

RAILROADS GIVE AWAY MILLIONS IN FREE PASSES

Interstate Commerce Commission Characterizes Issuance of Free Transportation as Menace to the Institutions of a Free People—Two Roads Gave 11,000,000 Miles.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Characterizing distribution of free transportation by railroads as a "menace to the institutions of a free people," the Interstate Commerce Commission today reported to the senate the results of its investigations under Senator Lea's resolution directed against the Louisville and Nashville and the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railroads.

The report says that during 1913 the two roads distributed free passes representing more than 11,000,000 miles of travel, valued at \$240,260.61 to more than 34,000 individuals in every walk of life.

The report says the Louisville and Nashville gave in the following numbers:

Who Got the Passes

United States senators, one; representatives, two; other United States officials, 139; state senators, 1556; state representatives, 2182; other state officials, 1769; Judges, 89.

The Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis gave the United States officials other than members of congress, 151; state senators, 5814; state representatives, 8439; other state officials, 1086; Judges, 170.

The commission informed the senate that while it could issue no order in the special investigation pursued under the resolution, it was making a general investigation in which it intends to issue an order dealing with the practice.

Discussing its findings, the commission said:

Source of Corruption

"In order properly to compile the required information lists of pass holders in the various classes were prepared. Such lists reveal the manner in which these carriers have dipped into practically every domain of public and private life, through the instrumentality of the free pass. There is scarcely a walk of life which is not represented in this procession of recipients of passes, from the federal bench to the local politician and the sheriff who summons the jury.

"The threads represented by these passes tie thousands of citizens to the carrier through improper relations. The lack of morality reflected by the facts here compiled is a menace to the institutions of a free people.

"These citizens, who sell their influence quite as much as though they

RICH YOUTH ON TRIAL FOR MURDER



Malcolm Gifford, Jr., son of a wealthy manufacturer, is on trial for the murder of Frank J. Clute, a chauffeur. Many of his personal friends and boy chums were called upon in an effort to convict the youth. That the necessity of testifying against him did not alter their personal feeling toward him was instanced by the cordial greetings exchanged with the prisoner during a recess. The above photograph was taken in the court room at Albany, N. Y., where the trial is being held.

PAN HELLENIC UNION THANKS THE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, July 9.—President Wilson received today a telegram from the Pan-Hellenic Union in America, thanking him for the sale of the battleships Idaho and Mississippi to Greece.

"We consider the transaction a great act of humanity in preventing the outbreak of a new war in the near east," telegraphed the president of the union.

KERMIT AND ALICE SAIL FOR NEW YORK

SOUTHAMPTON, England, July 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, daughter of Colonel Roosevelt, were on board the Imperator, which sailed for New York today.

accepted money bribes, seem to be as willing to be tied as the carriers are ready to tie them. Men pledge their influence quietly in the home, or school or club, in the professions, in business, in city councils and administrative boards, in courts of justice, in executive halls and at the polls."

CALLS ORGANIZED BASE BALL TRUST

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 9.—The motion to vacate the injunction obtained against Hal Chase by the Chicago American League baseball club, restraining him from praying with the Buffalo Federal League club was argued before Supreme Court Justice Herbert P. Bissell here today.

Keene R. Addington of Chicago, personal counsel for Chase, characterized the national agreement as a combination in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, in that it constitutes a traffic in players.

"Organized baseball does not come into court with clean hands," he said. President James A. Gilmore of the Federal League attended the hearing. Chase was not in court.

ARREST PERL FOR REMOVING ROAD BARS

Warrants will be issued this afternoon by Prosecutor E. E. Kelly, upon complaint of Resident Engineer Frank A. Kittredge of the Pacific highway, charging John A. Perl, the watched Perl and Hilton take down removing barricades protecting the Central Point road, and running their auto across fresh laid cement, causing damage to the work.

Four witnesses claim to have watched Perl and Hilton take down the barricade, and travel over the fresh cement. Alleged anxiety to get to Rogue river to fish is given as the reason, though nearly as good time could have been made over the temporary highway provided for traffic. The offense was committed this morning.

The complaints will be sworn to before Justice of the Peace Taylor.

UNWISE TO AGITATE MEXICAN PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Acting in accord with state department recommendations, that it was unwise to agitate the Mexico question in congress at this time, the house foreign affairs committee today voted to report unfavorably the Kahn resolution calling for information of alleged official assurances that constitutionalists might support arms from the United States by way of Cuba without interference.

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FISH POACHERS FINED \$150 APIECE AT MERLIN

Game Wardens Curry and Merrill were in Medford Tuesday examining local fish markets. They report the conviction of Rainey brothers in the Merlin justice court Wednesday for fishing with gill nets in the Rogue river below the legal limit. It

was the second trial of the case, the previous jury having disagreed, four to two. The poachers were fined \$150 each.

SAN DOMINGO REBELS TAKE SHOT AT U. S. GUNBOAT

WASHINGTON, July 9.—With four separate revolutions raging simultaneously and the American minister to the country returning home, after several months of fruitless efforts to restore peace, the little republic of San Domingo is causing grave anxiety on the part of the Washington government which is morally bound to maintain order there under the semi-protectorate created by treaty.

Today's reports showed no improvement in conditions on the island. For many months past, President Bordas obliged to maintain himself in office by a series of extra official decrees and partial elections, has been leading in person his troops against the rebellious generals in the northern part of the republic without being able to overcome them.

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