



PROPOSED HIGHER RATES CANCELED

Shippers and Railroad Make Compromise.

MANY COMMODITIES AFFECTED

Increases of 10 to 25 Cents per 100 Pounds Agreed On.

NEW TARIFFS TO BE FILED

Interstate Commerce Commission Says Discrimination to Interior Will Be Diminished by Increase to Coast.

WHAT INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION'S DECISION MEANS.

Rates on schedule C commodities, including iron, steel and their products, canned goods, dry-goods, oil, paint, carpets, linoleum and other heavy articles, moving from Eastern territory to Portland and other Pacific Coast ports, increased 10 cents per hundred in carload lots and 25 cents per hundred in less than carload lots.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Cancellation of proposed general increases in freight rates by transcontinental railroads on traffic from and to the Pacific Coast and the intermountain country and the East was authorized today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Notice was given of compromise between carriers and shippers for a maximum increase of 10 cents per hundred pounds on carload shipments, and 25 cents per hundred pounds on less than carload traffic to Coast points.

Bulk of Traffic Affected. The proposed increases amounted in some instances to several hundred per cent, and were suspended by the Commission several months ago after extensive hearings here in which shippers vigorously protested. The great bulk of the traffic to points concerned is involved. The Commission at the same time canceled hearings set for November 14 and December in Chicago, Salt Lake, San Francisco, Portland and Spokane.

No changes to intermountain points from Eastern territory between the Atlantic Coast and the Missouri River are contemplated, and the Commission said that, accordingly, discriminations under the long and short-haul clause now existing between Pacific Coast ports and the intermountain cities will be diminished to the extent of the increase to the Pacific Coast ports.

Some Eastbound Rates Increased. The eastbound carload rates on asphaltum, barley, beans, canned goods, dried fruit and wine from the Pacific Coast will be increased.

The Commission made this announcement.

"The Commission has granted authority to the transcontinental lines to cancel all of the protested eastbound and westbound rates between points on the Pacific Coast and intermountain territory on the one hand, and points in Eastern-defined territory on the other hand, contained in transcontinental tariffs which were suspended by the Commission in its orders in investigation and suspension docket No. 909 in consequence of which the hearing on the suspended rates, set for Chicago November 20, Salt Lake November 28, San Francisco December 4, Portland, Or., December 11 and Spokane, Wash., December 14, 1916, before Examiner Thurttell have been canceled.

Hearings Are Scheduled. Hearings on fourth-section applications Nos. 395, etc., respecting rates on commodities from Eastern-defined territory to Pacific Coast points and intermediate points, and fourth-section applications Nos. 3912, etc., respecting rates on barley, beans, canned goods, asphaltum, dried fruit, wine and other commodities from Pacific Coast ports to Eastern destinations, set for the same places and dates, will be held as scheduled.

"It is understood that the transcontinental lines purpose to file tariffs effective upon statutory notice December 30, 1916, applicable upon the so-called schedule 'C' commodities named in the tariffs in docket No. 395, which will increase the present rates to the Pacific Coast ports a maximum of 10 cents per hundred pounds on carload and 25 cents per hundred pounds on less than carload traffic. But no changes to intermountain points from Eastern groups A to E (which run from the Atlantic Coast to the Mis-

SUN WARMS WEST; SNOW COVERS EAST

FREEZING TEMPERATURES ARE REPORTED IN TENNESSEE.

Continued Cold Forecast for East and Storm Warnings Are Placed at Atlantic Coast Ports.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Cold weather from the Rocky Mountains spread eastward and southward tonight, freezing temperatures being recorded in nearly all states. Snow appeared in New England, New York, the Ohio Valley, around the Great Lakes and in Tennessee, and sleet was general in Northern Louisiana. The sun shone in the West.

Cold wave warnings issued tonight included all the South Atlantic states except South and Central Florida. Freezes were reported in all the Gulf states. Heavy rains preceded slowly the cold wave along the Atlantic Coast. Temperatures in the West were much milder tonight. The thermometer rose 40 degrees today in Wyoming, the coldest state in the Union last night, with a temperature of 26 below at Lander.

968 U. S. VESSELS BUILT

Tonnage Aggregates 405,894; 47 Constructed for Foreigners.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The Department of Commerce today announced that 968 sailing, steam, gas and unrigged vessels aggregating 405,894 gross tons were built in the United States during the 10 months ended November 1.

In addition, there were constructed for foreigners 36 wooden vessels of 372,000 gross tons, and 11 steel vessels of 25,418 gross tons. Of the total tonnage, 284,658 were steam craft.

