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## COMMISSION HITS WELLS FARGO A BODY BLOW

### GENERAL REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT ORDERED ON RATES IN OREGON

#### "MERCHANDISE" RATES USED AS BASIS FOR FIXING "GENERAL SPECIAL" RATES

After Deliberating for Over a Year and Conducting a Long Series of Investigations, the Railroad Commission Declares Sweeping Reductions in Express Company's Tariff, in Harmony With the Order of Last Year Against the Pacific Express Company Rates, Affecting all Railroad and Steamship Lines Operating in Oregon—Order Effective in Forty Days.

After an exhaustive investigation of the express rates charged by the Wells Fargo Express company in this state—an investigation which extended over the period of a year, and which included in its scope of examination every express rate in force and effect in the United States, the Oregon Railroad Commission today made an order reducing all the "merchandise" and "general special" rates of the company 20 per cent, making a reduction of about 30,000 rates in effect between the railroad points in the state where the company is engaged in business. The new rates become effective and in force within 40 days after service of the order upon the company.

**Made on Own Initiative.**  
The investigation was made by the commission upon the complaint of Hon. B. F. Jones, of Polk county over a year ago, and it necessitated several hearings before the case could be closed. The hearings in their range took in every phase of

the company's business—began with its pioneer days, and traced its growth down the years clear up to the present. It included a detail examination of the operating expenses of the company in the United States, the risks attendant upon the business in which it is engaged, the net earnings, and finally the rates charged. Finally in order to arrive at a just and equitable decision, the commission had a hearing with the company's officials at Portland for the purpose of determining the operating expenses and earnings in the state, and then after a careful consideration of them, the commission decided that they were unreasonable and high and today made an order directing their reduction.

**The Rates Affected.**  
The rates affected by the order are the "merchandise" and "general special" rates. The "merchandise" rates, about 15,000 in number, are all set out and specified in the order, but the "general special" rates are

to be ascertained by a scale which is set forth in, and made a part of, the order. The scale is as follows:

When the "merchandise" rate in cents per 100 pounds is: 40, 50, 60, 75, 85, 90, 100, 110, 125, 140, 150, 160, 175, 200, 225, 250, 275; the rate on "general special" matter in cents per 100 pounds shall be: 40, 40, 50, 60, 65, 75, 80, 85, 100, 110, 120, 125, 140, 150, 175, 190, 210. If a "merchandise" rate named by the commission in its order is not named above the next higher "merchandise" rate given above is used as a basis in making "general special" rates.

**Also Affects Other Rates.**

While the order directly applies only to the "merchandise" and "general special" rates, it also affects most of the other rates of the company. It has this effect because most all of the express rates are based on the "merchandise" rates of the company and as these have been reduced by the commission, it will result in reduction of many of the other rates.

Below are given a few of the old and new "merchandise" rates and a perusal of them will convey some idea of the reduction made by the commission. The figures given indicate the cents charged per 100 pounds.

Between	Merchandise
Salem and	Old New
Albany	60 45
Lebanon	70 55
Eugene	90 70

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### KANSAS JUDGE ADVOCATES STATE DIVORCE BUREAU

Kansas City, Mo., July 13.—Declaring that the divorce courts are the scene of more perjury than all other courts combined, Judge Thomas J. Seehorn, of the circuit court, advocates a state divorce bureau.

"Such a bureau," said Seehorn, "should have supervision over every divorce case in the state. A vast majority of cases go by default. Men or women wanting divorces can now bring three character witnesses into court, regardless of how disreputable they are, and secure their decrees."

## POLICY IS TO CLOSE OPEN DOOR

**IN NEW TREATY, JUST SIGNED, JAPAN AND RUSSIA INCORPORATE VEILED STIPULATION WHICH IS REGARDED BY DIPLOMATS AS AN INDICATION ON PART OF THOSE NATIONS TO CLOSE DOOR OF MANCHURIA TO ALL OTHER POWERS, AND ENGLAND AND UNITED STATES MAY OPPOSE THIS AGREEMENT.**

London, July 13.—That Japan and Russia, through their new treaty, made public today, have slammed shut the "open door" in Manchuria, is the tacit admission of diplomats here.

