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MEDFORD BENEFICIALLY AFFECTED BY SPOKANE RATE CASE DECISION ORDERS MATERIAL REDUCTIONS

Same Freight Tariffs Will Hold Here That Govern in Spokane, Baker City and Other Inland Points—Transcontinental Shipments Can Be Routed via El Paso Gateway at Same Rates for Medford as for Portland, While Shipments From New Orleans Will Cost 7 Per Cent More.

PRINCIPLE THAT GOVERNS RULING IS EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO MEDFORD'S CASE

Frank H. McCune Writes of Result of Recent Ruling by Interstate Commerce Commission as Applied to Local Business—New Principle Stimulates Commerce in West.

(By Frank H. McCune Rate Expert of the Medford Traffic Bureau.)
I have been informed that the decision rendered by the interstate commerce commission in the Spokane, Reno, Phoenix, and Salt Lake cases will effect Medford and other valley points the same as it effects Baker and Spokane. In other words, these cases were decided by the commission in accordance with the new fourth section.

The operation of the amended fourth section in the same manner as the transcontinental lines sought in the Spokane case and which the commission has denied under the reservations affected the territory east of the Missouri river, such reservation ranging from 7 per cent in the Chicago zone to 25 per cent in the Atlantic seaboard section which carriers are allowed to deviate from the terminal rates in a higher charge to an intermediate point.

Briefly stated, the reports of Commissioners Prouty and Lane decide the pending cases in connection with the applications of the carriers under the fourth section. All applications filed by the carriers in transcontinental territory No. 14 cover every tariff containing rates in the west. These applications have all been denied except that on special commodities the rates to intermediate points from Chicago shall not be higher than 107 per cent of the Pacific coast rate, from Pittsburg, 115 per cent of the Pacific coast rate and from New York 125 per cent of the Pacific coast rate. All other rates cannot be exceeded to intermediate points.

This rule is extended to all points westward of the Pacific coast terminals situated on the main line. Under the tariffs from the eastern territory naming rates to Medford and Southern Oregon, Portland is made the basing point, and for this reason the territory lying south of Portland does not come under the ruling of the commission in the sense of being intermediate to a terminal point.

Medford is Benefitted.
Inasmuch as transcontinental shipments can be routed via the El Paso gateway through to Portland, Medford and all points south of Portland will get the benefit of this decision. In other words, on rice shipped from Galveston to Portland the rate is 60 cents; Medford will get the same rate. If, however, rice is shipped from New Orleans to Medford, the rate would be 7 per cent higher than the through rate, in other words, rate would be a trifle over 64c.

However the principle enunciated does apply to Medford and undoubtedly will be extended to her commerce by the commission if properly presented by complaint, providing the Southern Pacific Company, does not voluntarily make the adjustment to Southern Oregon at the same time rates are checked into other territory under order of the commission.

The railroad companies are ordered to put into effect these new rates on October 15th. There seems to be a little difference of opinion yet as to whether the interstate commerce commission intended to settle the problem as above outlined, but this matter, I think, will be cleared up within a few weeks.

The denial of the commission in the application of the carriers for relief under the amended fourth section bids Medford hope for relief from the extortionate rates exacted from San Francisco and other California points in her case now submitted for commodity rates from San Francisco.

Discriminated Against.
Medford being situated between Portland and San Francisco is discriminated against as between these cities and the cities of Reno and Spokane. The Southern Pacific Company has made application for relief from

The benefits that will accrue to the interior cities under the commission order in the Reno and Spokane cases will give the interior absolute control over its territory as against coast cities, meeting the coast half way on goods shipped from Missouri river territory, providing the interior has the same outbound rate as the coast cities, as in the case of Oregon interior cities have not an equal rate with Portland. But this is a matter of equity to be adjusted by the state railroad commission as appealed to by Medford in her pending cases before that body.

INVESTED \$2 IN INSURANCE TO GET \$7000

First National Bank Recovers On Bonds Secured By Robbers When Train 16 Was Held Up In Cow Canyon.

COMPANY SENDS CHECK OF \$7000 IN PAYMENT

Was Sixty-eighth Package to Be Insured in Such a Manner By the Bank.

