

VICTORY FOR HILL ROAD... All Tariffs to Portland Not Concurred in by Northern Pacific Must Be Cancelled.

LONG HAUL FOR HILL ROAD... Interstate Commerce Commission Rules One-Way Business Must Be Sent Via St. Paul or Through Billings to the Northwest.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—It was announced today that the Interstate Commerce Commission had made a ruling compelling the Union Pacific, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Chicago & Northwestern, Missouri Pacific and other railroads to cancel all tariffs on file to the Far Northwest through Portland, Or., which have not been concurred in by the Northern Pacific.

The order means that all one-way business from Chicago and contiguous points which has heretofore been routed to Seattle via Granger, thence over the Short Line to Huntington, from there over the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company to Portland, and thence to Seattle over the Northern Pacific must hereafter be routed by way of St. Paul or through Chicago, Burlington & Quincy through Billings, Mont.

The Portland gateway has long been a point of dispute between the Northern Pacific and its southern competitors. The Northern Pacific has always refused to participate in a rail of tickets through to Seattle unless they were routed through St. Paul or Billings, thereby securing the long haul. The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, in an effort to overcome this attitude, sought to file a schedule with the Interstate Commerce Commission stating that its through tariff included a local ticket purchased at Portland by the railway company and given to the passenger so that he might reach Seattle or contiguous points over the Northern Pacific.

This tariff was declared illegal by the Commission and, when its attention was called to similar schedules filed by other roads, all were ordered cancelled. It was held that all tariffs filed by a road must have the written concurrence of all other roads over which tickets are sold.

EASTBOUND RATE IS HIGHER... Hardwood Lumbermen Complain of Discrimination Against Them.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—There is a difference of 50 cents a hundred weight to lumber shippers of the Middle West between hauling a carload of lumber from Los Angeles to Missouri River points and hauling the same car, refilled with lumber, from the Missouri River to Los Angeles.

This difference was considered yesterday by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the complaint of the National Manufacturers Association against all the Pacific Coast and Middle West railroads.

Railroad officials maintained that there is no need for a lower West-bound rate because the Coast competition is inconsequential and that the low Eastern rate is made because the eastbound traffic is much heavier, when the westbound shipments of other commodities than lumber eliminate empty car movement westward.

Close Shops Till Times Improve... ST. LOUIS, Feb. 22.—The Missouri Pacific shops at Sedalia, employing 800 men, and the St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Railroad shops at Dolores, Ark., with a force of 1,200 men, have been closed and will not reopen until March 6.

RELATIONS ARE STRAINED... APPREHENSION OVER ATTITUDE OF JAPAN IN MANCHURIA.

Many Rumors Rife as to Feeling Between China and Japan... Russia on Guard.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—All sorts of rumors as to imminent complications in the Far East and the dispatch of large reinforcements to Transbaikalia have been rife for some time. The rumors are naturally based on the fact that the Japanese are naturally aroused in many quarters that these stories constitute a maneuver inspired by the supporters of the big war industry. It is difficult to separate the false from the true, but the Russian government is undoubtedly in a position to secure valuable information from M. Shipoff, who has just returned from the Far East.

to the strained relations noticed in Manchuria between the Japanese and the Chinese, are far from hearing out the alarmist views which some hot-headed people would like to propagate. Cool-headed skeptics cannot fail to note that these sensational developments in the Far East seem timed to coincide with the arrival of the American squadron in the Pacific. At best, however, the situation in the Far East is disquieting.

TROUBLE AHEAD ON YUKON... "Reindeer Bill" Huber Forewarns New York-Paris Auto Racers.

YACOMA, Wash., Feb. 22.—"Reindeer Bill" Huber, the Alaska mail carrier, now in Tacoma, says the automobiles on their way to Paris will have plenty of trouble down the Yukon to Nome. The only chance the racers will have to reach Nome on schedule time, in the opinion of "Reindeer Bill," is to follow in the wake of the big dog teams carrying the mails.

