

STATES GIVEN POWER TO FIX TRAFFIC RATES

Railroads Lose Minnesota Case in Supreme Court Which Upholds Rights of State to Regulate Railroads Within Their Limits.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Staunchly upholding the authority of the states to regulate railroad rates within their own borders, the United States supreme court today declared constitutional a Minnesota law reducing freight and passenger rates within that commonwealth.

The deathblow aimed at "states' rights" by forty allied railroads affecting six states immediately, and every state in the union ultimately, was defeated by the decision, which was read by Justice Charles E. Hughes. It was specifically stated that intra-state rate regulation by state railroad commissions is not interference with inter-state commerce or a usurpation of federal powers.

The decree is generally considered a great victory for the states as against the railroads. The court held that states can regulate intra-state rates when congress has not acted in that field, subject to the rights of the railroads to apply to the court to ascertain whether the rates made are confiscatory.

Points of Decision The court held in the Minnesota case that two cent fares were reasonable as to the Northern Pacific and Great Northern roads but were confiscatory as to the Minneapolis and St. Louis railroad. The court declared:

1. The constitution gives congress authority adequate to secure freedom of inter-state commercial intercourse from state control and to provide regulation of that intercourse as national interest may require.

2. Commerce that is confined within one state and which does not affect other states is reserved to the state. This reservation is only of that power which is consistent with the grant to congress. The authority of congress extends to every part of inter-state commerce and every instrumentality and agency by which it is carried on, and full control by congress over the subject committed to its regulation is not to be denied or thwarted by the commingling of intra-state and inter-state operations.

Hughes Reads Decision 3. Even without action by congress the commerce clause of the constitution necessarily excludes the states from direct control of those subjects embraced within that clause which are of such a nature that, if regulated at all, their regulation should be prescribed by a single authority.

This was the court's synopsis of the decree. In reading the decision Justice Hughes also said: "The states may make regulations although inter-state commerce is incidentally affected by congress must be the judge of the necessity of federal action or regulation or of a necessity to displace local laws by laws of its own. Until congress acts the power of the state is plenary."

No Power Over Trolleys The United States supreme court denied to the inter-state commerce commission today jurisdiction over interurban lines doing an inter-state business in a decision continuing the present upheld ruling of the commerce court, which enjoined the inter-fares from Omaha, Neb., to Council Bluffs, Iowa. It prohibited the inter-state commerce commission from making effective its order reducing fares.

UPPER COLUMBIA FALLING FLOOD DANGER PAST

KENNEWICK, Wash., June 9.—The Columbia river was receding today, a fall of two inches having been registered since yesterday. The Snake river is also falling. The water is still very high and a foot rise would make the situation grave here. The islands near here are only a few feet of being under water.

FAULKNER FIRST LOBBYIST TO BE PUT ON RECORD

Former United States Senator Admits Representing Railroads and Companies Before Committees—Permanent Lobby Kept at Capitol.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—The first alleged lobbyist to appear before the senate sub-committee investigating President Wilson's "insidious lobby" charge here this afternoon. The witness was former United States Senator Faulkner of West Virginia.

Faulkner admitted that twelve years after leaving the senate he had represented a number of railroads and commercial companies here by appearing before congressional committees.

Senator Sutherland of Utah was the first witness today when the hearing was resumed. He testified that his principal tariff callers were Secretary McClure of the Wool Growers' association and James Moyle, a prominent wool grower of Utah.

The witness declared he believed some men were here permanently attempting to influence legislation. He named representatives of the Seneca Union, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the American Federation of Labor as "permanent lobbyists."

Senator Reed of Missouri denied knowledge of any lobby attempting improperly to influence tariff legislation.

Senator Reed asserted that lobbyists were unnecessary and declared that those attacking tariff revision were an "aggressive combination."

WILLIE RITCHIE MUST WEIGH 134 AT RINGSIDE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 9.—Willie Ritchie must weigh 134 ringside for his fight with Joe Rivers on July 4.

This was the decree issued today by Manager Joe Levy upon his arrival here from Los Angeles. Accompanying Levy were Rivers and his corps of trainers.

At a conference Saturday night between Promoter Eddie Graney and Billy Nolan, the latter agreed to Levy's weight terms, which called for 134 ringside or 133 two hours before the battle. It was left to Levy to choose between them, and after pondering over the matter for twenty-four hours he selected the ringside weight, believing that a two-hour leeway would have given Ritchie at least two additional pounds.

The indications were today that the Eighth street arena will be rented by Graney for the big contest, Jim Coffroth having agreed to let him have it. The arena will seat between 10,000 and 11,000, which at prices which are expected to be \$2, \$3, \$5, \$7.50, \$10 and \$20, will be sufficient, if all are taken, to give Graney a nice margin over the money he will have to pay the boxers.

EGAN REPRESENTS MEDFORD IN GOLF

Chandler Egan leaves Monday to represent the Medford Golf and Country club and the Rogue River valley at a series of contests between the crack players of the middle west and those of the Pacific coast at Portland, Seattle and Tacoma.