Seven thousand dollars was today paid to the First National bank of this city by the Commercial Union Assurance company, limited, to cover losses sustained when train 16 was held up and robbed in Cow Creek canyon one month ago today. In one of the registered pouches the bank had \$7000 worth of bonds which they had insured for safe delivery.

Dislodged Sled Loaded With Stone On Steep Hillside and is Caught—Every Bone In Chest Broken—Rib Penetrates Heart.

DR. PORTER MAKES RUN TO PROSPECT IN 3 HOURS

Man Had Died In Meantime—Nothing is Known of Man's Past Life.

William Lane, aged between 35 and 40 years, was crushed to death beneath a load of heavy rock at Prospect Thursday afternoon. Death was almost instantaneous, every bone in the man's chest being crushed, one rib penetrating the heart. Fellow work men could lend no aid.

For some time the First National bank has made a practice of shipping valuable papers and currency in the registered mail at the same time placing an insurance against loss on the valuables to be transported. On June 28 they dispatched \$7000 of Central Point school district bonds to Washington to be placed on deposit there with the postoffice department in order that they might qualify as a depository for postal savings deposits. In accord with their usual custom they sent the bonds by registered mail and insured them, the premium being \$2.10. This was the sixty-eighth package to be insured by the bank—the others all being safely delivered.

The companions of the man at once notified the officers of the company in this city and Dr. E. H. Porter was dispatched at once to the scene. He made the trip to Prospect in less than three hours.

But on the night of June 28, the train was held up and robbed. The bank at once notified the insurance company of the loss and a special agent was sent at once to Medford. An investigation was made and the claim would have been paid then but word was received that the bonds had been found in the litter discarded by the robbers. So payment was delayed until this was investigated. Two days ago it was definitely learned by the postoffice authorities that the bonds were lost and today the bank received a check for \$7000 to reimburse them.

Dr. Porter had been deputized by the coroner and held an inquest. Accidental death was the substance of the verdict. The body was strapped to a plank and was brought to Medford this morning by the doctor.

The bank will now assign its interest in the bonds to the insurance company who will ask the district to issue new bonds to replace the old.

Lane had nothing in his effects to throw any light on his past history. He had told several that he had worked the greater part of his life around horses. Two fingers on his right hand were missing.

"This demonstrates fully the value of insurance," stated President W. S. Crowell of the bank this morning. "For reinvestment of \$2.10 we were able to recover \$7000. In all we have registered 68 packages and have lost one. We carry every form of insurance—fire, burglary, forgery, hold-up, and our experience in this matter demonstrates fully that it pays."

BELLBOY HELD FOR MURDER

NEW YORK, July 28.—Just 36 hours after he beat to death William Jackson, a rich old man long known in Wall Street as "Uncle Bill," Paul Geidel, aged 17, a bellboy in the Iroquois Hotel here, was this afternoon indicted for murder.

WAR OR PEACE OF EUROPE HANGS UPON KAISER'S DECISION TONIGHT

FRENCH WAR OFFICE ACTIVE; PARIS IS CALM

Military Preparations Proceeding With All Speed—Country Not to Be Caught Napping Whatever the Outcome of Negotiations.

PARIS, July 28.—Complete command of the French army in case of war was this afternoon voted by the cabinet to General J. J. C. Joffe, who, at a hurried meeting of the president's advisers, was formally named as chief of the general staff.

PARIS, July 28.—Despite statements emanating from the foreign office that the Franco-German difficulties over the Moroccan situation will be amicably adjusted, the war office is more active than it has been for years and military preparations proceeding with all speed indicates that whatever the outcome of the diplomatic negotiations, the country is not going to be caught napping.

Indication that war is really expected, despite all the diplomats say, came this afternoon when all the cavalry was ordered to be in readiness for active service, and arms, ammunition and provisions by the trainload were rushed to the forts whose line stretches along the German frontier. Leaves of absence in every regiment of the line have been cancelled and in every barracks in the land only the word to march is lacking to put France actively in the field against the foe.

READY TO FIGHT BRITAIN BIDES SIGNAL

Steam Up On Battleships and Troops Moving Toward Strategic Positions, England Awaits Possible Clash Over Morocco.

