

NATIONAL RATE SLASH ORDERED BY COMMISSION

Cut in Western Territory 13 Per Cent; Purpose to Aid Business

WASHINGTON, May 24.—A general and nationwide reduction of freight rates averaging about 16 per cent were ordered today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. In western territory the cut ordered was approximately 13 1/2 per cent, in southern mountain and Pacific groups approximately 12 1/2 per cent, in eastern territory approximately 11 per cent, all effective July 1st.

The rate cut removed the percentage of general increases given all railroads in 1920.

The commission in its decision declared the general reduction in rate levels, "as substantially as the condition of carriers will permit," will tend to stabilize business conditions. Transportation charges have mounted to a point where they are impeding the free flow of commerce, thus tending to defeat the purpose for which they were established, that of producing revenue which would enable the carriers to provide people with adequate transportation.

Commission decided railroads were entitled to earn 3.4 per cent on the value of the railway property, compared with 6 per cent, which was made the reasonable return standard under the transportation act. Passenger and Pullman rates were not affected by the order.

The general question of whether railroad transportation charges in the United States had attained level, too high for business and industry to support was brought formally before the interstate commerce commission in the fall of 1921 on the commission's own motion although in response to nation-wide commercial and political suggestions. Farm organizations and representatives of western states, particularly those in the grain producing area, obtained marked concessions about that time to which railroad, voluntarily added a ten per cent reduction on practically all agricultural products all over the United States except in New England.

Before the commission, however, the railroad executives, statistical experts, and attorneys, developed the argument that railroad earnings were insufficient to justify any general decreases, at least until operating expenses and wage payments, as regulated by the railroad labor board, had been reduced. Every major industry in the United States was represented in the hearings, along with state regulatory bodies, most of whom sought lowering of transportation charges, but diverged in the degree of urgency which they suggested for the commission's action. The hearings extended over four months.

Secretary of Commerce Hoover, appearing at the request of the chamber of commerce of the United States, proposed that the commission should make over the existing rate structures on the principle of applying proportionately lower freights to the bulky, low priced, raw materials of industry and agriculture, such as coal, primary foodstuffs, and ores. Higher price finished materials and passenger traffic, Mr. Hoover suggested, might bear the charges until such time as railroad revenues had developed to the point which would allow reductions without endangering railroad credits. Immediate and tan-

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WEATHER PROBABILITIES

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy recorded a slight fall in barometric pressure this morning but the change was not sufficiently marked to indicate any great change in weather conditions.

Forecast for next 24 hours:
Generally fair; increasing cloudiness tonight, with moderate temperatures.

The Tycos recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures today as follows:
High 68
Low 36

CONFERENCE RESTORES ASTORIA, SAN DIEGO AND TACOMA AS PORTS OF CALL

NEW YORK, May 24.—An inter-coasting freight conference, consisting of representatives of various steamship lines today, restored Astoria, San Diego and Tacoma as ports of call pending a hearing before the department of regulations of the shipping board. No action was taken regarding Vancouver or Victoria, which were eliminated about a month ago together with the other ports.

RABIES OUTBREAK IN VALLEY FALSE ALARM, SAYS JEWETT

Predatory Animal Inspector Finds Report of 11 Cases to Be Without Foundation

Residents of Malin and Merrill are not threatened with extinction through a virulent outbreak of rabies caused by coyote bites, as was intimated in a letter written recently by Chas. G. Poole of Sacramento, predatory animal inspector, to Stanley G. Jewett of Portland, also a predatory animal inspector.

This was determined by Jewett, who made a personal inspection in Merrill and Malin following receipt of the letter. Jewett, in company with M. S. Ryckman, state hatchery superintendent, and R. C. Steel, U. S. game warden, in charge of the migratory bird department, left for Bend today.

Poole's letter told of 11 persons in Merrill and Malin having been bitten by mad coyotes, saying that several of those bitten were in a serious condition. Jewett said he had questioned the report but decided to make a personal investigation to ascertain the facts. He found the report to be without foundation and that with the exception of in the lava beds in Modoc county, which is without his jurisdiction, coyotes are not overly numerous.

"The first thing to do when an animal or a person is bitten by a coyote is to send the coyote's head to the state health department at Salem," Jewett said. "In this way it can be determined whether the animal really has rabies, as the negative bodies are always apparent in the brain of one diseased. After being bitten, rabies is not apparent for 14 days, and from that up to several months and even one year."

