examination of W. D. Skinner, traffic manager of the North Bank road. C. A. Hart, attorney for the North Bank, told what, in his opinion, the effect would be of a terminal rate at Astoria.

"The O.-W. R. & N. Co. doubtless would seek to protect its interests at Portland," he replied, "and would cut under the Astoria rate enough to induce ships to come here for cargo."

To a later question Mr. Skinner said that he had been told that if Astoria gets terminal rates, Portland will ask for lower rates.

"What have you heard about plans of Portland people to ask for a lower rate?" asked Mr. Hart.

Retort Follows Protest. "Well, now, I think that is about enough of that kind of questioning," protested Senator Fulton. "It seems that these railroads are holding out urgent invitations for someone in Portland to apply for lower rates."

"Oh, I guess they don't need much of an invitation," shot back Mr. Hart. Under cross-examination Mr. Skinner expressed it as his opinion that the Grays Harbor rate, which is lower than the Astoria rate, is "an improper adjustment."

He considered it inadvisable to meet

WILSON GIVES GIRL DEMOCRAT'S JOB

ALICE WEATHERSON OUTWITS POSTMASTER AT FLORENCE.

Bolt Comes From Clear Sky as Presidential Mandate, Approved by Senate, is Handed Him.

EUGENE, Or., July 1.—(Special)—Alice Weatherson, a 25-year-old Florence miss, not only outwitted Postmaster Buchanan, of Florence, but she went directly to President Wilson and Senator Chamberlain and asked them to oust a democrat from office in order that she might have the place. She got it.

The young lady returned to her home on the Lane County coast, Sunday, carrying the appointment of postmistress, signed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. It was a bolt out of a clear sky to her. Mr. Buchanan and he reluctantly accepted defeat. He has declined to turn over the office to the new postmistress and, with an attorney, is in Eugene today consulting, among other authorities, the Democratic precinct chairman here. The latter's partisan ear has listened sympathetically to his protestations regarding various kinds of political "deals," but admits the situation is hopeless.

When Postmaster Kyle resigned, nearly a year ago, he recommended Miss Weatherson to Buchanan, a Democrat, was appointed. Miss Weatherson shortly afterward left, supposedly for a visit with an aunt in Massachusetts. Meanwhile, the office was raised from fourth to third class. Buchanan understood that he would remain as postmaster and filed the necessary bonds. He thought nothing more of it until his rival presented her appointment this week.

CALF EATS SIGN AND DIES

Owner of Animal Now Wants \$35 for Cloth-Devouring Quadruped.

ALBANY, Or., July 1.—(Special)—To recover the value of a calf which died from eating one of the firm's cloth advertising signs, Frank Cooper, who resides near Tangent, has presented a bill for \$35 to M. Sternberg & Co. of this city.

A few days ago the firm's advertising man posted a cloth sign on Cooper's barn. One of his horses pawed the sign down onto the ground and a calf ate it. The calf is now dead.

MRS. WILSON PLANS REST

Wife of President Prepares for Vacation at Cornish, N. H.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Mrs. Wilson, the wife of the President, accompanied by Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, probably will go to Cornish, N. H., next week to begin her summer vacation. Mrs. Margaret Wilson is not expected to be with her mother much this summer, because of editorial duties, which will take her to Madison, Wis. The President has as yet made no plans for vacation.

TRANS-OCEAN TALK SOON

Marconi Wireless Phone to Be Used, Wales to New York, This Year.

LONDON, July 1.—Mr. Marconi contemplates being able to telephone from Carnarvon, Wales, to New York before the end of this year," was the statement made today by the manager of the company in testifying before the Dominion's Royal Commission on Imperial Communications. He added that Mr. Marconi also expected to increase the speed of the wireless to 200 words a minute.

AUTO FEES MAKE GAIN

Registration for Six Months Heavier Than in All of 1913.

