

RESTORE OLD RATES

Railroads Accept Decision of Interstate Commission.

NORTHERN PACIFIC IS LEADER

Securities Put Up by Mill Men Now Released—Submit Only for Time Being.

Tacoma, July 25.—It is officially announced by the Northern Pacific Railway company today that consideration given by the transportation lines to the recent decision of the Interstate Commerce commission on the question of rates on forest products has terminated in an announcement by railway lines that rates recently fixed by the commission will, as soon as possible, be put into effect by the railways—not that they think the rates are just, but they submit for the time being to the Interstate Commerce commission's order.

No application for temporary injunction against the order will be made, nevertheless the railways expect to bring suit urging that the rates are unreasonable and asking a determination in the courts to that effect.

This determination cannot, of course, be had until final hearing and decision in court; in the meantime it is understood the only legal rate will be that fixed by the commission, and even should the suit be determined in favor of the railways in the end, that determination cannot be retroactive, and will operate only from that time on. It is also announced that the railway lines will settle for past business on the basis of the commission's rate, and upon such settlements being made, the security up in protection of the suit before Judge Hanford will be released.

SHIPPERS DEMAND PARLEY.

Ask Presidents of Eastern Roads to Conference on Rates.

Chicago, July 25.—Shipping interests of the entire country, represented by a committee especially appointed at a general conference of the shippers held recently in Chicago, decided at a meeting here today to ask presidents of Eastern railroads to meet them to discuss the proposed increase in freight rates. It was the unanimous opinion of the committeemen that before beginning a fight it would be wise to bring about such a meeting with the railroad officials, at the same time asking them to put no advance into effect until after the conference had been held.

While action on the rate situation was in progress, a long protest and appeal to the Interstate Commerce commission was being formulated by the National Industrial Traffic league, composed of scores of influential manufacturing and shipping organizations, at Manitou Springs, Colo.

NEW WIRELESS RECORD.

Point Loma Station Talks With Fleet 2,900 Miles Away.

San Diego, Cal., July 25.—A. R. Rice, chief operator and his assistants, H. V. Keefe and C. H. Randall, at the Point Loma government wireless telegraph station, hold the record for long distance work today, having talked with Admiral Sperry's battleship the Connecticut last night or rather this morning at a little past midnight. The Connecticut answered the first call of the station, and after identifying each other the battleship stated that she was then in longitude 165 west and between 9 and 10 north latitude on her way to Auckland, N. Z., from Honolulu. A little figuring shows that the point is close to 2,900 miles from San Diego, the previous record for long distance work being 2,600 miles.

Steel Trust Prospers.

New York, July 25.—That there is a gradual, steady increase in progress in all lines of business was the opinion expressed by the presidents of the various subsidiary companies of the United States Steel corporation at a meeting here today. Mr. Corey said the reports of the steel men present were uniformly favorable. He said that about 56 per cent of the finishing capacity of the various plants controlled by the United States Steel corporation were now in operation and that additional capacity would be put in.

Millions for Bay City.

San Francisco, July 25.—Plans that contemplate the expenditure of over \$10,000,000 in San Francisco harbor by the extension of the sea wall and the building of new docks will be presented to the governor, the mayor and the board of harbor commissioners soon. The plans have been drawn by engineers of the Federated Harbor Improvement association and provide for the handling of over 300,000,000 tons of freight annually from this port.

Headache Powder Fatal.

Monrovia, Cal., July 25.—Henry Canoll, 63 years of age, a merchant of this city, died suddenly at his home today. It is believed that a "harmless headache powder" hastened his end. He had suffered with head trouble for some time and was a frequent user of powders which contained acetanilid, a strong depressant, in dangerous quantities.

HARRIMAN WILL FIGHT.

Starts Suit to Prevent Lumbermen Getting Reduced Rate.

