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Workers of Three Great Key In- dreadnoughts of the Pacific fleet

Keen Interest Felt as Officials of "Triple Alliance" Meet to Decide "Direct Action" Issue.

London, July 23 .- (I. N. S.) -- By a vote of 217 to 11 the "triple alliance" this afternoon decided to put the question of a general strike of miners, railway men and transportation workers up to a ballot of the workingmen themselves. The "triple of the three unions named.

Many delegates left the conferences singing and waving the red

Yorkshire to guard the mines there during the strike.

London, July 23,-(I. N. S.)-The extending to the railway men and transport workers, to enforce the demands of the striking coal miners, feature films played on screen placed aft of the turrets, hung over England when the "triple alliance" - officials of the miners, railway and transport workers-met today.

When the noon adjournment was taken a bitter division had arisen between those who wanted to defy the government and those who sought a concillatory course. The heated arguments indicated a long and stormy session this

The cabinet held an important session today to discuss the industrial situa-

PREMIER SEEKS SETTLEMENT It was reported that Premier Lloyd George would confer with officials of the striking coal miners this afternoon in an attempt to pave the way for a

It is declared by the Daily Express that the extremist leaders of the striking miners in the Yorkshire fields are in constant communication with the Instormy petrels of the American indus-

A meeting of the miners' executive committee will be held Thursday to canvass the situation.

Towns supplied by the Yorkshire fields have received official warning from the government to curtail their consumption of coal, gas, electricity and water. Railway service is to be re-

suggestion that the real cause of the

#### NEWSPAPER SUGGESTS CONSPIRACY The Morning Post makes the startling

strike is a long and carefully concerted plan to overturn the existing order of things and place the whole nation at the mercy of one section. The Daily Mail attributes the unrest to inactivity of the laborites in parliament. If they had given expression to strong views in the house of commons, more frankly uttered, there would be less clamor on the part of local agitators, argued this Northcliffe organ. The newspaper expresses the belief, furthat government inaction may be due to the lack of a settled coal field policy on the part of the government. Premier Lloyd George is charged with "moving away from nationaliza-tion of mines." There are strong rumors that Edward Shortt, home secretary, is opposed to the miners' demand for nationalization.

INTEREST IN MEETING Keen interest is felt everywhere over the meeting of the "triple alliance"officials of the mine, railway and transport workers. As they control about 2,000,000 workers their decision will be of great weight in the industrial situa-

By direct action the officials mean widespread strike to enforce their de-

The Exchange Telegraph predicted that the "triple alliance" would undoubtedly recommend a vote on direct action and the release of conscientious objectors. Many members of parliament expect a widespread strike test the unionists' strength.

#### Three Vehicles In Smash; Three Persons Escape

An accident with three angles, in which three persons narrowly escaped injury, occurred on Union avenue between Wasco and Knott streets, at 7:15 this morning when a P. R., L. & P. street car crashed into a moving automobile and drove it against a machine parked in Union avenue.

W. M. Jerrells, 154 East Twenty-ninth street, parked his car before a gro-cery store while he made a purchase A machine owned by Frey & Allen. Lents painters, and occupied by its was traveling toward the rear of the standing machine when the street ear approached.

The Frey & Allen machine was rammed into the Jerrells machine and was completely wrecked. The occupants were forcibly thrown out but escaped injury. The Jerrells machine was only slightly damaged and an occupant whose name was not learned by police, escaped uninjured,

## ew Pacific Fleet Approaches Canal In Separate Units PTD

Destroyers Will Reach Panama During Day; Battleships Are Plowing Through Caribbean.

By Frank G. Menke Aboard U. S. S. Arkansas, With he Pacific Fleet, July 23. - (By Wireless.) - (I. N. S.) - Enroute to the Pacific coast the six superdustries May Quit to Enforce were passing through the Windward passage today and were due to Demands of the Coal Miners, emerge into the Carribean sea, 550 miles north of the Panama canal, before noon.

> The battleships are traveling alone. The destroyers, which pushed on ahead, were due to reach the canal this morning, and the supply ships, which are morrow. It is probable that all will clear through the locks before the ar-rival of the battleships Friday fore-

The weather is clear, but the sea is slightly choppy.

