

RADICAL CHANGE IN RATE FIXING URGED

Interstate Commission Would Have Congress Set Standards as Reasonable.

CONSTANT SHIFTS GRILLED

Charges Should be Based on Experience of 10 Years and Then Altered From Time to Time, Commission Contends.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The Interstate Commerce Commission in its annual report today to Congress recommended a sweeping change in methods of establishing freight and passenger rates so that shippers would no longer be compelled to show a proposed rate unreasonable or see it become effective. Carriers seeking to alter a rate would be compelled to show the change was reasonable.

The recommendation is "that by statute Congress fix the interstate rates, fares, charges, classifications, rules and regulations existing at a specific date, prior to that of enactment, as just and reasonable for the past, and provide that no change therein after that specified date may be made except upon order of the Commission, with provision that such statute shall not affect the proceedings pending at the time of enactment."

The purpose of the suggestion is said to be mainly to correct flaws in the present method by which an injured shipper seeks reparation for payment of a higher rate than subsequently is approved by the Commission.

Proposed Change Radical. It was said, however, that the effect of such legislation would be radical upon methods of rate establishment.

At present, tariffs proposing rate changes filed by the railroads become operative on a fixed date unless suspended by the Commission, as shown on hearing to be unreasonable, unjust or discriminatory. If existing rates are declared by statute to be just and reasonable, it was pointed out, the burden will be on those who wish to change them.

"The necessity for flexibility fairly to meet rapidly changing industrial and commercial conditions," says the report in this connection, "is fully recognized, but the method of the present of leaving each carrier free to inflate its own rates and thus investing each of them with the power to overcharge or seriously disturb an adjustment that is recognized as reasonable and fair by the overwhelming majority of the carriers and shippers interested therein, may well be doubted."

"All rates, fares and charges have been open to complaint for a period of more than six years, and the Interstate Commission had power to fix the future maximum rates. For a period of more than six years all proposed increased rates have been subject to protest and suspension before coming effective. Obviously there should come a time when as to the general level of the rates and the relationship of rates should be fixed as reasonable."

Car Shortage Problem Considered. "The adoption of such a plan, as this would make it possible to direct the energies expended upon rate controversies in the direction of constructive work for the future instead of expending them upon controversies as to reparation for the past, with every probability that in a majority of the cases the one who ultimately bore the charge will never be reached by the reparation."

To relieve car shortage the Commission asks in this connection that it prescribe rules governing interchange of cars, return to owning roads, loading conditions on foreign roads and compensation for the use of cars.

"It seems to us beyond question," says the report, "that largely increased railroad facilities are necessary adequately to handle the commerce of the country and that in some way those facilities must be provided. Obviously this must be done by leaving these matters for determination by unanimous vote of all the carriers of the country. Within certain limits the force of competition between carriers cannot be denied. The carrier that desires to participate in the movement of traffic must carry it as cheaply as its competitor. It must accord as liberal rules and regulations as are accorded by its competitor and these competitive influences make unanimity of opinion as to proper rules and regulations more difficult of attainment than it would otherwise be. From these facts and experiences and a study of these considerations over a substantial period we are led to the conclusion that a reasonable degree of the desired and necessary improvement can be reached within any reasonable time only by vesting power to regulate these questions for all railroads in the appropriate Federal body and also providing means by which rules and regulations promulgated can be enforced."

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MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Chas. Ray in Scene from 'The Deserter' at Sunset Theater

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES. Peoples—Cleo Ridgely and Wallace Reid, "The Yellow Pawn." Majestic—Barney Bernard, "A Prince in a Pawnshop." Columbia—William S. Hart, "The Devil's Double." Sunset—Charles Ray, "The Deserter." Star—Theodore Roberts and Anita King, "Anton, the Terrible." Globe—Bryant Washburn, "The Breaker."

Sunset. "THE DESERTER," a sure-fire vehicle for the exploitation of the youthful Charles Ray, opened an engagement at the Sunset Theater yesterday. "Laundry Liz," a two-reel Fay Tincher comedy, was also presented, but today it gives way to Charlie Chaplin, the king of all comedians, in his Mutual success, "Behind the Screen." The Portland-made film, "When Friends Marry Twins," with a cast composed largely of high school students, will be presented for the last time today.

"The Deserter" is almost an epic of the Western type of photodrama. There are some splendid bits of realism, some magnificent Western panoramas, some thrilling riding, some stirring fights, to offset the strong emotionalism which is thrown around the story. The story is that of a young man, Ray, who is a member of the "Allice in Society" club, and who is known on the frontier. "Bowie" Blake is the name of the villain who is transformed by his love for a woman, Enid Markey and Robert McKim ably support Hart in "The Devil's Double," Miss Markey playing the role of the artist's wife and the beloved of the bad man.

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A Few Contrasts. "It sometimes happens," writes the editor of "The Screamer," the new paper devoted to Southern California film folk, "that Hector de Luxe, 'no-bull hero of the screen, champion of the oppressed, apostle of righteousness, and the object of worship of tens of thousands of love-sick maidens, in reality beats his wife and his bills, and in general evinces very little sympathy for sprouting angelic appendages here or hereafter."

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Screen Gossip. Some time ago they discovered that in one state one out of every six actors were divorced—what kind of a report could be doped up for the picture player with his motor, home, pets and—everything? Perhaps one out of 600.

