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ASTORIA RATE UNDER ATTACK IN FREIGHT CASE

Columbia River Territory Classified as Plucked Goose by Attorney West.

LATHROP ON STAND AT HEARING TODAY

Livestock Shipments to Sound via Portland Gets Same Rate as to Portland.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 22.—Portland launched her fight against Puget Sound and Astoria ports when John H. Lathrop testified in the Columbia basin rate case today. Lathrop declared that Astoria, although 100 miles further from the interior gets the same rates and that Seattle does also although reached via the mountains. He said livestock shipments from Pendleton to Seattle via Portland get the same rates as the same from Pendleton to Portland.

Lathrop said, "Carriers in making the same rates to Seattle over longer routes as to Portland via shorter routes and again disregarding dissimilarities in transportation conditions, are not doing so because of railroad competition but solely for the purpose of equalizing the market by unfair and abnormal adjustments."

A normal Pendleton-Seattle rate would be 121 per cent of the Pendleton-Portland rate, he said. Lathrop said New York and Philadelphia, 90 miles apart, have different rates based on the distance but Portland is billed closer to the interior than Astoria but gets the same rate as Astoria.

The railroad science of "plucking the goose without letting it squawk" was depicted vividly as former Governor Oswald West continued his questioning of Edward Ostrander, rate expert of the Inland Empire Shippers' league, in the Columbia basin rate hearing before Interstate Commerce Commissioners Hall, Daniels and Eastman Tuesday morning.

But after the loss of the feathers of trade and business during a market by generations of business men, commission hearing the squawk of the Columbia basin "goose."

Rate Structure Exposed.

West's keen questions and Ostrander's careful answers were designed to show how the northern mountain lines to Puget sound, aided by railroads of the Washington public service commission, almost imperceptibly established the mountain route of the Northern Pacific as the base of rate making and left the water routes to follow on terms that were to their advantage so far as returns on the volume of business were concerned, but much to the disadvantage of the Columbia basin and ports interests.

How System Grew Up.

By successive orders or voluntary reductions the rates came down until the Washington public service commission established in 1909 the present normal rate of 12 3/4 cents a hundred from Walla Walla to Seattle, 417 miles. The O. R. & N. met this rate to Portland and the 12 3/4 cent rate was applied by both lines to Pendleton. The Washington public service commission named the rate from Walla Walla to Seattle as reasonable and compensatory. The O. R. & N., with a water grade haul of 242 miles, met the rate without any reference to cost but because of competition. The Great Northern and C. M. & St. P. both have shorter routes to the Sound from competitive territory with the Northern Pacific, but apply the same rates as the Northern Pacific.

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CORNEILSON VISITS HINDENBURG LINE AND SHELL TORN AREAS, SEARCHES FOR ULRICH'S GRAVE

On a trip to the front line area, amid the devastated regions of the fighting lines of the great war, J. M. Cornelson, Pendleton man serving as Y. M. C. A. secretary in France, searched for the grave of Sheldon Ulrich, local boy who met his death while fighting as a member of the U. S. Marines November 10, 1918. Cornelson was unsuccessful, but says he will continue his search whenever it is possible.

Following in the letter in which he tells of his trip to the famous battle fields:

Le Mones, France, June 26, 1919.

East Oregonian, Friends of Umatilla Co.

Together with four other "Y" secretaries, two women and two men, I have just returned from a seven days trip of driving along, in and around the western front of this great war. At two places on the northern end of the line I was during the war. First

French Bayonet is Like Snake's Tongue; Trophy Given Major Moorhouse

A snake's tongue and a French bayonet would bear considerable resemblance if the former were magnified. A sample of the Polish death dealer has been presented to Major Lee Moorhouse by Lieut. Elmer Thomas, who returned a few days ago after serving several months on the French front.

The bayonet, which was picked up in a trench, together with two Roche bayonets, is nearly three feet in length and at the hilt is not more than a quarter of an inch in diameter. From a pin point the blade gradually broadens out to an enlarged bodkin and has fluted spaces. The presence of the two other bayonets was indicative of a mortal combat in which three lives were lost. Major Moorhouse was told.

A sample of barbed wire entanglement was also given to the major, along with the lieutenant's gas mask outfit. The wire is much heavier than commercial barbed wire and the barbs are an inch long and not so sharply pointed. Major Moorhouse will add the relics to his collection of world war trophies.