Most of the middle west players are from Chicago, headed by Chick Evans, against whom Mr. Egan will play. Mr. Egan is champion player of southern Oregon and for several years was national champion. The last few years he has been too busy with his orchard to devote much time to the game, but still retains his skill as one of the finest players of the nation.

FORBID PUBLIC FUNERAL FOR SUFFRAGETTE

Authorities Resent Attempt to Make Horse Grappler "First Martyr of Cause"—Ason by Women Again Common—Grandstand Destroyed.

LONDON, June 9.—Scotland Yard authorities are today considering prohibiting a big public funeral which the militant suffragettes are arranging for Miss Emily Davison, who died after grasping the horse of King George's entry, Anmer, in the derby. It is feared that grave disorders may accompany the burial of Miss Davison, whom the suffragettes rank regard as their first martyr. The flag over suffragette headquarters was at half mast today.

The trials of seven suffragettes arrested in the police raid on their headquarters began today. Mrs. Flora Drummond who is critically ill, was absent. All the defendants wore sashes of crepe in mourning for Miss Davison.

Ason by the suffragettes is again becoming common. Last night fire destroyed the \$70,000 court grandstand at the Hurst Park course, and early today the grandstand at the North Middlesex cricket grounds and a boathouse on the river Lea was burned.

ROSE SHOW OPENS TODAY AT PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Or., June 9.—Rex Oregonus, the merry monarch of the Rose Festival, arrived at noon today on the royal barge Sea Otter from his mythical land of dreams after a triumphal cruise up the Willamette river.

A large number of crafts of all sizes, brilliantly decorated, attended the carnival king, whose identity will not be known until the festivities and merrymaking come to a close Saturday night.

Immediately after landing Rex Oregonus, at the head of a parade, went to the city hall, where Mayor Rushlight turned the keys of the city over to him.

There will be six brilliant pageants during the festival, which is held annually to pay homage to the flower that has caused Portland to be known as the "Rose City" the world over.

ESPEE CAN ISSUE \$30,000,000 BONDS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 9.—Permission granting authority to the Southern Pacific to issue \$30,000,000 in securities for improvements and extensions on the Pacific coast was given today by the California railroad commission. The notes will be sold through New York financial houses, and work probably will start at once. The notes will carry a five per cent interest and will run two years.

The commission gave its permission on statements by the company showing that the surplus earnings of the road for the fiscal year will total \$21,855,000.

FRISCO POLICEMEN TO BE TRIED JUNE 16

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 9.—The case of the eight San Francisco patrolmen indicted recently for a conspiracy to obstruct justice in connection with the operations here of an Italian bunco ring, will go to trial June 16. This date was fixed here today by Superior Judge Lawlor when he denied the motions of the accused men for separate trials.

Detective Frank Esola, convicted of sharing in the earnings of the bunco men, was in court today. He will be sentenced tomorrow.

American Players Win in Tournament With Australians



NEW YORK, June 9.—Maurice E. McLoughlin of San Francisco, the national tennis champion, by defeating Stanley N. Doust, of Australia in the straight sets, today won for the United States the right to compete in the semi-finals with Germany for the Davis international cup.

LABOR LEADERS INDICTED; VIOLATION ANTI-TRUST LAW

CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., June 9.—Labor leaders were greatly incensed here today over the indicting of John P. White, president of the United Mine Workers of America; Vice-President Frank J. Hayes and seventeen officials and subordinate officials of district No. 17 of the miners' union, for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

The indictments allege there is a conspiracy in restraint of trade and commerce between the miners and the coal operators of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois against the West Virginia. Labor men declared the convictions of White and others would stop state activity in organizing labor. They do not expect conviction, however. Government officials say they intend to demand an immediate trial. White insists the charges against him are baseless.

Several of the indicted officials of the miners' union announced this afternoon that they would appear voluntarily within a few days, not waiting for summons. Thomas Haggerty, a member of the miners' international body, said: "We welcome this procedure. We will fight the case, and if we lose will take our medicine. I know of plans or schemes by officials of the miners' organization and the coal operators of other states to ruin the trade of West Virginia operators."

ARMY DIVORCE CASE AGAIN POSTPONED

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 9.—The Merriam army divorce contest, set for today before Superior Judge Graham, was again postponed to give Major Murphy, the co-respondent named by Captain Merriam, time to arrive in San Francisco.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE AT SPRINGFIELD, MO.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., June 9.—The entire northeast section of this city was swept this morning by fire, causing a loss variously estimated at from \$700,000 to \$1,000,000. Fanned by a high wind, the flames spread rapidly and for a time threatened the entire city.

The Springfield Traction company and the Bell Telephone company were heavy losers, their wires being centered in the public square, where the flames started. The square was swept clean. The Heer Dry Goods company, in whose basement a fire started was the heaviest loser, the loss being estimated at \$250,000.

ALLIES FIGHT OVER SPOILS OF BALKAN WAR

Servia and Bulgaria Unable to Agree at London Conference—Many Points Unsettled—Greece to Support Servia's Claims.

LONDON, June 9.—More war in the Balkans was semi-officially admitted to be a serious possibility here today when the peace conference adjourned after a final session of three and a half hours. Servia did not participate in the conference.

