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TRUCK LINES TAKING RAIL PROFITS, SAID

Northern Pacific President Says Auto Companies Are Cutting Down Profits

RATE HEARING PROCEEDS

Western Railways Are Operated At "Absolutely No Profit" Leaders in Transportation Declare

CHICAGO, Sept. 9.—(By Associated Press).—Railroads of the west are making "absolutely no profit" from their passenger service, President Charles Donnelly of the Northern Pacific Railway company declared today at the western railroads freight rate advance case hearing before Chairman Clyde B. Aitchison of the interstate commerce commission.

President Donnelly told of the inroads of private automobiles and busses. "Short haul business," he said, "is going more and more to busses. And what we have lost there is no liklihood of recovery."

In 1919 he said the Northern Pacific carried 9,336,000 passengers and earned twenty million dollars by it, but in 1924 the number of passengers had dropped to 8,607,000 and the revenue was only thirteen millions.

"Trucks," he added, "have not yet become the menace they will be."

At one stage in the proceedings, Chairman Aitchison demanded that the Northern Pacific executive refrain from injecting arguments in to his presentation of facts. "I'm not arguing," Donnelly rejoined, "but I say the carriers have a right to ask the interstate commerce commission to undo what was done in 1922," this reference was to the ten per cent reduction of freight rates that year.

Asked by John E. Benton, chief counsel for the national association of railroad and utility commissions, directing cross examination, what he thought of the "Potter plan" to pool the proposed five per cent freight rate increase and then divide the proceeds among the weaker roads, Mr. Donnelly said:

"I do not think the plan is workable. I think it is socialistic and impossible and that it would introduce into the American railroad industry government ownership which it is put forward ostensibly to avoid."

Various shippers' representatives asked Donnelly why it was necessary that the traffic bear the burden of passenger traffic. He answered that experts had decided that passenger service was paying all it should pay, and that the northwestern carriers "would probably never be asked for increased passenger rates."

Chairman Aitchison interrogated Donnelly at some length and drew from him the statement that while he would not suggest giving the northwest section of the country special treatment "it might help."

Benton charged that higher rates on wheat would put United States farmers under an additional handicap as compared with Canadian farmers, in entering the world markets, because Canada has lower land values and lower freight rates.

When today's hearing was recessed until tomorrow more than 260 shippers had entered appearances in the case. Tomorrow President R. H. Aishton of the American Railway association and W. H. Bremner, receiver for the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad, will be heard.

DEAF STUDENTS IGNORED

FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR TUITION NOT NEEDED

Four Oregon deaf students who have been awarded scholarships to the Gallaudet college for the deaf in Washington, D. C., may not be able to take advantage of the offer because of a lack of money for transportation, the attorney general has been advised. The last legislature appropriated $400 for tuition but under the awards this expense is taken care of and the money apparently should have been provided for transportation. No action has yet been taken.

THREE RIDERS HURT

NEW WESTMINISTER, B. C., Sept. 9—Three cowboys, Frank McGuire, Miles City, Mont., Bert Troub, Spokane, and F. R. Studslick, of Stayton, Ore., were suffering here today from injuries received yesterday during a performance of a provincial stampede exhibition being held here.

PROCLAMATION ISSUED FOR CONSTITUTION DAY

PIERCE URGES GENERAL OBSERVANCE SEPT 17

138th Anniversary of Signing of Document Is Held of Great Importance

In a proclamation issued Wednesday, Governor Walter M. Pierce calls upon the people of Oregon to observe the 138th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. The proclamation is as follows:

"September 17, 1787, was a memorable day in American history. It was on that day that the Constitution of our government was finally signed. The Constitutional convention had been in session many weeks, and its deliberations were the source of much debate.

"Two schools of thought struggled to write into this constitution their opposite views. On the one hand was the able and brilliant Hamilton, seeking to create a strong central government with the wealthy class in control; the full intent was to array property on the side of government. Distrusting the ability of the people to govern themselves, he was a firm advocate of the old-world aristocracy.

"On the other hand was Madison, representing the Jeffersonian ideas, advocating a government which was later so aptly described by Lincoln as a government "of the people, by the people and for the people." He held that personal liberty was vastly more important than property rights. It was this idea that won the contest and forever wrote into our Constitution such terms as "inalienable rights," "equal rights and privileges before the law," "freedom of religion," "freedom of the press," "freedom of speech," "freedom of assembly," "freedom of petition," and "due process of law."