The snow gets as deep on the frozen river as it does on land. If the ice is smooth and the wind heavy, the snow will blow off, but often it accumulates and makes travel difficult. The large, heavy sleds with their 30 and 400 pounds of



EDWARD'S NIECE MAY CHANGE FAITH IN ORDER TO WED... Princess Patricia of Connaught, Countess of Turin.

ROME, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The rumor of the betrothal of the Princess Patricia of Connaught and the Count of Turin is apparently well founded. The delay in the official announcement is due to the question of the conversion of the Princess to Catholicism not being yet settled.

The Princess, Countess of Turin, is the second daughter and third child of Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught, eldest surviving brother of the King of England. She is almost 22 years old. Rumor had her engaged at one time to the young King of Spain, and it was said that her unwillingness to change her religion was the cause of the breaking off of the match.

Uncle Sam's mail, together with the dog team, comprised of a dozen or more mauls, may break the trail enough for the automobiles to travel over it.

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In the following statement is shown the condition of the state and private banks and 55 National banks in the State of Oregon, at the close of business August 22, 1902.

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WEIGHTY SPONSOR FOR THE SPIRITS... Oliver Lodge, Who Believes in Messages From Dead, Noted Scientist.

HAS HAD GREAT CAREER... Englishman Whose Statement Has Startled World Was Discoverer of Wireless Telegraphy, Even Before Marconi.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Can we communicate with the spirits of the dead? Are those who have passed over to the

has anxiously sought for answers to these momentous questions. Wise men of ancient Egypt, India, China, Greece and Rome have puzzled over them, and today there is no subject of such universal interest. Now startling statements on the subject have been made by Sir Oliver Lodge, a man whose fame in the realms of science makes his carefully worded assertions of the utmost value.

Then he tried for a scholarship at St. John's College, Cambridge, but was just beaten. Undaunted, he went to study mathematics at the University of London, where he was appointed to a position helping to support himself meanwhile by teaching in exercise classes. In 1875 he took his B. S. degree, and the post of assistant lecturer in physics at the University of London was created and offered to him immediately after.

From this time the young scientist was fairly launched on the career in which he has since become so famous.

He was the first discoverer of wireless telegraphy, anticipating the work of Mr. Marconi by several years. His experiments in the use of the wireless telegraph were made in the middle of the year 1895, and he was the first to demonstrate the possibility of aerial transmission of messages.

But, learned though he is, Sir Oliver Lodge has ever been a most unassuming and popular of men. All the students who heard his lectures at different universities were enthusiastic in their praise of the lecturer who would take long strides in the air, and would lay his fingers on his lips, gently stroking his beard, and often resting for some minutes before uttering a word.

Then when he did speak his phrases were so illuminating that they conveyed more than the ordinary lecturer could drive home in twice as long a time.

Dispels London Fogs... One of the practical problems to which the eminent Birmingham University (a post to which he was appointed a few years ago) has turned his attention was the clearing of our atmosphere of fog.

Work for the Poor... He took the illustration of workmen who enter a factory to take advantage of the organized and systematic capacity of its head. On this analogy he considered the poorhouse, stripped of its stigma of disgrace and deterrence, and made not merely a place for maintaining the unemployed and idle, but a place for the instruction and discipline for able-bodied workers and failures.

DOOM OF NATIVES... Tuberculosis Making Fearful Inroads Among Alaskans.

LIVING IN UTTER SQUALOR... Surrounded by Filth and Unsanitary Conditions, Death Rate Is Increasing Alarmingly—Tractable and Eager to Improve.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 22.—If the ravages of tuberculosis are unchecked, it will be a matter of only a few years before the native population of Alaska, Indians and Eskimos, is completely exterminated.

How to check the spread of this and other diseases and protect the Alaskans is a problem that is dependent upon Congress, for nothing can be done except by the Federal Government.

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Mind's Power Over Matter... As illustrating the powers he believed mind possessed, he said in one of his lectures: "I would not hold that even a doll on the whole of which had been lavished was wholly inert. It is not a mere senseless mass of matter, but it is a being that may be something more. I have reason to believe that a trace of individuality can be detected in the most ordinary objects. So with scientific reasons for believing in the powers of the mind or soul, Sir Oliver Lodge published what he called the 'New Catechism,' in which he sought to reconcile the claims of both science and religion."