It is reported that some of the older type of battleships that have been en-

. During the day the battleships are engaged in constant maneuvers, while drills take place aboard. All the ships sibly the same, bolt demolished the Announcement was made officially are somewhat handlcapped because .50 tall flagpole on top of a building octoday that troops have arrived in per cent of their crews are raw recruits cupied by the Atkins Saw company Yorkshire to guard the mines there gan because the enlistments of many experienced men had expired. The the shaft was completely splintered. rookles are learning quickly and will no damage was done to the building London, July 23.—(I. N. S.)—The be prepared to do themselves proud in proper. threat of a "direct action" strike, the review at San Francisco.

The men are entertained nightly by two-reel movie comedies and five-reel

Delegation to Receive Little Encouragement From Executive

Salem, July 23 .- The delegation from the National Women's Suffrage association is not expected to receive any great amount of encouragement when it calls on Governor dustrial Workers of the World, the Olcott Thursday in an effort to secure a special session of the Oregon legislature for the purpose of ratifying the national suffrage amendment Governor Olcott has already expressed himself as opposed to a special session at this time. In a telegram to Carrie Chapman Catt two months ago in re ply to a request for a ratification session, the governor declared that such a move did not meet with his approval inasmuch as the regular session had view of the great expense incident to another session. It is estimated that a single day's session at this time would

cost the state \$5000. When Mrs. Elliott Corbett of Port and called on the governor last week in the interest of the ratification move the governor told her of his telegram to Mrs. Catt, but assured her that if it came down to the point where the vote of one state was necessary in order to complete the ratification, he would be willing to call the session, providing the legislators would agree to attend at their own expense.

Eugene E. Smith of Portland, in letter to Governor Olcott some time ago, suggested a special ratification session at the expense of the legislators themselves. He expressed himself as willing to pay his own expenses in such an Smith, however, is the only Oregon legislator who has so far volun teered such a move. Other members of the legislature, farther removed from the state capital and to whom the exin the case of Mr. Smith, may not be so enthusiastic over such a session, i is pointed out in state capital circles.

#### Man Is Knocked Unconscious at Electric Station

Either from touching a live wire or short circuiting a switch, Fred Pinn, powerhouseman for the Northwestern Electric company, was burned and at the Pittock block central station of the company early this morn inc. When he was found at 4:15 o'clock he was lying on the floor unconscious. It was said at the St. Vincents hospital today that Pinn had good chances divide has broken from control, forcing of recovery. J. D. Wright of the police the fighters hurriedly to move their department, who is an electrician, was sent to administer first aid to Pinn when the report was received, and he sent the injured man to the hospital.

#### Took Nothing but Watahmelons-That Would Be Stealin'

Hush! An' don' anyone brev' it to

Long about three quahters after midnight Tuesday night, when everythin still and dark, somebody done broke the

East Tower Mechanism of Steel tion issued today by Governor Olcott, Above Building Is Splintered.

aged Crossing Is Repaired:

Bursting over Portland with all temporarily until it has been completely the vigor of a middle western thun-The super-dreadnoughts are making der-storm, flashes of lightning, ac- the state's chief material resources, o'clock this morning. A bolt struck the east tower of the Steel bridge and will join the fleet some time this morn- that operates the draw, setting fire to the pavement and charring a tion reads.

A dwelling at 742 Mississippi avenue owned and occupied by Anna Hoglund, was struck by lightning and damaged to the extent of \$400, fully covered by insurance. The flash struck where telephone wires enter the house and fire spread to the roof. Mrs. Hoglund was severely shocked when the stove reeled about as a result of the lightning im-

Forecaster Wells said this morning that the storm was purely local but others might be looked for during the next days. While rain fell in torrent a time, the sun soon reappeared. The lightning manifestations were lighly spectacular. The bolt that struck the bridge ran down the steel structure of the tower, with flashes and emission of sparks, and jumped to the pavement, damaging the surface. Pending thorough (Concluded on Page Two, Column One)

# FIGHTERS BEATEN

Flames Spread and New Fires Break Out Despite Hard Battles Waged Against Them.

Washington, July 23 .- (U. P.)asked congress to permit him to use \$500,000 from department funds to fight forest fires raging in Idaho. He requested adoption of a joint resolution permitting this as an

Spokane, July 23. - (U. P.) - A smoke pall hangs over Spokane. Back in the timber thousands of weary men are fighting a losing battle against a score of fires. Although a light rain fell in Spokane early today, none has visited the burning

areas.