"Under this Constitution the United States government has grown from a narrow strip along the Atlantic coast, consisting of but thirteen colonies, to the mightiest nation in the world.

"Human nature is the same today as it ever has been. Predatory interests still seek special privileges; gigantic combinations of wealth strive to build up a moneyed aristocracy; we still have with us those who would deprive the people of their dearly-bought rights. Never in the 138 years of our history has there been greater need for our people to read again and again the real story of the making of that wonderful document, the Constitution of the United States. A study of the issues then discussed will aid in understanding the vital issue of today—the age-old truggle between the aristocrat and the democrat. It is especially fitting on this 138th anniversary of the signing of that great document that our people turn once more to a study of the foundation on which our government rests."

SHOOTING IS CONFESSED

SAN JOSE WOMAN ASKS ADVICE OF OREGON SHERIFF

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—A woman giving the name of Mrs. May Whitehouse and her residence as San Jose, Cal., appeared today in the office of Sheriff Sam Starmer and confessed to the shooting and wounding of a man in San Jose, and asked the sheriffs advice and help in returning home.

She told the officer, according to the sheriff, that her husband in an attempt to procure a divorce sent a man to her home and that when the latter appeared and became insulting she shot and wounded him. She said that she was then arrested and sent to the state hospital for examination but that she had been released and upon her husband's advice fled to Oregon.

Sheriff Starmer advised her to return and procure an attorney to represent her, and she took the southbound auto stage today for the home of her daughter in San Jose.

Sheriff Starmer stated that the woman appeared to be laboring under a great mental strain.

FIRE DESTROYS TIMBER

CANADIAN LOSS PLACED AT THREE MILLION DOLLARS

HAWKESBURY, Ont., Sept. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—More than 50,000,000 feet of lumber estimated in value at $3,000,000, the property of the Hawkesbury Lumber Co., Ltd., situated on an island in the Ottawa river, opposite this town, was destroyed by fire today.

The town of Grenville, on the Quebec side of the river was showered with embers.

AVIATORS' JACKETS MAY PRESENT CLUE

Two Navy Life Preserving Coats Are Found on Beach Island of Hawaii

MAY BELONG TO FLYERS

Belief Expressed That Jackets May Have Been Part of Equipment of Missing Navy Seaplane

HONOLULU, Sept. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—A dispatch to the Adviterser from its Hilo correspondent says: "Two kapok lined life preserving jackets marked US navy were found last night on the beach at Leleiwi Point, 10 miles south of Hilo." The dispatch said that the Pearl Harbor authorities had instructed that the jackets be delivered to a battleship tomorrow for possible identification.

HONOLULU, Sept. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—What may be first definite clue in the search for the missing naval seaplane, PN-9 No. 1, appeared today when authorities received a report that a Hawaiian found two aviators' coats on Keankakakeaa beach, Island of Hawaii yesterday. Fearing trouble the man let the coats lay undisturbed. The report is being investigated. The beach is approximately seven miles from Hilo, principal city of the island.

Meanwhile scarch for the plane which disappeared September 1, aftera nearly completing a nonstop flight from San Francisco to Honolulu, continued vigorously. That area of the Pacific in which the craft is believed to have come to grief, besides a large area allowed for drifting, had been combed thoroughly without success. There has been no trace of the plane or of Captain John Rodgers and his crew of four men.

One of the vessels engaged in the search, the submarine R-6, returned to Pearl Harbor today for repairs. It had burned out a bearing.

AIR PATROL CANCELLED

FOREST PLANE AT EUGENE IS ORDERED TAKEN OFF

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 9.—The airplane forest patrol that has been in operation in Oregon and Washington all summer with Eugene as the base of operations today was ordered taken off tomorrow, according to word received at the office of the Cascade national forest here. Bases for patrol have been maintained at Eugene and Vancouver and Spokane, Wash.

POLICE EXPECT ARREST OF SLAYER IN 12 HOURS

MURDERER OF WCTU WORKER IS DECLARED KNOWN

Perfect Case Said Woven About Suspect; Motive is Not Divulged

VINTON, Iowa, Sept. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Officers of Benton county tonight announced that they expect to arrest within 12 hours a person who they are almost certain shot and killed Mrs. Mrytle Cook, county president of the WCTU who was killed at her home here Monday night as she was preparing a prohibition address.

The authorities declined to give out the name of the suspect, saying that the person did not know that he is under suspicion.

The only information they would give out was that the clue to Mrs. Cook's murder, which it was first thought would go unsolved, was dropped in a casual manner and that developments unfolded very rapidly.

