

Railroad Rates Under Attack

SEATTLE — (P) — A complaint against 980 railroads demanding a 20 per cent cut in railroad freight rates for shippers west of the Rocky Mountains, was pressed Tuesday upon the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Pacific Traffic Bureau.

The complaint is the biggest rate case ever filed with the I. C. C. and will ultimately involve hundreds of hearings, thousands of witnesses and a cost of at least \$200,000, according to Clyde Austin, president of the bureau which represents numerous West Coast shippers.

Austin said public support for the rate campaign will be sought at a Portland meeting Aug. 13. The meeting will be attended by mayors and civic leaders of Washington and Oregon cities.

The complaint charges rates are 65 per cent higher in the West than in the industrial East and demands equalization by raising in the East and lowering in the West.

The Pacific bureau was announced by Atty. Gen. Smith Troy has filed with the I. C. C. seeking a 10 per cent cut in western rail rates. The bureau's services will be without cost to the state, Troy said.

Margaret Truman To Sing in Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD — (P) — The concert debut of the President's daughter, Miss Margaret Truman, as soloist with the Hollywood Bowl symphony orchestra, is planned for the last week in August.

Dr. Karl Wecker, general manager of the Bowl, said confirmation that Miss Truman would appear was received Tuesday and program adjustment was being made for her to sing sometime between Aug. 23 and 31, the specific date to be announced later.

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Navy to Withdraw Blimps from West

WASHINGTON — (P) — All naval lighter than air activities on the West Coast are being discontinued as an economy move, a naval official said Wednesday.

A squadron of six blimps based at Santa Ana, Calif., will make a cross-country flight to their new home at Weeksville, N. C., between now and the middle of the month.

Navy research experiments with the gas-filled ships will continue

at the Navy's lighter than air center at Lakehurst, N. J.

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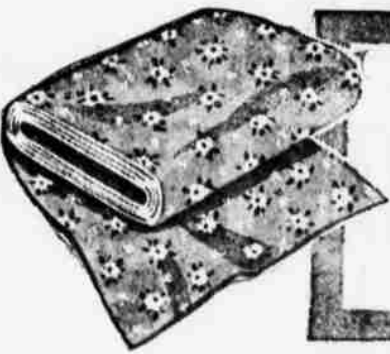
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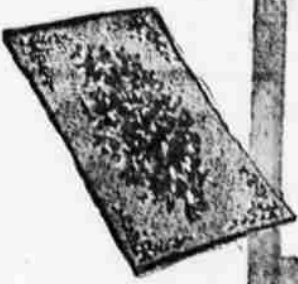
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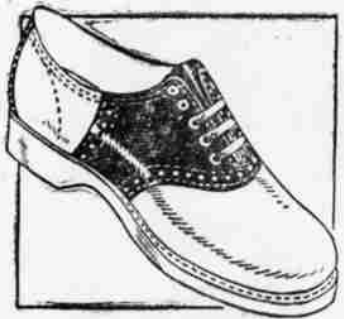
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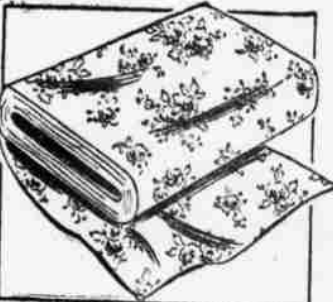
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