Jewett said the Pasteur treatment seldom fails to cure those afflicted by rabies. In shipping a head to the health department he advised packing it in ice.

ASKS WORLD PEACE

Forum Speaker Says Parents Should Hold Next Peace Conference

"It takes but a second to kill a soldier, but it takes twenty years for one of us mothers to rear a man," declared Mrs. Harold Peat, wife of "Private" Peat, at the chamber of commerce luncheon today. On this assertion she based a plea for world peace. She declared that the next peace conference should not be a congregation of premiers and world statesmen, but of the fathers and mothers of the boys whose lives are at the mercy of militarism, and of the girls who will be the mothers of the next generation of soldiers.

She asked for the co-operation of all mothers to prevent future wars, and asserted that the English speaking people could establish world peace if they combined to that end.

Private Peat was introduced, but reserved his talk for this evening at the Chautauqua tent. Miss Margaret Garrison, winner of the national oratorical contest, a Portland girl; Glenn L. Morris, and other Chautauqua members spoke. Mrs. M. C. Reed, director of the Chautauqua, presided.

CHARGES AGAINST DAUGHERTY

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Attorney General Daugherty was charged by Senator Caraway, democrat, of Arkansas, in the senate today with having assigned secret service operatives to shadow members of congress.

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, May 24.—Livestock and eggs steady, butter two cents higher, extra cubes 35 to 36, wheat \$1.21 to \$1.26, prints 40.

NOMINATION OF BEN W. OLCOTT SEEMS ASSURED

Complete Returns From All Counties Give Plurality of 627 Votes

PORTLAND, May 24.—Complete returns from Oregon's 26 counties, 12 unofficial, at noon today gave Olcott 627 plurality over Hall for republican nomination for governor. The figures: Olcott, 45,192 and Hall 42,475. Olcott carried 24 counties and Hall 12.

PORTLAND, May 24.—10:30 A. M.—Revised figures, complete and official, from 24 counties, and complete and unofficial from 11 counties, including incomplete from Baker, gave Olcott 43,995 and Hall 42,475.

SALEM, May 24.—L. E. Bean today sent his congratulations to Governor Olcott.

ALARM BID ACCEPTED

System Will Cover Whole City; Herald Named Official Paper

At a meeting today noon the city council accepted the bid of the Gamewell company for a fire alarm system and pronounced the Evening Herald the official city newspaper.

The fire alarm system will cover the city from Shipping to the lower Sixth street factory district, and will include schools and hospitals. Twenty-six alarm boxes will be installed. The total cost will be \$8,145, a saving of several hundred dollars under the bids first made.

The action relative to the Herald became necessary through the suspension yesterday of the Klamath Record, as city advertisements were scheduled for publication today.

FEATURE PICTURE HERE

The four-reef feature, Robin Hood and His Merry Men, to be shown at the Star theatre Saturday morning at 10:00 a. m. for the benefit of the children working in the clean-up campaign, has arrived and tickets are in the hands of district chairmen. Every child who works in the campaign is entitled to a ticket. Admission cannot be secured in any other way.

RADIO IS DECLARED GREATEST BLESSING OF ERA TO BLIND

Sightless Enabled to Receive News Daily Without Having It Read; Enjoys Concerts, Lectures

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 24.—Radio and the broadcasting of news and concert music through the air, was declared here today to be a God-send to blind persons by Charles E. Comstock, sightless from infancy, who heads the division for the visitation of the adult blind, connected with the state department of public welfare.

"The use of radio equipment by blind persons," Mr. Comstock said, "is undoubtedly the greatest blessing and comfort occurring in this era." He declared that this new invention makes it possible for sightless persons to receive news daily without having it read to them; that the state now has paid readers at the school for the blind at Jacksonville and the industrial home for the blind in Chicago.

"With the installation of radio equipment," Mr. Comstock said, "their services can be dispensed with. And not only can the blind man now have the advantage of current news, but he can listen to concerts and lectures. I have already equipped my home with radio and am receiving news directly from a central station in Chicago which makes a specialty of sending out bulletins for blind persons. For the past several evenings I have been listening to concerts given in Detroit.

