

CANAL BILL MAY APPLY IN BATTLE ON COMPETITION

Clause in Bill May Affect Pacific Mail, Owned by S. P. San Francisco and Portland Line May Also Be Hit.

To what extent the Panama canal bill will affect existing steamship lines owned or controlled by railroads is a matter of conjecture, but it is the opinion of men familiar with transportation regulations that the clause prohibiting railroads from owning or controlling competing steamship lines "operating through the Panama canal or elsewhere" will apply only where it is shown that the line is operated solely for the purpose of preventing competition.

The bill was agreed on Wednesday in house and senate committee conference, admitting free passage through the canal of American vessels in coastwise trade, but denying it to American bottoms engaged in foreign trade. The bill was amended so as to give the interstate commerce commission authority to determine whether a railroad-owned or operated line of vessels is competing with that railroad or not.

It is regarded possible that the clause will affect the Pacific Mail Steamship company which for the past 30 years has operated steamships between New York and San Francisco in "competition" with the Southern Pacific. The Pacific Mail is owned by the Southern Pacific and it is pointed out, has succeeded in keeping independent steamship lines out of the field.

Possibly the clause will affect the line of the San Francisco & Portland Steamship company, owned by the O. W. R. & N. company and operated in competition with the Southern Pacific rail line between the two ports. However, it is held this company may escape the effect of the clause on the showing that it is an extension of the O. W. R. & N. company and therefore, while a Harman property, not controlled by the Southern Pacific.

That the river steamer line operated on the upper Columbia by the Hill system, known as the Regulator line, will be affected by the act, is considered quite certain for in this particular case the steamer service is supposed to enter into direct competition with the system's rail line on the north bank of the river.

The act will not, however, prevent railroad companies from owning and operating steamers in the Trans-Pacific trade as such vessels would be extensions of the service and not competing or parallel lines. Nor would the act, it is believed, affect a steamship line owned by the Hill interests operated for instance between Portland and San Francisco since that system has no direct rail connections between these two cities.

TIMBER COMPANIES FIGHT COUNTY CRUISE

(Special to The Journal.)
Hoquiam, Wash., Aug. 16.—The county equalization board must either make reductions in the county cruise of timber in contested sections and also equalize the values placed on timber or the Weyerhaeuser Timber company and other companies will take the matter into the courts.

This threat was made last evening by representatives of the companies before the county board. There are differences of 3,000,000 to 10,000,000 between the county cruise and the owners' cruise on some sections of land, the excess being in favor of the county, while the price does not seem satisfactory. A difference of 112,000,000 feet occurs between the cruise of the county and the Mason County Logging company and this firm asks that the county cruise be reduced 25 per cent. The cruise cost \$3,000.

FORESTER TO MAKE UNIQUE STATE MAP

(Special Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Ore., Aug. 15.—A complete map of Oregon, showing all the streams, roads, trails, telephone lines, forest lookout stations and the character of the timber in the timber belts is to be the result of a plan formulated by the state forester. Such a map has never been made and without it the forestry department has been handicapped in its work. From the state forester's office blue print maps were sent today to each field man of the department, each map covering the district of the man receiving it. The forester requests the field men to fill in all the data desired. Then the various district maps are to be returned to the state forester and a complete map will be made.

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COUNTERFEITS FILL CHINESE REPUBLIC

Bogus Military Notes Flood Nation; Impossible to Check Real Ones.

Nanking, Aug. 16.—Now that the redemption has begun of the military notes issued during the early days of the new Chinese republic, the authorities are horrified to discover the extent to which the provisional currency has been counterfeited all over the country. The situation is particularly serious in view of the fact that no very accurate

record was kept of the genuine notes issued, so that it is next to impossible to check the counterfeits, of which it is evident there must have been an enormous production of such very clever execution that it cannot now be told from the somewhat clumsily made genuine money.

There is no question that the counterfeits run well into the hundreds of thousands of dollars; there are good authorities who say it amounts to millions, and some officials of the finance ministry believe there is more of it than there is of the legitimate military republican money. The government's investigation is centering about Nanking, since it was here that the provisional money was printed, and it is presumed that the counterfeits also emanated from presses in or near the provisional capital.

Redemption of the military notes began soon after the first payment by the foreign bankers to the Chinese government of money called for by the provisions of the big loan agreement.

WILL FIGHT TO SAVE SON, A MURDERER

San Bernardino Physician Prepares to Battle for Life of Slayer.

(United Press Landed Wire.)
Los Angeles, Aug. 16.—Dr. J. H. Greenfield, aged and respected medical practitioner of San Bernardino, will arrive in Los Angeles today to begin the fight for the life of his son, Charles Eugene Greenfield, who confessed to the murder of his baby stepdaughter, Vivian, at Venice. Greenfield believes that his son

is insane, and he will spare no effort or expense to secure proof. At the county jail, where the slayer is confined, attendants and officers unite in the declaration that the man is feigning a mental breakdown. They declare he is sane, and is merely laying plans for his defense.

Greenfield spent a sleepless night, mulling constantly and muttering of the ill treatment he declares he received at the hands of his wife, which, he claims, prompted his deed. He admits freely that he intended to kill himself, but that "it hurt" and he desisted.

Figs Grow Near Roseburg.
(Special to The Journal.)
Roseburg, Ore., Aug. 16.—That figs will grow in the Umpqua valley is a settled fact. There are a number of persons who have one or more trees on their premises, and each year a crop is produced. The trees have produced good crops each year, and withstand late spring frosts better than peaches or apricots.

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