It was announced that only a few details were needed to complete an almost "perfect case" against the suspect and that these are being accumulated rapidly.

Mrs. Cook was shot through the heart apparently at close range, as she sat in the living room of her home here Monday night, working on the speech. It was first thought that some one connected with bootlegging or the illicit liquor trade had fired the shot through her window that killed her, because of her unceasing war against violation of the liquor laws. The authorities would not say that this theory would be borne out in the arrest they expected soon.

TONG LEADERS ARRESTED

OFFICERS TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR KILLINGS

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Three high officials of the On Leong tong were arrested tonight and charged with acting in concert with the slayers of two members of the Hip Sing tong who were killed tonight. The arrests carried out the threat of District Attorney Banton to make tong officials responsible for the murders.

Lee Gee Min, national president of the On Leong; Lee Len Doo, local secretary, and Henry Moy, were arrested soon after the shooting of Que Yee, a member of the Hip Sing tong by a Chinese believed to be Chin Bing, his room mate and an expelled member of the On Leong. The police believe that Chin killed Que in the hope of being reinstated in his tong. His expulsion, together with 13 others a month ago was the prelude to a war between the two tongs which has continued at intervals up to the present.

RACE RIOT RESULTS IN DEATH; HOUSE STORMED

WHITE MAN KILLED, 1 SHOT WHEN MOB GATHERS

Crowd's Attempt to Evict Negros From House Meets With Gun Attack

DETROIT, Sept. 9 —(By The Associated Press)—Leon Briener was shot and killed and Eric Houghberg was shot and seriously injured in a riot in the residential section here tonight. The trouble started when a negro family moved into a section previously inhabited only by white persons. The men shot were white.

Police reserves were called to the house last night when missiles were thrown through the windows in an effort to force the negroes to vacate. The negroes determined to hold the property and tonight a crowd estimated at several thousand persons gathered at the house.

According to the witnesses, the crowd tonight made no attempt to injure the property, but the negroes, seeing the persons outside, opened fire.

Both of the men struck by bullets lived in the block in which the house is located.

Houghberg told police that he was walking past the house and was not in the mob that apparently provoked the negroes' attack.

When police arrived they found the house packed with negroes. They were taken from the residence and placed under arrest.

The house was occupied by Dr. Ossian H. Sweet, an interne at a negro hospital. Ten negro men and four negro women were taken into custody by the police. They said they saw the crowd in front of the house, fearing it would be attacked, opened fire to frighten the mob away.

MANY VISIT RESERVE

PORT ANGELES, Wash., Sept. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—A report made public today following the closing of registration season showed that 41,561 persons entered the Olympic national forest this year.

HOLDUP HOAX ADMITTED

STORY OF ROBBERY ON HIGHWAY DECLARED UNTRUE

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., Sept. 9.—After getting a bed and his breakfast at the expense of those whose sympathy he won by a tale of how he had been held up on the highway and hihs money, watch and automobile taken from him, a man giving his name as David D. Joyce who said he had been recently discharged from the Veterans hospital at Boise, Idaho, today admitted that his story was untrue and told for the purpose of insuring himself a bed and hot breakfast.

ANOTHER "GAS" SHORTAGE

CROP YIELD HIGHER THAN THAT OF 1924

General Decrease, However, Noted for Average of Past Five Years

AUGUST HEAT IS SEVERE

Corn and Potato Crops Suffer From Drought; Wheat and Oats Show Noticeable Decrease

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—(By Associated Press). — Crop yields this year will be on the whole well below the average of recent years, the department of agriculture's crop reporting board announced today in its September production forecasts. There has been little improvement in the general situation in the month.

Corn deteriorated on account of dry weather in large areas and indicated production now is 2,885,000,000 bushels, a loss of 65,000,000 bushels in the last month. The indicated crop is 448,000,000 bushels more than produced last year, but slightly under the average of the last five years. Generally throughout the south and in a large part of the corn belt, the crop is not so promising as it was a month ago, while in Ohio prospects are the best in years. There was little change in Iowa.

Spring wheat yields are running slightly higher than earlier expectations. The crop is now forecast at 248,000,000 bushels, or 21,000,000 more than early August conditions indicated, and 1,000,000 more than was produced last year. Winter wheat, already harvested, is estimated at 416,000,000 bushels, making the country's prospective wheat crop about 700,000,000 bushels or 22,000,000 bushels more than produced last year, but 137,000,000 bushels less than the five year average.