Local firemen for four hours Tuesday evening fought a stubforn fire in the Hollywood section of the city, which is covered with pines and brush. New fires are reported from half sections. Supervisors are nearly at their wits' end. There is a shortage pense would be far more serious than of labor and a high wind is fanning old fires into renewed activity. TOWNS IN DANGER

Thompson Falls and St. Regis, Mont. are in imminent danger, while fires are being desperately headed off from Newport, Wash., Enaville, Kellogg, Mullan and Burke, Idaho.

The Bear creek fire spread during the night, traveling about a mile up the north fork of the Coeur d'Alene river nother crew went in there today, making about 200 men fighting this fire. Kellogg, Idaho, was saved late Tues day by heroic efforts on the part of Philip Ness and his crews. Fifteen hundred acres are blazing there. NEW FIRE BREAKS OUT

A new fire has broken out on Land creek, four miles west of the south end of Priest lake, and a crew has gone to fight it. The Round Top fire on the divide has broken from control, forcing pervisor Flint, said today. The Boulder creek fire is barely under control. Fires west of Newport, Wash., are held and the smoke-filled town is not in immediate danger. Three new fires have broken out in

the Coeur d'Alene district, Supervisor

Wolff reported this morning. One is

bove Burke, another above Mullan and

the third on Blue creek east of Coeu

## Machine Guns Used On Berlin Socialists

## Governor Urges Extreme Caution IN In Handling Fires Regulations Proclaimed Governing Campfires in or Near

Forests of Oregon. rass and grain fields of the state hreatened with destruction from fire because of lack of rain, fire

wardens are urged, in a proclama-

Bridge Burned and Flag Pole to exercise the greatest caution in guarding against this condition. The proclamation, issued at the request of State Foresier F. A. Elliott, proclaims that no campfires shall be started in or near forest or brush covered lands Boats Held in Harbor Until Dam- within 20 feet of any standing or down trees, brush piles or other litter that may cause the spread of fire, and under no condition is a fire to be built unti Spectacular Storm Is Local, the ground is cleared to mineral soil for a distance of six feet in every direc-

tion and no guich fire shall be left ever

extinguished with water. 'Inasmuch as the forests are one 121/2 knots through the Windward pas- companied by a welcome shower, strongly urge every person going into made the atmosphere vibrant at 11 the woods during the current dry season to refrain from smoking, as any fire allowed to get beyond control is not only extremely dangerous to all classes alliance" is composed of the officials gaged in target practice off Guantanamo damaged the electrical mechanism of property, but necessitates use of la- follows: bor and supplies that are essential in other lines of endeavor," the proclama-

Interstate Commerce Commission Turns Down Joint Rates on Sumpter Valley Line.

Washington, July 23 .- (WASH-NGTON BUREAU OF THE JOUR-NAL.) - The interstate commerce commission in a decision by Commissioner Hall, made public today, turns down the petition of the govicts on the Sumpter Valley railway. The decision says the government's charge that the Eccles interests Whitman national forest is not sustained. It denies there is unlawful reasonable in themselves.

ncome of the Sumpter Valley road deived principally from rough cut timber s more than the public should be reuired to bear." says the commissioner's report. "No showing is made that op-erating conditions of similar severity are encountered by any of the 28 short Republican senstors the word was beines serving competitive timber tracts which maintain lower rates."

Commissioner Eastman filed a dissenting opinion concurred in by Com-Secretary of the Interior Lane today missioner McChord. Eastman says the solicitation of the forest service for proection of the public interest is in every way to its credit, investigation having shown the government would benefit by the higher price for stumpage if the joint rates were established." "If the joint rates were not used," says Eastman, "certainly the defendants would have no cause for complaint. It seems to me the group rates should fairly be extended to the Sumpter valley territory."

### Major R. A. Fenton Back in Portland; Served in France

Major Ralph A. Fenton, who went verseas with base hospital 46, returned o Portland today after more than ear's service with the A. E. F. Shortly after arriving in France ook additional training at Langres and was transferred to Evacuation No 1, nearer the front lines.

