

FIGHT IS LAUNCHED AGAINST PROPOSED RAIL RATES INCREASE

San Francisco and Seattle Join in Combating Transcontinental Scheme.

SPOKANE NOT CONSIDERED

Charge to Coast Cities to Be About 10 Cents Hundred Pounds Higher Than Old Scale.

Both Seattle and San Francisco propose to fight the new compromise freight rates put in by the transcontinental carriers and to become effective January 1. The rates to Pacific coast cities are to be about 10 cents per 100 pounds higher than the old scale which was knocked out by the Interstate Commerce commission at the instance of Spokane and other intermountain cities.

Announcement of this intent to prevent any increase at all in the tide-water terminal rail rate was made yesterday afternoon by H. J. Wittrick of Seattle and Seth Mann of San Francisco when Wittrick was on the witness stand in the Interstate Commerce commission's general investigation of transcontinental rates. He made a formal statement setting forth Seattle's position in the situation and on cross examination by J. B. Campbell of Spokane declared that any advance whatever over existing rates would be resisted, regardless of the present series of hearings.

Protest Basis Is Question. "Will you challenge the rate on the ground of unreasonableness?" demanded Mr. Campbell. "I do not know without conferring with our committee," replied Mr. Wittrick.

"I am going to protest the rates on behalf of San Francisco," interjected Mr. Mann, "and I am going to allege unreasonableness and anything else I can think of."

Mr. Wittrick and Mr. Campbell engaged in a rather acrimonious argument during Wittrick's testimony. The Seattle man declaring it too bad that Spokane is trying to force rate advances on the coast which would "paralyze industry and set one end of a great state against another." He declared that the people of Spokane are not suffering now, but that all the people of the coast cities would suffer were rate advances forced upon the railroads.

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Up to the time of Mr. Wittrick's testimony, the coast cities had manifested no dissatisfaction with the Spokane situation nor with Spokane's institution of the attack on the coast rates. The policy had been to make the fight for a reasonable rail rate as influenced by potential water competition without regard to what rates should be allowed the intermountain country.

Earlier in the afternoon, F. G. Deckebach and H. S. Gile, representing the logberry juice industry of Salem, testified that any increase in freight rates would prove disastrous to that growing enterprise because it has been built up upon the assurance that present rates were to be permanent rates.

Shipment of glass bottles to the west and shipment of bottled juice to far eastern points now is carried on under rates that have allowed a most satisfactory development of the industry, whereas any increase in rates would so cut into the slender profit margin as to hamper and possibly kill activities to the loss of hundreds of berry growers, they said.

Examiner Thurtell concluded the Portland hearing late yesterday afternoon. He will proceed to Spokane for a resumption of testimony. Mr. Campbell said Spokane's main attack upon the present coast rates would be launched there.

Liberal Professor Was Invited by Reed

Views of Dr. Scott Nearing, Brilliant Economist, on Social Conditions Caused His Dismissal.

That Dr. Scott Nearing, the brilliant young economist whose views on modern social and industrial conditions brought about his dismissal from the University of Pennsylvania about two years ago, was offered a position on the Reed college faculty at the time, has just become known here.

Dr. Nearing's dismissal created a sensation in the educational world and raised a national question, that of academic freedom of speech. The offer on the part of Reed college was to show that the institution is truly broad and liberal in its views.

Professor Nearing was most popular at Pennsylvania and had large classes as well as being active in matters outside of the campus. He made an investigation of street lighting in Philadelphia which uncovered the fact that the city was paying for lighting it did not receive. In his books he handles social questions without gloves and his ideas on easier divorce and family limitation caused considerable comment.

Dr. Nearing declined the offer of Reed and accepted the position of professor of social science and dean of the college of letters and science at the University of Toledo, located in Toledo, Ohio.

WOMAN'S CLUB IS IN CAMPAIGN TO SELL RED CROSS STAMPS

December 21 Set Aside as Day in Which Christmas Seals Will Be Disposed Of.