Portland, July 27.—While the reduced transcontinental rates on lumber shipments from Oregon to the Middle West will go into effect on all lines on August 15, the Willamette valley lumber mill men have not won their final round, since the Southern Pacific company has opened fire from a new quarter and sued in the Federal court for an injunction against the Interstate Commerce commission's order cutting down the \$5 rate to San Francisco and bay points. The new attack by the Southern Pacific company will again check the lumber industry in the valley, as it clouds the future with uncertainty.

Temporary injunctions are regarded as very dangerous to business prospects, and especially so in this case. Although the railroads propose to give a bond to indemnify lumber manufacturers in event of losing the railroad's case in court, the alleged bond does not prove to be any protection to the lumber industry. No new lumber mill is going to start up and no old mill is going to resume business on the promise of a railroad company to reimburse the mill should a lower rate ultimately be made.

It is believed by well-informed lawyers that there does not exist more than one chance in 100 for the Southern Pacific company to win any important ground in the fight against railroad regulation and result of its newest attack upon the validity of the Hepburn law. Should the company win this suit it would destroy the Interstate Commerce commission as at present created and organized.

DOUBT SULTAN'S GOOD FAITH.

People of Constantinople Accept His Trade With Stolidity.

Constantinople, July 27.—The momentous act of the sultan of Turkey in proclaiming yesterday the restoration of the constitution of 1876 has left the population of Constantinople unmoved. The aspect of the city is today perfectly normal and there have been no manifestations of satisfaction of any kind. The stolid fatalism of the Moslems, who for centuries past have been accustomed to a regime of personal rule and who are not used to political freedom, is thought partly to explain the apathy everywhere apparent.

Added to this is skepticism regarding the durability of the new era promised. Furthermore, past experience and the fact that the sultan conceded a re-establishment of the constitution under extreme pressure inclines the Turks to the belief that the concession is intended merely to surmount the present troubles and avert the threatened disruption of the empire, and that the earliest opportunity will be taken again to suspend the charter of liberty.

TOOLE UNDER CHARGES.

Waives Immunity and Denies Complicity in Land Frauds.

Great Falls, Mont., July 27.—On account of charges made in connection with state timber land in the Flathead valley district, an investigation has been in progress at Kalispell before Governor Norris, and land board and ex-Governor Toole, who was a member of the board when the sales under investigation were made. The charges are to the effect that the commission favored the big land companies by selling to them through dummies valuable timber land for less than it was worth. Several witnesses today testified that dummy names were used.

When Mr. Toole wished to take the stand attorneys for the complainants objected on the ground that to permit such testimony would grant immunity to anyone so testifying. On behalf of the governor himself and the other members of the board, the attorney general waived such immunity. Mr. Toole emphatically denied the charges made by Prodder, as did Mr. Galen, Secretary of State Yoder and Superintendent Harmon. Mr. McCrea also denied having made any such remark to Prodder. The investigation will be continued and Governor Norris insists he will go to the bottom of things.

Girls Sold as Slaves

Coruna, Spain, July 27.—Dozens of young girls believed to have been destined for the white slave trade which is said to be flourishing in Cuba, were taken from the steamer Isla de Panay here today, prior to her sailing, ostensibly for Tenerife. Embarkation of many young women on the vessel aroused the suspicions of the authorities and a raid disclosed the presence of many girls stowed away like slaves once were in the African trade. Many of them had been bought from their parents.

Chinese Steamer Line.

San Francisco, July 27.—At the Chinese consulate here today it was admitted that active steps are being taken for the formation of a fleet of vessels to ply between San Francisco and Chinese ports in opposition to the Japanese steamship lines. The action is said to be the outgrowth of the commercial warfare now being carried on by Chinese merchants against Japanese. The opposition will be against both the Japanese and the American lines.

Wool Market Reported Active.

Dillon, Mont., July 27.—The past week has been very active in the wool markets. Sales amounted to 250,000 pounds at prices ranging from 14 to 17½ cents. At Lewiston the buyers and growers have deadlocked over prices, and the greater part of the three million pounds will be consigned.

