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COMMERCE BOARD LOSES YEARS' LABOR

Valuation Case Decision Favors
Railroads; Work of Com-
mission Upset.

Washington, D. C. — The result of years of labor by the interstate commerce commission in valuing railroads for rate-making and other purposes was seriously impaired, if not entirely swept aside recently by the supreme court.

The highest tribunal, dividing 5 to 3, with Justice Butler not participating, held that the commission, in its valuation work, must observe such elements as the present cost of construction or reproduction.

The controversy reached the supreme court through an appeal by the St. Louis & O'Fallon railroad, a nine-mile coal line in southern Illinois. It sought to have set aside an order issued by the interstate commerce commission calling for a refund of a part of its earnings.

The opinion of the court was delivered by Justice McReynolds after a quoting of the law which requires the commission to "give due consideration to all elements of value recognized by the law of the land for rate-making purposes" and of the court's former decision on the subject of valuations for rate-making purposes. The opinion stated that among the elements "is the present cost of construction or reproduction."

BALL PARK PANIC KILLS TWO

Girl and Man Crushed to Death at
Yankee Stadium.

New York.—A college girl and a teamster were trampled to death and 60 persons were injured Sunday in a mad rush by bleacher fans for Yankee stadium exits to seek cover from a sudden heavy rain during the first game of a double-header between the Yankees and Boston Red Sox.

As the umpire's announcement of the end of play rang out, 6000 fans in the south bleachers of the stadium rushed for an alley leading to 157th street. Some stumbled and fell, the thousands in the rear pressed forward relentlessly in their blind haste to escape the downpour and almost in an instant the exit was clogged with a screaming battling mass of humanity.

Federal Expenses Rise

Washington, D. C.—An increase of \$39,500,503 in total expenditures of the government for the first ten months of the 1929 fiscal year over those for the same period for 1928 is shown in a preliminary statement by the treasurer. For the ten months of 1928 the expenditures aggregated \$3,021,821,439, while during the ten months ending April 30 the government spent \$3,202,721,942.

DAVID A. CRAWFORD



David A. Crawford, who was elected president of the Pullman company to succeed the late Edward F. Carry. Mr. Crawford was previously the executive vice-president of the company.

GRAF ZEPPELIN SAFE IN FRENCH HANGAR

Toulon, France.—The dirigible Graf Zeppelin, saved from grave peril by the magnificent maneuvering of her commander, was brought safely to the ground with the aid of French troops at the Cuers air field near here and taken into the hangar.

The great Zeppelin, her engines disabled, had drifted helplessly over southeastern France, driven by a storm. After two unsuccessful attempts to land, Dr. Hugo Eckener allowed the dirigible to drift toward Toulon and maneuvered her over the field.

A large ground force was waiting and seized the trailing ropes. The Zeppelin had cleared the storm area when she arrived here and there was no wind to endanger her. Otherwise, the ship might have been blown into the Mediterranean.

The 18 passengers, including Mrs. Mary Pierce of New York, and the Zeppelin's crew of 41, were safe after nearly 24 hours of dramatic battling with the elements that began when the Zeppelin's engines started to fail as she neared Gibraltar on her second trans-Atlantic voyage.

An instructor in Columbia Teachers' college, as the result of studying 7,000 stuttering children in the New York city schools, says their mental alertness is equal to that of the other children. Most people, in fact, have learned to their embarrassment that an impediment of speech would have been a distinct advantage to their reputations for intelligence on certain occasions.

HOUSE TO CONTINUE WORKING ON TARIFF

Senate Plans to Take Up
Census Reapportionment
Very Soon.

Washington, D. C.—Congress is slowly working toward the end of its first goal, enactment of farm relief and reapportionment of the house, with the president apparently in sight of victory on the agricultural issue, despite a hostile senate.

This week is expected to produce conclusive developments on these phases of the administration program for the extra session and leaders are now looking forward to a vacation from Decoration day to the Fourth of July.

While the house pushes ahead on the tariff bill, with prospects improved for an understanding on it among the republican majority, the senate will seek to complete work on the measures authorizing the 1930 census and a reapportionment of the house on the basis of that census.

