

RAIL DIVORCE HELD NO PRESAGE WASTE

Sugar and Oil Industries
Declared Menaced.

PORTLAND MAN WITNESS

Dr. C. J. Smith, for Inland Empire Shippers, Urges Independent Central Pacific System.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 28.—California views and shipping plans for continued association of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific railroads, notwithstanding a supreme court decision ordering their separation, again were presented today before the Interstate Commerce commission at hearings on the question.

R. E. Sachs, chief engineer of the state railroad commission, dealt with the present transportation and railroad conditions which he asserted made unified operation of the two systems desirable in the interest of the general public of the Pacific coast area.

Any attempt at separate operation of the railroads, with joint use of tracks and facilities they now enjoy, he insisted, meant waste and inefficiency.

Public Is Held Benefited.

In a detailed review of rail and market facilities, and an analysis of traffic movement, Mr. Sachs supported at every point the application which the Southern Pacific has pending before the commission to retain control of the Central Pacific.

"As the railroad facilities stand now, the most economical and efficient movement of traffic that possibly can be attained is being afforded the public," Mr. Sachs asserted. "Any separation of the two railroads will result in increased expense in transportation, lessened efficiency and restriction of greater markets."

The two roads, if separated, would find themselves badly equipped, he said. No matter what attempt might be made for joint use of facilities, terminals and tracks after separation, he insisted, the inevitable result would be waste and decreased service.

Traffic Diversion Negligible.

The break-up of operating organizations, he declared, also would entail damage to service and expenditure before new forces could be built.

H. A. Scandrett, counsel for the Union Pacific, the witness into interchanges on cross-examination, over the question of whether the association of the Central Pacific, as a northern trans-continental carrier, with the Southern Pacific, a southern trans-continental carrier, did not weaken the first-named road. Mr. Sachs insisted any traffic diverted to the south in consequence of the merger was entirely negligible.

The witness dealt with the point that traffic now handled by a single railroad after the separation would be required to move over two railroads and argued that two-line hauls were more expensive and slow.

Sugar Interests Menaced.

Warren H. McBride, speaking for sugar refinery interests, declared that a \$20,000,000 capital investment, a \$4,000,000 per annum freight bill and a \$60,000,000 annual output from the Californian and Hawaiian sugar industry concerned would be adversely affected by the two-line hauls in prospect.

In Contra Costa county, California, he said, sugar and oil refineries and manufacturing industries had been built on Southern Pacific lines which would have to move an annual product of \$350,000,000 in value over two railroads, where one system now prevails. Wastage and delay, he argued, would be implied.

Supply of Ice Considered.

Frank G. Whipple, for refrigerating and cold storage plants, said the California railroads obtained their ice supply now at the shortest of 100,000 tons a year from mountain lakes in the Sierras, with a wastage of 15 per cent involved en route by melting. If an interchange from Central Pacific to Southern Pacific rails had to be faced, he contended, losses would be much greater and the expense correspondingly larger to consumers and producers.

Separation of the two roads is desirable from the Nebraska point of view, the commission was told by C. E. Childs, representing the railroad commission of that state and the Omaha chamber of commerce.

Shorter Route Is Foreseen.

The chief advantage of such a separation, he said, lay in the possibility that the Central Pacific, when independent, would be associated with the Union Pacific in transportation and that together they would give the shortest rail-road lines between the Pacific coast and eastern points. This would be of general advantage to transcontinental shippers and consumers of transcontinental shipments in the opinion of the witness.

Similar support for the separation decision of the supreme court was given by Dr. C. J. Smith of Portland, Or., speaking for the Inland Empire Shippers' league. An independent Central Pacific system would fit into grouping of railroads in his territory in such a fashion as to facilitate transportation, he declared.

Dr. Smith likewise challenged testimony supporting the Southern Pacific application insofar as it applied to conditions arising from joint operation over single routes by two or more railroads.

A large amount of railroad track and facilities in Oregon, he said, was occupied by railroads in joint use and the practice gave good service as well as elimination of capital wastes in unnecessary construction.

