

GENERAL RISE IN RATES IS DENIED

Roads Prosper, Says Interstate Commission.

GLOOM GETS NO SYMPATHY

One Member Hints at Unreasonable Profits, Suggesting Congressional Probe.

FEW CONCESSIONS MADE

Higher Class Tariffs in East and on Coal and Iron Elsewhere Allowed.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today denied the plea of the railroads of the United States for a horizontal increase of 15 per cent in freight rates.

In its decision the Commission indicated its willingness to increase class rates in the Eastern district approximately 14 per cent. Since about one-fourth of the freight handled is moved under class rates, the decision virtually allows the Eastern lines about 4 per cent increase in gross freight revenue. Increases sought in rates on coal, coke and iron ore will be granted.

Roads Held Prosperous.

The Commission found, as a result of extended hearings, that the carriers generally show a substantial and increasing financial prosperity, and that they have ample resources with which to conduct transportation.

Little sympathy was given the arguments of the roads that they were victims of war conditions, the Commission holding that the carriers have profited by the mobilization of troops.

The Commission suspended the proposed tariffs until October 28, but it indicated that no rehearing of the case would be of value at this time, and suggested cancellation of tariffs.

Gloom Not Justified.

The Commission finds that the gloomy forecasts of jeopardized incomes, seen by railroad officials early in 1917, have not been borne out by the figures available for later months. The proceedings were brought in March, when the returns from February were just being made. February was one of the worst months in railroad history. The subsequent months have shown increasing revenues, while expenses have in many cases failed to mount to the extent the carriers' officials feared.

The decision points out that the carriers' comparisons have been made largely with those of 1916, which was the banner year in railroad earnings, and adds that the 1917 income might be considerably diminished without necessarily indicating a danger point in earnings.

Better Service Asked.

Commissioner Harlan, in a concurring statement, declared that, should the next few months show that the railroad men's fears were well founded, the Commission would be ready to grant relief. He also made a plea for better equipment and service.

Commissioner Meyer, dissenting in part, disagreed with the Commission's holding that an emergency exists for Eastern railroads of such character as to make it imperative to authorize even the increased class rates sanctioned by the majority. He stated that there is no proof that the returns of the carriers of the East for this year may not be more favorable than the net returns for all but a small number of years in their entire history.

Congressional Probe Wanted.

Commissioner McChord, also dissenting, urged that the Commission report to Congress the essential facts disclosed, and ask that an investigation be made to determine whether prices demanded of the carriers for fuel and supplies are reasonable under present conditions. He also intimated that Government control of these commodities might afford relief.

The Commission authorized the following raises in class rates for points north of the Ohio, east of the Mississippi: First-class, from 78.8 to 90; second-class, from 68.3 to 79; third-

DUMA OBJECTS TO BEING ABOLISHED

SOLDIERS'-WORKMEN'S RESOLUTION NOT TO BE OBEYED.

Body Cites Its Part in Dethroning Czar and Forming Provisional Government.

PETROGRAD, June 29.—The Russian Duma will not abide by the recent resolution of the Congress of Soldiers' and Workmen's Councils calling for its dissolution, says a resolution adopted at a private meeting of the members of the Duma.

"The Duma," says the resolution, "having powerfully contributed to the abdication of Nicholas and the formation of the provisional revolutionary government, which the entire country immediately recognized, thus showing its confidence in the Duma, and having in the manner acted as a revolutionary institution independent of its position during the old regime, is of the opinion that it cannot cease to exist as an organ of national representation and will adhere to its patriotic duty of raising its voice if necessary to preserve the fatherland from the dangers which threaten it and guide it in the right path."

RANCHERS BUY RAILROAD

Syndicate of 55 Pays \$200,000 for Idaho Line.

LEWISTON, Idaho, June 29.—(Special.)—A company of 55 ranchers of the Nez Perce patrie has purchased the Johnson railroad, operating between Volmer and Nez Perce. The purchase price was \$160,000, and new equipment will make the total investment \$200,000.

Z. A. Johnson, former president of the road, is extensively interested in the construction of a railroad from Lewiston to Volmer, several miles of which have been built. The proceeds from the sale of the line from Volmer to Nez Perce will go into this road.

PROJECTS FIGHT RENEWED

Senator McNary to Offer Sinnott Amendment for Irrigation.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 29.—After conference with Representative Sinnott today, Senator McNary decided to offer in the Senate the amendment which failed in the House, making available for building new irrigation projects \$20,000,000 of the \$150,000,000 carried by the bill to increase the food supply.

The Senator is convinced that through such legislation the crop yield of next and subsequent years can be materially increased in Oregon and other Western states.

