

EXPERTS FIGURE RATE CUT MEANS DROP IN H. C. L.

Washington, May 25.—(U. P.)—The nation's cost of living bill probably will be reduced nearly \$1,000,000,000 a year as the result of the 10 per cent reduction in freight rates ordered by the interstate commerce commission, government statistical experts said today.

This means a saving of \$90 a year for every person in the country.

The reduction will cut the nation's freight bill from \$208,000,000 to \$187,000,000, according to official figures. The government experts who have been following the trend of the cost of living estimate a decrease of an increase in freight charges is more than tripled when it is finally passed on to the consumer.

The department of justice, it was learned today, has orders from President Harding to see that the rate cut is "passed down to the consumer, just as rate increases during the war were quickly passed on."

The rate reduction is to become effective on or before July 1, and administration officials look for its reflection in cost of living figures shortly thereafter.

Administration leaders also hope the rate cut will have an immediate stimulating effect on business.

The decision on freight rates clearly indicated a strong sentiment among some of the commissioners for a passenger fare reduction. It is against such a cut. The number of railroad passengers decreased from 102,000,000 in June, 1920, to \$1,274,000 in January, 1922, and it was admitted that the high passenger fares were partly responsible.

Intimations that a wage cut will be ordered by the railroad labor board in the near future as a sequel to the 10 per cent reduction in freight rates came from a high government official today. He stated that the administration considered that a wage reduction would enable the carriers to help carry the freight cuts.

LUMBER INDUSTRY TO BE AIDED BY RATE CUT, IT IS BELIEVED

Seattle, May 25.—(U. P.)—Although business in general will be greatly stimulated by the freight rate reductions announced by the interstate commerce commission, it is the lumber industry that will receive the most signal benefit in this section, according to predictions today.

Reductions in the Pacific Northwest will average 12 1/2 per cent, and the freight manager for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad.

The following figures on freight rate reduction for lumber were given by R. B. Allen, secretary of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, which reports a big boom in business during the week ending May 20.

From Puget Sound to San Francisco, a reduction of 4 1/2 cents per 100 pounds; Puget Sound to Los Angeles, 7 1/2 cents; Portland to San Francisco, 3 1/2 cents; Portland to Los Angeles, 6 1/2 cents.

During the week ending May 20, the 120 mills of the West Coast Lumbermen's association report that they manufactured \$3,395,338 feet of lumber, sold 162,609,828 feet and shipped \$4,125,565 feet.

RAILROAD UNION CHIEFS WILL MAKE FIGHT AGAINST WAGE CUT

Washington, May 25.—Demands of railroad executives that wages of their employees must be reduced in proportion to the rate cuts decreed by the interstate commerce commission, brought loud protests today from railroad labor leaders here.

Formal requests of the carriers for wage reductions ranging from 10 to 20 per cent are now being considered by the railroad labor board at Chicago, but labor chiefs contend the railroads must effect economies in other directions after July 1 instead of depending upon a wage slash to cut down their expenses.

"It is not possible for the labor board to order further reductions in railroad wages," William H. Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists, declared today. "Even now the average railroad worker does not make a decent living wage and if additional cuts are made, anything is liable to happen. The men are in an ugly frame of mind."

"In view of the labor board's recognition of the principle of the decent living wage, we do not expect wage cuts to be ordered just because the interstate commerce commission has reduced the income of railroads by lowering freight rates."

Despite the protests of Johnston and other officials of the railroad employees' department of the American Federation of Labor, official intimations have been given that the railroad labor board will be expected to afford some relief to the carriers by ordering a wage cut.

S. F. PRESIDENT REFUSES TO GUESS AT RULING EFFECT

Local offices of the Southern Pacific Wednesday night issued the following statement received from William Sproule, president of the company, regarding the press reports of reduction in freight rates:

Vote by Counties for Governor

COUNTY	REPUBLICAN				DEMOCRAT					
	DEAN	HALL	LEE	OLCOTT	WHITE	HOLMES	WIER	FURDY	SHANKS	
Baker	80	151	50	600	485	184	89	828	84	111
Benton	41	219	17	771	824	272	24	888	15	89
Clatsop	122	2,054	183	1,900	217	118	91	889	55	258
Columbia	11	3,998	46	1,989	191	222	49	174	30	223
Coos	89	538	36	499	297	137	28	182	28	85
Crook	40	1,825	18	728	68	211	108	278	47	82
Curry	24	1,004	11	424	27	258	8	183	19	8
Deschutes	1	409	1	54	1	1	1	282	14	124
Douglas	123	1,806	26	824	236	328	13	242	14	124
Gilliam	28	35	8	200	96	55	8	81	8	80
Grant	84	58	17	288	293	81	13	187	11	24
Harney	44	88	14	160	24	53	12	147	11	27
Hood River	9	1,248	10	323	227	117	8	95	9	38
Jackson	109	1,248	21	1,238	80	141	8	80	8	8
Jefferson	23	31	12	133	24	56	18	146	3	19
Joseph	77	307	72	828	103	461	20	227	34	124
Klamath	1,197	1,472	40	1,352	484	242	63	896	7	215
Lake	42	208	36	448	123	236	24	131	23	26
Lane	184	614	44	823	588	488	72	740	67	124
Lincoln	33	62	8	408	72	33	8	8	8	8
Marion	252	1,254	10	218	124	72	8	56	7	128
Multnomah	490	19,205	80	18,352	2,847	1,939	822	3,929	488	1,150
Polk	24	493	62	894	808	254	8	1,038	7	128
Sherman	51	71	5	295	99	72	13	183	8	18
Tillamook	23	1,122	17	372	119	122	60	85	8	27
Umatilla	118	2,235	45	1,320	579	116	16	588	23	28
Union	79	381	21	627	234	122	19	423	10	38
Wallowa	68	118	18	147	24	9	287	18	24	24
Wasco	55	492	46	891	170	176	24	239	19	78
Washington	77	897	67	829	825	350	8	8	8	8
Wheeler	38	82	18	320	124	102	8	8	8	8
Yamhill	81	630	68	827	848	355	700	564	24	93
Total	3,381	42,499	2,207	18,009	12,763	10,078	1,951	13,470	1,218	5,845

Olcott's plurality 516.
Pierce's plurality 7693.

ordered by the interstate commerce commission:

"I have no knowledge of the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission ordering reductions of freight rates except as stated in today's newspapers. The scope and effect of the decision cannot be guessed at and consequently I cannot give an opinion on it except to say that unless the reductions add greatly to the volume of freight traffic carried by the railroads the reduction may merely increase the difficulties of the

roads without helping business in any substantial way.

"But I have faith in the interstate commerce commission and the United States railroad labor board, and believe they have such knowledge of the essential things to be done that in the exercise of their responsible functions they will reach such an equation between operating revenues and operating expenses as will leave the railroads enough net to warrant the people in putting their savings once more into railroad securities. The railroads need \$1,000,000,000 a year to bring them up to the needs of this growing nation and keep them up to the task of serving the people properly. Railroad operations have to be on a paying basis or the railroads cannot get the money because the public will not invest their money in railroads unless the investment is fairly secure and pays a fair return."

LOCAL SHIPPERS UNCERTAIN AS TO EFFECT OF RATE CUT

Portland shippers and ship operators are uncertain as to the effect upon water transportation between the coasts of rail rate reductions as ordered Wednesday by the interstate commerce commission. They agree that water rates so meet rail competition must be kept about 25 per cent below the rail rates. But they also point out that water rates have been yielding to a condition for which rail rates are not responsible—the excess of ship tonnage which has created the sharpest competition and has already forced the carrying charges in many instances below the cost of operation.

U. S. Ready to Take Up Canadian Treaty

Washington, May 25.—(U. P.)—The United States has advised the Canadian government of its readiness to open negotiations immediately looking toward a treaty on the St. Lawrence waterway project. An official announcement of this effect was issued today by Secretary of State Hughes.

Girls, Girls, Look! Jack Dempsey Puts In Order For Wife

Los Angeles, Cal., May 25.—(I. N. S.)—Home from his European tour, Jack Dempsey let two things be known today. First, that his next fight probably will be Labor day at Benton Harbor, Mich., with Bill Brennan. For this bout Dempsey will get nothing less than \$275,000.

