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CALIFORNIA RISES AGAINST RATES

Will Refuse to Pay Railroads More.

MASS MEETINGS ARE CALLED

Shippers to Protest Simultaneously at 25 Cities.

PROMOTE STEAMER LINE

Government to Be Encouraged to Develop Panama Route—Will Exhaust Every Means of Resistance.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Shippers and importers of California are arranging to unite in a state-wide protest against the increase in transcontinental tariffs announced by the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads as effective on January 1.

No Reason for Increase. The attitude of the protestants was set forth today in a statement by C. H. Bentley, president of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and a member of the executive committee, who said:

"We deem it unjust that the traffic managers should have arranged these rates without consulting the shippers and at a period most inopportune. We have canvassed the railroad situation thoroughly, and from the cost of fuel to the statement of earnings there is apparent no valid reason for such an increase of rates at this time."

Eastern and Western shippers were strongly represented during the past week at a series of conferences where the traffic officials of the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe daily received detailed objections to the proposed rate increase. The mass meetings, it is said, are intended to supplement these hearings when the carriers take final action.

Meetings in 25 Cities. In each of 25 shipping centers the executive committee has sent an appeal to a leader who will be given every assistance in the organization of a mass meeting. In addition to this an attempt will be made to interest the public through the newspapers, which will be supplied with the figures, facts and arguments to the shippers. The 16 men comprising the executive committee have signed the circular appeal to these leaders, a majority of whom are fruitgrowers, fruit canners and fruit shippers.

At the same time the increased rates have elicited formal protests from producers and shippers of hides and leather, vegetables and other commodities. The taxbound tariff increase, it is explained, will work a hardship to the shippers and importers of hardware, paints and oils, groceries and many lines handled by Eastern jobbers.

It is the expectation of the committee that 10,000 persons will participate in the meetings on "rate day," as it is to be known. In the language of the appeal, it is proposed "to impress upon the people of the United States, the National Government and the railroad"

NAVY PLANNING MONSTER SHIPS

LARGER THAN ANY YET BUILT OR EVEN DESIGNED.

Will Carry Eight 14-Inch Guns With Displacement of 25,000 Tons—Congress Favorable.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The Navy Department is considering the desirability of constructing monster battleships, bigger than anything yet built or even designed elsewhere. One plan presented by the Naval Board of Construction calls for eight 14-inch guns and a displacement of 25,000 tons, while another plan provides for twelve 12-inch guns and a displacement of 20,000 tons. In the 14-inch gun ship the thickness of the turret, side and barbette armor will be thicker than in the 12-inch gun ship, giving better protection than the latter will enjoy.

Two designs have been prepared for the 14-inch gun ship. There have long been serious differences among naval experts regarding the advisability of using bigger guns than 14-inch, on account of the probability that the discharge of bigger guns would seriously rock the ship. Moreover, it is known that under some conditions eight-inch guns, for instance, are more effective than 10-inch.

The Navy Department is pretty well committed to the all-big-gun-ship plan and Congress may consider it favorably when the matter is properly presented. The speed of the new ships is intended to be from 30 1/4 to 30 1/2 knots an hour under trial conditions of load.

APRIL-FOOLED HIS FIANCEE

Joseph Leiter's Agent Twice Sued for Breach of Promise.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Hugh Crabbe, the former confidential agent for Joseph Leiter, the millionaire coal operator, is trying to settle two suits for breach of promise involving the sum of \$50,000, as a result of his marriage to Miss Meriam Pahn, Wednesday. The \$25,000 breach of promise suit filed by Miss Marjorie Mattes against Mr. Crabbe is on the December court calendar. It is said he attempted to settle the case out of court several days ago, according to the suit filed in her suit, Mr. Crabbe promised to marry her April 1 of this year.

SAILORS PLAY BASEBALL

Fleet Championship Won by Team From Nebraska.

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Dec. 12.—The fleet baseball championship was won today by a nine from the Nebraska, which defeated the nine of the New Jersey by a score of 22 to 10. The cup offered by the Commander-in-Chief was withdrawn by mutual agreement.

Rear-Admiral Sperry went on board the Connecticut and entertained the Governor of Ceylon, Sir Henry Edward McCullum, and a small party at dinner in the evening. Admiral Sperry said in his farewell message that the greatest benefit had been derived from the cruise. He expressed warm appreciation of the unvarying good will of Great Britain and declared there was the happiest prospect of welding together the English-speaking nations in friendship and common interest.

The American fleet will sail tomorrow and is expected to arrive at Suez on January 5.