Use of radio in the state school at Jacksonville and the industrial home in Chicago, is being contemplated according to announcement by Judge C. H. Jenkins, director of the state department of public welfare.

WOBBLY BOUND OVER

Alleged I. W. W. Organizer Held in Default of \$3,000 Bond

Louis Davis, alleged I. W. W. organizer, arrested here on May 19, and lodged in the city jail, in a hearing this morning in the justice court was bound over to the grand jury by Justice Gahagen. Bonds were fixed at \$3,000, in default of which Davis was remanded back to the custody of the sheriff and locked up in the city jail. The charge against Davis is criminal syndicalism.

Chief of Police Wilson said yesterday that the matter had been referred to the federal authorities with a view to having Davis deported, as he had come to this country from Austria 11 years ago and had made no attempt to become a citizen.

FLIGHT AROUND GLOBE STARTED BY ENGLISHMEN

Plane Capable of 115 Miles Per Hour; Cross Atlantic from Newfoundland

CROYDON, England, May 24.—A great crowd saw Major W. T. Blake and companions start today on an attempted 30,000-mile flight around the world.

The aviators are using a machine capable of 115 miles an hour. The first stop is scheduled for Paris. They will fly by stages to Rome, through India, China, Japan, Alaska and the United States, crossing the Atlantic from Newfoundland via Greenland and Iceland.

Major Blake estimated that with luck he could get around the world in three months, spending approximately 300 hours in the air.

MANY EGGS SHIPPED

12,000,000 Total From Klamath County for This Season

About 12,000,000 trout eggs have been shipped from this county to Douglas and Clackamas counties this season, according to Ryckman, state superintendent of hatcheries, who left here today for the northern part of the county.

The work of taking trout eggs is now under full swing at Diamond Lake and elsewhere in the county. One million have been taken from Spencer creek to the Fort Klamath hatchery at Crooked Creek, where six new concrete rearing ponds have been installed. A large number of trout will be liberated in Spencer creek.

Game Warden Stout will leave for Diamond Lake tomorrow.

LEAVITT'S VOTE 972

Typographical Error Gave Candidate of Only 872

A typographical error yesterday gave Judge A. L. Leavitt a vote of 872 in the primary election, while the correct figure is 972. The vote for E. L. Elliott was 674.

SIGNS COMMERCIAL TREATY

GENOA, May 24.—Commercial treaty between Soviet Russia and Italy was signed in the Royal Palace here today.

PROJECT MANAGERS WITH-OUT AUTHORITY TO WITH-HOLD WATER FROM USERS

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Secretary Fall notified all reclamation project managers today that they have no authority to withhold water from land owners and entrymen water users for non-payment of charges pending a decision by the secretary on each application for extension of time.

The decision was made in a test case affecting the Mindoka project in Idaho.

SCENIC OREGON TO BE ADVERTISED BY BUREAU WITH SIGNS

Will Be Located at Strategic Points in Adjoining States; Bureau to Open Branch Here

PORTLAND, May 24.—Pursuant to its function in attracting tourists to the state, the Oregon Tourism and Information bureau, with headquarters in this city, has contracted with the largest out-door advertising company upon the Pacific Coast for the erection of six immense sign boards, depicting "Oregon, the Scenic Wonderland."

The signs, which will be painted in the highest style of the sign painter's art, will be ten feet high and fifty feet long. The signs will be located at strategic points in California, Utah, Washington and Idaho. A sign on the most traveled road in the vicinity of Los Angeles will show Crater Lake in all its grandeur; one near San Francisco will show the Oregon caves and their magnificent mystery; a sign on the Lincoln highway, east of Salt Lake, will illustrate beautiful Wallows lake in Eastern Oregon; a sign on the highway east of Pocatello, Idaho, will illustrate the grandeur of the Wallows and Blue Mountains; a sign on the Yellowstone trail, east of Spokane, will attract the attention of the west-bound tourist to the magnificence of the Columbia River highway; and another sign on the Yellowstone trail, east of Walla Walla, will illustrate in heroic size the beauties of snow-capped Mt. Hood.

The managing committee of the bureau contemplates changing the signs in a few months to other scenic marvels of Oregon, thus carrying out the broad principle inaugurated when the bureau was first organized, to give every portion of the state impartial treatment.

A branch information bureau will be established in Klamath Falls about June 1.

