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CONTROL CAPITALIZATION

Complaints Are Less But Subjects Brought Up Are More Complex as Years Go On, Says Report.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Enlarged powers for the Interstate Commerce commission, including an increased membership and authority to act through subdivisions in specified branches of its work are asked for by the commission in its annual report to congress, made public today.

The commission recommends that congress also authorize the lease of permanent quarters in Washington. Some of the legislation it asks for in addition is:

That, for the purpose of uniformity and to prevent injustice, there should be provided by law one period, which in the commission's opinion should be three years, for the beginning of all actions relating to transportation charges subject to the act to regulate commerce.

That portion of section 20 of the act which accords the commission right of access to the accounts, records, and memoranda kept by carriers, be amended so as to accord right of access to the carriers' correspondence files.

World Control Capitalization. That there should be appropriate and adequate legislation upon the subject of control over railway capitalization.

That the minimum penalty for violation of the hours of service act be fixed at \$100.

That the use of steel cars in passenger train service be required, and that the use in passenger trains of wooden cars between or in front of steel cars be prohibited.

Expenses of the commission for the fiscal year ended June 30 amounted to \$4,150,000, of which \$2,300,000 was devoted to the valuating of railroads.

Expenses of enforcing the act to regulate commerce, including salaries and expenses of examiners and the numerous investigations, totaled \$1,210,000. Salaries of the seven commissioners and of the secretary amounted to \$75,000.

Enforcement of the safety appliance act cost \$226,000 and the block system enforcement of the hours of service law cost \$245,000.

Complaints Grow Less. The major portion of the report covers the work in enforcing the laws relating to rail carriers. It shows that for the year ended October 31, 1915, 6509 informal complaints were docketed, against 7880 received the year before, showing a decrease of 1270 cases.

In the special docket, however, where are listed applications by carriers to refund to shippers amounts in excess of admittedly fair charges, an increase of 1176 cases is shown. Reparations of \$312,864.61 were made in 1743 cases.

The most significant feature of the docket, however, is the decrease in the number of formal cases filed. Only 964 of these complaints were filed up to October 31, a decrease of 100 over the year before.

1107 Cases Disposed of. During the year, 942 cases have been decided and 265 were dismissed by stipulation or otherwise, making a total of 1107 cases disposed of, compared with 864 during the preceding year.

The year was featured by 1543 hearings conducted, which were recorded in 290,438 pages of testimony. In the previous year, 1607 hearings were recorded in 179,569 pages of testimony.

Cases Grow More Complex. "It might have been expected," says the report, "that as the years pass the decisions of the commission would result in a decrease in the volume of this work, but it has not so developed. The rate structures between various communities are now more often the subject of complaint than was the case in earlier years. The decrease in the number of complaints filed during the year has been more than offset by the complex nature of the cases that have been presented. As the affairs of shippers and carriers are subjected to

THESE TWO HEARTS BEAT AS ONE FOR 66 YEARS



Alonzo Perkins and wife

Alonzo Perkins and his wife are living quietly at No. 246 Morris street, after a married life of over 66 years, having been married September 22, 1849, in Lowell, Mass. He was born in Waterloo, Seneca county, New York, August 17, 1826, and at an early age began to hustle for himself, being one of a large family.

At the outbreak of the Mexican war he enlisted as a member of Company I, First Illinois volunteer infantry, and served a year, participating in the battle of Buena Vista and several skirmishes. Mrs. Perkins was born in Hadley, New York, October 17, 1830, and her maiden name was Samantha Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins located in Nebraska in 1856, where they lived for many years. They had eight children. Two sons and a daughter are now living. Mrs. J. L. Slipp, their daughter, and with her they are living, enjoying their declining years with her and three grandchildren.

Mr. Perkins is a well preserved man, who stands erect and walks briskly. In good weather he often walks to the park at the court house and then walks home again, a distance for him of about five miles.