Second, he told the world he was in the market to get married if he could find The Girl. The champion said he was even willing to get married within the next six months. But, as to the qualifications of The Girl—

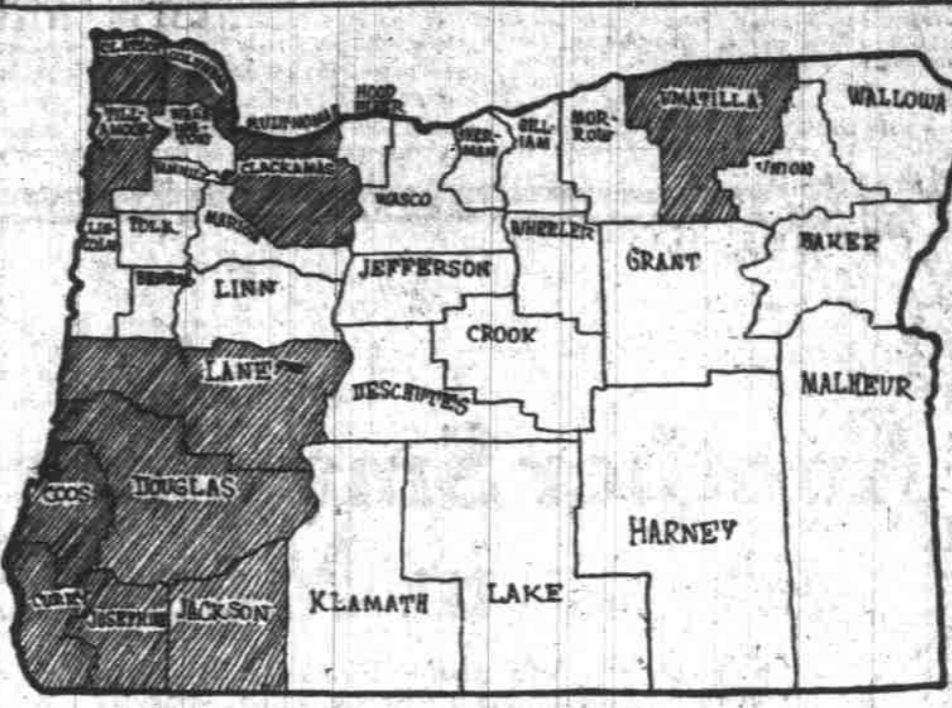
"She must be a good wife, and most of all, a good mother—that's mighty important," the champion said. "She must not be over 25 or under 21 years of age, have dark hair, plenty of spirit and one who would go to jail for her rights. No, I have no objection to her having had a career in pictures, for motion pictures don't hurt a good girl, just as pugilism doesn't hurt a clean fellow."

Dempsey plans a two weeks' rest, after which he will complete a vaudeville tour in this country and then return again to Europe for another vaudeville engagement. The champion also said he was "pretty mad" about constant reports linking his name with Peggy Hopkins Joyce and some Colorado girl, who possibly does not exist.

Tokio Arranges for Tour of Cub Team

Tokio, May 25.—(I. N. S.)—Announcement was made here last night that arrangements have been completed for the arrival of the Chicago Cubs here in November to play leading Japanese baseball teams, starting a tour of the Orient from here.

How State Voted



Shaded counties went for Hall; the others for Olcott, whose plurality was 510. The vote—Olcott 43,009, Hall 42,499.