SALEM, Or., July 1.—(Special)—Secretary of State Olcott announced today that the fees for motor vehicles, dealers and chauffeurs' registration for June, totaled \$4774. In June, 1913, \$4459 was received. The fees for this year total \$69,110.50 as compared with \$48,689 in 1913 and \$27,390 in 1912. Almost \$12,000 more has been received thus far this year than was received during the whole of 1913.

BROTHER SEES LAD DROWN

Salem Boy Sinks When Cramps Take Him in Deep Water.

SALEM, Or., July 1.—(Special)—With his little brother only a few feet from him, but unable to render assistance, Paul Reamer, 12 years old, son of Dr. E. F. Reamer, of 1606 Court street, drowned in North Mill Creek today.

The lads went swimming shortly after noon, and Paul, who could swim but little, ventured beyond his depth. A physician thinks his death was due to a cramp caused by overeating of cherries.

SHIP OFFICERS ACCUSED

Indignant Passengers on Harvard Say "Shanghaied" Man Beaten.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1.—On the complaint of indignant passengers, warrants were issued today in the United States District Court for the arrest of the captain, first mate and chief steward of the Pacific Navigation Company's steamer Harvard, which arrived here today from San Diego and Los Angeles.

SENATE TO FINISH TRUST PROGRAMME

Democratic Caucus Decides to Stay.

DEFINITE NOTICE IS SERVED

Resolution Is Answer to Advocates of Adjournment.

BILLS MAY BE CHANGED

Members Not Bound as to Votes, but New Caucus Will Be Called if It Is Decided Party Lash Should Be Applied.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Democrats of the Senate, in conference late today, adopted a resolution declaring their purpose to stay in session until the trust legislation passed by the House has been acted on by the Senate. The resolution does not bind Senators to vote for the bills without change. The resolution is designed to serve definite and final notice to business and the country that anti-trust legislation is to be passed before Congress quits Washington. It was proposed by Senator Stone after a talk with the President and with other Democratic leaders.

Answer Given to Propaganda. Senator Stone said it was intended as an answer to the propaganda for immediate adjournment of Congress.

If the party leaders decide in the future that it will be necessary to make party measures of the three House bills or the substitutes offered for them, another conference will be held for the purpose of binding Democrats to definite legislation. Some Senators thought the resolution might blind Senators to vote for the bills, but Senator Kern, chairman of the conference, declared that such was not its purpose, and a clause stating this in specific terms was adopted by a close vote.

Caucus Not Binding as to Bills. The explanatory clause attached to the resolution reads as follows: "The resolution herein before adopted is intended merely as an expression of the purpose of the majority party in reference to adjournment."

Senator Kern, as majority leader, will ask the Senate to hold night sessions next week to take up the calendar and "other business."

The resolution commission bill already is before the Senate and a vote may be asked for any day. The railroad securities bill and the Clayton bill are still in committee, but it is possible one of them may be reported.

THEY'VE GOT HIM CORNERED.



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15 ARE PLUCKED IN NAVY RELUCTANTLY

Distinguished Men on Retirement List.

DANIELS ASKS CHANGE IN LAW

Captains Gibbons and Hill Among Those Sacrificed.

ONE OREGON MAN GOES

Secretary Says Personnel Is Now in Such Shape That Question Now Is Not Who Is Unfit but Who Can Be Spared.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Fifteen Naval officers, several of them captains with distinguished records, ended their active careers today, on the recommendation of the dreaded "plucking board." Secretary Daniels made public the names of those selected for compulsory retirement this year, with a formal announcement that he expected to ask for the repeal of the law of 1899 under which the annual "plucking" is done.

In addition to the list of those who retired, several other officers had asked for voluntary retirement and had all the applications been accepted, the board would have been relieved of the necessity of "plucking."

Last year, however, the President decided not to permit the voluntary retirement of any officer who has not had 20 years' service after graduation from the Naval Academy. The law requires the creation of 40 vacancies annually, with 15 compulsory retirements if necessary.

