

WESTERN RAILROADS IN WEST NOW MAY ASK RATE RISE

Eastern Case Over, Next Move Likely to Concern This Side of Mississippi.

EXPERTS' REPORT AWAITED

Interpretation of Commission's Ruling Probably to Determine—Lumber, Coal, Coke, Grain Probably to Be Involved Mainly.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—(Special).—The decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the Eastern rate case clears the way for a similar application by railroads operating west of the Mississippi River. While the executive officials of the Western roads are not encouraged by the result obtained in the East it was generally asserted that an application will be made to the Commission for an increase on all Western lines.

Numerous conferences have been held during the past several months by the railroads interested, although no definite plan of procedure has been worked out and adopted. It is generally believed that most stress will be placed upon the fact that many commodities in the Western section do not pay their proportionate share of railroad expenses. That fact had been admitted by business interests in various sections and it may be possible for the railroads to file schedules which will equalize commodity and certain class rates and give the roads the increased income desired.

Report of Experts Awaited. It has been said by several railroad presidents recently that a petition for advanced rates would be filed by Western roads no matter what might be the decision in the Eastern case. It was generally agreed that action would be deferred until rate experts could analyze the Commission's ruling. By following the suggestions contained in the Eastern decision, the Western roads believe that they can obtain a more favorable action, and the granting of the full 5 per cent in the Central Freight Association territory has given the Western roads encouragement in the belief that the low rates in that section of Western United States will be advanced.

Several of the trunk lines have discussed the possibility of a demand for a flat 10 per cent increase but no general agreement has been obtained upon that proposition. The plan backed by several of the companies is to advance the rate on lumber, coal, coke, grain and other commodities without disturbing the present differentials.

President Ripley, of the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe, said he favored a request for advanced rates.

"The Western roads have their own troubles to solve," he said. "Our territory is entirely different from that of the East. Service furnished at wide variance from that in the Eastern states so there can be little connection between our position and that of the Eastern roads, beyond the general assertion, which appears to me to be unquestionable, that the roads need more revenue."

Advances in General Favor. President Miller of the Burlington, and President Mudge, of the Rock Island, have at different times outlined the subject in the same vein and it is reasonable to expect that schedules covering the proposed advance will be filed within the near future.

It is said that the Western roads will work together in the same manner as the Eastern lines did. Just who will head the committee of railroad men which will handle the roads' case has not been announced. The committee will have a representative of each of the large Western lines and the expense will be adjusted between the lines. It is understood that each of the trunk lines has signified its willingness to co-operate.

A schedule of charges for special service also will be made with the application for increased rates. This schedule will conform to the Commission's ruling and will cover such services as stopping in transit, storage, terminal handling, spotting of cars, and the like.

