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VACANT CHAIRS IN FRENCH CHAMBER

PARIS, Dec. 18, 4:50 a. m.—There will be a number of empty seats in both houses when the French parliament meets December 22. Those of Senator Emil Raymond and Deputies Pierre Gougou, Edouard Nortier and Paul Proust, who were killed in battle, will be draped in crepe.

There are a number of senators and deputies in the territory occupied by Germany and the French government has been trying to communicate with them through the Spanish embassy in Berlin, but so far unsuccessfully.

Deputy Pasqual, a territorial lieutenant in the active French army, is another who will be missing. He was taken prisoner at Lambouge. Deputy Bastly, mayor of Lens, also will be absent as he is believed to have been shot by the Germans.

COMMUNICATIONS: In an article pertaining to the Phoenix schools published in the Mail Tribune Nov. 14, the statement was made that the principal did not hold a certificate entitling him to teach high school.

Since that time I have been informed that during the past season he has received a five year certificate which under the laws of Oregon permits his teaching the ninth and tenth grades. Now I had no intention of injuring the gentleman but merely to call attention to the incompetency and mismanagement of those in authority.

A STRANGE WOMAN: Madam Winterroth, palmist, clairvoyant and trance medium. Now located in our city is creating sensations by her true predictions.

RESTORING PROSPERITY

HOW that the eastern railroads have secured long-sought increase in rates, what will be the next concession necessary to re-establish prosperity?

All the demands of capital have apparently been met. Uncertainty has been removed. President Wilson has stated that his program of legislation to regulate big business has been completed—and the course business must follow to keep straight is plainly marked.

The danger of financial panic has been removed by the new currency law. No longer is a financial crash possible. Uncertainty has been eliminated and an elastic emergency currency provided.

The tariff is fixed for a number of years, at any rate, in response to years of agitation. Industry knows what to expect in this line also—uncertainty is removed.

The Clayton bill and supreme court decisions have outlined clearly the path between legal and illegal business. The restraints and regulations are known quantities.

Despite sneer and jeers of jingoes, the administration has kept the nation at peace with the world. Banks are full of money, record crops are bringing record prices. The demoralization caused by the European war is being gradually righted.

The permission to increase rates was claimed as the last thing needed to revive business. Let us hope it proves true.

Dissertation on the Bible

(Conclusion.) (By Dr. J. Lawrence Hill.)

At a time when there was, as yet, no English literature for the common people, this untold wealth of Hebrew literature (the Bible) was implanted in the English mind as in virgin soil. Great consequences have flowed from the fact that the first truly popular literature in England, the first that stirred the hearts of all classes of people and filled their minds with ideal pictures, and their every day speech with apt and telling phrases, was the literature comprised within the Bible.

It illumines and transfigures the present, for it brings God into it and places Him in living touch with our lives, and makes Him a helper in our moral struggles and spiritual aspirations, and our heroic, though imperfect, efforts to live the life of duty.

INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES (Continued from page 1.)

loys considerations presented, we agree in the conclusion that by virtue of the conditions obtaining at present, it is necessary that the carriers' revenues be supplemented by increases throughout official classification territory.

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"Carriers will be required to keep an account of the additions to their revenues from increases in rates subsequent to July 29, 1914, and from new charges, and to report separately thereon to the commission at the end of twelve and twenty-four months, respectively."

After stating the exceptions heretofore given, the decision proceeds: Joint Rates Permitted

"In our original report we declined, for reasons there stated, to allow increased rates in central freight association territory on cement, starch, brick, tile, clay and plaster. On further consideration in the light of the existing situation, these rates may be increased throughout official classification territory under the limitations herein set forth.

"Joint rates between official classification territory on the one hand and southeastern territory, the southwest and points on or east of the Missouri river, on the other, may be increased not to exceed 5 per cent of the division of the rate according to the carriers in official classification territory. If these increases involve a change in the relationship under the long and short haul rule between intermediate points and more distant points outside of official classification territory, relief from the fourth section of the act must be first secured on regular application.

Increase of Five Per Cent: "Interstate rates to and from New England from and to points in trunk line or central freight association territory, where necessary to preserve established relationships between points or ports in New England and points or ports in trunk line territory may be increased not to exceed 5 per cent."

"Subject to the maintenance of the established Atlantic port differentials, rates to and from New York may be increased not to exceed 5 per cent, and rates to and from Portland, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore may be increased to the extent necessary to maintain said differentials. Except as otherwise above specified, rates in official classification territory may be increased by not more than 5 per cent; but rates increased since July 29, 1914, may not now be again increased so as to exceed those then in effect by an aggregate of more than 5 per cent of the intra-territorial rate, or of the portion or division of the inter-territorial rate according to the road or roads in official classification territory as the case may be.

Details of Increase: "If fractions in excess of one-half a mill are rounded upward, fractions less than one-half a mill are to be discarded."

"In some instances, and in part because of the pendency of this proceeding, we have recently suspended proposed increased rates in this territory. Carriers may, if they so elect, now cancel such tariffs so suspended and file in lieu thereof tariffs which conform to the limitations above specified. If that is done, such suspensions will be vacated."

"To the extent above indicated, we now modify our previous finding, and carriers affected may file, effective on not less than ten days' notice, such tariffs as don't offend against the restrictions above stated."

Harlan Dissents: Chairman Harlan, while agreeing that the roads have established their needs of net revenue, in even greater amount than \$50,000,000, which the carriers indicated would result from the 5 per cent increase, declares his entire "dissent from the course now approved by the commission for permitting the carriers to augment the revenues."

"I cannot but think that a general increase in the standard rates of this country, while the rate structures of these carriers remain full of inconsistencies, discriminations and wrongful practices, that deplete their revenues, is morally wrong; that the placing of additional burdens on interstate commerce that is not also placed upon state commerce, is also wrong; and that the course approved in the supplemental report will ultimately be as disastrous to the carriers themselves as it will be harmful to the general interests."

Clements Also Dissents: Commissioner Clements, dissenting, says in part:

"I can but regard the action now taken by the commission as out of harmony with the spirit and purpose of the law, and as taking a step that leads away from the sound principles necessary to conserve the ends of justice."

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IT THEATRE: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. THE MILLION DOLLAR MYSTERY. Episode No. 29, The Secret Warning. MUTUAL WEEKLY NEWS NO. 91. THE STORY OF AN OLIVE. American. THE PASSING OF IZZY. A Rip Roaring Keystone Comedy. PHOTO PLAYS ALWAYS. Here SUNDAY AND MONDAY. THE KENWORTHY PLAYERS. SIX PEOPLE. In Comedy Dramas. An entire change each night. A fifty cent show at half price. A HOLIDAY SPECIAL.

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TALK IT OVER WITH YOUR WIFE. You've been seeing and hearing a lot about this "patronize Oregon Industry" movement. You know the good of it, and so does your family, but you've never quite reached the point of applying it directly to yourself, to your own case. Suppose you and your wife talk it over like two good, loyal boosters. You'll be surprised to learn how many opportunities to do something worth while for your home state in general and yourself in particular you have been overlooking. Let's all do our part—PATRONIZE OREGON INDUSTRY, and especially remember with your patronage, the following concerns who have subscribed to this campaign.

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