

HEARING ON RATE SHIFTS TO RELIEF FOR CAR RIDERS

Company Needs Aid, but Burden Must Not Be Put on Shoulders of Workers, Commission Finds.

The hearing before the public service commission of the Portland railway rate case during the last week, developed into an inquisition as to means of relieving the car riders of the entire burden of maintaining the transportation corporation.

Little debate as to whether or not the company was entitled to increased fares occurred—the utility presented its exhibits, the Newell report was submitted and commission engineers and auditors laid their reports before the commission. Limited discussions and interrogations, of course, were thrown into the deliberations, and J. F. Newell, the predominating figure at the hearing, explained his report, but practically every new turn developed into a discussion of means of relieving the car riders of the railway problem, questions from Chairman Butcher directed testimony along those lines.

RIDER IS BLED
No one denied that the car rider is bled white, nor that he is entitled to relief from the burdensome position of producer of all income of the corporation. Newell testified that the rider should be given relief from bridge tolls and maintenance of tracks. Hopson declared a charge is essential. Kimmel pointed out that 7 per cent of the average man's income is paid into the coffers of the car company, whereas others benefit equally, if not more, from maintenance in Portland of a rapid transit system. Levings' entire testimony was an appeal for relief for the car rider. He suggested that bridge tolls be removed, that the city take the tracks and that city employees, who are not now compelled to pay fare, be charged for their rides. If essential that the car company have increased revenue, he proposed even that the city might be required to make up the difference after various fixed charges were removed from the expense account of the utility. It was even suggested that the car company be made tax free a labyrinthine task at best—if necessary, to lower the transportation cost.

SAYS COMPANY EFFICIENT
Relief from payment of bridge tolls and maintenance of tracks would not in themselves, engineers testified, fully make up the expense the company figures indicate it is facing. Newell testified that the company is efficient, that it is questionable if a great sum might be cut from the cost of operation and service be maintained.

The entire proceedings indicated a tendency to burden the shoulders of the general public, who, it was argued, derived benefit from the railway company approximating those of the car rider. The business man's customers and employees are transported to and from the city. It was pointed out by the company. Without the company their profits would slump enormously. W. F. Woodward stated. Property owners are also beneficiaries of the existence of a transportation corporation, witnesses asserted, in the increased valuation placed on contiguous land. One property owner stated that the first question asked by a prospective purchaser is "Have you good car service?" If the answer is negative, the purchaser drops negotiations.

SEEK RELIEF FOR RIDER
The entire hearing was an apparent effort to find relief for the car rider. If expense of the company could not be curtailed and service maintained, if more passengers could not be secured, if no other way could be found to shave the expense of the company, the commission discussion invariably returned to means of throwing the cost onto the general public.

The overshadowing anxiety to relieve the car rider exhibited at the hearing indicates that the commission's order may attempt to remove part of the cost from the heavily taxed rider. It would be drawn for that purpose are found on the May ballot.

Cleveland Food Prices Drop
Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 7.—(U. P.)—The drop in the foreign exchange market was reflected here today in the easing off of retail prices of a large line of foodstuffs. Eggs sell off 8 and 10 cents on the dozen. Vegetables, meats and butters showed decided reactions. Butter was the only staple to resist the downward trend.

Grey Denounced by Lewis for Meddling In U. S. Pact Fight

Chicago, Feb. 7.—(U. P.)—Viscount Grey of England was pictured as a "meddling international busybody" and his stand for the Lodge reservations to the peace treaty as "the decision of Great Britain that the reservations would play into her hands," by former Senator James Hamilton Lewis upon his return from Washington today.

Lewis asserted that at the White House and in congress friends of President Wilson resented the conduct of the British ambassador.

HITCHCOCK'S RESERVATIONS ARE FAVORED

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add, therefore, that I have once more gone over the reservations proposed by yourself, the copy of which I return herewith, and am glad to say that I have no objection to their adoption. I have never seen the slightest reason to doubt the good faith of our associates in the war, nor even had the slightest reason to fear that any nation would seek to enlarge our obligations under the covenant of the League of Nations, or to seek to commit us to lines of action which, under our constitution, are the concern of the United States can, in the last analysis, decide.

HOW THEY VOTED
At today's session several Democrats spoke in favor of ratification without reservations; others urged mild reservations and two others—Smith of Georgia and Pomeroy, Ohio—urged acceptance of the Lodge reservations. Both Smith and Pomeroy voted for Lodge's program last session.

APPROVAL BY CONGRESS
"I see no objection to a frank statement that the United States can accept a mandate with regard to any territory in Article XIII, part one, or any other provision of the peace treaty, only by the direct authority and action of the congress of the United States."

READY FOR FINISH FIGHT
With the president's cordial and whole-hearted acceptance and approval of his stand on reservations, Hitchcock is prepared, he indicated tonight to go into the senate with the bill against acceptance of any reservation on Article X which runs counter to the president's position. This means that Hitchcock will have the right to keep men within his own party in line for among the Democrats there are those who want the Lodge program adopted.

The president's undeviating adherence to his position on Article X does not increase the hopes of ratification, senators said. But his willingness to accept the Hitchcock reservations will put the Republicans in the position as turning down a definite proposal from the president. Democrats said, if the supporters of the Lodge program refuse to take the Hitchcock reservations. These reservations were once rejected and there is no indication that they stand any better chance of acceptance today.