AMUNDSEN PREPARES

Power Schooner Being Provisioned For Seven Year Drift

SEATTLE, Wash., May 23.—Ronald Amundsen's 292-ton power schooner, Maude, now being provisioned here for a seven year drift in the arctic ocean which the explorer believes may take him and his crew of nine across the north pole, is no novice in bucking ice floes. The staunch little ship proved her mettle on a previous excursion into the far north. When the Maude leaves Seattle on June 1 for the arctic drift, it will be her second venture on polar exploration.

Amundsen left Christiania in the Maude in 1918. In 1921 he returned to Seattle from the Siberian coast because ice had crushed his ship's propeller. To avert a recurrence of this misfortune, the Maude will carry four extra propellers.

On the present trip, if the Maude can do her work in four years, Amundsen will be both surprised and pleased. The little boat is 120 feet long, 42 feet of beam, draws 16 feet and her bottom is easy curving with a special keel. She is constructed of wood, and because of her shape it is believed ice will not crush her heavy timbers, but instead lift her bodily.

The boat can proceed either under motive power furnished by oil burning engines or under sails. With her wireless she is expected to keep the explorers in touch with the inhabited portions of the world. Two airplanes will fly from her deck over the vast white stretches of the frozen northern ocean and facilitate the charting of that little known region. One of these planes is capable of carrying nine passengers, and the other three persons, so that in case

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LAST KLAMATH RECORD ISSUED; MURRAY OWNER

End Comes After Checkered Career; Had Astonishing Editorial Policy

The Klamath Record, published by Don Belding, et al, is no more. The end came late yesterday when the common stock of the company was delivered to E. J. Murray. Failure to obtain financial restoratives was the direct cause of the demise.

Since becoming a daily the Klamath Record has led a checkered career, and the end came as no surprise. Many, in fact, were amazed that it had managed to survive at all following the break with E. J. Murray, whose contract to purchase the Record was upheld by Judge Stone recently.

An outstanding feature of the Record during the recent ownership was its erratic editorial policy. Today a supporter of the working man and the eight-hour day tomorrow all for the operator and the nine-hour day, its readers were at a loss to understand just what the newspaper stood for. This eccentricity was also apparent during the primary campaign. In the early stages of which the Record announced that an "investigation" had proved George A. White to be the most desirable candidate. Shortly after the visit here of Charles Hall the Record suddenly came out strong for Hall and the "Ke-Kia-Kia" when it declared to be "100 per cent American." A significant fact was that most candidates named on the Record's ticket were defeated in Klamath county.

Murray said today he would continue publication of the Record, as well as the Record he has published weekly since November, but that he would issue a Sunday newspaper under a different name.

"The name 'Klamath Record' is a disgrace to the community and a stench in the nostrils of the people," Murray declared. "From now on the name will exist in memory only."

EVANS GIFTED ORATOR

Chautauqua Speaker Has Wide Reputation; Nephew of L. George

International responsibilities will be discussed tomorrow night on the Chautauqua platform by Dr. Arthur Waiwyn Evans, a nephew of Lloyd George, the English statesman. Dr. Evans is a native of Wales but left his native land 12 years ago and is now an American citizen.

He is reputed to be a gifted orator and a keen analyst of men and affairs and his lecture "Let There Be Light" bares vital truths and gives a new viewpoint on the problems and relationships of English speaking peoples. In Wales and England first, then in the United States and Canada, Dr. Evans has created a deep impression.

The Jugo-Slav Tamburicans, minstrels of the Balkans, will give a concert at the afternoon performance, and a prelude performance in the evening. The tamburica is their native instrument, resembling the guitar and mandolin but with greater tonal possibilities.

The big tent was packed for the first performance last night. The artist trio proved worthy of the advance notices given them. Mather Hilburn's humorous portrayals won much applause. His delineation of the chief character in James Whitcomb Riley's "Nothing at All to Say," and his portrayal of a pedantic professor were especially good.

Glenn Morris, the electrical wizard and Harold "Private" Peet, are today's features. Private Peet appears this evening. Private Peet appears tonight on peace, "Introducing Your Neighbors."

BRIGADIER WOUNDED

BELFAST, May 24.—Brigadier General Higginson, who recently commanded the British infantry brigade at Cork, was shot and wounded while riding near Tipperary today.

WHAT DOES HE MEAN, "BROTHER!"



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