

STEAMSHIP'S USE OF CANAL QUESTIONED

Goethals Asks Whether Great Northern on Voyage to Flavel Violated Law.

TEST CASE TO BE MADE

Fact That Vessel Carried Passengers Who Could Have Traveled by Rail Raises Question. Precedent Is Set.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 26.—The Secretary of War and the Interstate Commerce Commission...

The act does not prohibit railroad-owned ships from using the Panama Canal, but does provide penalties for railroad-owned ships which pass through the canal and which are in competition with railroads at the time of passage.

Information given by Colonel Goethals is that the Great Northern on her trip to Astoria carried paid passengers through the canal, and inasmuch as these passengers might have reached the same destination by rail, Colonel Goethals has asked for a ruling on the question whether the Great Northern actually was competing with the railroad in the sense prohibited by law.

No determination has yet been reached, but the owners of the Great Northern have been asked to make a showing of the facts to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and much will depend on the showing made.

Had this steamer carried neither freight nor passengers on her voyage there would have been no question of her rights, as a vessel without cargo or passengers would not be competing with railroads.

Goethals Desires Precedent. Colonel Goethals evidently inclines to the opinion that the presence of passengers on board raises a question of competition and he has sought a ruling in this case to establish a precedent and direct the policy which the Government hereafter is to follow with regard to railroad-owned ships which use the Panama Canal.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is only to determine whether the Great Northern was competing with the railroads in carrying passengers from coast to coast and will report its findings to the Secretary of War. If the Commission finds there was competition, the question of invoking the penalty will be referred to the Attorney-General and adjustment will be made in court.

It is said that if competition were proved the steamship would be liable to a fine as high as \$100,000, though it is believed a severe penalty will not be imposed, especially as this is the first time this question has been raised.

POINT THOUGHT FINELY DRAWN

Steamship Company Attorney Denies Violation of Spirit of Law.

"I believe it is a little far-fetched for the Government to bring action against the owners of those steamers on the ground that a single trip through the canal is in violation of the Panama Canal act," said C. H. Carey, attorney for the Great Northern Pacific Steamship Company, last night.

"We were fully aware of the provision in the act that prohibits railroads from operating ships through the canal, and we have no intention of violating the law. We do not think that it is a violation of the law to send those ships through the canal for single voyages each. It is not the intention to maintain permanent service. The ships are to be operated between Flavel and San Francisco and in that capacity will not compete with the railroad lines that own them.

"It costs a lot of money to bring them around from Philadelphia and the company thought it would be advisable to defray part of the expenses by carrying passengers."

"I hope the authorities in charge of the canal will not construe our action as a violation of the law. They have not been officially advised that any question has been raised."

L. C. Gitman, president of the steamship company, was in Philadelphia when the Northern Pacific sailed from that port on Thursday.

L. R. ALDERMAN SPEAKER

HABIT-BUILDING URGED IN ADDRESS AT ST. JOHNS.

Co-operation, Judgment-Forming, Altruism, Politeness and Honesty Declared to Be Essentials.

"Putting the Grease Where the Squeak Is" was the subject of an address last night by L. R. Alderman, City School Superintendent, before the St. Johns Parent-Teacher Association.

The educational pushcart squeaks, said Mr. Alderman. "The squeak has been heard long in the land, and while wonderful progress has been made, yet all will agree that the machinery squeaks. The educational doctors are looking for a piece to put the grease where the squeak is. I am going to argue that habit-building and the giving of ideals is the main thing in education. Habits plus ideals make character, and character is the thing we are striving for."

"One of the most indispensable habits a boy or girl can acquire is the habit of industry. The old-fashioned country home was a wonderful educational institution. What we are trying to do now is to make adjustments in our educational system that will not only give information, but will build habits of industry. Happy is the man that has to work, and in working finds the thing he likes to do."

"I have not seen anyone fail who was really industrious mentally and physically, and I have not seen anyone succeed who was mentally and physically lazy."

"There is a big problem for our schools, if we can solve this problem we will be putting at least some of the grease where the squeak is. Other habits that are absolutely essential are the habits of co-operation, judgment, formation, altruism, politeness, honesty, frankness and even scholarship is a habit."

MEMBERS OF NEW "SUPREME COURT OF TRADE" LARGELY UNKNOWN.



Rear (left to right)—William H. Parry, of Washington; George Rublee, of New Hampshire; Front Row (seated)—Cottis N. Hurley, President of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association; Joseph E. Davies, of Wisconsin; William J. Harris, of Georgia.

