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PROBE OF EXPRESS RATES IMMINENT

Great Profits and Vast Holdings Shown.

RAILROADS ARE INTERESTED

Half of Gross Receipts Go to Transporters.

INVESTIGATION IS NEAR

Interstate Commerce Commission Said to Be Preparing to Use Data Furnished by Many Companies and Commissions.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(Special.)—Announcement that the Interstate Commerce Commission will undertake a sweeping investigation of the express rate situation may be looked for at any time, according to reports emanating from various sources.

These rumors are to the effect that the Commission will use the petition filed by 125 leading commercial organizations over a total of 246,647.04 miles of country-wide search into the facts.

In hearings that have been held before various State Commissions, which in a large majority of cases resulted in orders being issued for a reduction in rates, some statistics of vital importance were brought to light.

Operations Are Vast.

A recent report of the Interstate Commerce Commission shows that for the fiscal year 1909, the 13 leading express companies of the country operated over a total of 246,647.04 miles of which 128,961.22 was steam road. It also disclosed that the total cost of real property and equipment of these companies, covering real estate, buildings and fixtures used in operation and equipment, was \$22,312,575.53 and that the inventory value of the equipment was \$9,234,071.18, against a cost of \$7,351,405.59. This equipment included 129 cars.

The 13 companies for the year in question received \$122,599,190.92 gross from operation, \$64,022,128.69 of which was paid back to the railroads for their services.

Large Balance Carried.

After all deductions, including taxes and \$4,326,529.10 dividends paid out of the current income, there was a balance carried to profit and loss for the year of \$1,017,094.77. Of the revenues received from operation, \$10,120,128.41 was directly chargeable to express revenue, while the revenue for other operations, covering Customs-House brokerage fees, order and commission department, rents, money orders, travelers' checks, "C. O. D." service, telegraphic transfers, letters of credit, etc., totaled over \$2,000,000. An analysis of the operating expense showed a grand total of \$56,273,052.23.

On the subject of incorporate holdings in which the public is largely interested the commission's report disclosed that the Adams Company held \$2,846,125 stock in other express companies, the American, \$1,530,200; the Canadian, \$3,322,220; Southern Express, \$258,000; United States, \$620,000; and Wells-Fargo, \$18,000.

These statistics show that the Adams Company holds \$18,694,850 railway stock, the American, \$3,774,300; the Northern, \$240,000; the Southern, \$804,000 and the United States, \$248,792.26. On the other hand, railway hold express company stock to the amount of \$16,124,000, divided as follows:

Holding Corporation	Stock held	Par value
Burlington, Idaho Express	3,000,000	3,000,000
D. & R. G. Globe Express	8,000,000	8,000,000
El Paso & S. W. S. W. & Int. Exp.	200,000	200,000
Los Angeles & Pacific Express	2,400,000	2,400,000
Missouri Pacific Express	2,400,000	2,400,000
N. Y. Central American Express	500,000	500,000
Northern Pacific, North. Express	342,000	342,000
South. Pacific, Wells Fargo & Co.	1,250,000	1,250,000
Union Pacific, Pacific Express	2,400,000	2,400,000
Wabash, Pacific Express	1,200,000	1,200,000

*Not an operating company. **Holding company controls Northern Express Company.

GOLD HURRIED IN TO PREVENT RUN

SPECIAL TRAIN RUSHES CASH TO WALLACE BANKS.

IDAHO MILLIONAIRE, IN ADJOINING STATE WHEN O'NEILL BANK FAILS, TAKES PRECAUTIONS.

WALLACE, Idaho, May 12.—(Special.)—Heavily guarded and traveling on a special train, H. F. Samuels, president of the Wallace National Bank, arrived from Missoula this morning with thousands of dollars of gold coin. Four men carrying large valises in each hand were required to transport the money from the railroad to the bank.

The move was precautionary on the part of Mr. Samuels, a Coeur d'Alene district miner and bank millionaire, and was taken to aid in reducing the unrest caused by the closing of the State Bank of Commerce, of which B. E. O'Neill is president, yesterday. His bank now has in ready cash enough in the vaults to pay all possible demands.

Mr. Samuels was in Missoula when he learned that the State Bank of Commerce had closed. Realizing that the excitement that might follow would possibly cause a run on the two other banks, he at once arranged for a special train and for the gold.