Monday the conferees of the senate and house assembled behind closed doors to seek an adjustment between the conflicting farm relief measures of the two branches.

No decision is expected by the conferees before the end of the week on the farm controversy and some members of the conference believe it will take as much as ten days before an agreement or disagreement is had.

Once the senate passes the census-reapportionment measure, little time is expected to be required for its adoption in the house. Enactment of this legislation will dispose of two of the five legislative recommendations submitted to the extra session by the president. Farm relief will make it three of the five. Tariff is the fourth and that will be taken up by the senate after the prospective vacation.

HOSPITAL DEATH LIST CONTINUES TO GROW

Cleveland, Ohio.—Fear that 50 per cent of the surviving victims of the Cleveland clinic disaster will die in a few days from the effects of the poison gas they inhaled was expressed by Harry L. Rockford, city health commissioner, and concurred in by a number of doctors and chemists.

An official inquest in the Cleveland clinic disaster, which has claimed a toll of 127 lives, was begun by County Coroner A. J. Pearce. Simultaneously those of the clinic's staff of doctors who survived, opened temporary headquarters in another building and prepared to "carry on" the semi-philanthropic work that ended abruptly on Wednesday by fire, explosions, and deadly poison gas.

Struck by a properly damage estimated at \$500,000, the original clinic will be rebuilt. Within a month to six weeks, this structure, famous from coast to coast as the headquarters of many of America's greatest doctors and surgeons, will be reopened, the committee announced.

PERU AND CHILE AGREE

Tacna-Arica Controversy Ended by
Direct Negotiation.

Washington, D. C.—President Hoover Sunday announced settlement of the long-standing Tacna-Arica dispute by direct negotiation between Chile and Peru, under which Chile retains Arica and Tacna goes to Peru.

The two provinces will be divided, with the boundary running north of the Arica-La Paz railway. Chile retains the port of Arica and will grant Peru on the Bay of Arica a wharf and customs house and station on the Tacna-Arica railway. Chile will pay Peru \$6,000,000.

Revolution Under Way in Venezuela. Willemstad, Curacao.—Unofficial reports reaching here from Venezuela are that troops have been sent into several parts of that country to subdue revolutionary movements. These were reported to be spreading. It was said that casualties had been suffered in a battle at San Fernando de Apure.

Calles Quits Mexican Cabinet. Mexico City.—Official announcement was made here Sunday that General Plutarco Elias Calles, minister of war and ex-president, had resigned his portfolio Saturday. He said he plans to leave in a few days for Acapulco, Guerrero, Pacific coast town, for a rest.

Wales and Hagen Win Golf Match. London.—The Prince of Wales and Walter Hagen, the American who recently won the British open championship, playing as partners, defeated Sir Phelip Sassoon and Aubrey Boomer, one-up, on the exclusive Swinley course, near Ascot, Saturday.

CAPT. BENJAMIN MENDEZ



Capt. Benjamin Mendez, Colombian ace who flew from New York to Bogota, who will be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by the United States congress.

FLOOD MENACE FACES RESIDENTS OF SOUTH

Dallas, Texas.—The rampant Red river cast a flood menace over extreme northeast Texas and southwest Arkansas Sunday, while other widespread sections of Texas rested from a week-end beating of wind and rain storms that took two lives, injured ten persons and caused great material loss.

More than 1000 acres in the lowlands about Index, Ark., were covered with water and residents feared that the first rise in the river might pile up with another to come in below the Index area, with a resultant disaster like that of 1927.

While northwest Texas in the Wichita Falls vicinity, was the hardest hit by the wind and rainstorms, two fatalities occurred far to the south. At Bryan, Frank Trentacost, a merchant, was killed by lightning as he watched the storm's work. Walter R. Carothers, farm hand, was struck down in the same manner near Adrian.

Biloxi, Miss.—Governor Bilbo ordered 300 convicts from the Parchman prison farm to proceed to Mound's Landing, 18 miles north of Greenville, Miss., where the levee was reported crumbling and requested the adjutant general to have troops ready to move into that territory if necessary.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

The Exchange Telegraph company dispatches from Warsaw Saturday say that more than 100 persons were burned to death in a huge fire at Iwle, Poland.

