

PROPOSED REVISION OF RATES OPPOSED

Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers of West Object.

SHIPPERS LOSE SAFEGUARD

Long Delays Possible Under New Rule and Uniformity of Cars is in Danger.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—General revision of freight rates on forest products from Oregon, Washington and California to all points in the East and Middle West, as proposed by the United States Railroad Administration in tariffs submitted in tentative form to the industry this week, is calling forth protests from the manufacturers of lumber and shingles in the West.

Among the principal provisions of the proposed tariff are: Blanket rates are provided to all points within each respective state. Heretofore the tariffs have provided specific rates to specific destinations regardless of state lines. The proposed tariff makes all rates to points within the same state, with certain exceptions, the same.

Direct routes or combination of routes are permitted. In other words all gateways are opened. Minimum Weights Increased. Increase in the minimum weights to be charged per car. For example, under the present tariff cars with an inside measurement of 2400 cubic feet, loaded with fir, spruce and hemlock, are subject to a minimum carload weight of 40,000 pounds, regardless of the amount of lumber actually loaded into the car. The new tariff raises the minimum to 45,000 pounds, with proportionate increases and decreases respectively on cars of larger or smaller sizes.

Car orders must be designated according to their cubical contents instead of by length. The mills declare that a rule requiring them to order cars according to cubical contents would result in frequent receipt of cars too short to receive the lumber.

Delays Made Possible. Another clause grants the railroads seven days in which to furnish cars of specified size after ordered by the shipper. Under the present rates the railroads invariably protect the shipper with a car of approximate size within 48 hours after the car is ordered. The new rule would enable the railroads to make the shipper wait seven days and result in a corresponding delay in shipments with no resultant advantage to the carriers.

Milling-in-transit rates are eliminated. The existing tariffs allow the lumber industry to start a shipment of rough lumber, stop it en route, finish and plane it and then continue it to final destination under the same bill of lading and on a through rate. The new tariff would require the shipper to pay the local rate on the lumber from point of origin to the mills and a separate rate on the finished lumber to destination. The combination of the two rates is greatly in excess of the existing milling-in-transit rate. At a recent meeting of representatives of all the lumber manufacturing districts of Oregon and Washington held in Portland, the Railroad Administration was asked for 60 days in which the industry may prepare and state its objections to the various provisions in the tariff. Meanwhile experts will make a thorough investigation of the new tariff and its probable effects on the lumber industry.

1920 TAX RATE IS FIXED

(Continued From First Page.) factions. After the finance committee had adopted the 1920 plan, Senator Borah said Republicans leaders threatened to filibuster and prevent the bill's passage. Soon after, he added, they "suddenly changed front," and proposed prompt enactment. Senator Penrose replied that at first many Republicans were disposed to defeat the bill but they agreed that as the Government needed the money its prompt passage was desirable. If, as Senator La Follette's minority report contends, the average corporation tax is 45 per cent, Senator Borah said he could see "great reason" for immediate passage of the bill. Senator Borah asked why opposi-

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tion had "suddenly changed front" on the bill. Senator Smoot said he could not answer but that Republicans could be relied upon to change the whole system. Senator Townsend said he was opposed to the 1920 provisions that he would be ready to filibuster in order to defeat the bill. The Democrats know \$4,000,000,000 will not be enough in 1920, asserted Senator Townsend. Chairman Simmons admitted the truth of the statement and said he also knew \$4,000,000,000 was insufficient for 1919, and that all or most of the excess would be required to pay war bills, which ought to be cared for by bonds and not direct taxation.

Extra Session Predicted. Senator Townsend said: "If the Republicans had stood up and fought this bill with its 1920 provisions, as they ought to have done, there would be no extra session."

Chairman Simmons said Senator Borah had indicated there was "some great mystery" on the cessation of Republican opposition. "I do not think there was any great mystery at all," said he. "I think the controlling policy or principle from the beginning of the opposition grew out of a desire of the Republican party for an extra session."

Senator Penrose said many Republicans had been so bitterly opposed to the 1920 provisions that they talked of defeating the bill. "But, like other talk," he added, "it passed by, and everyone felt that the Government needed the money and that the bill should be passed as soon as possible."

Denying an effort to compel an extra session on the part of the Republicans, Minority Leader Lodge said, "there are other bills that will force an extra session."

Senator McCumber said nothing was said about the plan until the votes had been counted last November.

Senator Kellogg of Minnesota, Republican, declaring the war had been carried on extravagantly, opposed as an "iniquity" the extension of war excess profits taxes into peace times. When he tapped British and American war expenditures, Senator Borah interjected:

"But Great Britain didn't have any Hog Island."

1920 Provisions Declared Vicious. "Enormous waste," has occurred in aircraft, ordnance and other work, Senator Kellogg said, adding: "But we are willing to forget it and wipe the slate clean because of the splendid results." The Senator further characterized the bill's 1920 provisions as "vicious."

Senator Smith of Georgia, Democrat, defended the 1920 provisions, explaining that, if not enacted, the high levy of \$8,000,000,000 for 1919 might continue during 1920.

Charges that the 1920 tax provision was inserted for "political reasons" were made by Senator Townsend, Republican of Michigan, and a member of the finance committee who declared it never would have been inserted had it not been for the result of the November election.

War Profits Tax Embargo. In supporting his amendment for continuing of war profits taxes next year, Senator Jones declared that the committee's proposal, if finally enacted, would be an "absolute embargo on new enterprises," and prevent the development of the country at the very time

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when business should be most encouraged. He did not believe a dollar would be invested in the Western mining industry, if the committee provision was adopted. In opposing the amendment, Senator Simmons said it had been presented before the committee by the New Mexico Senator, and after much discussion rejected.

Those supporting the Jones' amendment were Senators Ashurst, Fletcher, Henderson, Johnson, of North Dakota; Johns, New Mexico; Kendrick, King, Myers, Phelan, Pittman, Shaffroth, Sheppard and Thomas, Democrats; and Johnson, of California, and McNary, Republicans.

Klamath Total \$982.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Nine hundred and sixty-four members and \$982 is the total amount

reported to Portland headquarters last night for the first two days of the membership drive now being conducted. The total membership sought in this county is 5100 and with the large districts yet to be heard from the management feels encouraged over the results so far.

EX-KAISER FEELS BETTER
Former Emperor Able to Walk About Castle Grounds.

AMERONGEN, Holland, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Former Emperor William, who had been ill during all the present week, was able to walk about the castle grounds this morning. The ex-Emperor appeared to have recovered from his chill, and while his

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President Wilson and Allied Leaders Receive Appeal From America.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—President Wilson and the Allied leaders have been appealed to in a cablegram to them at Paris by Representatives of 400,000 Greeks in this country to insist at the

peace conference upon the freedom of the Greeks everywhere.

This action was taken by 1500 delegates, representing all sections of this country, who attended a meeting in this city of the Greek Orthodox Community. President Wilson is asked to give his special attention to Greek demands.

Coal Prices to Stand Until Feb. 1.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Fuel Administrator Garfield announced today that maximum prices on coal and some regulations on fuel shipments will not be removed before February 1. There had been reports recently that all re-

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