GASOLINE STOCK HERE VIRTUALLY EXHAUSTED

Stocks of gasoline in Pendleton are virtually exhausted today owing to the inability of the Standard Oil Works here to get renewed supplies from Portland. The local station has been almost empty since Saturday night and is now able to furnish only small amounts of distillate.

Shortage at the base of supplies is given as the reason for the condition here, which has extended to nearly every garage and filling station. Just when a stock will arrive to alleviate the shortage is more than the Standard Oil could predict today. Many automobiles have been forced to stand idle because of the shortage.

Small quantities of gasoline were obtained from the plant at Athena last night and it is thought Walla Walla may be able to help the situation somewhat. Farmers are not in danger of having to stop their harvest, it was said today, as they have stocks on hand in most cases. Many use distillate, anyway, and the stock of it is not out.

There have been periods without gasoline in former years and the shortage is blamed upon the sudden demand which arises during harvest. With harvesting outfits, trucks and owners' cars demanding extra amounts, and the source of supply 225 miles away it is not difficult for a shortage to come at this particular time.

The Standard Oil Co. stated today that every effort is being made to replenish the stock of gasoline at once and that a carload or more might be expected "any" time now.

FLAMES EAT WAY IN TO UMATILLA FOREST

The John Day forest fire which has been raging for several days in the Whitman National Forest, has reached the Umatilla forest on the south boundary of the county, according to word received this morning by W. W. Cryder, forest supervisor. Mr. Cryder immediately dispatched 25 more men to fight the flames. The fire fighting is being handled by the Whitman forest officials.

The fire in the John Day region has also crossed North Fork, and besides spreading north, east and south, it is now going west. However, according to word received today by Mr. Cryder the westward spread of the fire is being checked with difficulty by gusty winds announced in the weather forecast are feared by forest officials, because of the added danger of spreading the flames.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hunt are in the city from Roswell, Idaho.

ASKS COMMITTEE TO TALK TREATY IN OPEN SESSION

Hastening of Reading of Pact Indicating Meetings Will be Made Public.

SECRETARY LANSING WILL BE QUESTIONED

President prepares to Answer Demand for Account of Paris Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—The senate foreign relations committee today hastened reading of the peace treaty to clear the way for open hearings when it will interrogate Secretary Lansing who has just returned from Paris.

Meanwhile the president conferred with several Republican senators and had a staff gathering data to answer the senate's demands for a verbatim account of the Paris proceedings.

The league debate in the senate lulled. McCellar of Tennessee was the only senator planning to speak today. The senate was considering the agriculture bill. Kenyon planned a speech attacking the packers for trying to influence congress against his bill regulating the packers.

BY J. W. T. MARTIN,
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Senator Jones today announced he would demand all sessions of the foreign relations committee be public during consideration of the treaty. Jones said Senator Lodge has practically agreed to this.

Democratic senators declared the Republicans would not dare vote against open sessions because they have assailed the president for secrecy at the peace conference, constantly demanding that the public be kept informed daily on all developments.

If the Jones publicity resolution passes hearings will be conducted in the largest room available.

Senator Sterling, following a conference with Wilson today, said they discussed article 19 and the withdrawal clause of the league of nations. They did not mention Shantung. Page said he talked to Wilson with utmost frankness. "My position is unchanged. I told the president the things I cannot do. He urged me to support him and was able to give me some light on his mental processes."

FLIMSNESSES CHARGED IN MOONEY TESTIMONY

WASHINGTON, July 22.—The department of labor today sent to congress the report of investigator John Denmore into the Thomas Mooney case which declares that Mooney was framed to discredit union labor. The report declares there was nothing about the Mooney trial "to produce a feeling of confidence or that the dignity and majesty of the law had been upheld."

It said, "There is nowhere anything resembling consistency, the effect being that of a patchwork of incongruous makeshifts and often desperate expediency."

The report indicates that Denmore for months had a dictaphone in the office of District Attorney Pickett at San Francisco, obtaining much information.

"Reading of the testimony is apt to cause one to wonder at many things," the report says and then enumerates the following objections to the methods used:

"Apparent failure of Pickett to conduct a real investigation; easy adaptation of some star witnesses; a sorry type of men and women brought forward to prove essential matters; etc."