CHAMBER VOTES AGAINST ZONING

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NOT TO VIEW SCENE
As things now stand, the prosecution will open its case Monday morning, either immediately after court convenes or after Vanderveer gives his statement. Some 262 witnesses have been subpoenaed, and if all are heard, at least three weeks will be required for their hearing, it is said.

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sounding board for the champions of the liquor traffic. He lends official sanction to the political progress of a criminal business which has been outlawed by the conscience of the nation.

TAKEN ON LOOKS
The jury was finally completed Saturday noon when James A. Ball, blacksmith of Montesano, was selected as alternate without questioning by either side.

"I'll take the juror on his looks," said Vanderveer, as Ball entered the enclosure, and for once the prosecution agreed with him. Ball was the last man of the venire that had been summoned for the trial, to be called for examination. The other alternate, John F. Berry of Lewis county and C. M. Bevans, photographer. These men will identify plans and maps of the scenes of the shooting.

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Adoption of a state-wide criminal registration plan based on finger prints. Creation of permanent police officers' organization.

Acceptance of a rule that an Idaho police officer's duty does not stop at county or city boundaries.

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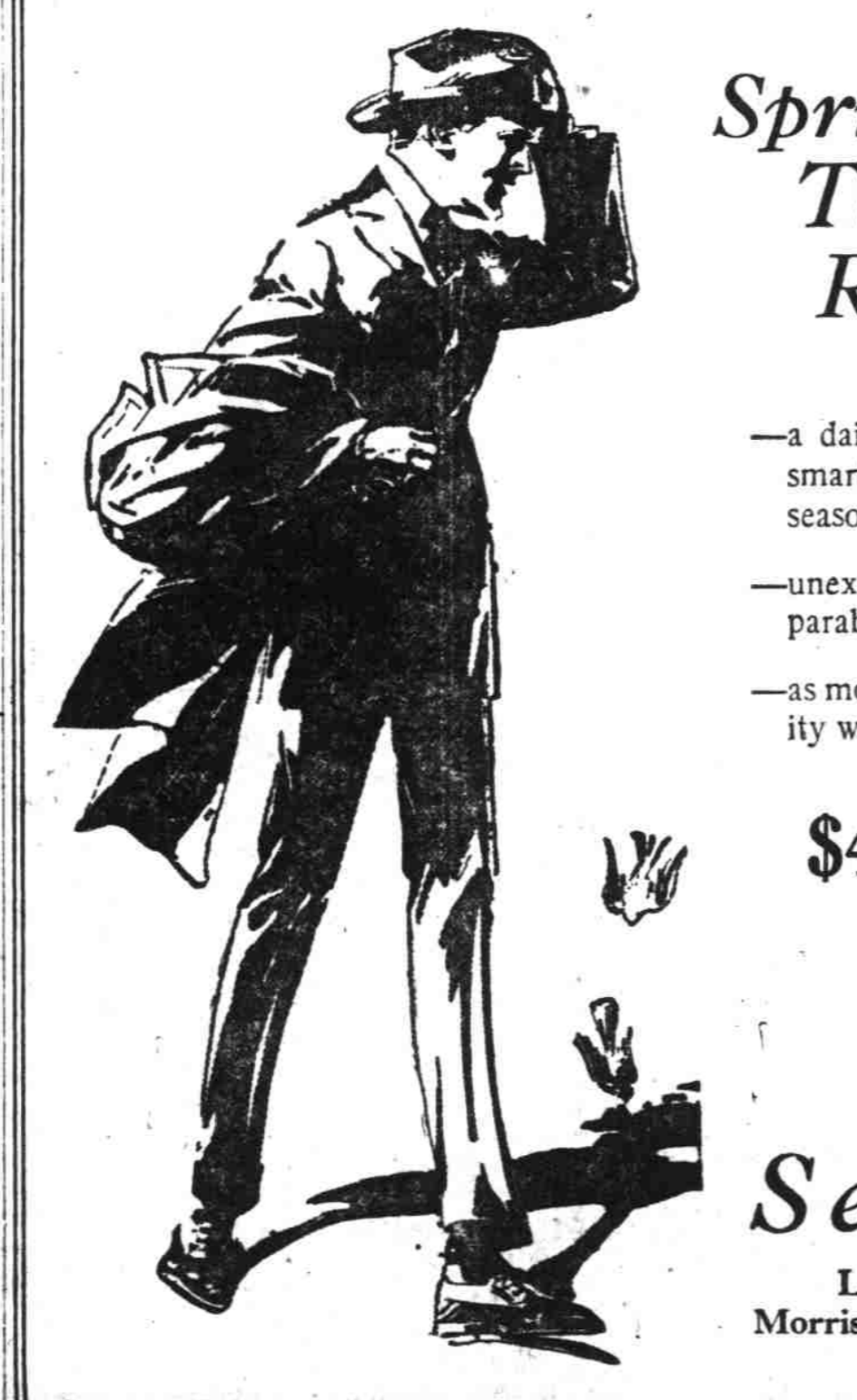
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