

Chicago is Scene of Big Convention of B.P.O.E.

CHICAGO, July 7.—The Benevolent Protective Order of Elks closed the third day of its week's convention here with a parade and pageant tonight which was viewed by thou-

sands of Chicagoans, as it proceeded through the downtown quarter and along Michigan avenue. The line of March was brilliantly decorated and illuminated. Thirty-five states were represented by elaborate floats, prepared at a cost of \$75,000, while cowboys, crack drill teams, 100 bands, decorated automo-

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biles and delegations of Elks from all parts of the country, each group in a distinctive uniform or costume, added to the show.

Grand lodge officers and judges, who selected the prize winning floats occupied a stand on Michigan avenue.

Today's meeting of the grand lodge was marked by memorial services for the 1,037 Elks who died in the world war and for others who died within the year.

Reclamation and Oregon Park Inspection Tour

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., July 7.—Members of a congressional party which includes also three officers of the national parks service arrived here today on an inspection tour which is to include reclamation projects and national parks in this district, left tonight for Crater Lake to remain until Friday. The party includes: Representatives N. J. Sinsott, Oregon; Burton L. French, Idaho; James W. Good, Iowa; William R. Wood, Indiana; James A. Gallivan, Massachusetts; Louis C. Crompton, Michigan; John G. Egan, New Jersey; Milton W. Shreve, Pennsylvania; C. Bascom Slemm, Virginia and Joseph W. Byrnes, Tennessee.

Officials of the national parks service in the party are Stephen T. Mather, director; J. B. Beattie, assistant director; and Arthur P. Davis, engineer.

FREIGHT RATES HEARING CLOSED

Decision Early in August Before Guarantee Expires.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Hearings were closed before the interstate commerce commission today on the railroad application for increased freight rates which had been described by shippers and carriers as the greatest single proposition in its effect on the American people ever submitted.

Decision by the commission is expected early in August in order that the new rates may be effective when the government guarantee expires September 1. It is generally assumed that the forthcoming wage award of the railroad labor board will be taken into consideration without further hearings in adjusting the new schedules.

The railroads under the provisions of the transportation act asked rate advances which would yield an added yearly income of \$1,017,000,000 to provide the six per cent return permitted by the law. In addition the expense to be created by the expected award of the railroad labor board, estimated at between \$500,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000, must be met by further increases the carriers claim.

Opposition on the part of shippers was confined mainly to the rates of increases asked by the carriers, 30 per cent in the east, 31 per cent in the south and 24 per cent in the west, which, it was argued, were too high. The necessity for some advance was generally conceded.

Many shippers disapproved of a general advance on the strict percentage basis as advocated by the carriers and suggested flat increases on certain commodities.

Closing arguments for the roads today, A. P. Thom, general counsel for the association of railway executives, said that when the labor board's decision was handed down the carriers would ask that part of the further rate advance made necessary should be borne by the passenger traffic. The carriers heretofore had asked that the entire advance be placed on freight.

Inadequate service is more costly than high rates, Mr. Thom contended, adding that the public desires proper transportation for the commerce of the country above all else. The question of the amount or the rate increase is a public one, he declared, and must be determined by the test of what is best for the public interest.

Clifford Thorne of Chicago, in the final argument in behalf of the shippers declared that an adequate transportation service was an absolute necessity to the industries of the United States and that nothing should be done which would unnecessarily shock or disrupt existing trade conditions or place an undue or unwarranted burden on American industry.

Mr. Thorne declared that the total increase in freight rates would aggregate 55.1-2 per cent, if the roads and railroad labor were successful in getting all they are seeking and that if labor got one-half of its demands and the carriers all of theirs, the freight advance would be approximately 41.55 per cent.

If shippers' computations are correct, Mr. Thorne contended, an advance of 16.1-2 per cent on freight would take care of the present necessity and reduce the burden in freight traffic by \$386,000,000 annually.

RUBONIC PLAGUE IN FLORIDA

PENSACOLA, Fla., July 7.—The fourth case of rubonic plague was officially reported here today, Henry Judson, driver for an express com-

pany having contracted the disease. Citizens at a mass meeting today demanded that the city commission pass an ordinance providing for a rat extermination. Mayor Sanders said the ordinance would be enacted as quickly as possible. Word came from the surgeon general's office in Washington that unless rats are killed the city would be placed under quarantine.

Sec. of Interior Payne to Get Trip on Pacific Fleet

SEATTLE, Wash., July 7.—John Barton Payne, secretary of the interior, who will accompany Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy and Admiral Hugh Rodman, commander of the Pacific fleet on a trip to Alaska, arrived in Seattle this evening. Commander Percy W. Roote, aide to Secretary Daniels, also reached here today to make arrangements for the journey. Secretary Daniels and Admiral Rodman are aboard the flag-

ship New Mexico, which is due at Bremerton on Friday morning.

Secretary Payne is accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Alfred Brooks, chairman of the inter-departmental committee on Alaskan affairs, and geologists in charge of the Alaskan division of the geological survey.

British House of Lords Urges Greater Economy

LONDON, July 7.—The government suffered a defeat in the house of lords tonight when Baron Midleton's resolution, strongly urging retrenchment in national expenditure, was adopted by a vote of 75 to 23. The resolution also demanded that the government appoint special commissioners empowered to wind up existing departments for special war services, and reduce to a normal level other inflated establishments.

Missing Missionaries Are Now Reported Safe

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Read Admiral Bristol, the American high commissioner at Constantinople, notified the state department today that it was reported in Constantinople that Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neilson, Americans connected with the mission school at Tarsus, Cilicia, who have been missing since June 18, had returned safely to Tarsus.

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