

HARDING TAKES STEPS TO OUT FREIGHT RATE

President Finds Immediate Relief Is Necessary; Argentine Ships Grain Cheaper than U. S. Farmer; Conferences Called

By Robert J. Bender
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 Washington, March 30.—Railroad freight rates have reached the point where they must be decreased in the interest of American farmers and industries, the Harding administration has definitely decided. And because of the growing seriousness of the situation the point has been reached where immediate action by the government has been outlined. The first step will be a conference in Washington between President Harding and the chairman of the interstate commerce commission and the railroad wage board.

This discussion will be given first to a study of freight tariffs, which the administration has been informed and believes are too great for the traffic to bear. Secondly, the general expense of railroads, embracing detailed information at the command of both the interstate commerce commission and the railroad wage board, will be studied with an eye to determining, if possible, why it is that the roads, now operating under a serious deficit, seem unable to get back on their feet.

The latest figures compiled by the American Railroad Association show that for the week ending March 15, the loading of revenue freight fell off 10,350 cars, as compared with the previous week, and dropped 162,353 cars as compared with the corresponding week a year ago. With the exception of petrochemicals and miscellaneous freight there was a decrease in the shipment of every

PENINSULA DAMAGE NOT EXAGGERATED

That the original estimate of eight billion feet of timber destroyed by the January storm on the Olympic peninsula were not exaggerated, was the statement today of George H. Cecil, district forester, who has just completed a survey by airplane of the devastated region.

Youth, Handcuffed in Student Prank, Falls to His Death

Lamar, Colo., March 30.—(U. P.)—The custom of handcuffing the lower in high school students took on the form of a death here of Emory Fisher when he fell from the third story of the city hall. Fisher, with two other high school boys, was playing poker in a room on the third floor of the building, according to the statement to the coroner. He lost and was handcuffed and placed in "solitary" in an adjoining room.

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REVOLT REPORTED IN TURK CAPITAL

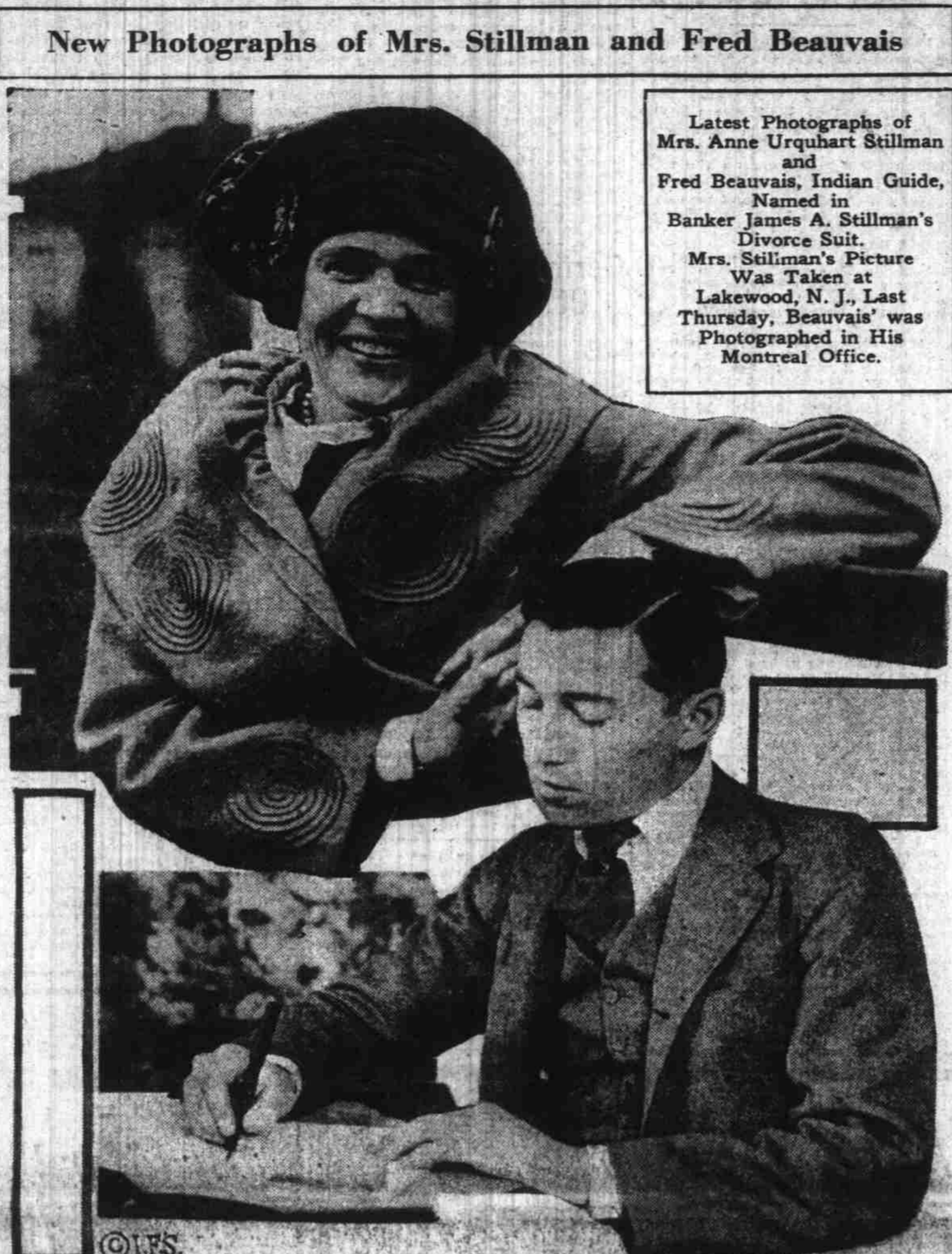
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COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE WORKERS Plan to Follow Up Those Who Try to Dodge the Issue; Some Plants Respond 100 Per Cent.

Portland is going over the top in her Community Chest drive," said Mayor Baker this morning, in discussing the plegmatic attitude of many of those who should be the largest contributors, but are not.

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EX-KING DRIVES IN, THEN OUT AGAIN

London, March 30.—(L. N. S.)—It is reported that the Hungarian ministerial council has decided to crown Charles, the former emperor of Austria, king of Hungary within two or three days, said a Central News dispatch from Vienna today.

ALBES PROTEST

Count Andrássy, former Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, and Count Dithelm, who visited Charles at Steinsdamm, informed the ex-emperor-king that the allies would not comment to his return to the Hungarian throne, according to a dispatch from Geneva. This dispatch said that Austria was taking preliminary steps to permit the return of Charles to Switzerland.

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