Irish potato prospects declined 9,000,000 bushels because of hot weather in August, with drought in many sections. The crop is now forecast at 344,000,000 bushels, which is 111,000,000 bushels smaller than last year's harvest. In proportion to population, the potato crop seems likely to be the smallest since 1916, but the final weeks of the growing season may change the outlook materially. Indications are for a yield of about 100 bushels an acre as compared with 124 last year.

Threshing of oats brought results above earlier expectations and a production of 1,462,000,000 bushels is indicated. This is a gain of 75,000,000 bushels over last month's forecast. Rains during the month of August improved the tobacco crop in the east. Estimated production is placed at 1,247,000,000 pounds, an increase of 13,000,000 over a month ago.

Fruit prospects have changed but little in the last month and are still below the usual average.

JUDGE RAPS DRY AGENT

SEVERE REBUKE IS GIVEN AS RESULT OF CRITICISM

YAKIMA, Sept. 9.—Criticism of the way in which the government was handling the prosecution of liquor cases in federal court here today brought down on Earl Corwin of Seattle, field agent for the northwest prohibition district, sharp rebuke from Judge J. Stanley Webster. Corwin engaged Don F. Kizer, acting district attorney, in conversation and critized him for recommending leniency in two cases. Judge Webster, over-hearing the controversy, called the two men into his quarters, where it is understood, he severely rebuked Corwin. Corwin tonight over the long distance telephone from Seattle explained that he had voiced disapproval of the method in which Kizer handled the two cases and that he had meant no criticism of the court.

LAUNDRY STRIKE LOOMS

SEATTLE, Sept. 9—(By The Asociated Press)—In an effort to avoid a strike of local laundry workers voted by the laundry workers union No. 24, Tuesday a conference is to be held here tomorrow between Mayor Edwin J. Brown and laundry owners. The laundry workers are asking increased wages.

GIRL HIKING CHAMP

SEATTLE, Sept. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Miss Harriett Taylor of Seattle was named the champion peak scaler of this city at a meeting of mountaineers here today. Miss Taylor was the first woman to scale Mount Contance in the Olympic range and Overcoat Peak in the Cascades.

OFFICER WILL RETURN AURORA BANK ROBBER

COMPLAINT CHARGES CLYDE WATSON WITH CRIME

Burns Operatives Arrest Suspect Near Logging Camp In Clatsop County

A complaint charging Clyde Watson with having robbed the Aurora state bank of $150 on October 29, 1924, was filed in the justice court Wednesday following notice of his arrest in Astoria by Burns' operatives who had been assigned to the case by a bank bonding company.

Deputy Sheriff Sam Burkhart will leave for Astoria today to return the alleged robber to this city where he will be arraigned. Two other men, William Hoy and Slim Reese, are being held in Astoria as material witnesses, District Attorney Carson was advised.

Watson is specifically charged with assault and robbery with a dangerous weapon, with intent to kill if molested in the crime. Mildred Benoist, cashier, was the only one in the bank at the time of the holdup.

According to Grace Patch, employed at a store across the street from the bank, three men were engaged in the holdup. Miss Patch got a good view of the entire proceedings, and was brought to Astoria yesterday where she identified Watson as one of the men implicated.

Watson is a preliminary prize fighter. He was arrested in a logging camp near Astoria, where he had been working for some time. He is said to be a deserter from the navy.

WORKER CRUSHED, DIES

MILLMAN CAUGHT IN MACHINERY, INSTANTLY KILLED

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 9.—James Frederick Alton, 56, whose home was at olton, was killed and Oscar May, 51, of this city, was taken to the Oregon City hospital with a broken jaw bone, broken collar bone, chest injuries and possibly internal injuries as the result of an accident at the Crown Willamette company's plant at West Linn today.

The men were millwrights and started to repair the chipper conveyor when the mill closed down at about 11 o'clock.

Believing that the men had completed the work, fellow employes started the machinery at 12:30 o'clock. The chipper caught the millwrights when it started to revolve. Alton was crushed by the buckets on the chipper and death was instantaneous.

ANOTHER BODY IS FOUND

WENATCHEE FLOOD TOLL IS NOW PLACED AT 14 DEAD

WENATCHEE, Sept. 9. — (By Associated Press).—The body of an unidentified child, the fourteenth victim to be recovered of the toll of the cloudburst at Apple Yard near here Saturday, was taken from wreckage tonight.