OLYMPIA IS HELD FAST

Rock on Which Cruiser Rests Is Not Charted.

NEWPORT, R. I., June 29.—A report received today from naval officers investigating the grounding of the United States cruiser Olympia in Block Island Sound said that warship struck an uncharted rock 500 yards south of Cerberus Shoal buoy and that a court of inquiry probably would show that the navigator was not at fault.

Although the Olympia remains hard aground, there still is hope that she will be saved.

PRICE OF COAL ADVANCED

Rise Precedes Reduction Promised at Washington.

DECATUR, Ill., June 29.—Local coal operators today increased the price of coal 55 cents a ton at the mine. This makes the price \$3.90 per ton. According to word from Washington, the local operators were a party to the recent price agreement and the Federal Trade Commission is expected to demand an explanation of the rise in prices.

ORDER OFFERED WHITLOCK

Congress Asked to Pass Law to Permit Acceptance of Decoration.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Today President Wilson asked Congress to pass a law to permit Branch Whitlock, American Minister to Belgium, to accept a decoration from King Albert of Belgium.

It has been offered in recognition of his marked services to the little kingdom.

DUTCH CRUISER VISITS U. S.

Warship Is En Route to East Indies to Patrol Possessions.

NEW YORK, June 29.—The Dutch armored cruiser Zeeland put in here today on her way to the Dutch East Indies by way of the Panama Canal. She will assume a period of duty as a patrol ship in waters of Holland possessions.

IRATE COLLECTOR IN JAIL

La Grande Woman Says Door of Her Home Was Kicked Off by Agent.

LA GRANDE, Or., June 29.—(Special.)—A magazine collector who gave his name as Ford, is out on bonds tonight, following charges preferred by a La Grande woman.

She alleges that when she disputed a bill he kicked the front door off its hinges.

PRESIDENT STOPS BONE-DRY CLAUSE

Prohibition of Beer and Wines Opposed by Supreme Court.

HASTE ON FOOD BILL IS URGED

Restriction of Manufacture of Liquor Held Enough.

SENATORS ARE CALLED ON

Dryers Are Told That Prolonged Fight Over Act Would Be Dangerous to Safety of Country and Are Asked to Wait.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Intervention of President Wilson today checked the bone-dry National prohibition movement in Congress. Confinement of prohibition legislation to distilled beverages without interference with the manufacture of beer and wines, it is generally agreed, will result.

Prohibition leaders were asked by the President to drop their fight against the manufacture of beer, wines and other light intoxicants. With a formal response from the "dryers" deferred, Senate leaders of all factions quickly reached an understanding to limit absolute prohibition to distilled spirits.

Senators Called to White House.

President Wilson exchanged letters with Rev. Dr. James Cannon, chairman of the National Anti-Saloon League's legislative committee, and called Senate leaders to the White House in his effort to smooth the way for final enactment of the food measure.

Bone-dry legislation was written into the bill before it passed the House and the Senate. Agriculture committee amended the provision to prohibit the manufacture of distilled spirits, but empowered the President to permit the making of beer and wine.

Haste Urged for Bill.

In his letter to Dr. Cannon the President said Senator Martin, Democratic leader, had asked him to express his views on the food-liquor agitation regarding "the wisest and most patriotic policy to be pursued," and added: "I regard the immediate passage of the bill as of vital consequence to the safety and defense of the Nation. Time is the essence and yet it has become evident that heated and protracted debate will delay the passage of the bill indefinitely if the provisions affecting the manufacture of beer and wines are restrained and insisted upon."

Opposition Called Off.

"In these circumstances I have not hesitated to say to members of the Senate who have been kind enough to consult me that it would undoubtedly

DRUG STORES STOCK UP FOR ARID STATE

SPOKANE IMPORTING LARGE SUPPLIES OF LIQUOR.

Spokane Importing Large Supplies of Liquor.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 29.—(Special.)—Spokane, with the rest of the state, will be bone-dry after midnight Saturday; but the drug stores of the city will not.

This week there has been a rush for drug store permits, 17 proprietors having obtained them from Auditor Anderson. And they have not been stinting in their orders. In instances, according to applications on file in the Auditor's office, small drugstores have obtained as high as two or three barrels of whisky.

The incoming liquor to drug stores will total several thousand gallons this week. Some of these shipments cannot be received until after the state has been declared bone-dry by Federal enactment, and a question is to be raised as to whether it can legally be shipped into the state after that date.

The records show that the 17 drug stores ordering this week called for a total of 140 cases of whisky, 9 barrels of whisky and 138 gallons of special brand of whisky. In addition to this 19 gallons of wine and five barrels and four cases of beer were ordered.