Prominent Names Included. Included in the list of "plucked" this year are the names of some officers who have been so prominent in naval circles as to cause great surprise among their colleagues at their retirement.

Captain Gibbons has been superintendent of the Naval Academy and naval attaché to the American Embassy in London, assignments given to officers of the highest professional ability. Captain Hill is one of the younger school of officers who became prominent through his outspoken criticisms of defects in the employment of armor on the older battleships, which led to radical changes in the designs.

"Health Merely 'Unsatisfactory.'" Some of the officers had been regarded as in somewhat unsatisfactory health, though not in a condition to warrant medical condemnation. Secretary Daniels explained that

GRIM ULTIMATUM GIVEN BY HUERTA

"BEFORE I RESIGN HALF OF MEXICO CITY DIES," HE SAYS.

President of Distressed Nation Casts Aside Usual Jocularities and Is Taciturn While Taking Tea.

VERA CRUZ, July 1.—"Before I resign, half the people of Mexico City will die with me," is the remark President Victoriano Huerta is credited with having made to friends on Monday, while sitting in a Mexico City cafe at tea.

The party was discussing the efforts of the mediators at Niagara Falls to find a solution of the Mexican problem. General Huerta was more grim and taciturn than usual and showed little of his accustomed jocularities.

When the passengers, who arrived here today, left the capital yesterday, General Huerta's family was still there.

Constitutionalists in possession of Tuxpan June 29 made a demonstration against Americans in that port. They marched through the streets shouting "death to the Americans." No one was hurt.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER FOUND

Seattle Man Uncovers Epistle Written by Sir Walter Scott.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 1.—An autograph letter of Sir Walter Scott, dated April 23, 1813, was found today by W. E. Theodore in an old volume of Washington Irving's "Knickerbocker's History of New York" which he purchased in a second-hand bookstore.

The letter is an acknowledgment of the receipt of an early edition of Irving's work. Mr. Theodore learned today that similar autographs of Scott's had brought from \$1300 to \$2400.

The letter was folded, without an envelope, and addressed to Henry Brewster, care of McTavish, Fraser & Company, London.

MARYE NAMED FOR RUSSIA

Californian, Linguist and International Law Student, Wilson Chose.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—George T. Marye, Jr., of San Francisco, has been finally nominated for Ambassador to Russia. President Wilson today sent his name to the Senate.

Mr. Marye is one of the younger Californian pioneers. He was born in Baltimore in 1849 and his parents took him to California as an infant. He was a stock broker for 20 years and was at one time president of the San Francisco Stock Exchange until his retirement in 1905.

BIRD SEASON TO STAND

Plea for Amendment as to Migratory Fowls Is Refused.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 1.—Senator Chamberlain was advised today by the Secretary of Agriculture that his department cannot grant the petition of the Harney County citizens asking an open season for migratory game birds, beginning September 1, and that March 1 be included in the open season.

At present no state has an open season during March, and October 1 is the general date for opening the season.

HOT DAYS BENEFIT HOPS

Vines Grow Fast and Lane County Growers Expect Big Crop.

EUGENE, Or., July 1.—(Special)—Lane County hopgrowers are smiling as the temperature increases. Every hot day is tending to make one of the best crops in years. One grower says that he expects to harvest 2500 pounds an acre, and sees little danger of losing the crop.

Every hopyard in the county is said to be in the best of condition. The vines are clean and are growing fast.

CORN COMES FROM JAPAN

Seattle Firm Receives Shipment of 3000 Bags at Low Price.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 1.—Three thousand bags of corn arrived from Japan today, consigned to a local milling company. The price of the grain landed in Seattle is the same as that of corn from the Middle States, and the quality is high. Further importations are expected.

MEN'S HOURS INCREASED

Santa Fe Announces End of Its Retrenchment Policy.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., July 1.—Announcing that the retrenchment policy put into effect some months ago had been terminated, the Santa Fe railroad increased today the working hours of 1000 men in the shops at this point from 40 to 45 a week.

