

RAIL DIVORCE CASE TO BE HEARD HERE

Interstate Commerce Body
to Decide on Merger.

COURT ORDER HELD NIL

Transportation Act Declared to
Leave Matter in Hands of
Federal Commission.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., July 18.—Dates will be set within a short time for hearings on the question of what to do with the Central Pacific railroad, which the supreme court recently held should be separated from the Southern Pacific. Commissioner Hill of the interstate commerce commission said today. One of these hearings, he said, will be held at Portland.

In the meantime the intensive campaign begun through a publicity bureau in Washington against the consolidation of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific has been continued. This propaganda harps on the recent decision of the supreme court in favor of the dissolution of the two roads, conveying the impression that the decision of the high court is binding on the interstate commerce commission.

Such is not the fact. It is expected that the commission will ignore this decision, acting entirely under powers given it by the transportation act as amended by congress two years ago. It is presumed that if the commission takes its investigations have upheld the present tentative plan for grouping the Southern and Central Pacific into one system action will be taken accordingly. It is pointed out by authorities on the transportation act that the commission is neither legally nor morally bound by the decision of the supreme court.

The bureau conducting the fight on a consolidation of the Southern and Central Pacific railroads, operating under the masked name of "California Committee of Shippers and Producers," has within the last week or two enlisted much support for a consolidation of the Central Pacific with the Union Pacific among senators and representatives in congress from Wyoming and Nebraska, states in which the Union Pacific is the dominating railroad system.

It begins to look here as if George B. McGinty, secretary of the interstate commerce commission, soon will have to issue a public statement repudiating a bogus interview with Secretary McGinty three weeks ago, put out by the bureau which is opposing the Southern-Central Pacific merger. Mr. McGinty repudiated the interview at the time to all those who made inquiry of him, but on the Pacific coast wide publicity has been given to his alleged statement, which said the interstate commerce commission must recognize the supreme court decision.

GIRLS FLEE FOREST FIRE

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of the still, the ruins of which were found after the fire had passed on. About 150 gallons of mash was cooked during the fire. Reports of new fires and of old ones breaking out anew poured into the state forester's office today, indicating that conditions in many sections are rapidly becoming worse.

The Pacific States Timber company fire in northeastern Lewis county, fanned by the north wind, jumped to the crowns of the timber and traveled more than a mile before it was stopped. In western Lewis county the McCormick Lumber company fire has broken out afresh and is spreading southward toward a heavy stand of timber owned by the Long-Bell company. Fire from the H. H. Martin Lumber company camp, on the Grand Mound ridge north of Centralia, is spreading and threatening homes of many settlers.

Long-Bell Tract Menaced.

In western Cowlitz county, the Eastern & Western Lumber company fire, which Mr. Pape says has been neglected, has spread over large territory and is threatening the south side of the same. Long-Bell timber stand that is threatened on the north by the McCormick fire. The Long-Bell company has sent two big crews into the woods to fight back the fire. The forestry division today called on the Eastern & Western company to take action to stop the fire.

More logs have been destroyed by the Buckley Lumber company fire near Buckley, in eastern Pierce county.

The Wilkeson fire is in about the

same condition as that at Buckley, being confined to a large slashing left by the Wilkeson Coal company. A wind would carry either of these fires into the timber, the warden said.

A new fire in the Brownfield works near Orling was reported to Mr. Pape. It has not been controlled.

HERMAN CREEK FIRE RAGING

Rumor That Mount Defiance Burn
Has Broken Bounds Denied.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 18.—(Special.)—The Herman creek forest fire situation remains unchanged.

WHAT CONGRESS DID AS ITS DAYS' WORK.

Senate.
Tariff bill debated, the finance committee being overruled regarding the duty on cotton underwear.
Pletcher of Florida analyzed the ship subsidy measure.
The house Muscle Shoals propositions were further discussed by Caraway (dem.) of Arkansas.

tonight. The fire crossed control lines into the Herman creek watershed last night, but State Forest Service Sherrard, who has established headquarters for directing fighters, said that new lines thrown out today had held and that he expected them to prevent a spread of the fire tonight. While crews are keeping the fire fairly well in hand at the worst points, Mr. Sherrard says the situation is serious and the big burn will be a source of grave concern until rain prevails.

PATROL PLANE IS DAMAGED

Machine Meets With Mishap on
Landing at Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Or., July 18.—(Special.)—The De Havilland army plane assigned to Roseburg for forest patrol work was slightly damaged here today when the landing gear collapsed following its arrival at the local field. Lieutenant J. R. Morgan, who piloted the plane from Eugene to this city, made a good landing, but while the machine was coasting to a stop it struck a small bump, which caused it to hop into the air again. When it struck again the whole plane came down with a crash. The landing gear carried away several of the struts and loosened some of the struts so that the under wing was bent out of shape.