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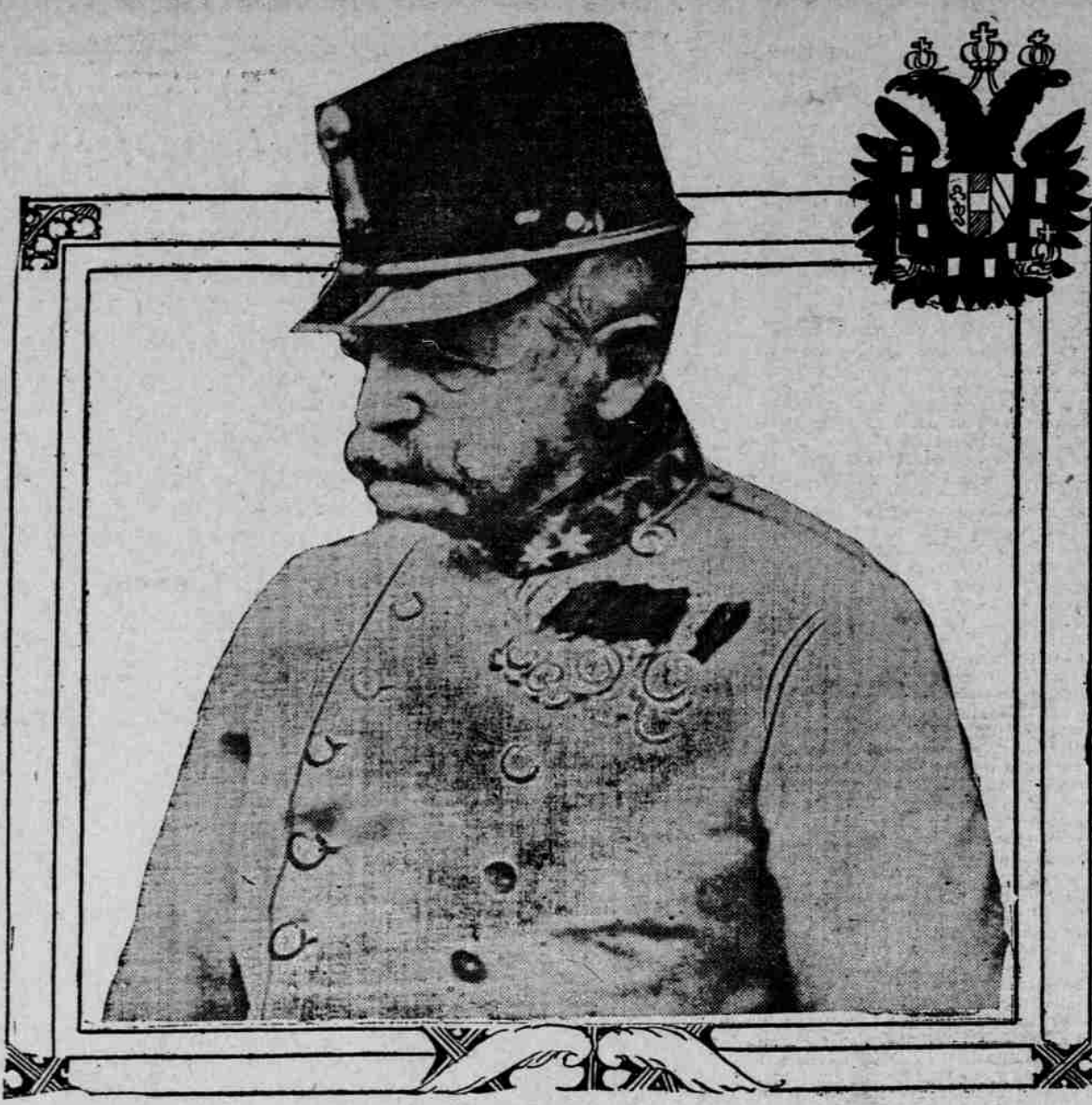
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AUSTRIAN COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, WHO DIRECTS OPERATIONS AGAINST SERBIA.



ARCHDUKE FREDERICK. —Photo by Underwood & Underwood.

Archduke Frederick, who succeeded Archduke Francis Ferdinand, when he was assassinated, as Commander-in-Chief of the Austrian army, is directing the movements of the Austrians in their invasion of Serbia. The Archduke was formerly Inspector-General of Troops and Commander of the Royal Reserves of Hungary.

FRANCE HAS GRUDGE

Attitude Toward Germany Attributed to Revenge.

PAST HUMILIATION IS CITED

Lieutenant Von Makdych, of Austrian Reserves, Thinks French Unprepared and Shows Why England Should Be Neutral.

BY LIEUTENANT VON MAKDYCH, of the Austrian Reserves.

The action of France did not come unexpectedly. As certain as Germany could be depended upon to come to the assistance of Austria, France would take sides with Russia in order to get a chance to avenge its defeat at Germany's hands in 1870-1871. No other conclusion could be drawn. France will now have a chance to prove its claim as a world power or go down forever as a military factor. Just how much France is prepared to take up arms against Germany at this time and the condition its army is in, perhaps will interest many not familiar with military matters.

The answer can best be gathered from a speech delivered by Senator Humbert, ex-member of the general staff of the French Army, in Paris last July. In his speech Senator Humbert said that the condition of the army was alarming, and brought out facts in proof of his contention, which the Minister of War, Messimy, could not contradict. Humbert severely criticized the management of the army and specifically pointed to the fact that the German artillery was far superior to that of the French army and that in case of a conflict the prospect of this regularity were none too rosy. He also showed that the fortifications on the German border were old and in a dilapidated condition and that the money spent in trying to improve them were wasted. Clemenceau concurred with him and added that the situation was extremely grave.

From this and other reliable information

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PERSONAL MENTION. A. E. Ball, of Salem, is at the Seward. A. Merrill, of Spokane, is at the Washington.

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