HOLD JOINT INSPECTION

Japs and Americans Get Together in Watching Immigrants.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 19.—Advices were received by the steamer Empress of China today that in consequence of arrangements regarding Japanese immigration to the United States between America and Japan, the inspection of Japanese immigrants to the United States is being carried out jointly by the American and Japanese officials.

NO LUMBER DUTY, PAYNE'S OPINION

Almost Whole Committee Agrees With Him.

THROW DOWN ALL BARRIERS

Chairman Lectures Southern-er Who Asks Protection.

ONLY ONE FAVORS DUTY

Agricultural Implement Manufacturer Says He Needs No Protection and Is Anxious to Compete in World's Markets.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 19.—During the examination of Southern lumber manufacturers before the ways and means committee today, Chairman Payne made it very apparent that he is strongly in favor of admitting foreign lumber to American markets free of duty. Mr. Payne has given intimations to this effect heretofore, but never so pointedly as today, when he undertook to lecture a Southern lumberman for asking for protection on his product, when his state persists in voting the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Payne laid down the doctrine that states that want the benefit of Republican policies, notably protection, should give their support to the Republican party and not continually go Democratic. Only one member of the ways and means committee seems favorable to the retention of the 25 per cent duty on lumber.

"Can you manufacture cheaper than the English and French manufacturers?" asked Mr. Crumpacker, of Indiana. "I think we can, from the fact that we sell our goods in those countries. We have improved methods in all lines of manufacture in this country, which benefit us in the manufacture of our goods."

Not Affected by Steel Tariff. "You haven't suffered any as a result of the tariff on steel and iron ore?" inquired Crumpacker. "I can't see how the British manufacturers are held responsible for the fluctuation in the price of steel and iron. It is due to the demand and supply."

The witness said that American manufacturers of agricultural implements are obliged to pay the maximum tariff in France, while British manufacturers enjoy the benefits of the minimum tariff.

Mr. Metcalf disagreed with the testimony of H. E. Miles, of the National Association of Manufacturers, and the complaints of several manufacturers of agricultural implements that the cost of materials entering into the manufacture of their products had increased.

Would Open Foreign Markets. Mr. Metcalf declared himself in favor of taking off the tariff on farming implements, saying that this would open up the American market to foreign manufacturers, the American manufacturer thereby increasing his export trade, the business being put on an equal basis. He made this suggestion with the proviso that, if any foreign country does not give America the benefit of its lowest tariff, a duty of 30 per cent should be imposed on the agricultural implements from that country.

Representative McKinley, of California, filed a communication from a grower of hops declaring that an increase of 50 per cent in the duty on hops will not reduce the amount of revenue which the Government secures from the present importation of hops.

Plea to Retain Coal Duty. Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, speaking in the interest of the coal mining interests of Wyoming, asked that the duty on coal be kept where it is, saying that the Rocky Mountain miners could not compete with the Canadian coal product.

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JUST ONE FEATURE.

Actual experiences are more convincing than mere generalities, and for this reason one department of the forthcoming New Year's number of The Oregonian will be especially valuable, as showing what can be done by the farmer on Oregon land. One page of the edition will be devoted to brief signed articles by farmers who have specialized along various lines, and who give practical accounts of their methods and results.

Among the phases of farming that will be treated in this way are potato, apple, onion, celery and truck raising. One writer will tell of the money to be made by keeping bees; another will give definite figures on the profits derived from his dairy herd, while still another will tell why it pays to own hogs in the Willamette Valley. One of the most interesting of these articles will be on the subject, "What a Woman Can Do on an Oregon Farm."

This department will be only one of many valuable features of the Annual that will be issued January 1, 1909.

DEMAND FOURTH INCREASE

Glassworkers Strike for 25 Per Cent Raise in Wages.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 19.—Advices received at the headquarters of the National Window Glass Workers indicate that the members of the organization quit work generally throughout the country this morning, in order to enforce the adoption of the new scale, which carries an increase of practically 25 per cent.

Among the plants that are said to have signed the new scale, in addition to the American Window Glass Company, at Pittsburg, are those at Kane, Pa.; Singlehouse, Pa.; Elford, Pa., and Fredonia, Kan.

President Faulkner, of the Window Glass Workers' Association, said today that about 200 pots were in operation this morning, compared with 1700 yesterday. This means that about 500 skilled men are out of work. A meeting of the manufacturers will be held at Columbus, O., next Tuesday, to take action relative to the new wage scale.

MOTHER KILLS CHILDREN

Insane, She Gives Poison to Three, Then Swallows Drug Herself.

MONPELLIER, Idaho, Dec. 18.—Three deaths, to which a fourth may be added, are the results of a mother's deranged mind and the quick action of a deadly poison.