The motor convoy on the way from Mather field to Eugene arrived late this evening and spare parts were secured, and it is expected that the plane will be ready for service tomorrow.

SCOUTS LEAVE FOR CAMP

Sixty Boys Will Join Contingent
at Wahtum Lake Rendezvous.

Sixty Boy Scouts under the leadership of James E. Brockway, scout executive, will leave Portland this morning at 7:15 o'clock for four weeks at the summer training camp at Wahtum lake, about 13 miles from the Columbia river highway over the Eagle creek trail. Twenty of the 55 scouts now at the camp, having finished the prescribed four weeks' course, will return home on the arrival of the new contingent.

BOYS FORM GOVERNMENT

Camp at Spirit Lake Controlled
by Community Administration.

At the Young Men's Christian association boys' camp at Spirit lake, near Mount St. Helens, Wash., where self-government has been established as a permanent institution, the following were selected at a recent election of officers: Abbott Lawrence, governor; Curtis Whiting, lieutenant-governor; William Delanty, judge; Lynn Wyckoff, prosecuting attorney; Dennison Lawrence, sheriff.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Burpee visited their sons, Francis and Gordon, last week-end. Yesterday the boys left camp for a hike east of Mount St. Helens. The new group of 40 boys will go to the camp July 21 to remain during August.

Courthouse Testimony Ends.

KIAMATH FALLS, Or., July 18.—(Special.)—Testimony in the "courthouse case" was completed today. The trial has been unmarked by any sensational development. Judge Skipworth announced that with the completion of the transcript in about two weeks he would require briefs from each side. Filing of briefs will occupy 30 days more, bringing the date when a decision will be expected to the middle of September.

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BONUS AND SUBSIDY BLAMED FOR DELAY

Senate Could Pass Tariff
in Short Order.

MANY WANT TO GO HOME

Members Dreading Other Bills to
Come Up if Duties Are Passed
On and Settled Now.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.

(Copyright by the New York Evening Post. Published by Arrangement.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 18.—(Special.)—It is not really the tariff that is consuming the time of the senate. On the senate programme, as it stands today, there are three items—the tariff, the soldiers' bonus and the ship subsidy. Of these three, it is not the tariff, but the two others that are the real time consumers.

If the senate knew that the tariff was the only thing on the programme, or if it could make arrangements with the various interests involved, including President Harding, to throw the soldiers' bonus and the ship subsidy over into the next session, the public would see quick action, so far as the tariff is concerned. The republicans know they are going to pass some kind of a tariff bill this session. There can be no doubt about that. The democrats, on the other hand, if the tariff were the only thing on the programme, both republicans and democrats would go to work vigorously and get it out of the way.

Senators Would Go Home.

The senators are very eager to go home. A full third of them have already left, and the rest are waiting ahead of them. Added to this motive on the part of a third of the senate is the common motive of fatigue. That always comes when there is good reason about the present stage of a hot summer session. Still another motive is the belief on the part of republican leaders that a good deal of the discontent in the country and the criticism of congress would vanish if congress would adjourn and give the country a rest.

But so long as the soldiers' bonus and the ship subsidy remain on the programme the senators figure there is no use hurrying with the tariff. The democrats will take their leisure in debating against it. And the republicans will continue to disagree among themselves on important items of the bill. They all know that as things stand they can't possibly get anything until well into October, or possibly later. Everybody knows that there will be weeks of debate on the soldiers' bonus, and more weeks of debate on the ship subsidy. So they wait. Those things remain ahead of them, why hurry with the tariff? Indeed, the presence of these two items on the programme constitutes a full-time job for the senate. The opponents of both to kill time.

Two Courses Are Open.

These opponents believe that time works in their favor. There are only two things that could get the bonus out of the way. One would be for President Harding to let it be known that the McCumber bill with some modifications would be acceptable to him. This eventuality is pretty clearly impossible in the light of the position Mr. Harding has steadily maintained. The other thing Mr. Harding could do with the soldiers' bonus out of the way would be to announce in advance that he will veto it.

This course also would be an unlikely one for the president to take because of his well-known regard for the constitutional distinction between himself and the legislative branch of the government. Any man holding these views would naturally hesitate to seem to use the threat of a veto in advance as a means of influencing legislative action.

As regards the ship subsidy, the only thing that could get it off the programme would be an impression of willingness on Mr. Harding's part to let it go over to the next session. Such an action would be inconsistent with his wish to get the ship subsidy disposed of. The next session of congress will be a short one, with only about seven weeks of working time. The ship subsidy could not possibly be passed by both houses in so short a period. Therefore, if the ship subsidy were thrown over to the next session it would mean one of two things: Either President Harding would have to call an extra session some time after March 4 next to consider the ship subsidy, in the lack of this, it would automatically be postponed for more than a year, until December 1923.