When the Liberty Bell was here last summer, he walked in and had a fainting spell, but walked back. He has both Parkinson's disease and several ailments. He has smoked since his sixteenth year, and a little before that, when he could get it, he observed amusingly. He says he has been temperate in the use of liquor, but has used it all his life, believing that it did him no harm.

"I never dieted, nor quit eating anything I liked, nor took much medicine," he said. "In fact I always did as I felt like, and I never felt ill. My stomach never troubled me except when I was hungry. I think I have helped keep strong and healthy by always keeping straight up and not cramming my lungs by stooping over. I have two sons and I believe they look older than I do."

Mr. Perkins receives a pension from the United States government as a disabled war veteran, and is probably one of the very few left in the north-west who took part in the campaigns of that conflict.

Mrs. Perkins is more feeble and slower of movement, but keeps good health and rests quietly at home, not attempting to do much in the way of travel or exercise. Very few couples in Oregon have lived together so long.

higher rates to intermediate points than to Pacific coast terminals. From points in zones 2, 3 and 4 they were authorized to charge rates to intermediate points that exceeded the rates to Pacific coast terminals by not more than 7, 15 and 25 per cent, respectively.

As to the rates on certain commodities, however, the transportation carriers applied for additional relief from the fourth section. These commodities, embracing approximately 110 articles, and for convenience designated as "block" commodities, are scheduled in large volumes by water to Pacific coast ports at rates materially lower than those maintained by the all-rail lines. The carriers asked that they be allowed a further hearing to introduce evidence in support of their petition for additional relief.

Block Tariff Working Out. "The express companies have partially constructed their commodity tariffs on a block system," says the report. "This method of stating rates is simple, and the application of the tariff is simple. It is the method of production, whereas the old method named rates only from a limited number of points. While, as applied to certain territory, the tariff proposed were favorable to the public, both as to form and rates, it developed that a uniform basis throughout the entire country would in some sections cause substantial increases in rates. In some instances, and in many material reductions in other instances. For this reason universal adoption of the block system has not as yet been required as applied to all commodity tariffs. The details are being worked out for a block tariff calculated to move discriminations and at the same time approximate existing rates.

The errors of express employes which constituted their complaint in frequently collecting charges from both consignors and consignees are effectively guarded against, and the improvement respecting the adjustment of loss and damage claims appears to have progressed.

False Billing Is Common. Much attention was paid by the commission to the common practice of false billing by shippers, for which indictments were found in many cases. False claims for loss and damage were also investigated, and a number of indictments were returned.

Investigation of violations of the hours of service law resulted in the prosecution of 125 cases, involving 1068 counts. This condition, the commission reports, is showing constant improvement over previous years, though 78,940 instances were reported where the railroads worked their employes longer than the statutory time limit.

The commission's investigation of train accidents shows, according to the report, a marked decrease in collisions, but an increase in the number of derailments. The latter class is increasing, not only absolutely, but relatively, caused by defective track.

The valuation department of the commission has now placed in each of the five valuation districts eight valuation parties, which are now valuating about 1500 to 1700 miles per month.

A section has been organized for the valuation of telephones and telegraph systems, and five parties have been placed in each of the valuation districts.

Temporary Relief Granted. As shown in the annual report for 1915, applications in some cases embracing multitudinous rate situations under a single application, for authority to continue existing deviations from the general requirements of the fourth section were filed in accordance with this provision. In addition to these, special applications numbering 531 have since been filed requesting priority to make changes in rates to meet changed commercial and transportation conditions, practically all of which have been passed upon by the commission. Many of the orders granting relief are temporary in character and automatically expire when the commission acts upon the original application protecting the rates to which the changes are related.

During the period November 1, 1914, to October 31, 1915, inclusive, the number of special applications received was 478, a decrease of 274 compared with the preceding year. During the same period 822 fourth section orders were entered, 560 of which were permanent and 262 were 562 for temporary relief. Of the 822 orders, 230 were entered in response to applications included among the original 820 applications to continue rates existing at the time of the passage of the amended fourth section, while 592 were entered in response to the special applications which have been filed since the passage of the original 6030 applications. Forty-one applications were withdrawn after correspondence with carriers. This is a decrease of 890 from the number compared with the number disposed of during the preceding year.