"In short, general flimsiness and improbability of the testimony. These things are calculated to cause the minds of the most base to turn to decided mental rebellion."

Rapid Georgian Justice.

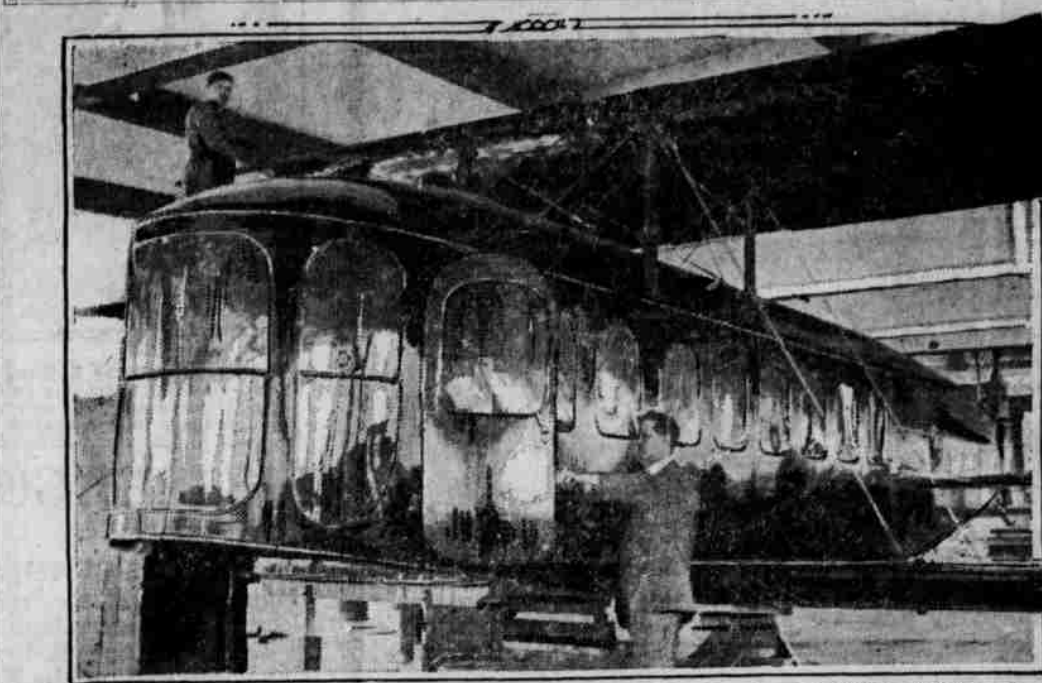
DALTON, Ga., July 22.—Caught, tried, sentenced and put to work on the roads six hours after his crime marked the record breaker for speed in the experience of Charley Parke, just convicted of a heinous crime. The large one was committed at 4 in the morning. At 10 o'clock Parke was wearing a pick for the good of the community at large.

XTRA

Fire of unknown origin is destroying the wheat fields of the McCosm ranch on Tutuilla, owned by Frank Ramsey, this afternoon. Smoke from the blaze can be seen in Pendleton, and reports from the ranch say that the fire has already consumed half the field. Harvesters at work on the combine are fighting the flames. A force went from the Umatilla agency to help fight the fire.

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AMERICA'S FIRST COAST TO COAST AIR LINER



This big Lawson passenger plane is being completed in Milwaukee for transcontinental service. It will carry 26 persons in its luxurious cabin. Its wing spread is 95 feet, its weight seven tons and two 400 horsepower Liberty motors are expected to drive it along at 100 miles an hour. Lawson plans a fleet of 100 of these planes.

ALLEGES U.S. LETTERS PLOT AGAINST MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, July 22.—The Mexican government today announced it will publish correspondence captured in the recent Villa raid on Juarez. It officially stated the correspondence includes alleged communications from former Governor Hunt of Arizona, intimating to Villa that Senator Fall and other Americans, wished to visit him at some appointed place in Chihuahua state to discuss extension of aid in his campaign against the Mexican government.

Villa Wanted Conference

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Villa tried to arrange a conference with Fall and other influential Americans following the Columbus raid. It was asserted here following the announcement from Mexico City that alleged correspondence captured will be published.