NEWS ITEMS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

FORMS NEW UNITS.

President Makes Changes in Administration of Forests.

Washington, July 28.—A radical change is to be made in the administration of forest reserves, or National forests, during the coming fall; not a change of policy in any way, but a change in the manner of disposing of forestry business. The change is primarily in the interest of the people of the West, but incidentally it benefits the service, in that it will save considerable time, and permit of prompt action.

In brief, the large clerical force of the forest service, now maintained in Washington, is to be divided in halves; one half will remain here, the other half will be scattered over the West, wherever the service maintains division headquarters. About 250 clerks and stenographers will be sent out from Washington to Portland, San Francisco, Salt Lake, Denver, Missoula and Albuquerque, from 40 to 50 going to each place. These respective offices will be placed in charge of administrative officers, yet to be selected, and once organized will handle and dispose of practically all administrative questions that arise in their respective districts.

The Portland office, for instance, will handle all questions arising in the National forests of Oregon and Washington; Salt Lake City will handle cases from Idaho, Utah and Nevada; Missoula will handle Montana and Minnesota matters, and Denver will take care of questions arising in Colorado and Wyoming.

This change in administration will not entail any new appointments whatsoever. All the clerks will be transferred from Washington, and the administrative officers will be chosen from among the present officials of the service.

New Immigration Record.

Washington, July 25.—Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor William R. Wheeler predicts that during the next 12 months America will see the greatest flood of immigrants in her history. In an interview he declared today that all the aliens who fled to Europe on the advance of hard times last year will return, bringing others with them to the "land of promise." New York steamship companies alone, he says, have 600,000 return tickets out and the reappearance of good time will induce the foreign laborers to return to America. Wheeler gives it as his opinion that this influx will be headed toward the Pacific coast, where many opportunists await the laborer.

Resigns Under Cloud.

San Francisco, July 25.—Lieutenant Russell J. Hazzard, U. S. A., one of the party which accompanied General Funston on the famous expedition which resulted in the capture of Aguinaldo, the Filipino leader, will leave for Washington today to appear before the retiring board, seeking to be relieved from duty. The officer saw much hard service in the islands and is broken in health and spirits. Hazzard is the man who captured the deserter Arturo Howard, who is supposed to have killed General Lawton. For this capture General Chaffee recommended that Hazzard be given the medal of honor.

Benzoic Acid Harmful.

Washington, July 24.—"In the interest of health both benzoic acid and benzoate of soda should be excluded from foods," this is the conclusion of Dr. Harvey Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture, after a prolonged investigation to determine the effect upon the human system of these preservatives. The chemicals were given in various kinds of foods to Dr. Wiley's so-called poison squad, and he declared that their use is highly objectionable and produces very serious disturbance of the metabolic functions, attended with injury to digestion and health.

Baldwin Balloon Shipped.

Washington, July 23.—The balloon and frame of Captain Baldwin's dirigible balloon was shipped from New York Thursday and is expected at Fort Myer today. The balloon must be assembled by July 25, according to the contract with the government. Lieutenant Foulers, in charge of aeronautics at Fort Myer, assisted by the balloon squad of the signal corps, consisting of ten men, is busily preparing for the tests to be held at the fort within the next month.

Secure Data in Europe.

Narragansett Pier, R. I., July 24.—At the forenoon session today of the monetary commission, a proposition was submitted for the appointment of a subcommittee to go to Europe in August. The subcommittee probably will comprise Senators Aldrich, Hale and Daniel and Representative Pagget, and Representative Burton, of Ohio, a member of the commission who is now in Europe, would be the fifth member.

Japanese Sealers Busy.

Washington, July 28.—A dispatch received by the Navy department today from the gunboat Yorktown, on sealing patrol duty about the Pribyloff islands, Alaska, indicates that while the situation in sealing waters at present is quiet, five Japanese schooners are sealing near the island of St. Paul. If the sealing vessels should encroach upon the seal preserves a serious clash is probable.