NAVY OFFICER TO BE TRIED

Captain of Cruiser Memphis to Appear Before Court-Martial.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Trial by court-martial of Captain Edward L. Beach, of the armored cruiser Memphis, wrecked in a hurricane on a San Dominican reef several months ago with the loss of many lives, was ordered today by the Navy Department.

Secretary Daniels said the Memphis would not be salvaged since the work would cost about \$5,000,000 and the Memphis was an obsolete type of warship.

POLES ADOPT ARMY DRESS

Insignia Worn Under Napoleon Is Worn on Arm of Uniform.

BERLIN, Nov. 14.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The Overseas News Agency describes the uniform of the new Polish army as combining happily a suggestion of the uniform of the Polish troops which fought under Napoleon I and of the Polish Legions.

The House of the Legation is to be worn bearing on the left arm the Polish eagle just as it appeared on the lance of the Polish Uhlans of Napoleon's time.

GERMANY TAKES REPRISAL

Palace of British ex-Consul-General Put Up For Sale.

BERLIN, Nov. 14.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—As a reprisal against the forced sale of German property in the British colony of Nigeria, Africa, says the Overseas News Agency, the German government has put up for sale the palace belonging to Sir Francis E. Oppenheimer, ex-British Consul-General at Frankfurt.

FOOD COST TO BE PROBED

Federal Trade Commission to Take Up Increases.

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—Increases in the cost of food products are likely to be the subject of an investigation by the Federal Trade Commission. Edward X. Hurley, chairman of the Commission, said here today the subject would be considered at a meeting of the Commission in Washington Friday.

BULGARS GOVERN DOBRUDJA

Central Powers Recognize Sovereignty Over Region.

PARIS, Nov. 14.—A dispatch to the Temps from Saloniki says: "It is semi-officially announced from Sofia that the Bulgarian government will take over the administration of the Dobrudja region of Roumania, consequent upon an agreement with the central powers recognizing Bulgarian sovereignty over the occupied region."

DR. CAMPBELL HONORED

Oregon President Elected to Office by National Association.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The National Association of State Universities at its annual meeting here today elected Guy Potter Benton, president of the University of Vermont, as president.

BRITISH REFUSE TO ABATE BLACKLIST

America Is Told It Is Lawful Regulation.

LONG STRUGGLE IS PREDICTED

Failure to Suppress Unneutral Acts Charged.

AIM IS TO SHORTEN WAR

Measure Defended on Ground That It Is Exercise of Sovereign Control by Independent State Over Own Citizens.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The British reply to the latest American note protesting against the trade blacklist, made public tonight by the State Department, denies that rights of neutral traders under international law have been ruthlessly canceled, defines the blacklist measure as a municipal regulation plainly concerning the British government and British citizens and contends that it is designed to shorten the war.

The note fails to meet the American demand that the names of American firms be stricken from the blacklist, but attempts to convince the State Department that the British position is just and founded on law. It leaves open the door for further negotiation, which is expected to follow.

LONG STRUGGLE IS PREDICTED

The note was subscribed by Viscount Grey, the British Foreign Minister, and was addressed to and transmitted by Walter Hines Page, the American Ambassador at London.

A part which attracted much official notice dealt with the subject of peace, based on the theory that one American contention had been that there existed no military necessity for the blacklist, that it is unnecessary for the allies to prejudice neutral commerce, and that nothing which happens in distant neutral countries can influence the result of the great conflict.

"If that really were the position," says the note, "it is possible that the measures taken by His Majesty's government might be described as unjustified for, but it is not. We may well wish that it were so. Even though too military situation of the allies has greatly improved, there is still a long and bitter struggle in front of them, and one which, in justice to the principles for which they are fighting, imposes upon them the duty of employing every opportunity and every measure which they can legitimately use to overcome their opponents."

Small Acts Cause Anxiety. "One observation which is very commonly heard is that certain belligerent acts, even though jawless, are too petty to have any influence in a struggle of

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COURTS TO DECIDE WHO IS GOVERNOR

IDAHO ELECTION CONTEST INVOLVES NO FRAUD CHARGE.

Clerks Are Declared to Have Erred in Counting Straight Tickets and Recount Possible.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 14.—(Special.)—The Republican gubernatorial contest will go into the courts for settlement. This was the opinion of party leaders here tonight. Governor Alexander, Democrat, has a plurality of 700 and D. W. Davis, Republican, his opponent, ran him a close race in every county.

The backers of Davis declare that failure of election judges to follow instructions when counting the ballots lost Davis many votes or enough to elect him. Mr. Davis says he has taken no initiative in the contest and does not propose to do so; that it is a matter for the Republican State Central Committee to handle. Secretary Broxon, speaking for Governor Alexander, says that "no effort on the part of disappointed Republicans can deprive Governor Alexander of his victory."