McMINVILLE Woman Dies Suddenly... MCMINVILLE, Ore., Feb. 22.—Mrs. J. M. Harrington, of this city, died very suddenly last evening of apoplectic symptoms. She had been having a light stage grip for a few days, but had been over to a neighbor's in the afternoon. She was a member of the Christian Church of this city.

Natives Eager to Learn... Captain Hutton says the Alaska natives are better patients than the average white man, and moreover they are tractable people, easy to teach and eager to learn. They have none of the prejudices which characterize the American Indian, and readily adopt civilized methods when properly presented. It would therefore not be such a difficult problem to prevent the rapid spread of disease.

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BOSSSES WANT YOUNG MAN... Through Unfortunate Investments and Devoting Fortune to Pay the Bank's Debts, Robert A. Smith Is Left Entirely Penniless.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Robert A. Smith, the venerable Mayor of St. Paul, who has held public office for 45 years, and who has occupied the Mayor's chair for seven different terms and an unexpired term, 15 years in all, is down and out, and at the age of 80 leaves politics without a cent. His action follows the determination of his party boss to run a different man for Mayor during the pending city campaign, which involved brusque notice to the aged Mayor that his years of political usefulness are at an end.

"Bob" Smith, as he is affectionately known to both political parties, has had a political career equalled by few men in the United States. Of the 59 years he has been a citizen of St. Paul, he has spent in office, as a Democrat, he was for years practically invisible in his campaigns for municipal honors, and throughout his lifetime of public service he has successfully won and held the friendship of a substantial factor of the opposing party, a fact which largely accounts for his exceptional record in public life. Though once a man of much wealth, he is now penniless through unsuccessful business ventures and misfortunes, and now with his wonderful vigor partially impaired, lacks even the modest competence which might mean the difference between comparative comfort and poverty.

Fought Through 10 Campaigns... Nineteen different campaigns attest his political sagacity and success. During his life in St. Paul he has paid the city \$100,000 in taxes, but of what he has received from the city there is nothing left. In the gloom of the Bank of Minnesota failure, a memorable financial disaster, "Bob" Smith loomed up as a heroic figure, and his entire personal fortune to the last dollar went to the claims of depositors. The bank finally paid 70 cents on the dollar, but he was financially ruined. Since that time his business ventures have been unsuccessful and he has never succeeded in regaining the lost ground.

"Too old—we need a younger man" is the grim comment of his political managers. And with this verdict, after though hundreds of voters felt that the venerable politician could again win at the polls, he is reluctantly content. "De Bob" as he is known, would not be wise to risk the money in an uncertain political fight. I shall go to California now, but I'm coming back, and I'm going to vote at the next election, too."

REQUIRE 500,000 TROOPS... THIS NUMBER TO DEFEND COAST AGAINST JAPANESE.

General Grant Tells Some of the Problems of Defense in Case of Actual Hostilities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Forecasting the needs of the Army in time of war, Major-General Frederick D. Grant, U. S. A., in a speech tonight at the annual dinner of the Society of Cincinnati in New York State, at the Waldorf Astoria, declared that "in case of a war with a great nation, Japan, for instance, 500,000 troops would not be sufficient to properly garrison the Pacific Coast, north and south."

The defense of the country, insofar as the Army is concerned, General Grant said, is not as simple a proposition to solve as many think it would be. General Grant said he looked upon the 8,000,000 men capable of bearing arms of the Government. If he had, as the Army of the United States, while the 50,000 or more men composing what is known as the Regular Army might be looked upon as a trained nucleus of men who are at all times under arms and ready to take the field as trained soldiers. He declared the Army has been reaching out to the militia more and more of recent years as an auxiliary force.

After expressing the opinion that 500,000 troops would not properly garrison the Pacific Coast in case of war with Japan, General Grant, speaking of the Japanese, said: "Their army is so well trained that I do not think we could get along with less than 1,000,000 troops. The same is true of the Atlantic, or would be if we were attacked by some great power. You may see for yourselves how many troops would be needed in the event of disaster to the Navy."

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