Following the armistice he was assigned to the third army and accompanied it into occupied Germany as officer in charge of eye work. In the meantime Mrs. Fenton was engaged in war work with the French vernment, first as a translator and ater in identification work in hospitals. Major and Mrs. Fenton enjoyed leaves together in France, one trip taking them

nto Brittany. Major Fenton reached Camp Lewis this week and expects to be discharged from service in a few days. He will resume his practice as an eye, ear, lose and throat specialist in Portland. Mrs. Fenton is expected home in a few

## Husband Chases His Wife in Racing Car

Butte, Mont., July 23. - Speeding across the continent in a high power racing car, L. H. Winston, said to be a wealthy Floridan, arrived in Butte today 10 minutes after Mrs. Winston vowed to take summary vengeance or

## U. S. Engineers From Archangel at Brest

Brest, July 23 .- (U. P.)-The first battallon of the American engineers the old positions, according to the unreached here yesterday from Archangel. derstanding under which the operators the alloth engineers are from the \$5th went back to work. Simeral states, and division. Michigan and Wisconsin National Guard.

The advices added that correspondence of Felix Diaz, seized by the Mexican government, included a retained contrary to the agreement.

White House Statement Brands as False Story Published in Which Contrary Was Stated.

ruth Is, President Did All He Could the Other Way: Explanation Expected From Japan.

Washington, July 23 .- (I. N. S.) President Wilson neither originated nor formulated the Shantung provisions of the peace treaty, it was declared in a statement issued by the president's direction from the White House this afternoon. The statement

"The president authorizes the announcement that the statement carried in several of the papers of this morning that he originated or formulated the provision with regard to Shantung in the treaty of peace with Germany is altogether false. He exerted all the influence he was at liberty to exercise in the circumstances to obtain a modification of them, and believes that the ultimate action of Japan with regard to Shantung will job the whole mader in ts true light.

FAFT'S IDEAS ON TREATY

ARE GIVEN ATTENTION Washington, July 23 .- (U. P.) -- Reser vations to the peace treaty suggested by William Howard Taft are being seriously considered by Senate Republican leaders, it was learned today. Taft's suggestions cover article :0, questions and the Monroe

domestic doctrine. dent Wilson today indicated that the laft program also is being studied by turns down the petition of the gov-ernment forestry service asking for joint through rates on forest prod-ucts on the Sumpter Valley railway. Which was transmitted to Senator encer, Missouri.

Later it was stated Taft embodied his ideas on reservations which he have laid an artificial burden upon called "resolutions," in a letter to Will lumber rates and bottled up the H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee, who is in Indiana. In the suggested resolution which Senator Spencer has, Taft suggested discrimination between carriers and that article ten be interpreted as powfinds the existing rates are not un-erless to force the United States into war without specific action of con-"It does not appear that the operating gress; that a specific reservation be made of the control of all domestic questions such as coastwise trading, mmigration and tariff, and that the

Monroe doctrine be reserved. Senator Lodge declined to commen on the Taft program, but among other ing passed today that Taft's sugges tions will form the basis promise between President Wilson and the league opponents which will be embodied in the resolution of ratifica

# HELD BIG MENACI

Samuel Hill Much Impressed by Social and Political Upheaval in Old World.

Conditions in Europe are chaotic and no man can predict the outcome said Samuel Hill, who passed through Portland today on his way to Maryhill. Mr. Hill has just returned from one of his periodical risits to the Old World.

"I was in England, France, Belgium Turkey, Sebria, Roumania, Greece and Spain," he said. "There is a social and political upheaval going on. Every where the cost of living is high. Fo example, I paid \$18 a day for a small room and bath at Paris. Meals were in proportion.

"The best hotel I found was in Madrid and it was run by a Belgian. I also learned something about sidewalks in Madrid. They have a practice there I should like to see adopted in this counry, of not smothering the shade tree with concrete. The tree is given a chance to breathe, and along the walk are little

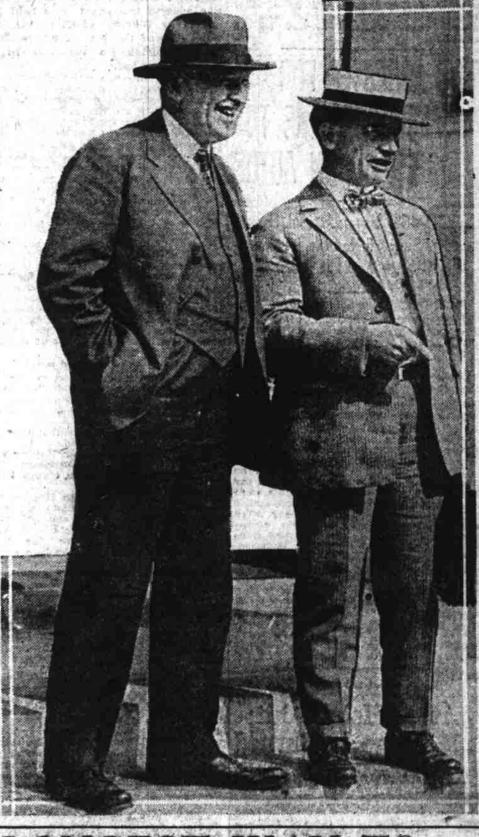
#### Discrimination by Phone Company in Salem Is Charged