Clyde Van Dusen, gelded son of the mighty Man-o' War, won the 55th Kentucky derby Saturday afternoon before 60,000 persons under the worst weather conditions within memory.

A great port development, involving expenditure of more than \$10,000,000 and bringing port grain capacity up to more than 21,000,000 bushels of storage, is assured to Vancouver, B. C., by announcement from Ottawa that the harbor board estimates have been approved.

Dr. Hugo Eckener, commander of the Graf Zeppelin, himself took charge of the mechanical examination of the motors of his airship, which failed so badly on the second intended voyage to the United States. The idea suggested that sabotage might have been responsible is disregarded as impossible.

Army Flier Killed in Mid-Air Crash. Columbus, O.—Mimic warfare that was waged over Ohio last week in the national army air maneuvers claimed its first victims Saturday with the death of Second Lieutenant E. L. Meadow of Nashville, Tenn., and injury of Second Lieutenant A. F. Solter of Los Angeles. Their ships collided in mid-air high above an outlying residential section and fell in flames.

Oregon Insurance Totals Grow. Salem, Or.—Approximately \$1,803,483,826 of fire and life insurance of all classes, exclusive of health, accident and miscellaneous, was carried by insurance companies operating in Oregon at the close of business December 31, 1928, according to the annual report of Clara A. Lee, state insurance commissioner.

Four Killed at Rail Crossing. Glendale, Cal.—Four persons were killed in the crushing of their automobile by a Southern Pacific passenger train at a crossing on San Fernando boulevard here Sunday.

DISRUPT ROAD PLANS

Washington Highway Program Upset
by Court Ruling.

Olympia, Wash. — Washington's highway program, control of which was taken over by Governor Hartley April 1, is again in jeopardy as the result of a decision by the supreme court recently. Ruling five to three, the court held that the Hartley highway reorganization bill, passed by the 1929 legislature after a dramatic fight in the senate, was subject to referendum, notwithstanding the fact that the measure carried an emergency clause. Consequently there is considerable confusion in Olympia, involving the validity of contracts made in the last two months, the validity of pending calls for bids and the possibility of suspension of road programs until June 13.

Kwangsi Troops Possess Canton.

London.—According to an unconfirmed dispatch to the London Times, it is reported that Kwangsi troops have succeeded in entering Canton, forming a provisional government in that city.

King's Nurse Gets Medal from George

London.—King George has conferred the royal red cross first-class medal on Nettie May Purdie, acknowledging her "devoted nursing throughout the king's illness."

Even in England the frankfurter in-

cluded in a roll has come to be highly regarded. An enterprising merchant there sought to establish patent right to the racy term, "Hot Dog," on priority of use. Accepted in the United Kingdom, the tidbit undoubtedly soon will win the regard of the peoples of the dominions. Thus link by link the chain of friendship is forged.

COUNTER-PROPOSAL TO GERMANS DRAWN

Paris. — The reparations experts, with the exception of the German members, met in an effort to prepare counter proposals to the German conditions. These were to be submitted to Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, head of the German delegation, so that he would be able to reply some time this week. If Dr. Schacht accepts the counter proposals, then the figures proposed by Owen D. Young will become final. These call for 37 annuities of 1,000,000 marks (about \$492,000,000); 30 annuities of 1,700,000 marks (about \$408,000,000), and one of 900,000,000 marks (about \$216,000,000). The reparations committee then will have to decide only how to divide these annuities unless the creditors prefer to refer the matter to their respective countries.

Sofia, Bulgaria.—Andre Liapcheff, premier of Bulgaria, believes that some day the allies will recognize that their demands for reparations from Bulgaria are excessive.

In discussing the Bulgarian reparations situation the premier asserted that the claims by 1931 will have reached a total of 20,000,000 gold francs, which for Bulgaria's modest income he considers prohibitive.

The Skeptical society is shortly going to call in one of these fellows whose inventions are hailed as Epoch-Making, and ask him to make an epoch.

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