The Portland Woman's club is among the latest of the women's organizations of the city which has been assigned a day for the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals. Mrs. M. H. Lamond, a director in the club, asked yesterday that the club be given a day for the sale of the seals, and on December 21 the club will be in charge of the various downtown booths at which the sales have been so large this year.

Portland is in a race for a new kind of a pennant. It is the pennant offered by the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis to the city that sells the greatest number of Red Cross Christmas seals per capita during the month of December. As the award is based upon sales in proportion to population, any town in the state is eligible.

Chance for success in Portland is considered greater, not only because 22 women's organizations have enlisted in the campaign, but the school children are actively aiding.

It was estimated last night that at the present rate the sales by school children in Portland will total 70,000 seals, or \$700. The largest per capita sales so far, however, have been made in the little town of Milwaukee. Yesterday's seal sales in the booths netted \$46.98 for the cause, \$31.81 as the result of the work of the Lavender club, composed of ladies of 50 years of age or over, and \$14.47 from the Laurelhurst club. The Lavender club women who sold seals were Mesdames M. E. Katten, Cornelia Haynes, Marian Dryden, J. C. English, James Collins, Webber, Alpha B. Dunn, Maude S. Burley, Charles Palne, George Currier, Susie Ackroyd, Della Eley and Joseph Lentz.

Booths today will be in charge of the Progress club.

It is probable that the Oregon Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, which is directing the campaign, will continue its efforts until January 1, in accordance with a suggestion received from the national organization.

Knights and Ladies Plan Entertainment

Eureka Council No. 204, Knights and Ladies of Security, will play Jovial host to Santa Claus at the Christmas entertainment to be given by the lodge at their hall next Monday night. Special features will be presented for the children and candies and presents will be distributed without the formality of a tree. The local council is jubilant this year in anticipation of a big banquet to mark the end of the twenty-fifth anniversary membership campaign, February 22. The goal set by the national officers is 25,000 recruits. President F. L. McKnight of Eureka council reports that his membership allotment is rapidly climbing to the mark. With the approach of the holiday the spirit of charity is being freely shown and the relief of needy members is now occupying the attention of the lodge.

Oregon Man After 53 Years Finds Brother

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 12.—(P. N. S.)—Separated for 53 years, George Hamilton, an inmate of the old soldiers' home at Port Orchard, Puget sound, has found his brother, William Hamilton, residing at Gresham, Or., through the thoughtfulness of a clerk in the pension office. The brothers thought each other dead. George is 80 years old and William 53, and both are Civil war veterans.

State Department Takes Up Solis Case

Washington, Dec. 12.—(U. P.)—The state department today made strong representations to the Carranza government in the matter of the arrest of Ricardo Solis, American citizen at Matamoros and his removal to Victoria for trial. Departmental investigation established Solis' American citizenship and shows he was held without specific charges being made against him.

Jury in Pastor's Case Disagrees

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 12.—(P. N. S.)—Rev. A. C. Wright, on trial for nearly two weeks on a charge of criminal assault on Barbara Beardsley, a 14-year-old girl, will have to stand trial again on the same charge. The jury, out 24 hours, reported to the court last evening that it was unable to agree, the vote standing 6 to 6.

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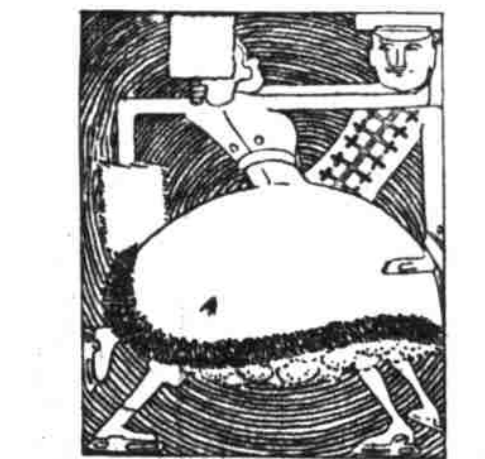
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