At 3 P. M. today 170,929 liquor permits had been issued by County Auditor Anderson since the opening of the department in January, 1916. This brought the county a revenue of \$42,734.75. Of this number 9564 were issued since the permit room was opened by a writ of mandamus, 45 were issued today. The department will close its doors tomorrow noon.

GRAIN IN FINE CONDITION

Hot Wind Brings Rain and Cloudy Day and Is Beneficial.

PENDLETON, Or., June 29.—(Special.)—So far from damaging the crops of this section, the hot wind of yesterday proved beneficial. Had it continued for another day damage might have been wrought, is the opinion of farmers, but it ceased in the middle of the afternoon and was followed by a light rain and a cloudy day, much to the relief of the growers.

A similar wind of a week ago burned the grain very slightly where the soil is shallow but made the farmers apprehensive. The grain here at the present time, both Fall and Spring varieties, is in fine condition.

DETECTIVE PLOT CHARGED

Men With Bomb Say Sleuths Sought to Win Praise.

NEW YORK, June 29.—Charges that a police headquarters "bomb squad" member instigated a plot to place a bomb before J. P. Morgan & Co.'s bank so that detectives could win praise by arresting the plotters were ordered investigated by a court today.

The accusation was made by Isadore Scherer, counsel for Wolf Hirsch and George Mieringer, who pleaded guilty to having a bomb in their possession.

NEW CITY COUNCIL NAMES APPOINTEES

Sweeping Changes Are Made at City Hall.

GEORGE ROSSMAN IS JUDGE

Commissioner Bigelow President of Commission.

G. R. FUNK NAMED AUDITOR

O. Laugaard Will Become Engineer and Treasurer Adams and City Attorney LaRoche Will Be Retained in Office.

NEW CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES CHOICE OF OFFICIALS FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION.

George R. Funk appointed City Auditor filling vacancy caused by election of Auditor Barbur to City Commission.

City Commissioner Bigelow elected president of the City Council.

O. Laugaard appointed City Engineer, replacing Philip H. Dater.

George Rossman appointed Municipal Judge, replacing John H. Stevenson.

Dr. M. B. Marcellus retained as Health Officer, and Dr. L. J. Wolf as assistant until close of war.

Dr. George Parrish appointed Acting Health Officer, and Dr. John G. Abele, acting assistant.

William Adams retained as City Treasurer.

W. P. LaRoche retained as City Attorney.

At an executive session of the new City Council held yesterday the question of appointments to the higher positions in the city service was disposed of and sweeping changes made.

City Commissioner Bigelow, the only hold-over Commissioner, was elected President of the Council to take the place formerly held by Commissioner Daly, whose term expires today.

George Rossman, an attorney, was appointed Municipal Judge, replacing John H. Stevenson.

O. Laugaard was appointed City Engineer to take the place of Philip H. Dater.

George R. Funk is Auditor.

George R. Funk, chief deputy in the office of County Assessor Reed, was appointed City Auditor in place of A. L. Barbur, who becomes City Commissioner tomorrow.

William Adams was retained as City Treasurer.

W. P. LaRoche was retained as City Attorney.

RELATIONS CUT BY GREEK GOVERNMENT

OFFICIALS CONSIDER STATE OF WAR EXISTS NOW.

Ministers to Berlin, Vienna, Sofia and Constantinople Ordered to Return to Athens.

ATHENS, June 29.—The Greek government has broken diplomatic relations with Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey.

Though war has not yet been declared, the Greek government considers that a state of war exists since its advent to power yesterday.

PARIS, June 29.—Telegraphing from Athens under today's date, the correspondent of Le Temps says that the Greek Ministers at Berlin, Vienna, Sofia and Constantinople have been instructed to leave their posts with their staffs and to place their archives with the Netherlands Legation.

"The rupture is based on the incompatibility of maintaining diplomatic relations with governments that are carrying on a war in Greek territory," adds the dispatch.

PLOT TO KIDNAP ADMITTED

Man Charged With Killing Keets Baby Confesses Lesser Crime.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., June 29.—Dick Carter, arrested at Hutchinson, Kan., last week on a charge of murder in connection with the kidnaping and death of Baby Lloyd Keet, has confessed, implicating in the alleged plot to kidnap C. A. Clement, a wealthy Springfield jeweler, Prosecutor Paul O'Day said today.

According to O'Day, Carter said Claude Piersol, who also is charged with the Keet baby murder, offered him \$750 as a share of any ransom paid for Clement's release.

4 BRITISH STEAMERS SUNK

Destruction by U-Boats Revealed in Reports to Insurance Offices.