It is learned Villa wanted to assure Fall that American citizens would be protected during the anti-Carranza campaign.

London Most Crowded Of All World's Cities

LONDON. (By mail).—London, the most crowded city in the world—it has a population of 5,000,000. It is estimated that in ten million people, including the vast numbers of the streets of visitors—in fact with the serious problem of how to relieve the hardships of its working and shopping public resulting from traffic congestion.

The world's biggest city thought it had solved the problem ten years ago when an American built them a subway, but now this is falling behind traffic. Not that the subway has grown so efficient. It hasn't. But only so many trains can be run and it is impossible to run enough to handle the traffic which overflows and crowds on to the omnibuses and the street cars. These omnibuses fail to meet the situation and even the expected addition of a thousand more omnibuses shortly won't settle the problem. They will only serve to block other vehicles.

It has been suggested that an elevated railroad be built such as Chicago, New York and Boston have. In the meantime millions of Londoners daily struggle and crowd and rush for a strap or seat on any kind of a public conveyance.

Snavelly Will Have Chandler Car Agency for Umatilla County

V. E. Snavelly has secured the Umatilla county agency for the Chandler car agency which will open up his agency about August 10, using the Main street room now occupied by the Eastern Oregon Motor Car Company, opposite the Hotel Pendleton. He expects to have some Chandler cars here by August 10 when he will return to the city.

CLAIM RUMOR FALSE

EL PASO, Tex., July 22.—Villa discusses along the Mexican border circuit a story that Angeles is to make a trip to Japan for arms and ammunition. They say it is another piece of Carranzista propaganda.

Veteran Minstrel Man, 70, Takes Last Curtain Call Today; Primrose is Dead

SAN DIEGO, Cal., July 22.—George Primrose, veteran minstrel man, took last curtain call today, dying after a valiant fight, peacefully. He said, "I don't like to go; I have so much to live for."

Primrose was aged 70. He has entertained thousands from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

FORMER EMPLOYE OF FORD TESTIFIES TODAY

—John Lee, former employee of the Ford Motor Company on the stand in the Ford trial suit today related some of Ford's alleged beliefs. He said Ford declared the word "murderer" should be "embroidered" across the breast of every soldier. He asserted that Ford said "without qualifications he favored disarmament of all nations and if he had his way he would sink every ounce of powder in the sea. Lee quoted Ford with saying he did not blame European citizens for leaving to avoid military service.

THOUSANDS IN TIMBER FIGHT LOSING BATTLE

SPOKANE, July 22.—A smoke pall hangs over Spokane today while back in the timber thousands of weary men fight a losing battle against a score of fires. A light rain fell here but there was none in the fire zone.

PORTLAND BRIDGE IS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

PORTLAND, July 22.—Thunder storms visited Portland this morning. The claps were frequent.

Lightning struck a steel bridge, putting the draw out of commission and forcing ships to stay at their berths. The lightning also struck a flag pole, splintering it and rain 2 1/2 in torrents for a 15-minute time.

D. W. BAILEY ESTATE VALUED AT \$10,000

The estate of the late Douglas W. Bailey was admitted to probate today and Mrs. Doris W. Bailey, his wife, is named executrix. Mr. Bailey left an estate of personal property valued at approximately \$10,000 and Mrs. Bailey's undertaking was fixed at \$2,000.

There was no will left by Mr. Bailey and the estate consists chiefly of a law library and an automobile. His heirs are H. Wade Bailey, Mrs. Jennie Beucher and Mrs. Weadon Theriault.

G. M. Rice, Elmer E. Cleaver and Leon Cohen were appointed appraisers of the estate.

HUSBAND FAILED TO TELL WIFE OF SUIT

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.—Honorable M. Andrews was sued for divorce February 17 last, but continued living with Robert S. Andrews as his "loving, conscientious and faithful wife" until May 20, when she learned of the action for the first time, she says in an answer and cross complaint filed here with Superior Judge Graham. Mrs. Andrews denies her husband's charge that she threatened him with a gun.

PREMIUM FOR EARLY DELIVERY REPORTED

Rumors, as yet unconfirmed, are that a few wheat growers in the last two days have sold portions of their crop at a basic price of \$2.19 for No. 1, which indicates that a premium of 5 cents has been paid. The rumors are known to have come from authoritative sources.