For the purpose of disposing of applications by the carriers the United States was divided into five zones. From points in zone No. 1 carriers were denied permission to continue

MOOSE MAY GO BACK TO REPUBLICAN FOLD UNDER HUGHES FLAG

T. B. Neuhausen Back From Conference With Perkins; Convention to Be Held.

HOPE FOR G. O. P. HELP

If Republicans Nominates Standpatter, Roosevelt Would Take Stamp Against Him, Believes Chairman.

Possible amalgamation of the Republican and Progressive parties was discussed by T. B. Neuhausen, Progressive state chairman, who returned this morning from New York, where he conferred with George W. Perkins, Progressive national chairman.

"We are going to hold a convention," said Neuhausen, "there's no doubt of that, because the Progressive party is a political entity. The date of the convention will be determined at a meeting of the national committee at Chicago, January 11.

"There is some difference of opinion among Progressive leaders as to whether the convention should be held before or after the Republican convention. Convention Date Unsettled. "Those who want it held before, so that it may not be said that the Progressives are trailing off after the Republicans, have a further reason, which is that if we nominate a Progressive like Beveridge or Hiram Johnson, or Roosevelt, the Republicans might introduce our candidate, rather than nominate one of their own and have four more years of Wilson."

Mr. Neuhausen says that personally he believes the Progressives will hold their convention after the Republican, so as to give the latter a free hand to choose either a progressive or reactionary. If they should choose a standpatter, he would then be up to the Progressives to put forward their own candidate and make a fight for his election.

Colonel Would Fight Standpat. "If a reactionary should be nominated by the Republicans," he said, "I think Colonel Roosevelt will stump the country against him. As to the colonel's running, nobody knows. I think it possible that he will, if we nominate him, but I don't know. However, Hughes looks good to Mr. Neuhausen as an amalgamation candidate.

"If Justice Hughes should be nominated by the Republicans," he said, "I think the Progressives would endorse him, because we are a strong protective tariff party. Or Senator Clapp would do, or Cummins. "But I believe that if the Republicans felt sure we were going to nominate Roosevelt, whether or no, they would nominate him themselves."

Roosevelt as Fusion Leader. This talk is in line with stories published in The Journal last summer, on the occasion of Roosevelt's brief stop here, when he created the impression that he would be willing to head a Progressive-Republican fusion ticket.

Mr. Neuhausen had been absent six weeks from his time in Washington, on private business before the interior department.

Sweet Singers Plan Xmas at The Dalles

Custom Handed Down From the Old "Wide Open" Days Is Taken Up by Society Leaders. The Dalles, Or., Dec. 13.—Society women and girls will sing Christmas anthems on the streets of the city Christmas eve.

In the old days, when the town was "wide open" and the city boasted of 36 saloons and a pitifully small number of churches, it was the custom for some saloonkeepers to have the door of each saloon, Christmas eve, Patrons of the drink emporiums crowded about the singer, listening eagerly to the old Christmas story. Following the example of the missionary, the custom has been handed down for years. Last year, society sang on the streets, starting a precedent which will be continued.

Roses Bloom in Winter. The Dalles, Or., Dec. 13.—Peeping from beneath the snow are dozens of winter roses. There are hundreds of roses bloom here, despite the fact that frosts during the past week have been extremely bitter.

An excellent grade of delicious ayurp is now made from watermelons.

Eliza Woods, Baker Co. Pioneer, Dies. Huntington, Or., Dec. 13.—Eliza Woods, 70, died here yesterday. She had resided in Baker county since 1853, and in Huntington since 1892. She was a sister of Judge W. J. Woods.

Negotiated Big Deal. F. E. McGillick of Pittsburg, credited with making the largest real estate deal in that city during the year, is a Portland visitor. He is making a tour of the coast, accompanied by W. Hally, secretary-treasurer of the United Electric Light company. The deal in which Mr. McGillick figured involved \$1,000,000.