President Wilson's new "Supreme Court of Trade," the Federal Trade Commission, was sworn in at Washington, D. C., March 26, by Chief Justice Coughlin, of the District Supreme Court. The Commission has virtually unlimited powers of espionage over corporations having a total capitalization of \$20,000,000. With one exception (Edward N. Hurley), the members are unknown to the business community, a fact which has excited general criticism and created deep uneasiness and uncertainty among men of affairs.

PRESIDENT CAN BUY

Attorney - General's Opinion Speeds Alaska Railroad.

CONTRACT MAY BE MADE

Price Not Limited to Appropriation. If Within Total Set by Congress. Alaska Northern Expected to Be Made Basis.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 26.—New impetus was given the Alaska Government railroad project today when the Attorney-General advised the President it was within his power to contract to buy existing railroads to Alaska within the limit of the cost fixed by Congress, \$35,000,000. The Attorney-General holds that the President is not limited by the amount of cash actually appropriated, which is \$2,000,000.

Under this authority the President can contract to buy both the Alaska Northern and the Copper River & Northern railroads, but he must buy at actual physical value, and as only the Alaska Northern has been appraised, he must at this time, take over more than that one line. It therefore, is believed the President will contract to purchase the Alaska Northern, making partial payment from the appropriation, and will order the extension of that road to the Matanuska coal field.

Before he can buy the Copper River Railroad it must be appraised, and that in itself will consume the entire season. It has been practically determined that the Government will not undertake the building of a railroad from tidewater, but will use one or both of the existing roads as the basis for its trunk line to the interior, and it is believed in Washington that steps will soon be taken to contract for the Alaska Northern, which has been appraised at \$1,100,000. Extension of this road to Matanuska coal field will require about 75 miles of new construction.

H. P. Warren, of the Alaska Railroad Commission, is now at Panama looking over and selecting material which will be taken to Alaska for use on the Government railroad. All these facts, taken in connection with the President's recent announcement that he had "selected" a route for the Government railroad, are accepted as meaning that early announcement will be made, though it likely will be delayed until after Secretary Lane returns to Washington, about April 1.

OLIVE DAY IS INDORSED

Governor Also Urges Giving of Preference to California Fruit.

SALEM, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—Governor Withycombe today went on record with a testimonial for the California olive. In reply to a request of the California Olive Day Association, of Oroville, that Oregon give official recognition to California Olive Day, Governor Withycombe said: "I am glad to see that Oregon should co-operate so far as possible in this effort. It also seems to me entirely fitting that we give preference to the olives of our neighboring state."

17 TONS OF FOOD BURNED

Seattle Inspectors Destroy Cold Storage Goods Seized.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 26.—Seventeen tons of food, including chickens and fish, seized by the State Food Inspectors in a Seattle warehouse as unfit for human consumption, were destroyed in the city incinerator today.

The seizure included three tons of crabs, four tons of dressed chickens, seven tons of frozen salmon, and three and a half tons of frozen halibut.

BARRACKS WORK BIDS IN

Lowest Offer for Clearing Land for Drilling Purposes Is \$89.50.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—Black & Eager have submitted the lowest bid for the clearing of 75 acres of land in Vancouver barracks. The four bids submitted were: Black & Eager, \$89.50 for clearing land, and \$1.75 a cord for cutting the wood; alternate proposal, \$79.50 and \$1.75. If the bidders be permitted to retain for their own use all stumps

four inches and under; M. R. Sparks and John Rauech, \$122.20 for clearing the land and \$1.75 a cord for cutting the wood; John A. Padden, \$145 for clearing the land, and \$1.25 for cutting the wood; August Engelking, \$125 for clearing the land and \$2 a cord for cutting the wood.

It is the intention of the War Department to make the land available for drilling purposes. The bids will be sent to the head of the department at San Francisco, for approval.

RICH TIMBERMAN DIES

Fortune Laid by Frugal Living and Early Investments in Bonds.

BAXMYER CASE IS UNDER SAYS JURY

Witnesses at Coroner's Inquest Say Portland Man Was in Happy State of Mind.

ROBBERY THOUGHT MOTIVE

Detectives Are Engaged to Investigate Further in Case of Traveler Found Dead While on Train in Illinois.

CHICAGO, March 26.—(Special.)—A Coroner's jury today decided that Christian F. Baxmyer, 62 years old, of Portland, Or., was murdered on a sleeping-car on a Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad train March 11, just after the train left Aurora, Ill.

It was at first believed that Baxmyer had committed suicide. The testimony given by relatives and by the train crew, however, induced Deputy Coroner Herrmann to continue the inquest from March 13 until today. Baxmyer died from a bullet wound in the heart.