WIRELESS IN FAR NORTH.

Government Will Establish New Stations in Alaska This Year.

Washington, July 23.—There is probability that, after all, wireless stations at Nome and Fort Gibbons, Alaska, will be established this year. The chief signal officer of the army is advised that the steamer Ohio reached Nome with her cargo in good condition. The cargo includes equipment for the wireless station at Fort Gibbons. As the equipment for the Nome station was damaged by the flooding of the hold of the boat in which it was shipped, it was feared that it would be impossible to install the Nome station this season, but now it is believed that the working instruments can be got together to establish the Nome station, and every effort will be made to do so.

The war department is highly pleased with the work done by the wireless stations. It has just received a report that the station on the Farallones held communication with the St. Louis for 53 hours outside of Honolulu, 1,460 miles distant, her signals coming in loud and clear. Several messages were received and transmitted.

TRYING TO GET RESULTS.

Naval Conference is Struggling With Task Roosevelt Set.

Newport, R. I., July 25.—The naval conference met again today to continue the discussion of battleship plans and, it is believed, will continue daily meetings for some time to come. In the executive council, following the president's speech of yesterday, Mr. Roosevelt plainly told the officers present that he wanted "results" and would insist on them before the conference adjourned.

It was said that one result of the conference would be to abolish the general board of the navy, but officers now attending the sittings of the conference are widely varying in opinion as to the possibility or desirability of any such course.

War on House Fly.

Washington, July 23.—A national campaign against the house fly and mosquito has been planned and is about to be begun by the government bureau of insects. It will cover the entire country, and in its prosecution measures are to be urged by which not only communities but whole states will be enabled to rid themselves of these deadly enemies of mankind. In order to attain this end it is necessary merely to adopt a few simple and well-understood methods; the application of which may be entrusted to local boards of health. Where the mosquito is concerned, however, it is deemed advisable that there should be a general control by the state, because of the fact that certain species of these tenebrous marauders are migratory and liable to appear suddenly in multitudinous swarms in places far from their breeding areas, giving profound discouragement to local efforts toward extermination.

Wright to See Roosevelt.

Washington, July 29.—Secretary of War Wright expects to go to Oyster Bay the latter part of this week to confer with the president on pending matters of importance. The papers in the case of the eight cadets, whose dismissal from the military academy was recommended by a board appointed by Colonel Scott, superintendent of the academy, have been returned to the War department from Oyster Bay, bearing the approval of President Roosevelt of the findings and sentence of the board.

Postoffices on Warships.

Washington, July 24.—Arrangements are being perfected for the installation of a postoffice on every ship in the United States navy, authorization for this action having been made at the last session of congress. Under the provisions of the enabling act enlisted men on each ship may be appointed as postmaster and assistant postmaster, their regular pay to be increased \$500 and \$300 a year, respectively. They will be required to give bond of \$100.

Complain of Overcharges.

Washington, July 29.—The Interstate Commerce commission today received a complaint from the Carstens Packing company, of Tacoma, Wash., against the O. R. & N. and Northern Pacific railroads alleging an overcharge of about \$20 a car on shipments of cattle from Ontario, Or., and Nampa, Idaho. Complainants say the cars were routed via Portland when they should have gone by way of Wallula, Wash.

Shippers' Letter Not Received.

Oyster Bay, July 29.—When asked today whether President Roosevelt had taken any action on the letter reported to have been sent to him by the Receivers and Shippers' association of Cincinnati, asking him if he intends to enforce a decree against several railroads forbidding an increase in rates, the president's secretary said that no such letter had been received by the president.

Select Building Sites.

Washington, July 29.—J. H. McDowell, of the supervising architect's office, has been selected special agent for the Treasury department to select sites for public buildings at La Grande and Pendleton, Or.; Walla Walla, Wash., and Pocatello, Idaho. Mr. McDowell leaves for the West tomorrow.

CONTINUE PROSECUTION.