Cleo Madison, the well-known and popular film star, is now Mrs. Don Peake. Not many days ago she was wedded to the Western sales manager of the Erie Motor Corporation. They were married on the spot, where, as a bride in the serial "The Trey of Hearts," she was filmed for the photoplay.

Matt Moore and Kathryn Browne Decker are with Mary Pickford in her next Artcraft production.

Rudolph Bergquist, the cameraman who did the photographic work for Metro's great screen production, "Romeo and Juliet," with Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne in the title roles, got his "lunch" to be a photographer at the age of 14, when he received a kodak as a premium with a suit of clothes. Immediately he began taking pictures, and he has been taking them ever since.

is no reason why he should be any the poorer because he helps the poor. So Solomon is a harsh banker and a generous pawnbroker. He deals justly but mercifully with the rich, but lends the poor far more than the value of trinkets. Solomon's son marries a girl in secret, but deserts her owing to the false testimony of another. Six years roll away and Solomon in his wanderings on the East Side meets the son of the woman, really his own grandchild. After he has learned all the truth he effects a reunion between his son and the girl.

Pathe News presents some fine views of the Yale-Harvard and Army-Navy football games, as well as Florence Rose Fashions. The bill is concluded with a Billie Ritchie L-KO comedy called "Where Is My Wife?"

Columbia. "The Devil's Double," the latest vehicle for the presentation of that worst of all bad men, William Shatner Hart, continues to attract large crowds to the Columbia Theater.

In this tense Western film, which deals chiefly with the regeneration of a bad man who falls to the low estate of artist's model, Hart might appropriately be styled William Shatner Hart. For while he is yet the champ with the six-gun, it is as a welder of the bowie knife, a deadly weapon invented by one Colonel Bowie, that Hart is known on the frontier. "Bowie" Blake is the name of the villain who is transformed by his love for a woman.

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DEPRESSION ONCE NEAR

WAR AVERTED STAGNATION, INTIMATES ENGINEER.

Surplus Could Not Have Been Exported Because of Poor Shop Methods, American Society Is Told.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Walter N. Polakov, an engineer, declared at the meeting here today of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers that at the outbreak of the war this country was "rushing headlong into a period of industrial depression caused by surplus production that could not be consumed in the United States and could not be exported because poor shop methods prevented us from producing as cheaply as other countries."

Similar circumstances in Europe, he said, "eliminated in the present great war when German methods of production took away foreign markets from the countries which could not consume at home all they could produce. If it were not for the war between the nations, a war within the nations might have been imminent."

Under rational industrial management, he said, investment in machinery of production pays, and all attempts to raise prices or refuse concessions to the grounds of increased investment charges are unfounded, for "either the increase of investment charges is only illusory or is due to poor methods."

ADDED JUDGE PROVIDED

Senate Passes Bill for Help for Incapacitated Incumbents.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—By a party vote of 35 to 25 the Senate today passed

1 ROBBER GETS \$20,000

HOLD-UP EXECUTED ON BUSY LOS ANGELES STREETS.

Guard on Express Wagon Force to Unlock Case Door After Which Perpetrator Is Thrown in His Eyes.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—Twenty thousand dollars in gold coin and currency was taken from a guarded express wagon in the downtown district today by a lone, unmasked man who covered the guard with a revolver,

\$49,000,000 ESTATE LEFT

Most of Charles W. Harkness' Wealth Goes to Brother.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Charles W. Harkness, who at the time of his death May 1, last, was said to be the third largest holder of Standard Oil stock, left an estate worth \$49,566,896, according to an appraisal filed with the surrogate here today.

His brother, Edward S. Harkness, is the chief beneficiary under the will, receiving approximately \$36,182,000. To his widow, Mrs. Mary Warden Harkness, Mr. Harkness left more than \$12,000,000. Yale University and the Presbyterian Hospital of this city receive large sums.

The amount to be paid by the estate to the state inheritance taxes will approximate nearly \$2,000,000.

Two Dead, Six Hurt, in Collision.

PRICE, Utah, Dec. 7.—Two men killed and six men and women injured, one woman probably fatally, was the toll of a rear-end collision at the west limits of the Prince yards of the Denver & Rio Grande Railway at 10 o'clock this morning.

One Paris motion picture plant produces an average of 3,000,000 feet of films weekly.

The Arch-Fiend, "Anton, the Terrible," at the Star

forced him to unlock the wagon case and to open the strong box and escaped with the loot after he threw pepper in the guard's face, blinding him temporarily.

Herman Rosenbloom, the guard, said the man stepped from the stream of persons passing, made him dismount from the driver's seat and go to the rear without attracting attention.

The robbery was executed at the rear of the Pacific Electric building at Sixth and Los Angeles, across the street from temporary passenger loading platforms where thousands of persons pass every hour.

If harnessed, it is estimated that the Victoria falls of the Zambesi River, in Africa, would provide 25,000,000 horsepower, or more than derived from coal and oil in the world today.



Only Today and Saturday The shrieks of his victims are music to the ears of the traitorous, merciless

"Anton, the Terrible"

A surpassing film play from the recent powerful novel in the Saturday Evening Post, dealing with the present great war and showing treachery's punishment and true love's triumph. The all-star cast includes Anita King, Horace B. Carpenter, Harrison Ford, Edythe Chapman and the world's greatest character actor,

Theodore Roberts

On the same splendid programme a new two-act comedy-scream: "With or Without" Only Today and Tomorrow at the

Star

Washington, at Park.

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