Salem, July 23.-With several cases of alleged discrimination against for-mer telephone operators in the employ departed for Seattle. Winston said his of the Salem exchange of the Pacific wife had eloped with a tourist. He Telephone company and four substitute operators, who have as yet not been reinstated in accordance with the agree ment of the company, the teleph strike situation is not altogether settled here yet, according to Roy Simeral, president of the Electrical Workers' union, with which the operators are affiliated.

The company in several instances has failed to reinstate former employes in the old positions, according to the un-

### RATE CASE CONTENDERS

MONG interesting figures at hearing of Columbia basin freight rate adjudication are, at left, John H. Smith of Astoria, representing lower river ports, and Thomas J. Kennedy, assistant corporation counsel of Seattle, who is aiding the railroads in fight against water grade method of rate making.



## LONGEST WAY TO COAST FIXES RATE PAID BY FREIGHT

AMES J. HILL, the empire builder, said: "Nature made the pass; water follows the lines of least resistance, and so does commerce. With water it is some physical obstruction, but with commerce it is dollars and cents. A thousand tons of freight can roll down the banks of that river (the Columbia) cheaper than we can take it over the tops of the mountains."

The grade of the Northern Pacific over the mountains to Puget Sound is 11 times steeper than the grade of the S., P. & S. between Portland and Pasco. One item of cost in mountain transportation is the investment by

the Great Northern of between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 for snow sheds to prevent a snowslide sweeping another train and its passengers to destruction as happened near Wellington a few years ago. The C., M. & St. P. has spent \$12,000,000 for electrification across the Rockies and is spending \$9,500,000 for electrification across the

Cascade range to save transportation costs that would not appear in water grade transportation. Despite the shorter distance and water grade routes between the Inland Empire and ports of the Columbia, the longest and steepest route, the Northern Pacific, between the interior and Puget Sound, is the basis of all rates, mountain and water grade, between the Inland

Empire and the seaboard. The Columbia basin rate hearing is an appeal for a new rate based on justice and sense-a rate based on the cost of water grade transportation.

## DRIVE IS ALLEGED FOR INTERVENTION OF GRAINHANDLERS

News of Mexican Menace Mostly Propaganda of Unscrupulous Interests, Says Editor.

Mexico City, July 23 .- (U. P.) that the Mexican government will took the stand this morning before Portland-Pendleton rate. publish correspondence captured in the state board of conciliation in the recent Villa-Angeles raid on the opening hearing at the Central

contained alleged communications from fermer Governor George W. Hunt of Arizona intimating to Villa actually engaged in a strike, the matter RATE VIA PORTLAND SAME that Senator Fall and other Americans wished to visit him at some appointed place in the state of Chihuahua to discuss extension of aid in his campaign against the Mexican government.

Washington, July 21 .- (I. N. S.)-Pancho Villa, bandit leader has discharged his entire force, which has "scattered completely demoralized," according to official advices received today at the Mexican em-

# BOARD HEARS PLEA Demand for 80 Cents an Hour

Instead of 75 to Be Determined by Hearing.

Representatives of the grain was announced officially today handlers' unions of the Northwest the state board of conciliation in
the opening hearing at the Central library on the matter of the increase between Portland and Pendleton. East The correspondence, it was stated, in wages demanded by the unions.

while only the Portland union had per cent t of demanding an increase was being . The testimony brought out the fact fomented in Seattle and Tacoma and that the O-W. R. & N. hauls livestock that a strike was avoided in those from Pendleton through Portland to cities by reference of the question to Seattle at the same rate as to Port-

\$1.20 per hour for over time instead of \$1.12½ was held to be just by the witnesses, including L. F. Steinford, secretary of the Portland local; Edward Kloss, business agent of the Tacoma local, and Joseph Taylor, president of the Pacific coast district of the Intermitted Local association of the Pacific coast district of the Intermitted Local association of the Pacific coast district of the Intermitted Local association of the Pacific coast district of the Intermitted Local association of the Pacific coast district of the Intermitted Local association of the Pacific coast district of the Intermitted Local association of the Pacific coast district of the Intermitted Local association of the Pacific coast district of the Intermitted Local association of the Pacific coast district of the Intermitted Local association of the Pacific coast district of the Intermitted Local association of the Pacific coast district of the Intermitted Local association of the Pacific coast district of the Intermitted Local association of the Pacific coast district of the Intermitted Local association of the Intermitted Local association as the Intermitted Local as the Intermitted L

part.