Oregonians at White House.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—An Oregon delegation here attending the hearings in the Southern Pacific-Central Pacific unmerger case was shown through the White House Monday and received by Mrs. Harlan, secretary to Mrs. Harding. E. J. Adams, secretary to Senator Stanford, introduced the visitors. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Simmons, Senator and Mrs. Magdalen and J. E. Shelton of Eugene, and H. H. Corey and J. M. Devers of Salem.

POISON MYSTERY SUICIDE

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delivered Boge's luncheon; Hirst, the houseman, and several guests all told detectives that a woman was not present at any time they were on the scene.

Even when Lohry entered the room

RECENT SOCIETY BRIDE OF CAPITAL LIVING IN ATTIC.



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WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 28.—According to newspaper reports in the capital, Mrs. William Henry Pickford, formerly pretty Miss Helen Burch, well known in Washington's social set, is fixing up a would-be home in an attic in Greenwich village, in New York City, which she will make her home. She admitted, according to the report, that she had been separated for some time from her rich husband, who is well known in diplomatic and social circles. Young Pickford was attached during his stay abroad to the Swiss legation, and is now believed to be in California.

with the tray of edibles Boge was alone and but one possibility that a woman was present at that time was the fact that she could have hidden in the clothes closet. After Boge collapsed, the remains of the luncheon for two were on the table. Everything had been eaten except a part of the salad.

It was discovered by the police that a person, whether a man or woman, as yet undetermined, called Boge at the Rosslyn hotel in the morning. Boge did not, however, receive a telephone message at the hotel where he registered.

Boge came to Los Angeles to work with the local branch of the Western

WHAT CONGRESS DID AS ITS DAYS' WORK.

Senate.

Democrats filibustered all day against the anti-lynching bill, serving notice that no further business will be transacted until the measure is abandoned.

Nomination of Pierce Butler favorably reported without dissenting vote in judiciary committee.

Hearings held on Norris bill appropriating \$100,000,000 for purchase and sale of farm products.

Walsh, democrat, Massachusetts, offered a resolution admitting refugees from Asia Minor and Thrace despite the quota limitation of the immigration laws.

House.

Amendment to subsidy bill to make it impossible for ships to carry liquor adopted. Measure to require annual accounting to treasury department of funds for shipping voted.

Naval affairs committee took up legislation to require government to have repairs made in navy yards.

Bill to prevent Ku Klux Klan and other organizations from sending anonymous communications by mail introduced by Representative Hawes, democrat, Missouri.

Electric company. It was learned that he was not to start work until three weeks and was seeking temporary work at an address on North Broadway. He was employed by the same company in the north.

BOGE REPORTED NERVOUS

Suicide Theory Is Mystery to Mother of Hillsboro Youth.

Relatives and friends of Vaden E. Boge in Portland and Hillsboro yesterday were able to give Los Angeles authorities little assistance in their investigation of the death of the youth from poisoning in a Los Angeles hotel Tuesday.

Some light was shed on the youth's life while in Portland by Mrs. J. Marix, proprietress of a boarding house at 235 Fourteenth street, where Vaden stayed while working for the Western Electric company here.

"He seemed pathetic," Mrs. Marix said, "and never appeared very well. He was very nervous. Sometimes one of the boys would touch him while passing behind his chair and he would jump almost out of the chair and sort of wilt. I thought perhaps he had been shell-shocked overseas until I learned he had been stationed at Camp Lewis all the time he was in the army."

"He talked very little about any-

thing or anyone except his mother. He was apparently very fond of her. He used to get letters about twice a week, but whether they were from a sweetheart or not I do not know. He never went anywhere and had no pictures in his room."

The theory of suicide now held by the Los Angeles police as a result of learning that Boge bought the poison from which he died is as unexplainable to his mother, Mrs. Edward Boge, of near Hillsboro, as the first theory that he had been murdered by a "ghost woman."

"I cannot understand why Vaden would want to take his own life," sobbed Mrs. Boge yesterday. "He used to come home every Saturday night while working in Portland and always seemed in good spirits. I don't know of any reason why he would want to kill himself. He may have had a love affair, but if so he never told me about it. I now understand that he was moody around strangers, but he was never that way at home."

