

HOOD RIVER INTEREST RAPS CHAMBER'S ACT IN LUMBER HEARING

Association of Manufacturers Sends Protest to President of Portland Body.

PHASES ARE CONSIDERED

Claim Made Outside Lumbermen Should Have Been Consulted Before Chamber Backed Local Mills.

When the testimony in the lumber-rate case was being taken here by Interstate Commerce Commission Examiner Watkins last week, representatives of certain Portland mills, who are complainants in the case, appeared before the directors of the Chamber of Commerce and asked for a resolution endorsing their claims.

A committee was delegated to consider the matter and adopt such a resolution as it saw fit. It promulgated one asking the Interstate Commerce Commission, in the name of the chamber, to grant the requests of the Portland mills.

This action has stirred up considerable feeling among lumbermen outside of Portland, and the Hood River Lumber Manufacturers' association has addressed to the president of the chamber a letter expressing that feeling.

Not Pleased With Step Taken. Attorney Charles D. Mahaffie, who represents the Hood River concerns in the case, said that the lumbermen feel that they were not treated fairly by the Chamber of Commerce in regard to the adoption of the resolution.

Only One Side Is Heard.

"The industrial development of the state is usually considered as of only less importance to Portland than that of the city itself. Few individuals, and certainly no court, would care to pass on important issues on hearing from one interest only, without itself even having heard the contentions of the other parties."

"Many of the owners and officers of mills throughout the state are members of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. They think that, even aside from the business welfare of the state and of Portland, they, as members, might in future be deprived of the privilege of being heard before the chamber when on record against them."

Secretary Sends Letter to Mr. Colt. Charles T. Early, secretary of the Hood River Lumber Manufacturers' association, has sent the following letter to C. C. Colt, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the committee that it is of the utmost importance to the Chamber of Commerce that the contentions of the said Portland manufacturers of lumber, shingles and wood products, cause docket 5273 be established and maintained."

It has been said, and we presume for the purpose of losing some prejudice of some kind somewhere, that the principles involved in this case are the same as in the Lyster rate case recently decided. This is, of course, not true.

It has also been said repeatedly that

Victim of Villistas Sees Jap Menace

A. M. Bennett of The Dalles, Whose Wife Was Killed in Tux Pax Massacre, Says Japanese Are Preparing.

The Dalles, Or., March 21.—Having buried his wife, victim of Villistas, in a Mexican desert, A. M. Bennett, civil engineer, himself a defender of his life and property against marauding bandits over the border, has returned to The Dalles.

Mr. Bennett, in the employ of the Walters-Bowman Oil company, has traveled in the north and south. Mrs. Bennett was killed, with 74 others, among them 22 women, in the Tux Pax massacre, July, 1914. Her body lay for days in the cellar of an adobe house. She was shot through the head.

Mr. Bennett, wounded in the thigh and forearm, was taken to a Yaqui camp by friendly Indians, and was there nursed back to some strength. Then, last summer, he walked 300 miles in his bare feet from Tux Pax to a point where he could get railroad transportation to Vera Cruz.

Mr. Bennett declares that in his opinion Villa is the most popular man in Mexico. He says that the only way American troops or Carranzistas can capture the bandit is through the treachery of one of his followers.

War with Japan, says Mr. Bennett, would follow war with Mexico, it being his observation that the land to the south is thick with Japanese, armed and trained for the time for a possible conflict with the United States.

the rates from the Willamette valley are the same to Idaho and Utah territory as they are from Portland. There is just enough in this to enable it to be said, and escape with entire ease, in other words, it is a half truth, and even that is not true.

Rate Situation Explained. To what is known as Salt Lake territory, which runs a short distance into southeastern Idaho and central Utah, an average distance from Portland of about 900 miles, the rates from the Willamette valley and Portland are the same as from the same points, as every fair minded lumberman knows.

Selfish Motives, It Is Asserted. It seems incredible that the Chamber of Commerce, or a committee of its chamber, could deliberately pass a resolution of the character referred to, or take the responsibility of so doing, without knowing the facts. It is very unfortunate that the committee or at any rate some of its members, did not attend the hearing and hear the testimony.

Our purpose in writing this letter is for the friendliest. Notwithstanding the fact that if the request of the resolution were carried out, it would seriously retard the development of this state, as well as cause enormous monetary loss, we have every reason to believe that so far as the chamber is concerned, the resolution reflects no one's views excepting those who inspired it, and those of its authors.

Letter Expresses Feeling. No public body can enter into a more unfortunate position than to get the reputation that it can be used by any special interests who may desire its service. It surely cannot be expected that the committee and individuals whose business and livelihood depend upon the development of the lumber industry in the state and view with favor efforts of the Chamber of Commerce in joining in attacks upon the industry located elsewhere than within the city limits of Portland.

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