Insemuch as the question will be definitely settled by the board, under the agreement reached by the men and the employers much interest the lines of least resistance, and commerce. With water it is sometime and the employers much interest the lines of least resistance, and commerce. the employers, much interest was taken

STANDS FIVE

City Appears in Rate Hearing as Member of Family Abused in Favor of Puget Sound Cities.

estimony Shows in No Other Part of Country Are Natural Advantages So Fully Ignored.

Portland, the "orphan of the famfly," appeared as chief pleader in today's continuance of the Columbia basin rate hearing before Interstate Commerce Commissioners Hall,

Daniels and Eastman. J. N. Teal and W. C. McCulloch, counsel, and John H. Lothrop, witness, for the Portland Traffic and Transportation association and the Portland Chamber of Commerce, brought out a number of startling facts, of which the following are

typical: The terminal rate group of which Portland is a member cannot be duplicated anywhere else in the United States. Portland, closest to the interior and with a water level haul, pays the same rate as Puget Sound, with mountain routes, and Astoria, 100 miles farther from the interior. New York and Philadelphia, apart, have different rates, ba

The blanket rate grouping of Inland Empire points, likewise, cannot plicated anywhere else in the States. Chicago and Milwaukee take the same rate although but miles apart. Nor is there a rate pa between such keen competitors as troit. Duluth and Minneapolis.

Mr. Lothrop stated that from a south of Snake river, shown by a entered in evidence, the average tance to Portland is 260 miles, to attle 208 miles and to Astoria miles. Yet the rate is the same points as Pendicton, Athena, Milton Walla Walla, Waltsburg, Dayton and Pomeroy, the last four in Washington. FURTHER INSTANCES CITED

In a zone north of Snake river which contains Spokane, Lewiston, Pullman, Moscow, Colfax, Garfield, Oakesdale, Tekoa, Rosalia, Lind and Ritzville, the average distance is: Portland 367.7 miles, Seattle 392 miles and Astoria 467 miles, the average distance to Scattle being 106.8 per cent of the average distance to Portland. Yet the

rate is the same. In the territory north and east of Spokane, actual distance favors Seattle, but on an equated mileage basis—measuring the energy needed to move freight over the mountains to the Sound in contrast with the power required for the water grade haul-Portland is much nearer even in this zone.

SNOW SHEDS EXPENSIVE One minor item of the cost of mountain transportation obtruded in Mi Lothrop's testiniony. A few years ago a snowslide on the line of the Great Northern near Wellington swept a pas-senger train off the tracks and killed a number of people. To avert future accidents of the same kind, the Great Northern has since spent between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 in an eluborate system of snow sheds. The water grade routes have no snow sheds, nor do they need them, but the public pays the same rate to use mountain or water grade points between the interior and

the seaboard. The maximum grade of the S., P. 4 S. on the water haul between Portland and Pasco is two tenths of 1 per cent The maximum grade of the No Pacific over the mountains is 2.2 per cent. The mountain route is 11 times steeper than the water grade, yet the mountain route, with its longer distances, and steep pull, is the basis of the rate charge by all lines in the

ARBANGEMENT ABNORMAL

Mr. Lothrop testified: The carriers in making the same rates from Scattle over the longer routes as are in effect from Portland via the shorter routes, again for the moment disregarding dissimilarity in transportation conditions, are not doing so because of railroad competition, but solely for the purpose of equalizing the market or commercial competition by unfair and abnormal adjustments."

As a more direct comparison, Mr. Lothrop averred:

"The normal Seattle-Pendicton first-

"The normal Seattle-Pendieton first n wages demanded by the unions. bound the percentages of distances and The testimony tended to show that rates would be 207.2 per cent and 167.5

The demand of 80 cents per hour for straight tiem instead of 75 cents, and \$1.20 per hour for over time instead of rate making between the interior and rate making between the interior and the rate charged between Cui

national Longshoremen's association, of J. Hill, the empire builder, were re-

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