Mrs. John Rosen, the wife of a well-to-do rancher, living a few miles from this city, this morning administered strychnine to her three children, a baby of four, and two sons aged seven and ten years, after dissolving the drug in wine. She then poisoned herself.

Mr. Rosen, who was in the barnyard at the time, noticed the house soon afterward and discovering the condition of affairs, sent the oldest boy to a neighbor for help. Death soon claimed the mother and youngest child. The father followed the son who had gone for help and found him lying in the road lifeless.

There is thought to be hope for the second son, who resisted the efforts of his mother to give him the wine and swallowed but a little of it.

Mrs. Rosen had been suffering from melancholia.

Varsity to Observe Lincoln Day. PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The authorities of the university are making extensive plans for the observance of the centennial of Lincoln's birthday. George H. Williams, an intimate friend of Lincoln, will speak of his personal relations with the dead president. There will also be special music and other appropriate exercises.

SHOWS CONTEMPT FOR PRESIDENT

Senate Delays Reading of Messages.

REVENGE IS TAKEN ON LODGE

Roosevelt's Spokesman Given His Own Medicine.

DEMOCRATS MAKE MERRY

Because Lodge Refuses to Suspend Journal, They Force Continuance to Finish—Messages Out in Cold in Consequence.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Senate had some fun today, when three routine messages from the President were received, and prevented the delivery of the messages in the House.

Just as the secretary was beginning to read the journal, the arrival of M. C. Latta, assistant secretary to the President, with the messages was noted and the President's representative was kept waiting until the tedious reading of the journal had been disposed of. The reading had scarcely begun when Gallinger proposed suspending the reading to permit the messages to be presented, as is usual, whatever the order of business under consideration.

Objections Delay Reading. Lodge wished to keep the Senate in session long enough to get the immigrants air-space bill over from the House with the signature and he insisted that the journal should be read.

"I have a special reason for asking that the reading be suspended," said Culbertson, glancing toward Mr. Latta. "I object," insisted Lodge. When Lodge was satisfied that his bill had been signed, he arose and asked that the further reading of the journal be dispensed with.

"I object," said Gallinger. Carter then interrupted the reader and endeavored to stop the reading, but Money of Mississippi objected.

Again Culbertson called attention to the presence of the President's representative.

"I object," insisted Money. Messages Left Out in Cold.

This running fire of requests and objections was accompanied by frequent laughter, and finally the clerk was allowed to pursue his doleful reading until the journal had been completed. Then the messages were received, but the delay had overlapped the session of the House, so that, when Mr. Latta reached the House, he found it had adjourned and he was obliged to carry the messages back to the White House.

One of the messages related to the granting of franchises for water and gas companies and for the building of a bridge and the improvement of the harbor at Porto Rico; another asked an appropriation of \$250,000 for the acceptance of the invitation of the Austro-Hungarian government to participate in an exposition, and the third related to the fixing of the boundary line between Colorado and New Mexico.

COSGROVE MAKES STRIDES

Governor-Elect Continues on Road to Recovery.

PASO ROBLES HOT SPRINGS, Cal., Dec. 19.—Governor-elect Cosgrove, of Washington, is making wonderful strides toward recovery. This morning he was well enough to be dressed, and chatted pleasantly with the physician. The Governor is now so much advanced that his son, Howard Cosgrove, returned this morning to Pomeroy, Wash., feeling confident that his father would be well enough to leave for Olympia before many weeks.

ACTRESS' WOUND CAUSES MYSTERY

Pretty "Peggy Perry" Fatally Shot in Chicago.

Score of Detectives and ex-Football Star Eckersall Hunt for Two Male Companions.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Two men who were seen with Margaret Weisswell, a pretty actress known to the stage as "Peggy Perry," a few hours before she was found shot and fatally wounded in her room at 262 Indiana avenue early today, are being sought by a score of detectives in an effort to clear up the mystery in connection with the case. Walter A. Eckersall, former star quarterback of the University of Chicago football team, who is said to have been a friend of the girl, is assisting the police in their efforts to clear up the mystery. Eckersall, according to the police, was called to the boarding-house by Elizabeth A. Jahn, a roommate of Miss Weisswell, immediately after the shooting. He went to the hospital, it is said.

"I was called up by telephone at 2 o'clock in the morning and reached the house a little after 3," said Eckersall. "Miss Jahn was hysterical and I accompanied her to the hospital when Miss Weisswell was removed there. That was my only connection with the matter."

Miss Weisswell and Miss Jahn came here three weeks ago from Goldfield, Nev. They attended an after-theater dinner last night and, according to Miss Jahn, examined their revolvers upon their return to their rooms early today. Miss Weisswell, in a spirit of mischief, according to Miss Jahn, fired a shot into the floor, but scarcely had she done so when a second came and Miss Weisswell was shot in the left lung.

