

ROADS WILL FIGHT MEDFORD FREIGHT RATES MEASURE

(Oregon Journal.)
The railroads of Oregon, led by the Hill lines, will fight in United States court the enforcement of the Medford freight rate bill. The Oregon Electric will enter suit in federal court immediately to have the law declared invalid because "impossible of observance."

The present freight tariffs will be continued although under the new law the railroads are liable for a fine of \$100 for each carload shipped in violation thereof. This violation dates, technically, from 7 p. m., November 5, when the polls closed.

The contest of the freight rate bill is the first against any measure passed at the last election. The Hill lines are taking the lead of other roads in protest because the tariff which was submitted to govern freight carrying on the extension to Eugene of the Oregon Electric was returned by the railroad commission because it was not in conformity with the new law.

Damage to Shippers

The tariff submitted to govern rates on the new line is on the same basis as is, and has been, in force on the Southern Pacific. Technically, all lines that have not conformed their tariffs to the Medford freight rate bill are equally violating the law. The bill was numbered 358-359 on the official ballot and was adopted by a vote of 56,899 affirmative to 44,719 negative.

That the damage to shippers and carriers would be much greater than a fine of \$100 per car if the new law should be sustained is asserted by Wilbur E. Conan, general freight agent of the Hill lines in Oregon. The operation of the law, says Mr. Conan, would be revolutionary. Business could not be carried on under it. When it is considered that the fine of \$100 on every car of freight carried on every Oregon line would quickly amount to a great sum, the hostility of railroads and shippers is understood the better in contrast.

Rate experts do not come forward with explanations of defense of the law. Generally they term it "weird" legislation, and say its terms are scarcely capable of explanation.

Gives Roads' Attitude

The attitude of the Hill lines was stated by Mr. Conan after a conference with the system's attorneys, Carey & Kerr, this morning. It follows:

"While the state railroad commission has not accepted our new tariff naming freight rates on the Oregon Electric south of Albany, we will open freight service on our new extension to Eugene next Thursday, as previously announced, and we will charge the rates named in the tariff which was offered to the commission. The rates in this tariff between Portland and Eugene and other points are the same as those in effect on the lines of the Southern Pacific, and as they are on the same general basis as rates now being charged on all lines within the state, there need be no question in the minds of shippers about the freight rates on the Oregon Electric.

"Utterly Impossible," They Say

"The Oregon Electric Railway company believes that the initiative act under which the commission refused to receive the proposed tariff is utterly impossible to comply with. This is the opinion generally of all the carriers and none of the railroads of the state has yet changed existing rates. To comply with the new law would revolutionize rates and make such tremendous and radical changes as to put industries out of business everywhere and create a condition of confusion unparalleled in the history of the state. The Oregon Electric company and the other carriers in the state, believing that the act is impossible of observance and therefore invalid, are endeavoring at once to initiate suits in the courts with the idea of having the law judicially declared invalid."

DR. SUN YAT SEN TO VISIT UNITED STATES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, progressive Chinese leader and former provisional president of the new republic is coming to Los Angeles with three members of the Chinese cabinet, according to word received here today by the Chinese chamber of commerce.

The Orientals also will visit San Francisco, Washington and New York.

Although their mission is secret, reports are current here that they seek capital for the development of 3,000 miles of government railroad in the interior of China.

TORNADO KILLS 100; PROPERTY LOSS \$2,000,000

PARIS, Dec. 4.—Killing more than 100 persons, a tornado swept over Madagascar, November 26 and caused damage to the extent of \$2,000,000, according to a report at the ministry of colonies here today. Several villages containing hundreds of houses were completely leveled and all communication severed.

MINER LEAVES HIS ESTATE TO CHARITY

John F. Green, a native of Stockholm, Sweden, died at the Good Samaritan hospital at Grants Pass the 25th day of November, at the age of 39 years. Green had been brought to the hospital from Galice, where he followed the occupation of a miner, suffering from tumor of the stomach.

On November 14th, eleven days before he died, Green made his will, bequeathing his property, after a number of small bequests were made, to the founding of a hospital at Grants Pass, on condition of the bequest being that Miss Jean Aitchison and Mrs. B. Dolly, who were nurses at the Good Samaritan, be in charge of the nursing at the new hospital. His property is worth about \$35,000.

WANTS TO KNOW WHY ARCHBOLD WENT FREE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The failure of Attorney General Wickersham to allow John D. Archbold and other Standard Oil officials to be served with warrants, resulting from indictments returned by a United States grand jury in Texas, is under investigation here today by Congressman Garner of that state. Representative Randall, also of Texas, is assisting Garner with the probe.

"Archbold should have been arrested with the smaller fellows indicted at the same time," said Garner. "I intend to force full publicity in this matter. We want to know the true reason for Wickersham refusing to allow service of the warrant."

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Asserting that the country is in danger of a panic as long as the present banking and currency system remains unchanged, and urging the adoption of a system affording greater protection, Franklin MacVeigh, secretary of the treasury, made his annual report to congress today.

"The present system not only will not prevent a panic but after a certain point is reached, it will make it inevitable," the secretary declares. The locking up of large sums in the treasury vaults, he says, is both unscientific and unreasonable. A change is advocated providing for trustworthy bank reserves, including permanent organization and cooperation of banks with a central agency representing and acting for co-operative banks.

FIRST WOMAN JURY MEETS AT PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 4.—The case of Marcel Bortel, charged with conducting a disorderly house, was begun today before a jury of women. Many in attendance at the court are husbands and other relatives of the fair ones in the jury box. It is the first woman jury in the state to try a case.

Despite an insistent demand for seats being recorded several days ago, it was decided not to hold court in larger quarters, but to make the jurors serve under conditions similar to those under which the men are obliged to serve.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC LINE FILES ANNUAL REPORT

SALFEM, Or., Dec. 4.—The total operating revenues of the Southern Pacific for the past year were \$90,621,990, and its operating expenses were \$52,918,582, making a net operating revenue of \$38,692,507, according to the company's annual report, which has been filed with the railroad commission. The total revenues from outside operations were \$10,077,453.

With further additions and deductions the net corporate income is shown to be \$43,178,141. Dividends amounting to \$4,090,088 were paid during the year.



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