Government Attorney Says Standard Fight Has Just Begun.

Chicago, July 24.—United States District Attorney Sims today gave out the following announcement:

"The government will file a petition for a rehearing in the Standard Oil case before the Circuit Court of Appeals within 30 days. If that petition is denied, the government will push the prosecution of all the cases against the Standard Oil company. The fight has just begun."

It is supposed that Sims received his instructions from Attorney General Bonaparte, as he announced yesterday that he could make no statement until he had conferred with Bonaparte.

The first new cases to be taken up will be those in Tennessee. The trials will be held at Jackson, in that state, November 8. These cases involve 1,500 counts, and will be prosecuted by Special Counsel James H. Wilkerson. The action will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

Attorney General Bonaparte today wired District Attorney Sims as follows:

"I feel that you and your assistants have done everything possible to protect the interests of the government and promote justice. I will write to you fully on the subject as soon as the opinion comes to hand."

ENACTS HISTORIC SCENES.

Splendid Pageant Seen in Grand Old City of Quebec.

Quebec, July 24.—The prince of Wales was the central figure yesterday in the magnificent spectacle of reproducing Quebec's historic past and ushering in the 300th anniversary of the founding of the city by Champlain. Aside from the spectacular features of the event, it was the occasion for a notable exchange of addresses between Vice President Fairbanks and the prince of Wales, in which the former spoke of the existing relations between the United States and Great Britain and the prince delivered a message of good will to the American government.

An enormous crowd filled the Place d'Armes fronting the Champlain monument, where the exercises were held. Here the prince received the addresses of the American and French representatives, the mayor of Quebec, and finally Champlain himself, reproduced as in the days of old, coming from the mimic reproduction of his original ship, the Don de Dieu, with some 5,000 followers representing every phase of old France in Canada.

DIE BY HUNDREDS.

Children's Disease Kills Ten a Day in Chicago.

Chicago, July 24.—Nineteen out of every 100 Chicago babies under 1 year of age have died during the first 22 days of July. This is about one-fourth of the quoted death rate of the city. There have been 10 deaths daily from bowel diseases of children under 2 years of age.

One of the noteworthy points of the city physician's report is in an Italian section of the city Gault Court. Here it was expected that, owing to the very congested conditions, a deplorable state of affairs would be revealed. Just the reverse was found. Crowds were there, and dirt was there, but babies, strange to say, were unaccountably healthy and strong.

According to Dr. Heman Spaulding, of the health department, the common house fly is one of the great contributors to the complaints prevalent among the city's children.

Standard Stock Soars.

New York, July 24.—Stockholders of Standard Oil company and John D. Rockefeller in particular have good grounds for elation in the reversal of Judge Landis' decision. Today each and every stockholder of the big New Jersey corporation is richer by \$22 a share than before the decision of yesterday. Yesterday the oil stock was quoted on the curb at \$640 a share, but today the price jumped to \$662 a share bid, but none was offered under \$680, or within \$20 a share of the highest price the stock ever brought.

Ostriches for Stage.

Los Angeles, July 24.—The efforts of theatrical managers to provide New York playgoers with novel features is responsible for a unique business deal just made in this city whereby a Los Angeles ostrich farm leases to a New York theatrical company six full grown ostriches for a period of 20 weeks. During that time the big birds will be featured in a New York production, and if the plans of the promoters go not astray a soubrette will appear as the rider of each ostrich. The six birds selected are now in training.

Shopmen Are Dissatisfied.

Winnipeg, July 24.—The shopmen of the Canadian Pacific in Western Canada are dissatisfied with the recent findings of the conciliation board that investigated the matters in dispute between the company and the men, and today, T. McVety, head of the mechanics in the shops in Western Canada, went to Chicago to consult with officials of the American Federation of Labor with a view to securing assistance. Ten thousand men are affected.

More Cotton Mills Resume.