Ship Subsidy Delay Expected.

As things now stand, unless there is some change of the nature indicated the programme will work out about as follows: The senate will

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continue to debate the tariff at least until August 15 and possibly later. On August 15 the lower house will return from its vacation. After the senate has passed the tariff there will be four or five weeks of conference to reconcile the differences between the senate tariff bill and the house tariff bill.

SLAYER ASKS NEW TRIAL

MISCONDUCT ON PART OF
JURY IS ALLEGED.

Court Also Said to Have Erred on
Points of Law in Course
of Murder Case.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 18.—(Special.)—Motion for a new trial for Russell Hecker, convicted July 7 of the murder of Frank Bowker, Polk county musician, was filed here today by Hecker's three attorneys. Insufficient evidence to constitute a conviction, misconduct of the jury and errors of the court on points of law were the three reasons given for the petition.

The charges of misconduct of the jury were made on the basis of affidavits to the effect that during the course of the deliberation the five women members of the jury left the jury room and, unaccompanied by the bailiff, walked into another room some distance down and across the hall. The affidavits are signed by George S. O'Neal and E. Shea, representatives of two Portland newspapers at the trial; by Percy Johnson, one of the witnesses for both state and defense; and by R. J. Hecker, father of the defendant.

In alleging error on the part of the court, the defense stated that Judge Campbell erred in refusing to allow the motion for dismissal after the completion of the state's case in chief, erred in the admission of certain evidence objected to and further committed an error in refusing to give certain instructions to the jury requested by the defense and in giving other instructions to which the defense objected.

SPEEDER WINS LENITY

NORTH PLAINS MAN PLEASERS
COURT WITH FRANKNESS.

Plea of Guilty and Reasonable
Fixing of Own Penalty Prompt
Judge to Split Fine.

Reflected glare of lights on his windshield from a vehicle coming up in the rear annoyed G. E. Rieben of the North Plains as he was driving into Portland over the Canyon road Monday night. He speeded up to lose the machine and the police lights were on the motorcycle of a deputy sheriff.

Rieben pleaded guilty to speeding when he appeared before District Judge Deich yesterday.

"Do you realize that the maximum penalty for this offense is a fine of \$400 and 100 days in jail?" Judge Deich thundered.
"Yes, sir," replied Rieben, meekly.
"Yet, you plead guilty?"
"Yes, sir."
"Well, what do you think I should do in your case?" asked the judge.

"It seems to me, your honor, that since I never have been arrested before, and didn't mean to speed, a \$10 fine ought to be enough."
"You're a reasonable sort of man," said Judge Deich. "I'll be reasonable, too. Your fine is \$5."

UTAH GOVERNOR IN TOWN

Executive Guest of American In-
stitute of Banking.

As the invited guest of the American Institute of Banking, Charles R. Mabey, governor of Utah, arrived in Portland yesterday and will address

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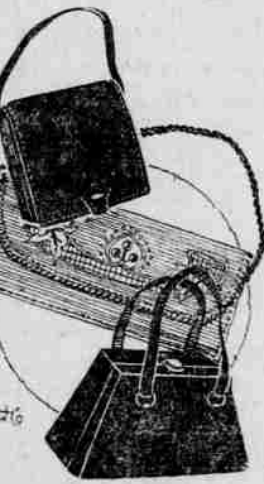
Special at \$5.95

—New vanity cases of black patent leather, complete with vanity fittings and mirror. Unusual styles that suggest a much higher price than \$5.95.

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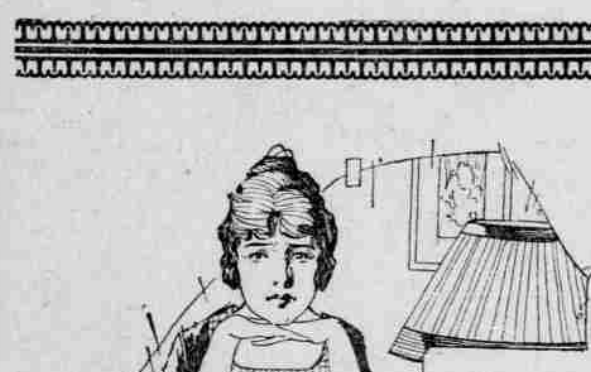
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—and others at \$7.50 to \$35. Charming negligees in breakfast coat and full-length styles. Self-trimmed, lace trimmed, and some with pleated ruffles.

On the Fourth Floor

the assembled bankers today. Governor Mabey is a banker himself, president of the State bank of Bountiful, Utah.
"Utah is prosperous," the governor said. "The Utah Copper company's properties at Bingham, which



Bills! Bills! Bills!

"I imagine it's the same in your household—the first of every month seems to bring more bills than ever before. Pay them you must, but how.

'One way is as good as another' you may retort—but consider—

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