The increase in working time applies to all departments of the shops.

ASHES FROM LASSEN FALL 13 MILES AWAY

Two Eruptions Appear to Be Simultaneous.

BLACKENED STEAM RISES MILE

Odor of Sulphur Emphasizes True Volcanic Nature.

NEW FISSURE OBSERVED

Phenomenon Is Seen to Advantage in Early Morning Hours—Outbursts Thus Far Progressively Violent.

RED BLUFF, July 1.—After less than 24 hours of quiescence, Lassen Peak burst forth early today in a stupendous eruption—the fourteenth in the series that began May 30. No flames were seen, but the vast plume of blackened steam from the crater waved a mile high in the sky and volcanic ash fell at Macomber Flats, 13 miles distant.

For a little less than half an hour the inverted cone of soaring gases incised sharply defined the well-known volcanic outline. First from the mouth of the crater itself, stood up a vertical shaft of jet black ash. As the shaft rose it mushroomed outward, keeping in its heart the black core of ash, but beginning to shade into whites and grays at the edges and finally fanning outward over the sky in a vast panoply of gloom.

Observers Have Good View. The air was clear today, and from the moment the eruption began at 3:45 A. M., until the spreading shroud of smoke obscured vision, the phenomenon could be observed with precision.

So great was the force of the eruption that the height of the cloud seemed to equal the distance from the mouth of the crater to the plateau at the base of the peak proper. It was almost as if one mountain had been stood atop of the other.

At this distance there was the appearance of what seemed a thin sheet of gases hissing from a crevice or fissure on the north slope, distinct from the main crater itself. Two eruptions seemed to be going at the same time.

New Vent of Large Eruption. The length of this fissure or its position with relation to the main crater were indeterminate today, but judging from appearances, the new vent was of considerable length.

The true volcanic nature of the eruption, as determined by J. S. Diller, of the United States Geological Survey, was further emphasized today by the strong stench of sulphur, perceptible at Viola and at Viola, 22 miles down the wind to the north. No ashes fell at the United States forest station at Mineral, which lay up the wind.

These last two successive eruptions of the peak emphasized the warning given by Mr. Diller, after his reconnaissance, that nothing could be predicted of the future behavior of the volcano. It might be absolutely quiet or it might move off lesser eruptions, gradually swifling away, or it might blow its head off in convulsions.

Violence Is Increasing. Thus far the outbursts have been progressively violent. That of yesterday was easily the most marked of the series up to that time, and today's far overtopped yesterday's in grandeur and duration.

So far as is known, nobody was within the danger zone last night or today. The district is sparsely populated, and those living in the little hamlets 20 miles or more away are thus far in no apprehension.

"HIGHER PAY" IS SLOGAN

National Education Association President Announces Demand.

ST. PAUL, July 1.—Dr. Joseph Swain, president of the National Education Association, arrived here today for the annual convention, which opens July 4 and continues one week. Dr. Swain, who is president of Swarthmore College, was elected president of the association last year, after his presentation of a report on the teachers' salaries, tenure and pensions.

"Better pay for teachers" is the slogan of Dr. Swain, who declares that time changes, graded demands and qualifications required have so altered the status of the teacher that salaries must be increased if competent teachers take up the vocation and remain in the work.

WHITMAN TO GET LAND

College Raises \$375,000 and Gets \$125,000 From Rockefeller.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 30.—(Special)—President S. B. L. Penrose, of Whitman College, announced last night that the college had been successful in raising \$375,000, the sum required to secure the \$125,000 promised by the General Education Board (Rockefeller fund).

About \$100,000 of the half-million-dollar fund will be used for buildings, the remainder for endowment.

Russian Army Airman Killed.

FEKOV, a Russian army aviator, was killed today when his monoplane collapsed and fell from a great height.