With right of way over everything he left Missoula at 7:45 this morning. Four hours later he reached Wallace, two hours ahead of schedule time.

Invention to Keep Vessels on Even Keel Interests Government.

NEW YORK, May 13.—(Special.)—The Navy Department is installing on one of the fleetest vessels of the eighth division, now in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, one of Elmer A. Sperry's gyroscope compasses for the purpose of giving the invention an exhaustive trial.

The Navy Department also is preparing to install on one of the torpedo boat destroyers one of the Sperry heavy gyroscopes for the purpose of testing the ability of the invention to keep the boat on an even keel. The gyroscope compass weighs only a few pounds. The gyroscope that is expected to keep vessels stable on the high seas weighs several tons.

Sperry said that one of his small gyroscopes weighing 28 pounds, was tried on an aeroplane in Connecticut yesterday and proved a success in keeping the aeroplane perfectly stable.

INDIANS TO USE THUMBS

All Reservation Redmen Who Cannot Write Must Make Prints.

PENDELTON, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—Umatta reservation Indians who are unable to write just now sign all documents with a thumb-print from the right thumb, which is to be witnessed by an employe of the local Indian agency or by a tribesman able to read and write.

In order to this effect was issued today by Major E. L. Swartzlander, Indian agent, following the receipt of instructions from Secretary of the Interior Walter L. Fisher. Checks no longer will be honored unless thumb-indorsed.

GREEN CAP CAUSES SCRAP

University of Washington Student Unconscious 15 Minutes.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, May 12.—(Special.)—Because Clifford C. Cyp, a student and freshman at the University of Washington did not wear his prescribed green cap at the interscholastic track meet today he was attacked after the meet by several lanky sophomores and given such severe treatment that he was unconscious for 15 minutes.

This is the second of the outrages which has occurred between the "freshies" and "sops." The faculty will look into the matter and several expulsions may result.

TAFT CONDEMNS RECALL OF JUDGES

Limitation of Judicial Power Deplored.

JUDGE MADE MERE PRESIDENT

President Compares Him to Convention Chairman.

DEMAGOGUES TO BE FOILED

Strong Speech to Convention in New York Compares Judicial Systems and Results of United States and Britain.

NEW YORK, May 12.—President Taft came out tonight squarely against the recall of the judiciary. In his speech before the conference on the reform of the criminal law and procedure, the President made his attitude plain.

Most of his speech was devoted to a comparison, highly unfavorable to this country, of the judicial system of Great Britain and the United States. He lamented the tendency manifested, even in England, but more particularly in this country, to put limitations on the power of the judge.

"And now," he said, "not content with reducing the position of the judge to one something like that of the moderator in a religious assembly or the presiding officer of a political convention, his continuance on the bench during the term for which he was elected to an election for recall, in which the reason for his recall is to be included in 200 words and his defense thereto to be equally brief.

"It can hardly be said that this proposed change, if adopted, will give him greater authority or power for usefulness or constitute a reform in the enforcement of the criminal law of this country. It will certainly not diminish the powers of the judge and increase the irresponsibility of counsel for the defendant. Let us hope that the strong sense of humor of the American people, which has so often saved them from the dangers of demagoguery, will not be lacking in respect of this 'nostrum.'"

Lawlessness Our Shame. "The statistics which show the crimes which go unpunished in this country as compared with those in England are startling and humiliating to an American who has any pride in his fellow-countrymen as a law-abiding and law-enforcing people. A study of the English system will show that their procedure and their guarantees in favor of the individual as to indictment, trial and conviction and their provision for the security of the liberty of the individual are exactly the same as ours, for we derive ours from them.

"Where is the great difference, then, between the effectiveness of the two systems? I believe it to exist in the character, experience and learning of the judges, in the power which they maintain and exercise in the course of the trial for the saving of time and the simplification of the issues, and in the respect and obedience given to their intimations from the bench as to the proper behavior of counsel in the conduct of the case. If there is any other reason for the difference, it cannot be found in procedure.

"I wish to comment on the effect that the change in the power of the judge in this country in the matter of the management of the trial has had upon his ability to shorten the methods of counsel for the defense and their conduct in the courtroom. "What I believe to be an unfounded fear of judicial tyranny and an unjust limitation of the power of the judge..." (Continued on Page 4.)

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MADERO QUELLS EMBRYO MUTINY

He Faces Rifles, Dares Men to Shoot.

