

GRADED RATE TO WEST OPPOSED

Disque Finds Coast Not Unduly Favored.

FINDINGS NOT BINDING

Interstate Commerce Body Is Expected to Carry Out Recommendations, However.

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transportation to the Pacific coast, but as between these separate sets of carriers there is that natural and well-grounded fear of each other's ascendancy and power, sufficient, especially in view of the actual movement by water, to warrant a finding that there is actual competition at the present time.

"Energetic business competitors in their struggle for success always look beyond the present and are justified in keeping themselves fortified against each other's activities, even though there may not be apparent cause for immediate concern. It is mainly for these reasons that the commodity rates have been held to their present level and largely for these reasons that the carriers are now opposing a disturbance of the present adjustment.

Committee Report Side-tracked. But the report of the coast committee when referred to a Chicago committee for study and report was sidetracked and eventually referred to the interstate commerce commission. Because of the impending return of the carriers to their own ports, the committee was not able to do more than to investigate and to report. It was on that report that Disque's investigation was based, and it being alleged in the complaint that Pacific coast received unreasonable preference and intermountain territory was subjected to prejudice and disadvantages because the commodity rates are not graded so as to afford intermountain territory the full benefit of its shorter distance from the east.

Hearing Held at Salt Lake. Hearing was had on the complaint at Salt Lake City last November and at the hearing the report of the coast committee was considered, that report being supported by intermountain interests and opposed by the carriers and coast shippers and the director-general as well. A committee of railroad traffic officials was then requested to prepare a proposal showing what adjustment they would be willing to make in case the commission should find unlawful discrimination against intermountain territory.

Assembly Rates Not Graded. "The record shows," said Examiner Disque, "that intermountain territory is paying the same rates on most of its traffic from the east as does the Pacific coast. Practically none of the present assembly rates are graded. Commodity rates to intermountain territory are the same as to the coast or to points in schedule B and schedule C and it is only on commodities, in carloads, mainly in schedule A that commodity rates are graded. As to destination points the graded rates to intermountain territory are blanketed east for several hundred miles.

Another Club Is Formed. Oregon City Has Harding-Stanfield Organization at Work. OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Organization of a Harding-Stanfield club was effected here this afternoon at a special meeting of the republican county central committee.

Rate Bases Are Compared. "We have generally recognized that through rates should be less than the combination rates but prompted chiefly by considerations of paramount public interest, growing out of revenue conditions of certain carriers, we have hesitated and even declined absolutely to condemn combinations. In this connection the Boston chamber of commerce case, at supra, may be referred to as an example. In that case the charges on the coast rates from the Atlantic seaboard to Colorado and Utah common points be so adjusted that the through rates would be less than the combinations on Chicago or the Mississippi river. Though the rates that ordinarily through rates should be less than the combination of local, and finding that there existed an unusual and unreasonable condition which called for correction, we stated that we did not feel warranted, with the reason given in the report, in requiring any change at that time.

GOVERNOR STEPHENS AND COLBY CONFER

Reported Agreement Between Nations Denied.

SUBJECTS KEPT SECRET

Referendum in California Must Be Carried On Regardless of Action, Is Declaration.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—Governor Stephens of California was in conference today with Secretary Colby at the state department regarding the Japanese situation in the Pacific coast state. While he would not say what had transpired during the discussion, the governor indicated later that he had been assured that reports from Tokio of an approaching agreement between Japan and the United States providing for naturalization of Japanese now in the country and restriction of future immigration were without foundation.

Secretary Colby said later that his talk with Governor Stephens had been "satisfying." He had found the California executive to realize fully the seriousness of the problem and to be anxious to do justice in solving it, he said.

JAPANESE ORDERED FREED. Residence of 5 Years in U. S. Held Voiding Immigration Charge. SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 3.—Hura Teuchi, Japanese, who has been held by immigration authorities here, on a charge of having obtained entry into the United States through misrepresentation, was ordered released in a writ of habeas corpus issued by the United States district court here today.

IDAHO WANTS NEW TIME CHANGE IN ZONE IS HELD SENTIAL TO FARMERS. Interstate Commerce Commission Hears That Physical Barrier Bars Inconvenience. BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Evidence indicating the almost unanimous desire on the part of southern Idaho for a change in the time zone from Pacific to mountain was presented to W. C. Hall of the interstate commerce commission at the standard time zone hearing in the federal court rooms today.

PREMIERS IN CONFERENCE. Economic Pact Between France and Belgium Expected. PARIS, Sept. 3.—Premier Delacroix of Belgium, here supposedly on official business, took luncheon today with Premier Millerand. It is understood he came to Paris to arrange the final details for ratification of the military accord between France and Belgium, already signed.

SUGAR MEN FURNISH BAIL. Eight Utahans Named as Gongers Put Up \$10,000 Each. SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Sept. 3.—Bail of \$10,000 was furnished today by each of the eight directors of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company of Salt Lake, named in a sugar profiteering complaint filed here last week at an instance of the United States district attorney of South Dakota, charging the directors with conspiring in the sale of sugar at Sioux Falls.

FINNS SENTENCE SWEDS. Two Members of Commission Convicted on Treason Charge. STOCKHOLM, Sept. 3.—The two members of the Swedish mission to the Aland Islands, Sundblom and Bloerkman, recently arrested by the Finns on charges of treason, have been sentenced to imprisonment for 18 months at hard labor, with the loss of civic rights for three years, by the court of appeals at Abo, Finland, according to advices today.

LEGION POSTS IN FIGHT

COMMANDER CONTEST MAY GO TO CONVENTION FLOOR.

Spokane and Hoquiam May Take Advantage of Situation and Enter Dark Horses.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—A fight between the Elmer J. Noble post of the American Legion and Seattle post No. 18, both of Seattle, for the election of the Washington department commander devolved today and gave promise of being carried to the floor of the convention. Steve Chadwick, favored candidate of Seattle post No. 18, is being backed by a large delegation. Opposing him is Thomas Swale, backed by representatives of the Elmer J. Noble post.

LARGE STILL IS LOCATED. 765 Gallons of Corn Meal Mash Confiscated in Lewis County Raid. CHEHALIS, Wash., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The largest still ever found in Lewis county was located Wednesday evening by Sheriff Berry and Deputy Roberts. It was of heavy copper and had a capacity of about 20 gallons daily. Seven hundred and sixty-five gallons of corn meal mash also was confiscated.

HOTEL OBTAINS MANAGER. Pat Foley to Conduct New Hostelry at The Dalles. THE DALLES, Or., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Arrangements have been completed whereby Pat Foley, now proprietor of the Hotel Dalles, will assume the management of the new Albert hotel, to be opened here about October 1. The new hotel is owned by the Citizens National bank, a newly organized institution which expects to open its doors at the same time. The hotel has 42 rooms, half of these with baths and will cater to the commercial trade.

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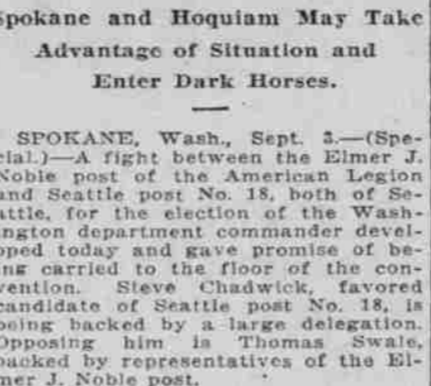
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