Girl, 11, Stirs Police With False Story About Kidnaping

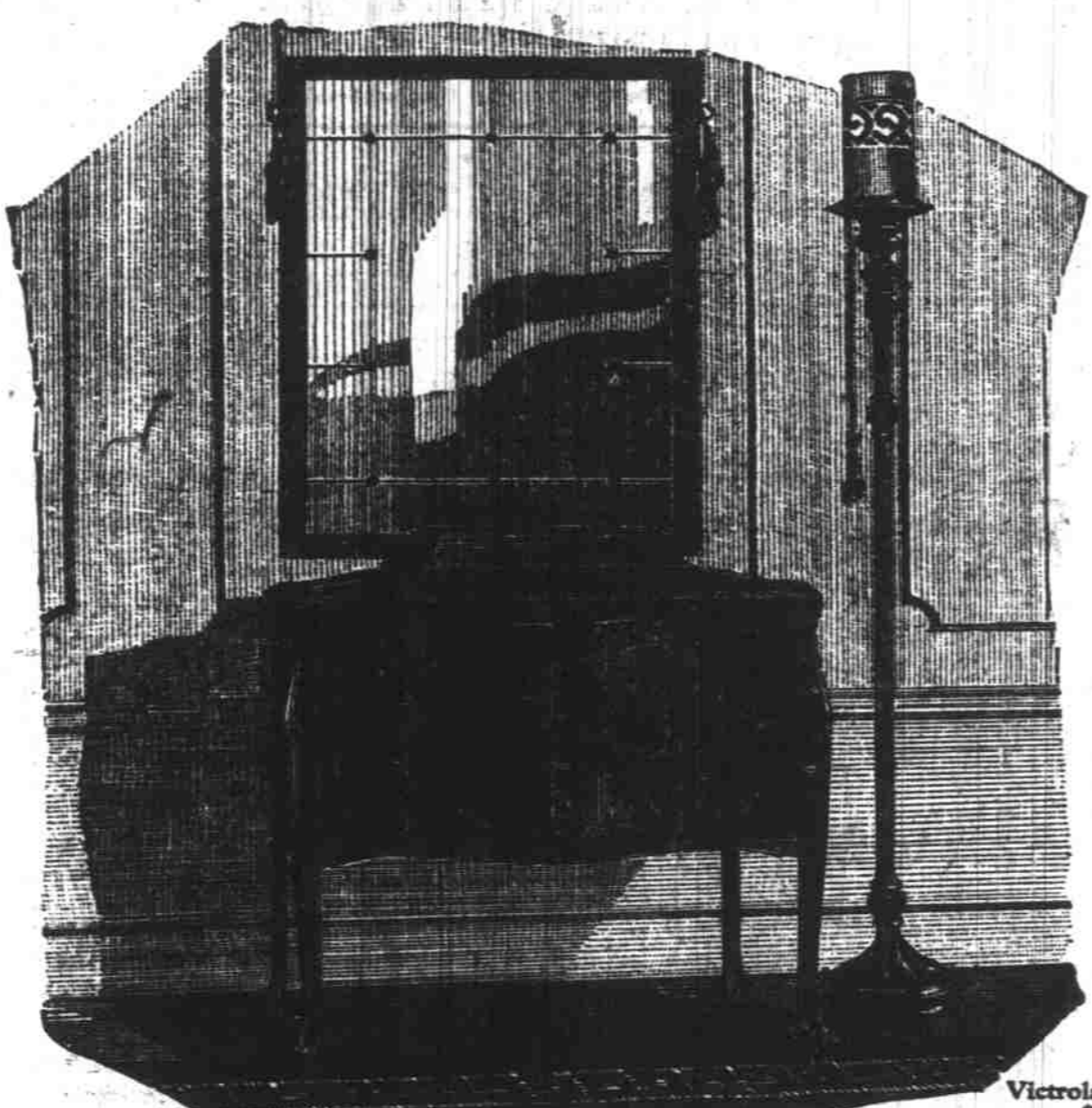
Seattle, May 25.—(U. P.)—After holding the police department in a state of frenzied activity for 24 hours seeking her alleged kidnapers, Attome Hiltz, age 11, confessed late last night that she was only fooling and had run away from the Washington Children's Home to join her father in Portland.

The girl was found in the O-W depot Tuesday night. She said that a woman who had stolen her escaped. Detectives watched the depot while the prosecutor swore out a kidnaping warrant against the girl's father. The girl is at the home of the superintendent of the Washington Children's Home.

Miners Reject Move For Separate Pacts

Springfield, Ill., May 25.—(U. P.)—Illinois miners today refused to enter into separate negotiations with mine operators to end the coal strike. The state executive board turned down the proposals of operators for separate negotiations, declaring they would not enter into a separate agreement until permitted by the international executive board.

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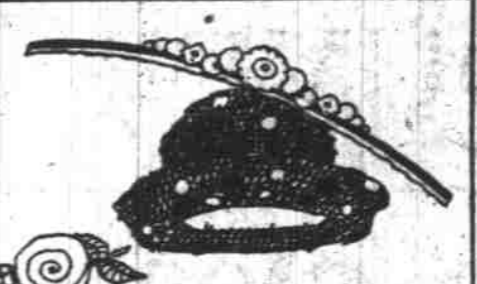
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