BOYCOTT HURTS BUSINESS

Chinese Revenge on Japanese Cuts Down Steamship Earnings.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 19.—In the report issued by the principal Japanese Steamship Company, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, attention is called to the losses due to the boycott against Japan by China, according to mail advices by the steamer Empress of China.

The annual report said the economic situation both in the United States and Japan, coupled with the Chinese boycott of Japanese goods, had greatly reduced shipments, nearly half the liners carrying but 400 or 500 tons East as a result. The question of the unemployed in Japan is becoming serious, according to advices received by the Empress of China. At the Nagasaki and Kobe dockyards large numbers of workmen have been discharged and much the same state of affairs prevails at other dockyards.

TO BE LARGEST DRYDOCK

One at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Will Be 1195 Feet Long.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Interesting data made public at the Bureau of Yards and Docks of the Navy regarding the proposed drydock at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, naval station, is that its overall length will be 1195 feet, the largest ever constructed by the American Government. An innovation so far as American docks are concerned is the construction of four caisson seats for dividing the main structure into an inner and outer dock, thus allowing the ship upon which the most extensive repairs are to be made to remain in the inner dock while ships needing minor repairs are being docked in rapid succession in the outer dock.

Three torpedo-boat destroyers may be docked side by side, extending to the very head end of the dock, leaving room for three other small craft in the inner dock.

GYMNASIUM FUND STARTS

Business Men of Forest Grove Begin Canvass.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The committee composed of G. S. Allen, chairman; W. W. McEldowney, H. J. Goff, C. O. Roe and R. L. Peterson, appointed by the Forest Grove Board of Trade at their regular meeting last night, have begun an active canvass for the necessary funds for a new gymnasium.

As soon as the \$5000 pledged by the local board is raised, work will commence on the new building. It is hoped to have the gymnasium ready for occupancy by the opening of school next fall.

PLANS SUICIDE WHEN SENTENCED

Mrs. Martin Hides Poison in Cell.

DYNAMITER GETS LIFE TERM

To Spend Rest of Days in Jail for Plot Against Judge.

HAS NOTHING TO LIVE FOR

Oakland Woman Exclaims That She Does Not Want to Go to Prison and Secretes Powdered Glass in Her Personal Effects.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Isabella J. Martin was sentenced to the penitentiary this morning by Judge Wells for the remainder of her natural life upon the conviction of dynamiting the residence of Superior Judge Frank Ogden, in this city, some months ago. That Mrs. Martin was determined to end her life as soon as the opportunity offered became apparent this afternoon when she was recovering from a faint into which she fell in her cell after being sentenced to life imprisonment.

Two small papers containing white powders were taken from her effects, one from a pocket of her coat and the other from beneath the corner of the bed in her cell.

That taken from her coat contained powdered glass. The contents of the other are believed to be strychnine. Whether Mrs. Martin's fainting spell was the result of having swallowed a similar substance is not known. As soon as she recovered she denied that she had taken anything, but in the next breath she said to District Attorney Donohue, who was at her side: "I want to die."

"I want to die. I have nothing to live for. I don't want to go to prison and disgrace my son, Henry Hoffman. I want to die."

When the powdered glass was discovered District Attorney Hines was summoned to the jail. Then the search was carried further, and hidden under the covers of the bed the other small paper was found. It was a white powder, among which were a number of tiny crystals believed to be strychnine.

How the powders were secured by Mrs. Martin is a question that is puzzling the judicial officials.

Denies Stay of Judgment. When Mrs. Martin appeared in court this morning her counsel, Judge Erick, made a motion for a new trial, based upon some technical grounds, which were immediately set aside by the court. Attorney Wyman, who has been one of her counsel, presented an affidavit to the court asking for a stay of judgment on the ground that she is insane. Judge Wells responded that there was no question in his mind as to her sanity, and it had been fully evident in all the procedure of the trial. Then, ordering Mrs. Martin to be arraigned before him, he told her he had no desire to add to her humiliation, but that she had been given a fair trial, adjudged guilty and that the sentence of the court was "she should be confined in the penitentiary for the remainder of her life."

Excepting for a flush on her face, Mrs. Martin made no demonstration of any sort. Since the beginning of the trial only those spectators who could find seats were allowed in the courtroom. This morning Judge Wells yielded to the demands of the hundreds who flocked to the place and during the proceedings the courtroom was packed to suffocation. After the proceedings, Judge Wells declined a request of Mrs. Martin to

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CURRENT TOPICS GIVE HARRY MURPHY AN OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW SEVEN TIMELY AND HUMOROUS PICTURES