ST. HELENS KINDERGARTEN IS DEDICATED BY BISHOP

Religious Exercises Are Participated In by Chaplain and Trustees.

The new kindergarten building which has been erected on the site of the old St. Helen's Hall which was destroyed by fire some months ago, is being formally dedicated today, with appropriate religious exercises, in charge of Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner, of the diocese of Oregon. Rev. W. A. M. Breck, chaplain of St. Helen's hall is assisting as are also the members of the board of trustees of the hall: the Venerable Archdeacon Chambers, Rev. John Dawson, Rev. Robert S. Gill of Salem, J. C. Robinson, William Henrison. Several hundred invitations have been extended to prominent clergymen church people and people interested in St. Helen's hall.

The new building in which the school sessions have been held since November 29, is of the bungalow type of architecture. Going into the entrance and reception hall one passes into the reception room on either side of which are kindergarten and primary rooms. Off of these are offices, lavatories, playrooms and supply rooms. A feature of the building is a piazza, 72x22 feet, in which the children may dance and have their games and frolics in good weather. The many large windows are hung with fanciful Mother Goose curtains. A beautiful view of the mountains is obtained from the building. The work of the hall is progressing satisfactorily, there having been 25 new pupils entered since the school opened.

Connected with the kindergarten is a training school for kindergarten teachers, in charge of Miss Mary F. Ledyard, a well known kindergarten expert who was in charge of the Los Angeles kindergartens for several years.

CHURCH NEWS

Idea of Introducing Bible in Public School Is Opposed. Reasons Are Explained. Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon, and Dr. Frank L. Loveland, pastor of the First Methodist church, each, in sermons delivered yesterday, opposed the idea of introducing the Bible into the public schools. Their opposition was based largely on the contentions that would arise among different denominations as to what idea of God should be taught in the schools.

Selfishness Is Deplored. "We have made hospitals and infirmaries, and kindergartens, instead of fields of fruitful endeavor. And the cause for such a condition is selfishness." So declared Dr. Luther K. Hoyt, pastor of the First Congregational church, yesterday. He pointed out that Christ meant that religion should involve sacrifice, and that the sort of religion that Christ taught appealed to the selfish man, rather than to something in religion that is worthy of his strength, he said.

"Responsibility Is Topic. Speaking on the "Value of Dependableness," Rev. J. D. Corby, pastor of the First Universalist church, said yesterday that too many of the young people of today do all they can to shirk responsibility.

"Because we want the best for our boys and girls, we should insist that they take the job in youth, that they take their jobs and stick to it," he said.

Da. Jean Asks Question. "Ought not the life and works of Jesus have been enough to win all thoughtful men to discipleship?" asked Dr. T. W. Lane, pastor of Centenary Methodist church, yesterday. As a practical, personal question, he asked, "Will you become his disciples?"

Flag Is Topic of Sermon. "He who does not show respect for the flag, the emblem of our country, disgraces all that may be good in his own life," declared Rev. C. C. Bell, pastor of the Alberta United Brethren church. His sermon last night was one of a series on "Patriotism as Taught by Christ." "The patriots of our country should not allow anyone to insult our flag," he said.

Preparation Follows Knowledge. "The farther one advances in real knowledge the more reverent he will become," declared Rev. E. Olin Eldridge, pastor of Mount Taber Methodist church, yesterday.

W. C. T. U. Will Meet. Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 13.—The East Vancouver W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Bennett, 224 East Sixth street, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. All members are requested to be present.

Current Events Class Addressed. Attorney C. W. Huntington yesterday spoke to the current events class of the Westminster Presbyterian church on the subject, "The Economic Advantage of Good Roads." He said there is need in Oregon for a uniform system of bonding and taxation that will permit the construction by the state of good roads to the amount of \$1,500,000 annually.