No fraud is charged. The irregularities are said to exist in every county in the southern portion of the state. Bonneville commissioners held that in some precincts the voters marked a cross in the circle at the top of the Republican ballot, indicating they intended to vote the ticket straight, and then jumped into the opposite column and placed a cross after the name of Governor Alexander and other Democrats; that the judges counted the ballots for the Governor when they should have counted them for Davis.

VILLA BRANDS HIS FOES

Letters V. C. Ordered to Designate "Traitors" to Mexico.

EL PASO, Nov. 14.—Confirmation of the report that Villa had ordered all captured Carranza soldiers branded with the letters "V. C." for Venustiano Carranza, was received here by Government agents from Chihuahua City. Refugees say Villa ordered the Carranza soldiers branded as traitors because they did not drive the "foreign invaders" out of Mexico.

MISS BOOTH IS RECOVERING

Salvation Army Commander to Resume Work Soon.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—After an illness of several weeks during which "ceaseless prayer" was offered for her in Salvation Army circles throughout the country, Evangeline C. Booth, commander of the Salvation Army in the United States, is reported today as well on the road to recovery.

It was announced that she would be able to resume work within a few days.

LAKE VIEW VOTES BONDS

Only Nine Ballots Cast Against Issue for Straborn Railway.

LAKE VIEW, Or., Nov. 14.—(Special.)—The bond election held today to determine whether \$20,000 should be raised to purchase rights of way for the Straborn Railway carried by a vote of 249 to 3.

This was the heaviest vote ever polled at a municipal election in Lake View.

RAISE BIG CROPS, IS ADVICE OF WILSON

President Says Farmer Must Feed World.

MIDDLEMEN ARE ACCUSED

Advantage Declared Taken of Shortage of Supply.

EMBARGO NOT DISCUSSED

Address to Grange Is First Delivered Since Election Day—Farm Problem Held Simpler Than Foreign Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—President Wilson blamed middlemen for the high cost of foodstuffs here tonight in a speech, welcoming to Washington the convention of the National Grange, the first formal speech he has delivered since the election. Urging that farmers increase their output, the President said:

"We ought to raise such big crops that circumstances like the present can never recur, when men can make as much as if the supply was so short that the middleman could charge for it what he pleased. It will not do to be niggardly with the rest of the world in respect to its food supply."

Request for Embargo Not Mentioned.

The President did not mention petitions to him to declare an embargo on exportation of foodstuffs from the United States to the rest of the world, and he did not refer even indirectly to the outcome of the Presidential election. His address was interrupted frequently by applause from the farmers attending the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the founding of the grange.

"It seems to me," said the President, "that some of the most interesting problems of our life and of the life of the world lie before us, problems in connection with which the farmers of the United States will play a part such as they have never played before."

Life Depends on Farm. "It goes without saying that the physical life of the Nation has always depended upon the farm. It goes without saying, also, that to a large extent the physical life of the world has drawn its sustenance from the great areas of farm land in the United States. We have sent food to all parts of the world, and the American farmer has contributed to the life of all the countries of the world. But you know that as our own population has increased the proportion in which we could help foreign countries as contrasted with our own has decreased, and there are problems that are comparable with the problems of statesmanship lying ahead of the farmers of the United States."

"In the future we have got to bring more of the area of the United States

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CHILD'S DREAM OF FIRE SAVES SIX

GIRL AWAKES SCREAMING AND FATHER FINDS BLAZE.

Roof of Houseboat Burns and Family Is Removed Uninjured While Firemen Fight.

A dream that came true, and probably saved the lives of six people, was dreamed last night by the 5-year-old daughter of R. T. Trusty, who lives in a houseboat near the foot of Macadam street. The child woke up, her parents say, screaming that the roof of the houseboat was on fire.

To convince her that she was mistaken, Mr. Trusty got up and investigated. He found that the place really was in flames, and the Fire Bureau was notified. In the house asleep were J. E. Bell, Mr. Trusty's father-in-law; Mrs. Trusty and three small children. No one was injured and the flames were confined to the roof.

CALL TO BORDER RUMORED

Officers Deny, However, That Any Early Move Is Contemplated.

Reports that the Third Oregon Infantry is soon to be ordered out for duty on the Mexican border have been current here for the last few days, but neither National Guard officials nor regular army officials profess to know anything of the report, either officially or unofficially.

The rumors have their origin, doubtless, in the supposition that now since election is over, the President is in better position to pursue a more aggressive course in his relations toward Mexico.

"We have heard the rumors but know absolutely nothing of the contemplated order," was the only comment of Major W. W. Wilson, acting Adjutant-General, last night.