The explanation of the reported premium is that millers, anxious to reopen and operate, are willing to pay a premium for early delivery. Umatilla county furnishes the earliest wheat of any district in the northwest and is the only region where any appreciable premium is known to have been paid.

CONGRESSMAN FROM SOUTH DROPS DEAD

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Representative Ragsdale of South Carolina, dropped dead in a doctor's office here today.

WEALTHY INDIAN IS SUED FOR DIVORCE

Aaron Minthorn, wealthy Indian, defendant in a suit for divorce begun today by Mrs. Anna Minthorn, his Indian wife. She accuses him of being a spendthrift and declares in her complaint that in the past year he has squandered between \$20,000 and \$25,000, while he has given her but \$200.00, while he has given her but \$200.00, while he has given her but \$200.00.

The plaintiff asks \$250 attorney's fees, \$100 suit money, \$200 a month maintenance money and a permanent injunction upon granting of the divorce. Meanwhile she asks an order of the court restraining him from disposing of any property or withdrawing funds from the local banks in which he has deposits. Bailey, Bailey & Steiner and H. J. Warner are her attorneys.

RIOTS IN DUBLIN AND CORK

DUBLIN, July 22.—Two soldiers who were walking on the quay side yesterday evening were chased by a large crowd, which tried to throw one of them into the Liffey. A police sergeant who intervened was shot in the head. He was removed to a hospital.

The police charged the mob at various points and afterward 14 persons were treated at the Jarvis street hospital. There were riotous scenes in Cork Saturday night, which culminated in a revolver battle between the police and a mob. A policeman received a bullet wound in the thigh and a number of soldiers were maltreated.

CRIME RESTORED

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Order has been restored today. Troops under General Haug permitted no mobs to gather last night. The situation is considered the best since Saturday when the race rioting started. Two thousand soldiers are on duty.

NEW PROPOSAL IS OUTLINED SOLVING PROBLEM OF R.R.

Harry Wheeler of National Transportation Congress Puts Plan Before Congress.

ADVOCATES STRONG COMPETITIVE LINES

Suggests Two Funds for Roads, One for General Development of System.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Harry Wheeler, representing the national transportation conference today placed before congress a new and comprehensive plan for solving the railroad problem. It included:

Return of railroads to private ownership as soon as remedial legislation is enacted and consolidation of existing railroads into strong competitive systems.

Requiring all interstate carriers to submit as corporations to federal jurisdiction.

Giving the interstate commerce commission additional powers over rates.

Wheeler testified before the house interstate and foreign commerce conference.

He recommended also:

Exclusive federal legislation of capital expenditures and security issues of all interstate carriers.

Enactment of a statutory rule of a return of 50 per cent on the aggregate face values of their properties.

Creation of two continent funds—an individual railroad fund established by each road to support its own credit and a general railroad fund maintained by contributions from all prosperous roads.

An excess of the general railroad contingent fund above \$750,000,000 to be used for general development of the country's transportation system.

Adjustment of wages and working conditions in the hands of boards consisting of an equal number of employees and railroad officials, with a transportation board as referee.

MEXICAN CHARGES U. S. PROPAGANDA

NEW YORK, July 22.—A drive for American intervention in Mexico is underway, according to Manuel Caprio of the El Heraldo de Mexico, and dean of Mexican newspapermen here today. He said it started the moment the president arrived from France.

"In certain newspapers, in congress and among an inner circle of your big financial interests invidious influences are at work. Insistent jingoes are moving heaven and earth to force the United States to commit a greater crime against humanity than Germany's."

VALOR DECORATION

WASHINGTON, July 22.—The award of distinguished service crosses to 23 officers and men of the American expeditionary forces and to a Y. M. C. A. secretary, was announced by the war department today. The Y. M. C. A. man honored was William R. Farmer of Pittsburg. Among others honored were Major Ernest W. Blush, 2419 Cherry street, Kansas City, Mo.; Corporal Edward M. Kessler (deceased); Cheney, Karn; Andy H. Melrose; Marcus; Iowa; Privates George W. Garner, Lonoke, Ark., and Calvin Atehasit, Villers, Okla.

THE WEATHER FOR ECAS

Tonight and Thursday probably showers and cooler.