The Pullman conductor on that train testified that he saw Baxmyer on the back platform just before the train left Aurora. Baxmyer was taking pictures, he said. The Coroner ordered the pictures developed, but they were all soaked along the railroad.

Attorney James Conley, of Portland, and W. F. Pegeler, of Pittsburg, a nephew of Mr. Baxmyer, presented letters written by Mr. Baxmyer showing that he was happy and expected to be in Pittsburg the Sunday following.

They said they believed Mr. Baxmyer had about \$150 in his pocket at the time of his death. When the body was found the pockets were turned inside out and only \$28 was found. A letter from Chicago, containing a check for \$100, was found in the pocket.

The body of Mr. Baxmyer, who was 63 years old, was found in the vestibule of a rear sleeping car on a Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad train which entered Chicago March 11. The body was discovered soon after the train left Aurora, Ill.

Mr. Baxmyer's pockets had been turned out and his watch chain was missing; the fob, ring and ring were missing from the watch.

GLEE CLUB SINGS WELL

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY MEN AT RECITAL AT Y. M. C. A. LIKED.

Clever Sketches, Excellent Numbers, Instrumental and Vocal, Are Inspiration for Encores.

Twelve sturdy young men's voices filled the big auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association last night when the Pacific University Glee Club gave its annual recital.

The work of the young men, under the direction of Norman A. Hoose, of the Portland Ad Club quartet, was uniformly good.

The men's voices are clear and strong and are well trained. Liberally interspersed in the vocal programme were readings, instrumental numbers and clever sketches.

The quartet's work was especially applauded by the delighted audience, and the men responded to the demand for encores. Especially interesting and beautiful was the instrumental quartet by Messrs. Johnson, Livingston, McCoy and Morgan.

Mr. Abraham's readings were well rendered. His voice has a clear carrying quality that made it possible to hear him from every corner of the room, although at times he spoke barely above a whisper.

Edward Livingston's cornet solo was excellent. The second part of the programme was divided from the first by Joe McCoy and his band who rendered a number of popular songs and instrumental selections.

The members of the club are: Thayne Livezey, Allen Harris, Newton McCoy, Leslie Webb, Richard Paul, Richard Abraham, Verle Stanley, Glenn Morgan, Ernest Troutman, Joe McCoy, Watt Long and J. C. Ballinger. The accompanist was C. E. Ostrander. The manager was E. Livingston and the assistant Max Ricker.

The men in the quartet were: Second tenor, Joe McCoy; first tenor, Leslie Webb; second tenor, Verle Stanley, and first tenor, Joe McCoy.

SHINGLE MAKERS TO UNITE

Manufacturers Plan to Meet at Seattle to Discuss Association.

TACOMA, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—Shingle makers are to meet next Friday in Seattle to take steps toward the formation of an association, according to an announcement made at the regular meeting of the Washington branch of the West

AN EASY WAY TO GET RID OF SKIN-TROUBLES

A Baltimore doctor suggests this simple, but reliable and inexpensive, home treatment for people suffering with eczema, ringworm, rash and similar itching, burning skin troubles.

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BEN SELLING LEADING CLOTHIER Morrison at Fourth

Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association here today. John McMaster, pioneer shingle man, is back of the movement and an association similar to that of the lumbermen and allied with it as a branch is considered by the lumbermen today. Reports from mills of the association in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia were said to show the plants are running on short time and reducing the output to meet only the limited demand.

Professor's Tour Dates Set. ROSEBURG, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—Word was received here yesterday that Professor L. P. Harrington, of the state department of education, will make a tour of Douglas County next week in the interest of industrial work in the public schools. Following is his schedule of visits: Glendale and Edisto, Monday; Days Creek, Canyonville and Myrtle Creek, Tuesday; Camas Valley, Wednesday; Upper Camas Valley and Olalla, Thursday, and Ten-Mile and Looking Glass, Friday.

Centralia Guard Is Inspected. CENTRALIA, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—The annual Federal inspection of Company M, Second Regiment Washington National Guard, was held in the Centralia Armory tonight. The company is in perfect shape. The programme for the second smoker to be staged by Company M Monday night to decide the company boxing championship was announced yesterday.

EASTER WEEK At Gearhart "By-the-Sea" Hotel always open. Natatorium heated Easter week. Reservations 100% Fourth.—Adv. Dr. Viola Mae Coe to Be Hostess. Dr. Viola Mae Coe will entertain at a reception this afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock at her residence, 341 Lovejoy street, in honor of the Bureau of Social Equity.

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