The body of Mrs. D. R. Smythe, wife of a railroad lineman, was found early in the day.

WENATCHEE, Sept. 9. — (By Associated Press)—The thirteenth body of the victims of a flood which swept the Great Northern terminal at Apple Yard, near here, Saturday was identified tonight as that of Mrs. D. R. Smythe, wife of a Great Northern lineman.

Four children of Fred Groff, who were killed in the flood, were buried here today in a single grave.

TAMPA DOCKS BURNING

SEVERE BLAZE RAGES IN FLORIDA SHIP TERMINALS

TAMPA, Fla., Sept. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Fire breaking out along the ship terminals of the Tampa shipbuilding and engineering company at 9 o'clock tonight was still raging two hours later after causing damage estimated by Ernest Kreher, one of the owners, at approximately $500,000.

At 11 o'clock, the fire had destroyed the majority of the main buildings in the yards and was heading north towards the Texas oil company terminal.

Four fire departments were attempting to stem the march towards the giant oil tanks.

AGED WOMAN KILLED

PORTLAND, Sept. 9.—(By Associated Press).—Mrs. Mary Berryman, 65, was fatally injured tonight when struck by a hit-and-run driver who, according to the police, was going 50 miles an hour on downtown streets. J. T. Chields, Linnton lumber employe, was later arrested as the driver of the car and held in jail on a charge of manslaughter. No bail was set.

ATTACK IS RESENTED BY NAVY SECRETARY

Formal Statement is Made by Wilbur; Aeronautical Chiefs Confer

MITCHELL AGAIN FLAYED

General Investigation Scheduled For Two Air Disasters; Mitchell To Be Called To Testify

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9—(By The Associated Press)—Secretary Wilbur in a formal statement today answered criticism resulting from the loss of the Shenandosh and the seaplane PN-9 No. 1.

He declared "there was nothing political whatever in connection with the flight of the Shenandoah" and reiterated that Lieutenant Commander Zachary Lansdowne of the dirigible and Commander John Rodgers of the plane themselves selected the time of the two flights.

The statement was issued after the secretary had conferred with Captain G. W. Steele, commandant of the Lakehurst naval station and Rear Admiral W. A. Moffett, chief of the navy bureau of aeronautics, who returned to Washington today.

"It seems wise without waiting for the termination of the formal inquiry," said the secretary, "to correct certain misleading statements that are being published."

Chairman Butler of the house affairs committee, who also called on Secretary Wilbur today announced later that a congressional investigation would be made of the Shenandoah disaster and the attack of Colonel William Mitchell on the administration of the air services.

Both Colonel Mitchell and Captain Anton Heine, dirigible construction engineer who said the number of gas valves in the airship had been reduced to the point that helium gas could not escape with the necessary rapidity will be called before the committee to testify, the chairman said. Also will investigate statements attributed to Mrs. Lansdowne, widow of the commander, that her husband had taken the dirigible out on the disastrous cruise after he had protested to the navy department.

Mrs. Lansdowne later said her statement had been misunderstood and she had not criticized the secretary.

Chairman Lambert of the special house aircraft committee before which much of the aviation controversy was aired during the last session of congress said today in a statement that he believed Colonel Mitchell had stated "truths which rankle because not presented according to Hoyle," but that the problems were too complicated for congressional determination and should be decided by an engineering commission.

Mitchell's charges deserve sincere consideration by men qualified to judge," he asserted. "Congress should act on advice from qualified experts and practical observers who can formulate facts and needs for legislative determination. Mitchell is incidental compared to the issues he had raised. The military and governmental services are too prone to deal with personalities rather than the fundamental practical issues involved. Secretary Wilbur, in his statement, replied also to the criticism that reduction of the number of helium escape valves was responsible for the crash and said he had directed selection of "five of the most competent and learned officers in the navy to ac-

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INVESTIGATING BUREAU TO PROBE EVERYTHING

Organization Has Not Yet Decided What To Do With Its Findings

SEATTLE, Sept. 9 — (By The Associated Press)—Headed by Dr. Mark A. Matthews, pastor of a large Seattle church, the Washington bureau of investigation was incorporated in Olympia today. Other incorporators were two lawyers, a physician and businessman.

"Everything sociological and mineralogical, physiological, psychological," is to be investigated by the bureau Dr. Matthews said tonight. "Our aim is to cover the whole country from every angle and government activities of various sorts are to be investigated."

The corporation hasn't decided what is to be done with fruits of the investigations, Dr. Matthews said.