BOSTON, June 29.—The torpedoing and sinking of four large British cargo-carrying steamers was announced today. The steamers were the Ukraina, of the Cunard line, 6593 tons; Haverford, of the American line, 7495 tons; Buffalo, Wilson liner, 2583 tons, and the Manistee, another Cunard vessel.

No details of the losses were given, but no mention was made of the fate of the crews.

TURKS DEFEAT RUSSIANS

Superior Forces Force Retirement on Mesopotamia.

PETROGRAD, June 29.—(British Admiralty per Wireless Press.)—Fighting broke out yesterday between Turks and Russians on the frontier between Persia and Mesopotamia.

After two attacks by superior Turkish forces the Russians, according to today's official statement, retired to the northern bank of the River Abis Tirman, south of Baneh.

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\$4,000,000 TIMBER SALE TO BE CLOSED

Eccles Company To Exercise Dubois Option.

TRACT CONTAINS 27,325 ACRES

Shipbuilding Among Proposed Activities of Purchaser.

NEW MILL CONTEMPLATED

Holdings Contain 2,500,000 Feet in Four Oregon Counties and \$1,000,000 Logging Road Will Have to Be Built.

The culmination of Oregon's largest timber land deal of recent years, growing out of the option on the \$4,000,000 holdings of the Dubois Lumber Company, granted to David C. Eccles, head of the Oregon American Lumber Company, on January 24, awaits only the return of John Dubois, head of the selling company, from the East.

Official notice that the option, which is to expire July 1, was to be concluded by purchase has been given by Charles T. Early, of Portland, manager of the Eccles timber interests in Oregon, to J. K. Gamble, secretary of the Dubois Lumber Company.

Mr. Dubois Expected.

Rey R. Early, sales agent of the Oregon American Lumber Company, left for an Eastern trip a week ago and it is understood that his conference with Mr. Eccles in Salt Lake City marked the decision of the option holders to make the purchase.

Mr. Dubois is now at Atlantic City, N. J., and Mr. Gamble said last night he was not certain when Mr. Dubois would return, though he expected him within two or three weeks. Just when Mr. Eccles will come to Portland to conclude his share in the transaction, whether he will precede or arrive concurrently with Mr. Dubois, is not yet known.

President's Signature Necessary.

The fact that the Dubois Company is an Oregon corporation will necessitate the signature of its president before the transaction can be terminated, but in view of the fact that the optional decision is on the Eccles side of the deal and that Mr. Dubois is obliged to accept the tender the signature of Mr. Dubois is, in effect, a mere formality.

Insofar as practical effect is concerned the deal was closed when Mr. Early notified Mr. Gamble that the Eccles interests expected to exercise the option and that the money was ready to be paid over.

Market Plans Not Made.

The lands involved in the big deal embrace 27,325 acres located in Clatsop, Tillamook, Washington and Columbia counties, most of the acreage being on the Clatsop County side of the intersecting boundary lines. By the Dubois purchase the entire holding includes 2,500,000 feet of yellow fir, spruce, hemlock and cedar, the yellow fir being the predominating variety.

Just how the officers of the Oregon American Lumber Company expect to get their timber to the market is yet undecided. Mr. Early said last night that half a dozen different routes are possible, and that any one of them may be chosen.

Logging Road Needed.

During his last visit to Portland Mr. Eccles estimated that it would cost between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000 to build the logging road that is to make the rich timber belt accessible, and that it would require about one year to build that road. Mr. Early last night confirmed the report that the purchasing company contemplated the utilization of some of the newly acquired timber for shipbuilding purposes.

The Oregon American Lumber Company now operates several sawmill properties in Oregon, the main plants being at Dee, in the Hood River Valley and near Baker. This year will see the wind-up of the activities of the company mill at Heaver Creek Falls, along the lower Columbia River Highway.

The location of the mill which is to saw the timber from the new holdings has not yet been made public if it has been determined.

The final papers on the Dubois-Eccles deal are being prepared and will be ready for signature upon the arrival of Mr. Dubois.

15 SLACKERS SENTENCED

Terms in County Jail at Yakima Follow Pleas of Guilty.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., June 29.—(Special.)—Eighteen indictments were returned Thursday by the United States grand jury here against men charged with failing to register under the conscription act.

In 15 cases pleas of guilty were made and these sentences were imposed: J. L. Bates, Harold Masoli, Frank Henderson, Wendell Reis, Albert Soder, seven months in the Yakima jail; Thomas H. Dunning, W. F. Reer, six months; Paul Heber and E. L. Butler, one month; Earl Knight, P. R. Rice, George Murray, S. E. Benoff, Steve Polouvic and Ed Richeson, ten days.

Jules Miller pleaded not guilty.