Boston, July 24.—Several of the largest cotton mills of New England, which have been running on half time since the business depression became acute last spring, are preparing to resume operations to their full extent within the next week or two. Between eight and ten thousand mill operatives will be benefited by the change to full time.

LANDIS IS REVERSED

Court of Appeals Annuls Great Standard Oil Fine.

GOVERNMENT IS TO TRY AGAIN

Judges Render Unanimous Decision That First Trial Was Unfair Result Is Surprise.

Chicago, July 23.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday reversed and remanded for re-trial the case of the government against the Standard Oil company of Indiana, in which Judge Landis, in the District court, had imposed a fine of \$29,240,000. The government has 30 days within which to file a petition for a rehearing and it was announced that it will be filed within the allotted time.

The decision came as a complete surprise to the government officials, who believed the trial judge would be upheld.

Judge Grosscup, who delivered the opinion, left little of the contention that each carload at the 6-cent rate constituted a separate offense. Even the shipments, of which there were about 500, could not be so considered under the ruling of the court. The fine should have been based on settlements between the railroad and the oil company. Of these there were just 36. The maximum fine on this basis would amount to but \$720,000, and the minimum \$36,000—the latter figure being considerably lower than the \$223,000 which the Standard is alleged to have received as rebates on the shipments in question.

In the event that a rehearing is denied, the government may go to trial on the original indictment containing 1,462 counts—an action which Mr. Sims could be ready to take within two weeks—or upon anyone of seven other indictments containing 4,442 counts.

UNCLE SAM AS RULER.

Kaiser's War Expert Sees This Result From European War.

Berlin, July 23.—Showing that a European war at this time would cost \$16,000,000,000 annually and would result in the United States becoming the undisputed leader of the world, General Blume, the famous military expert, today submitted a report, ordered by Emperor William, on the probable cost of an international fight.

If Germany were to fight another European power, General Blume says, it would cost the empire \$1,500,000,000 a year in direct outlay and entail a loss of \$2,500,000,000 annually to the in the paralysis of commerce.

General Blume declares that, owing to the delicate adjustment of European politics, the next war will involve at least four powers, and that his estimate of cost would apply to each.

The financial drain would not result otherwise than in the world supremacy of the United States, he says.

FIRE AT PORTLAND.

Fire Chief Places Damage by Flames at \$500,000.

Portland, July 23.—Fire, supposed to have originated as the result of crossed electric wires, started in the upper floor of the five-story Abington building, 106½ Third street, near Washington, shortly after midnight last night, ruined that building, swept into the Van Schuyver building immediately to the rear, destroyed the upper two stories of that building, damaged the McKay building, for a time endangered the entire block and raged for an hour and a half before firemen finally succeeded in getting it under control.

The fire entailed a loss estimated at between \$300,000 and \$400,000. Both the Abington and Van Schuyver buildings were ruined. Fire Chief Campbell estimates the entire loss at \$500,000.

Robbers Get Wells-Fargo Money.

Reno, Nev., July 23.—The state police are today watching every station on the main line of the Southern Pacific on a lookout for two bandits who held up the stage coach between Likely and Alturas, in Modoc county, Cal. The men held up the stage late Monday night about five miles from Likely and secured a Wells-Fargo strong box containing \$28,000. The bandits evidently knew of the box, for they stopped the stage and ordered the Wells-Fargo agent, who sat on the seat with the driver, to throw down the box.

New Bids Called For.

San Francisco, July 23.—It was announced today that the War department had released P. J. Carlin, the lowest bidder on the big government docks here, from his offer to do the work. Carlin failed to qualify to the satisfaction of the War department. This action will delay the work for several months. New bids have been called for. The contractors have until August 25 to put in their bids. A million and a half is available.

Fifty Japanese Killed.

St. Petersburg, July 22.—The Bourse Gazette yesterday published a dispatch from Harbin which recites an engagement with Korean insurgents on the Russo-Korean frontier in which it is reported 50 Japanese soldiers were killed. The insurgent losses are not known.