LONDON, July 28.—With steam up on her battleships and her troops, regular and militia, moving steadily toward the important strategic positions of the country, Britain today is waiting for a possible clash with Germany over the Moroccan situation.

England's position has been positively outlined and no more can be done until the Franco-German negotiations over Morocco have been disposed of. The outcome of the dangerous situation hinges on whether Germany will withdraw her demand for a Moroccan port. All the diplomats who are watching every move with strained attention, concede that France cannot grant this demand. They expect that, warned by British determination and the apparent certainty that France will stand firm, the kaiser and his ministers tonight will agree to concessions.

The whole situation in a nutshell is that Germany has made demands which will not be granted by France, and which, should France weaken, would still be opposed by England. Germany must back down or fight. Which alternative the kaiser will take is uncertain, and England, ready and armed, waits.

KAISER MUST FIGHT OR BACK DOWN AT ONCE

Belief General at Berlin That Monarch Will Find a Way to Sidestep Issue—Press of Nation Silent Awaiting Cue From Crown.

BERLIN, July 28.—Whether Germany will back down in her Moroccan demands on France or whether the kaiser will now elect to fight for the supremacy of the Fatherland in world politics, probably will be decided at Swinemunde tonight. On the return the emperor to that port from his cruise in northern waters he will be met by Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg and foreign secretary Von Kiderlin-Waechter and the whole situation will be gone over.

In Berlin the feeling is strong that the kaiser, by some expedient, will avoid a clash with France and England, but it is not doubted that any small misunderstanding may precipitate a world war. By tomorrow the kaiser is expected to be in Berlin and it is possible that his position, if it is decided tonight will be then known to the world.

Presumably awaiting a cue from the government, the Berlin press today is practically silent as to Premier Asquith's statement on the Moroccan situation in the British house of commons. The feeling of tension is apparently relaxed as the result of a more hopeful aspect of the Franco-German negotiations over Morocco, and the feeling seems to be growing that an armed conflict will yet be avoided.

LAURIER TO DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT TONIGHT

OTTAWA, Ont., Following an all night session, parliament it is believed will be ordered dissolved either today or tomorrow as the result of the obstruction tactics employed by the conservatives. Parliament was still in session this afternoon but no progress on reciprocity with the United States has been made, according to Premier Laurier, who after consultation with associates, has about decided to inform Earl Grey that the situation now is such that a general election should be called.

The premier declared today that the question of reforming the rules to curb the obstructionists will be one of the issues in the coming campaign.

STOCKS ARE STRONG; MANY GAINS SHOWN

NEW YORK, July 28.—Today's stock market showed considerable strength at the opening. Canadian Pacific took the lead with a gain of 2, Erie second preferred rose 1 1/4, Union Pacific, Reading and American Beet Sugar 1. Smaller gains were scored in a number of other issues. Prices receded after the opening but with a firm market the larger part of the early advances were maintained. The market closed strong.

CALIFORNIA LEADS STATE IN RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 28.—The statistical report of the interstate commerce commission, an abstract of which was issued today, shows that California led in railroad construction in the fiscal year 1910, the new construction amounting to 200 miles. Only four other states showed a construction of more than 100 miles.

WARSHIP OREGON ORDERED IN RESERVE

BREMERTON, Wash., July 28.—What is believed to be the first step by the government in the formation of a reserve fleet for the Pacific took place today when orders were received at the Bremerton navy yard from Washington to place the famous old battleship Oregon and the cruiser St. Louis in commission. The cruisers Charleston, Milwaukee, Pennsylvania and Galveston will soon be added to form a reserve fleet.

According to reports reaching here ten warships will be commissioned for the reserve fleet on the Atlantic side. The reserve vessels will be manned by naval recruits who will be advanced to the new battleships in the service as fast as they are fully trained. The reserve vessels will not cruise.

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HINES BOASTED OF INFLUENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 28.—Evidence tending to confirm reports that Edward Hines, the Chicago millionaire lumberman accused of having corruptly caused the election of Senator William Lorimer, boasted of his activities was given today before the senate Lorimer investigating committee by Albert McCordie, a lawyer.