Anniversary Is Celebrated. Special services yesterday marked the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Trinity German Lutheran church. A special musical program was given, while Rev. J. A. Rimbach, the pastor, was assisted in the services by Rev. Mr. Stuebe of Cornelius and Rev. Mr. Doering.

Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner. dist church, yesterday. "Conceit and flippancy are born of shallowness. Intellectual pursuit opens up a realm too vast and wondrous to admit of cocksureness and irreverence. Beware of the man who has ever a ready, self-satisfying solution of all the mysteries under the sun."

MINNESOTA DELAYED BY GALE; CAN'T CROSS BAR, AT GOLDEN GATE

Big Liner Will Have to Await Calm Weather as She Draws Too Much Water.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—(P. N. S.)—A blustery southeaster battered the crippled Minnesota from dusk yesterday until dawn and the big ship with her secret, forced to steer a course obliquely off shore is little nearer San Francisco this morning than she was last night at 6 o'clock when she wire-lessly, "35 miles south of the light-ship."

All day yesterday a steady southerly wind blew behind the vessel, steady-ly her in the sea and adding a couple of knots an hour to her speed toward this port. It was a material assistance to the three tugs to work. But with night-fell the wind increased and it blew freakishly with varying velocity all night. Captain Garlick, fearing to imperil his vessel by longer remaining close inshore, steered a northwesterly course, according to W. Wiley, marine superintendent for the Great Northern company, this morning, and his command is still about 80 miles seaward of the Golden Gate.

At 9 o'clock last night the wind veered 45 miles an hour, and a blast and lull it buffeted the Minnesota until the wind increased to 45 miles an hour, and at 7:30 o'clock it had dropped to 60 miles an hour at Point Reyes. This indicates a maximum offshore velocity of possibly 75 or 80 miles an hour at the height of the storm.

Wiley said this morning that he felt no fears for the ship. Once off the lightship the Minnesota will drop anchor and will wait for fair weather to enter port. For the first time in the history of the port the pilots have to deal with a merchantman which cannot pass over the bar. As a consequence they will have to bring her in through North channel and this will require a calm sea. Five and possibly more tugs will assist in bringing the monster in and they will leave her off of Meigs wharf.

Once in the bay federal authorities who have been investigating the activity of the crew will take charge of the ship. No one but government officials or employes of the company will be allowed aboard and none of the crew will be permitted ashore until the probe is ended, it has been announced.

Comedians Again Seen in Comedy. "His Royal Nobs" at the Lyric Gives Audience Lots of Opportunities to Secure Enjoyment. Dillon and King as Mike and Ike, and the guests of a dark-skinned potentate on a south Pacific island in their latest play "His Royal Nobs," which opened at the Lyric theatre yesterday.

In this laugh provoker Mike and Ike get into trouble and the audience gets plenty of fun and laughs. The production is well staged with much crowd and scenery; there are many topical and tropical songs tunelessly sung by the principals of the Dillon and King cast and the chorus of Ginger girls and the Columbia quartet.

Dillon, of course, appears as the Irishman Mike, and King as the Hebrew Ike. Frank Harrington, as "His Royal Nobs," a grouchy old would-be king, Charles Kelly as a magician, Val Lawrence as the queen, and Grace Allen the magician's wife.

All Laughter Bill Is Given at Orpheum. Cecil Cunningham Headlines Bill of Numerous Attractive Features, in Songs Written Especially For Her. It's an all laughter bill at the Orpheum. Cecil Cunningham, the headliner, sings songs that are for her special use and "puts them over" with gusto.

Next, judging from applause, come Ben Ryan and Harriette Lee, who have a hodgepodge of merit in which they crazy dancing by the girl and jokes by the boy are the principal fun making parts.

Patina, a Turkish dancing girl, presents a series of Turkish dances. Harry Fern and company offer a sketch called "The Veterans" in which the comedy of Fern as negro jack-of-all trades wins many laughs. Turber and Madison make fun of life in a department store. Bert Lamont and his cowboys are a popular feature.

Leo and Mel Jackson open the show with an exhibition of novel and daring bicycle riding.

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