OROZCO TOOL OF PLOTTERS

Resignation of Cabinet Demanded by General.

NAVARRO'S LIFE IN DANGER

Rebel Mob at Juarez Shouts for His Life and Madero Takes Him to Safety—Madero and Orozco Join Hands as Friends.

JUAREZ, Mex., May 12.—The supreme test, the clash between the military and political authorities, was experienced by the provisional government of Mexico today and Provisional President Francisco I. Madero tonight is complete master of the situation.

After a day of many exciting incidents, during which the lives of Madero and his chiefs were in danger, General Orozco, in a moment of passion, ordering the arrest of the little rebel leader and demanding the resignation of the provisional cabinet, the capital of the provisional government is quiet.

General Navarro, the defeated federal commander, whose life was threatened early today by angry mobs of insurgents, was spirited away by Madero himself to the American side of the Rio Grande and tonight is safely ensconced in the home of friends in El Paso.

A plot deeply laid is suspected by the rebel leaders as the cause of the narrow front of the Madero headquarters today, and some Maderolists freely venture the opinion that it was a sinister scheme on the part of those who are trying to break up the organization of the revolution to foster the opinion throughout Mexico that the movement is one of banditry and anarchy.

Madero, in a statement issued tonight, charged that General Orozco's actions were incited "by persons interested in bringing about disunion among us."

Madero Dares Men to Shoot.

Early today General Orozco called on Madero and the two men talked alone for some time. Suddenly their voices were raised and the other rebel chiefs rushed into the room only to find themselves held back by some of Orozco's men. A throng of soldiers had gathered outside the building and Madero determined to appeal to them. Six-shooters had been drawn and rifles leveled, but Madero stood bravely before the crowd and, slapping his breast, shouted: "Shoot me, if you dare."

General Orozco was at his side. His men ostensibly had been summoned to take part in the coup d'etat, but, as Madero stepped forth among them and talked in his calm, reassuring way, the affection which has been ripening among his men since the revolution began crystallized in a mighty shout: "viva Madero."

Navarro Rushed to Safety.

There are all sorts of stories about the clash, but at the bottom it is apparent that disension among the military chiefs was the basic cause of the disturbance. Colonel Villa was said to have insisted on General Navarro's life, while General Orozco was said to have been displeased with the naming of a civilian as Minister of War. Tonight all is harmony and Madero has impressed upon General Orozco that the choosing of a cabinet and the management of a government is quite outside the function of the military.

Apprehension for the safety of General Navarro stirred General Madero after the incident at the municipal building and he determined, at the risk of his own life, to save the brave federal commander. He was whisked away in an automobile to where General Navarro has been staying since he (Continued on Page 2.)

ITALIAN SHOP GIRL THREATENS CARUSO

ROMANCE WITH TENOR RESULTS IN CASH DEMAND.

FAMOUS SINGER OFFERS \$10,000 BUT EX-FIANCÉE WANTS \$20,000 FOR BREACH OF PROMISE.

ROME, May 12.—(Special.)—Caruso, the Italian tenor, is threatened with a breach of promise suit and it is reported that he will delay his return to Italy in the hope of making an amicable settlement. Two years ago Caruso, while buying some neckties, fell in love with a pretty shopgirl at Milan. He promised to marry her within two years.

At his solicitation the girl gave up her position. The singer supplied her with money and after three months' regular correspondence invited the girl and her father to Berlin, where he announced the engagement at a dinner. Soon afterwards Caruso wrote to the girl, telling her that it was impossible for him to marry her for reasons which he could not explain. Negotiations for a settlement were opened. Caruso offered to give \$10,000 but she demanded \$20,000. The girl declares she will have \$20,000 or else will not only sue for breach of promise, but will give wide publicity to his love letters.

EDITORS FAVOR CLARK

Poll of Democratic Scribes in Missouri Develops Partiality.

ST. LOUIS, May 12.—A poll of Democratic editors of Missouri by the Republican which will be published tomorrow, shows that 59 of the 100 editors who replied favor Champ Clark, Speaker of the House of Representatives, as the Presidential nominee. Joseph W. Folk is favored by some.

Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, is a strong second choice, and Governor Harmon, of Ohio, a weak third choice.

Scattering votes were sent in favor of Mayor Gaynor, of New York; Governor Dix, of New York; United States Senator Stone, of Missouri; ex-Governor D. R. Francis, of Missouri, and one vote for William J. Bryan.