"In May, 1909," McCordie said, "Wert Cook, a Duluth lumberman, who was a client of mine, told me two or three weeks before Lorimer was elected that the day before Hines had boasted that he had elected Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin, who afterward 'threw him down' by voting for free lumber. Cook declared Hines told him he had had trouble in keeping southern senators in line for the tariff, and said he knew Lorimer would be elected."

McCordie then recited the details of Hines' alleged conversation with Governor Deneen at Springfield on May 26 as they had been told to Cook by the Chicagoan.

ROWDIES WILL BE PROSECUTED

A warrant was issued by Justice Glenn O. Taylor Friday morning on a complaint sworn to by H. C. Garnett charging vagrancy, for William Cook, John Cantrell, John Doe Barry, Bert Drane and Richard Rae Pontell.

Thursday evening as Mr. and Mrs. Garnett were returning from an automobile ride to Jacksonville they drove up behind a wagon and attempted to pass. Thereupon the five occupants of the wagon began to curse, discharge firearms and threaten Mr. Garnett. For some distance Mr. Garnett was unable to get by and when he did one of the men attempted to lasso him with a rope. The men are said to have been drinking.

With Mr. Garnett at the time were two little girls aside from his wife and a friend. As the language used was most insulting Mr. Garnett was naturally very much incensed. On reaching the city he called in the police but they could do nothing owing to a lack of jurisdiction. This morning, however he secured a warrant and will prosecute the five offenders.

DESK ROBBING WORK DENIED

NEW YORK, July 28.—Intimidations by Gilbert Perkins, head of the Perkins Detective Agency, that agents of William J. Burns had rifled his offices of evidence tending to prove the innocence of John J. McNamara of the Los Angeles dynamiting and other crimes of which he has been accused, were branded here today by Burns as absolutely false. Burns said:

"The statement that I or my men rifled or took from Perkins' office records of his investigations in dynamiting cases is a malicious and libelous fabrication. The story is false and a deliberate attempt to get public circulation of a malicious and libelous lie. It is being circulated in an attempt to create sentiment for John McNamara."

"Perkins has no more right to have such a story circulated for his benefit than I would have to have a story published accusing the most prominent citizen of America of being a chicken thief. My men had absolutely nothing to do with the so-called rifling of the Perkins offices."

INSURGENTS PLEDGED TO AID DEMOCRATS

PORTLAND, Ore., July 28.—A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the federal court today by officials of the Phoenix Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Oregon. The petition recites that the concern's liabilities are \$250,000 and assets in cash \$2.75. The company was warned a short time ago that the insurance commission would throw it into involuntary bankruptcy unless considered improvement in its affairs was shown. The company was organized a year ago.

Geidel, who was discharged at the Iroquois Hotel last Friday, declares he did not intend to kill Jackson and that robbery was his sole motive, although he did not expect to gain any large sum.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 28.—Progressive republicans in the senate today pledged themselves to stand by the democrats in whatever compromise the conferees on the wool bill may reach. The adoption of the conference also will be supported in the house.

Medford Assumes New Importance

(From the Portland Journal)
+ Medford should assume new importance under the principle laid +
+ down in the Spokane rate decision. Speaking of the Spokane case, +
+ the commission says: "It is a manifest economic waste to haul +
+ traffic from the east over the Cascade mountains and back again. +
+ The interest of the carrier and the public as much require that this +
+ business should stop at Spokane instead of going on to Seattle, as +
+ that it should originate in the middle west instead of upon the At- +
+ lantic seaboard." +
+ Again the decision says: "To a disinterested observer it would +
+ seem to be in the true interest of these transcontinental lines, +
+ which begin at the Missouri river, to make rates which would +
+ build up interior points as against the coast. A haul to these +
+ points is shorter and less expensive. The distribution from these +
+ points is easier." +
+ Medford is seeking a reduction of rates from San Francisco, by +
+ which it has hope of strengthening its position as a jobbing center, +
+ It claims that the Southern Pacific demands a San Francisco rate, +
+ which is almost if not quite equal to the San Francisco rate to +
+ Portland and back again to Medford. +
+ Substitute Medford for Spokane in the new rate decision, and +
+ Medford undoubtedly has a strong claim for a reduction of its San +
+ Francisco rate, a claim that, once realized, would add materially +
+ to its commercial position. +