An aunt of the youth, Mrs. Charles Coffin, 349 Jefferson street, said Vaden left for Los Angeles on November 18 instead of November 23, as at first reported. His mother received a letter from him after his arrival in Los Angeles which was postmarked "N.Y." It was written from the home of Mrs. Ida Linginfelter, 1163 East Forty-second street, a fourth cousin, just after Vaden's arrival, but contained nothing that would indicate the youth contemplated suicide, according to his mother. He did not inform her in the letter of what his future plans were beyond saying that Mrs. Linginfelter had invited him to stay at her home. The rest of the letter was devoted to a description of his trip from Portland, his mother said, and contained no mention of a girl or any other traveling companion.

That he was homesick, however, was indicated by the assurance he gave his mother in the letter that he would write every week and his insistence that she should not fail to answer promptly.

"He came home and spent four days before leaving for Los Angeles," his mother said, "and seemed all right when he left except for his sorrow over parting with me. He never mentioned the possibility of death except that he asked me if I thought he should take out an accident insurance policy. I told him to do as he thought best."

That Vaden had seriously considered death, however, is indicated by a request he made of his father some months ago that in the event of his death his body should be cremated. He never brought up the subject again, his father said.

Besides his father and mother, the youth is survived by two younger brothers and a sister, residing on the farm near Hillsboro.

Conference Delegates Chosen.

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BOTH BIG PARTIES TURNING ON WETS

Republican Leaders Favor
Dry Plank in Platform.

RUM BUYER IS TARGET

Plan to Make Purchaser Subject to Prosecution as Well as Seller Worked Out.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—It is apparent that the part which prohibition is to play in the next presidential campaign is crystallizing rapidly. The republicans are trying to take the lead in choosing the position they regard as most desirable, as to maneuver the democrats into taking, or seeming to take, the contrary position.

The republicans, appreciating that the issue is bound to be to the front and that each of the parties must be identified in the public mind with one side or the other, prefer to take the dry side and take it first.

One of the leading elements in this decision is the result of the recent election on the prohibition issue in Ohio. In that election, the issue was specifically set forth in the shape of an amendment to the state constitution. It was framed in terms most favorable to the "wets." It called for almost the mildest conceivable relaxation of the Volstead act. The proposal was merely to raise the permitted proportion of alcohol from 1/2 of 1 per cent to 2 1/2 per cent.

Dry Well Ahead.

On this issue the "drys" won by a considerable majority, and whatever the Ohio electorate does comes close to being the accepted signpost of the policy of the republican party as now constituted and led.

In the next presidential election the issue will be more prohibition or less. It will be a more drastic enforcement of the present limitation or a relaxation of that limitation existing.

The next step in a more effective limitation would be to make the purchase of bootleg whisky a criminal act, the same as the sale or transportation of it. The proposal has been entertained seriously by persons high in the Harding administration to put the purchaser of contraband liquor on the same basis as the receiver of stolen goods by making him equally subject to prosecution. It is true there are some republican leaders who, either on personal conviction or as reflecting their community's views, believe greater dryness to be a mistaken policy, but a greater number of the republican leaders are either dry by conviction or else believe that, as the situation lies, the more advantageous policy, from a political point of view, is to take the side of greater dryness.

Democrats to Struggle.

The democrats will not accept the position which the republicans are now trying to force them into without a struggle. A considerable body of democratic leaders favor the "wet" position, on the theory that they can carry the "dry" south, any how, and that their best chance of carrying what they call the "eastern salient," the big states of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut, lies in taking the wet side.

Against these are a very considerable number of democrats who are "dry" by conviction and they will never consent to the party accepting a "wet" position as a mere incident of political maneuvering.

To the present writer it has seemed recently that these "dry" democratic leaders, either because of personal or for other reasons, are attaining an increasing ascendancy in the party councils. In short, there does not seem to be much essential comfort for the "wets" in either party.

NEW RAILROAD PROPOSED

Line Would Serve Manufacturers on Commencement Day.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—A franchise for the construction of a railway to serve the manufacturing sites along the east side of Commencement bay was applied for to the county commissioners yesterday by Frank C. Ross. The proposed line will connect with those of the Milwaukee and Northern Pacific lines on the tide flats.

When making his application Ross stated that the line will open up a large area of land to industrial plants and will be an inducement for manufacturers looking for sites on the sound.

Much of the property in the district is owned by Ross and General James M. Ashton.

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