CARS FOR APPLES URGED

Interstate Commissioner Asks Roads to Make Special Effort.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 14.—Acting on a request by counsel for the International Apple Shippers' Association, Commissioner McChord today suggested to railroad representatives that a special effort be made by all lines to rush refrigerator car equipments to districts which are experiencing difficulty in getting perishable crops to market.

His suggestion was offered at the opening of the morning session of the hearings in progress here in connection with the Interstate Commerce Commission's investigation into the control of the car supply on the railroads of the country.

DRYS TO CALL ELECTION

Effort Made to Ban Liquor From Jackson County, Missouri.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 14.—"Dry" advocates decided at a meeting here today to circulate a petition Sunday calling a local option election in Jackson County. The state-wide prohibition amendment voted on in the election of November 7 received a majority of several thousand in Jackson County and a few hundred in Kansas City.

The law provides the election shall be held 40 days after the filing of the petition, and will take place at the nearest, about January 2, 1917.

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JITNEY REGULATION WILL START TODAY

Company Must Answer by 2 o'Clock.

MR. BAKER'S REPORT ADOPTED

Drivers' Representative Declares Terms Prohibitive.

MR. DALY STANDS ALONE

Attorney for Chauffeurs Called to Order for Attempting to Make Appeal to Prejudices—Business Men Back Up Council.

Unregulated jitneys will become a thing of the past in Portland at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The City Council, by vote of 4 to 1, yesterday adopted a report of City Commissioner Baker setting forth terms of a franchise the city is willing to give the jitneys and giving them until 2 P. M. to accept. Failure to accept will mean that the police will stop them from operating.

The report was adopted after lengthy arguments, in which all sides were represented and in which hot words were flung back and forth. Those who voted for adoption were Mayor Albee and Commissioners Bigelow, Dieck and Baker. Commissioner Daly alone voted against it.

Time Limit Set.

The report provides that the Jitney Drivers' Union, which is the only organization or company having asked for a franchise, shall accept the franchise at the Council's terms by 2 o'clock today. If it is accepted they will be given until Friday to start operating on new routes which provide service beyond the present close-in limits and will be subjected to other regulations as soon as the franchise can be put through its regular course.

President Thielke, of the Jitney Drivers' Union, told the Council that the terms of the franchise as proposed are prohibitive, and therefore it is expected the jitneys will fall to accept the franchise, unless the acceptance is sent in merely to enable the jitneys to operate for a few days longer.

Alternatives Are Speculative.

If the franchise is not accepted by 2 o'clock, Mayor Albee says he will instruct the police to enforce the Daly ordinance, which was passed July 15, requiring the jitneys to have a franchise by today. It is expected the jitneys will then try to fight out the proposition in the courts or to evade the law by establishing themselves as taxicabs.

The franchise which the Council says the jitneys can have provides for additional service and for protection of the public in a manner not now provided. Essentials of the franchise are as follows: Sufficient number of jitneys shall be operated on each route between 8 A. M. and 11 P. M. to afford transportation for 25 passengers in each direction in both directions, provided that additional cars may be put on during the rush hours.

Bridge Charge Included.

Charges of one-twentieth of one cent per seat for each jockey crossing the Willamette River bridges, or a quarter of a cent for each five-passenger car. Transfer for continuous trip must be granted.

All cars must be submitted for city inspection to determine safety. Bond of \$400 for each jitney must be furnished to enable passengers to collect damages for personal injuries.

Service must be extended on paved streets to limited distances into well-settled districts. The franchise proposal as it stands is open to any taker now or in the future. Commissioner Baker said it was drawn to meet future conditions as they might arise, being a document setting forth the ideas of the Council as to what a jitney service should be if allowed at all.

Plea for Time Denied.

A. I. Moulton, attorney for the Jitney Drivers' Union, made a plea for more time. "You are dealing with an established utility," said he, "and we need time to consider. It is clear that in considering the terms of a franchise for the jitneys we have failed to agree. Now let us run along until June and then submit to the vote of the people and let them be the arbiters."

"You have had four months to consider this franchise question," was the answer. "Back in July we passed the ordinance at your suggestion, providing that you must get a franchise. You favored the ordinance and had a member of the Council put it through. You didn't talk about submitting it to the voters then. Oh, no, for you had visions of getting a big time, fat franchise at your own terms with a monopoly on the business. Somebody in this Council told you you could get it and you went after it. But that somebody fooled you because he did not control the votes of the rest of this Council."

Appeal to Prejudice Stoppered.

Mr. Moulton commenced to make charges about the influence the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company has had in proposed jitney legislation. "They have been given 50 times more hearing than we have," he said. "That is not so," said Mayor Albee. "Your Honor," said Commissioner Baker, "I don't want to object to hearing what he has to say, but he is merely appealing to prejudice. He wants

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PLENTY OF GOOD FISH STILL IN THE DEEP SEA.