The Balkan delegates will not meet until the powers force a renewal of the negotiations. All the envoys agree that many important points growing out of the Turkish struggle remain unsettled, and while it is not admitted openly, there is now little doubt that the chances of Servia and the Bulgarians resorting to the arbitration of war are more than grave.

No intimation was given out as to Greece's attitude should Bulgaria and Servia come to blows. It is probable, however, that as Greece and Bulgaria are at swords' points around Salonika, Greece will be found aligned with Servia if the clash comes.

STRIKE PROBE TO BEGIN TOMORROW

WASHINGTON, JUNE 9.—The senatorial probe into the West Virginia coal mine strike, made possible by the adoption by the senate of a resolution by Senator John W. Kern of Indiana, will begin tomorrow at Charleston, W. Va. Senator Borah of Idaho intimated today that federal legislation will follow the committee's report.

"We intend to get the facts and go to the bottom of the case," said Senator Kenyon of Iowa today. "We intend to see who is responsible for conditions, and whether congress can do anything to permanently protect the community from a repetition of the trouble. We will exercise great care and not grant witnesses immunity from criminal prosecution."

DOUBLE MURDER ON FARM IN IOWA

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa, June 9.—News of a double murder and suicide by a Grundy county farmer, Ben Kuseley, reached here today. Kuseley first shot and killed his son, Ralph, four years old; then he shot his daughter twice with a shotgun. The first shot blew off the 15-year-old girl's arm, and the second blew a hole through her chest, killing her instantly. Kuseley then fired twice at two other daughters, missing both, and finally blew out his own brains. He is believed to have been insane.

NEGRO SUSPECT FREED FROM JAIL

Albert Mitchell, the negro arrested Saturday morning, suspected with holding up Kim Yung, a Chinaman, Friday night on Oakdale avenue, was released from custody this morning. An investigation of the evidence against Mitchell disclosed nothing upon which he could be held. The police are working upon the case and are making every effort to locate the holdup.

OREGON CHINAMAN MUST HANG SAYS SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, June 9.—The United States supreme court today affirmed the decision of the Oregon supreme court in convicting Lem Moon, a Chinaman, of first degree murder. Moon killed Lee Tai Hay in Portland, March 7, 1908, during a tong war.

CLAIM BOOSEY DRIVEN INSANE BY LITIGATION

Complaint Sworn to Alleges That Perpetual Lawing Over Ten Dollar Strip of Land Has Unbalanced Mind—Now Quarreling with Court.

W. T. Grieve and E. E. Kelly, this morning filed a complaint before County Judge Ton Velle charging W. J. Boosey with litigious insanity and as soon as the defendant is apprehended he will be given a hearing on his mentality.

District Attorney Kelly stated this morning that Boosey's mentality had been so seriously impaired by his years of continuous litigation that he was no longer a safe person to be at large.

A number of years ago Boosey got into a law suit over a roadway strip on the south boundary of his land near Jacksonville, although the actual value of the land in controversy was not over ten dollars the case was taken to the supreme court and the judgment rendered against Boosey was there sustained. Boosey however would never conform to the mandate of the supreme court and has been arrested several times for contempt of court.

Boosey recently served a jail sentence for pointing a loaded shot gun at C. C. Sanderson who was at that time owner of the property adjoining the contested road strip. It is also alleged that Boosey has made numerous threats against others.

The county court recently condemned a road through the land adjoining Boosey's tract, granting Boosey's claim, in the hope that the long drawn out bickering and contention would be dropped, but after establishing this line, Boosey fenced off the new road and again obstructed the highway.

According to the District Attorney the various civil and criminal actions brought in the last ten years over this ten dollar strip has cost the county considerably over a thousand dollars. Boosey he says has for years harassed nearly every official of the county and state with a continuous correspondence over his fancied wrongs. The British consul, premier of Canada and the king and his secretaries have been repeatedly petitioned for protection. Although Boosey claims to be a subject of Great Britain he frequently votes in the Oregon elections.

HAMMER USED IN SELF DEFENSE

Virgin Basom, the 15-year-old Phoenix boy charged with assault with a dangerous weapon upon Julius Wattenburg, a Medford youth, was given a hearing before Juvenile Judge Touvelle Monday morning and after taking the testimony of several boys on each side the case against young Basom was dismissed.

According to the testimony, Wattenburg and four other boys went down to Phoenix last Wednesday in search of work. Not finding any other employment, they repaired to the banks of Bear creek in search of a swimming hole. Here they found Young Basom and two younger brothers repairing a fence. Young Wattenburg having previously declared that he would "lick the first Phoenix kid" he met, precipitated a fight with the Basom boy and attempted to take a hammer which the latter was working with away from him, and in the scuffle that followed Basom struck Wattenburg on the head with the hammer, inflicting a dangerous scalp wound.

A number of citizens of Phoenix testified to the good character of Basom and the boy companions who were with Wattenburg admitted that they had started the trouble.

PANIC AMONG INMATES OF CINCINNATI HOTELS

CINCINNATI, Ohio, June 9.—Occupants of four hotels on Walnut street here were seized with panic early today when fire destroyed a five-story building nearby. No one was injured.