PRECOCIOUS TRIO CAUGHT

Small Girl, Brother and Sweetheart Plan Large Burglary.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—Margaret Woods, 14 years old, garbed in boy's attire and accompanied by her brother, Charlie Woods, aged 7, and her sweetheart, Willie Morrison, aged 15 years, started out on a burglarious career tonight, according to the story she and her sweetheart told the police after they had been captured.

The reporters Margaret said that she and the boys were planning to establish a Summer home on Magnolia bluff and as they did not have the money to buy a tent or furnish it, they determined to steal the stuff.

TROOPS IN TEXAS MOVED

Important Maneuvers Begin With Transfer to Reservation.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 12.—Important military maneuvers in the United States Army began today when three infantry divisions, three companies of the Engineering Corps, the Signal Corps and the sanitary contingent left Fort Sam Houston for the Leon Springs military reservation. Tomorrow the artillery and cavalry brigades will follow. The troops will remain a week. Meanwhile military problems will be worked out in a practical way.

OREGON WHEAT LEADS

But Farm Value Figures Show Falling Off Since Last Year.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 12.—According to crop reports of the Department of Agriculture issued today the farm value of wheat in Oregon on May 1, was 78 cents per bushel as against 93 cents on May 1, 1910.

In Washington the farm value May 1 was 74 cents as against 88 cents one year ago and in Idaho 70 cents as against 90 cents on May 1, 1910. (Continued on Page 5.)

OREGON ATHLETES BEST IN 3 STATES

Washington Gets Only 51 Points; Idaho 17.

GISH LANDS BUT ONE FIRST

Runner's Fondness for Chocolates May Have Hurt.

HURDLE RECORD IS BROKEN

Hawkins, of University of Oregon, Clips One-Fifth of Second Mark and Johns Runs Away From Field in Quarter Mile.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—With the University of Idaho practically a negligible quantity in the contest, as far as point winning was concerned, the University of Oregon today won the annual tri-state track meet from her old rival, Washington University. The final score was Oregon 72, Washington 51, Idaho 17.

Early in the meet, Oregon took the lead and although the contest appeared close until late in the afternoon, the Eugene men managed to keep the Washington athletes safely in second place throughout the contest. Oregon took 19 first places, Washington four and Idaho only two, one of which, the mile race, was conceded to her by Oregon, when Washington refused to enter a team in that race.

Light rain had made the track a trifle heavy and the time in most of the races was slow. Only one record was broken. Hawkins, of Oregon, in the 220-yard hurdles, with Montgomery, of Idaho, a close second, ran away from the field and trimmed one-fifth of a second from the Northwest record in that event, making it in 25 1-5 seconds.

Johns Wins Quarter.

Another surprise was sprung when Johns, of Oregon, won the quarter. This race was conceded by all to Gish, of Washington, but Johns finished a good ten yards in the lead, in 50 2-5 seconds. Gish fouled Kay, of Oregon, on the turn and a moment later Kay fouled Gish by cutting in front of him. For this both Kay and Gish were disqualified, and second place fell to Condon, of Washington. When the last event, the two-mile race, was called, Oregon was so clearly the winner of the meet that Washington made no effort to place in that race. Idaho did not even make an entry. Bowerman, of Washington, fell out in the first lap and the race lay between McClure, Higgins and Miller, of Oregon. At the finish, McClure and Higgins, who had won their track O's in the previous events, dropped back and allowed Miller to finish first, thus winning the coveted monogram with which first-place men of the track are rewarded for their work by the student body.

At the beginning of the two-mile race, Patten, a Washington weight man, entered, and immediately Kellogg and Bailey, Oregon's weight men, also stepped on to the mark.

Weight Men Cause Laughter.

The performance of these three big men, especially P. Bailey, who is a 300-pounder, set the grandstand in a roar of laughter until after the first lap, when the weight men dropped out. That Brayley Gish, the best-known athlete in the Northwest, is losing his form and speed is the statement made here tonight following his showing today. Gish is said to be one of the most careful trainers in the Northwest, not only keeping in condition during the track season, but also throughout the whole year, but he ad- (Continued on Page 5.)

CURRENT EVENTS ONCE MORE FIND HUMOROUS EXPLOITATION THROUGH HARRY MURPHY'S PEN