Although none will openly state his opinion, it is the general belief that England and the United States, in particular, and other world powers will oppose the new agreement.

The third clause of the treaty, which is the shortest one on record,

## GERMAN NEWSPAPERS COME DOWN GRACEFULLY FROM THEIR HIGH PERCH

covering so important a question, is expected to be the trouble-maker. It reads:

"In case any event arises of a nature to menace the status quo above mentioned, the two high contracting parties shall, in each case, enter into communication with each other, in order to arrive at an understanding as to the measures that may be judged necessary to take for the maintenance of said status quo."

The second clause is a promise to maintain the situation as it now is. That means the present open door policy. The third clause is regarded as cancelling the second. Should England or America or any other power become formidable in Manchurian trade, Russia or Japan would deem it a "menace to the status quo," and could take action.

That action would be a raise in rates on their railway lines in Manchuria. This raise would exclude all merchants, except those of the czar and mikado. If the rates were raised it is believed here that England, the United States and Germany would make strong protests.

The position in which the treaty places China is also a dangerous factor. China regards both England and Japan as intruders in Manchuria. At the present time China is overawed by force, but later she may resist any attempt by the treaty powers to discriminate against Chinese as merchants by raising rates on Manchurian lines.

**Full Text of Treaty.**

Tokio, July 13.—The full text of the Russo-Japanese treaty regarding the Manchurian situation was made public here today. The treaty was signed at St. Petersburg July 4 by representatives of both powers. Its provisions follow:

Article 1. With the object of facilitating communication and developing the commerce of nations the two high contracting parties mutually engage to lend each other their friendly co-operation, with a view to

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## "TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT" IS DUE TO A SLIGHT MISUNDERSTANDING

When It Is Learned That Kaiser's Effusive Letter of Congratulations to President Madriz, of Nicaragua, Was Not Given Out by Washington Department His Royal Highness Hastens to Back Down From His Attitude of Defiance, as Applied to the Central American Situation, and Fingers of the "Mailed Fist" Have Relaxed Their Rigidity.

Berlin, July 13.—An explanation of yesterday's muddled state of affairs in the German foreign office, when two diametrically different statements were given to the press relative to the Madriz letter incident, was offered today, when it was learned that Privy Councillor Hamman, chief of the press department of the foreign office, was absent.

In his absence two subordinates, endeavoring to meet what appeared to be an acute situation, tangled matters in a manner which for a time gave an ordinarily trivial situation a serious aspect.

**[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.]**

Berlin, July 13.—A case of badly crossed wires in the foreign office seems today to be the explanation of yesterday's "teapot tempest," resulting from Germany's attitude toward the United States in the Madriz letter incident.

Events occurred with such rapidity in the foreign office yesterday as to suggest a bad case of rattles in the department, and for a time it looked as though the Monroe doctrine, the status quo and quite a bit of other diplomatic bric a brac was in danger. Today the fingers of the "mailed fist" have ceased to twitch, and appear to be folded quite peacefully.

The situation which developed seems to have hinged entirely on a mistake of the German foreign office, in jumping at the conclusion that the state department at Washington had given to the newspapers the letter of the Kaiser, endorsing the election of President Jose Madriz, of Nicaragua. When the German officials, after going off prematurely with their statements to the press, found that Washington had not published the letter, but that it had been given out by friends of Madriz, they about-faced with more haste than dignity, and the result was a violent conflict of statements, not only between the afternoon and morning papers of foreign countries, but between the statements appearing in the morning and afternoon editions of the official inspired press of Berlin.

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## TEN CITIZENS OF NEWARK, OHIO ARRESTED FOR LYNCHING DETECTIVE

**[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.]**

Newark, O., July 13.—Ten citizens charged with participation in the lynching of Detective Carl Etherington are in jail today and have been refused bail. They face a grand jury probe Monday of the death of Etherington and it is expected that indictments for first de-

gree murder will be demanded by Attorney-General Denman, who will have personal charge of the investigation. The situation has caused anxiety here and Newark realizes that the state authorities are in earnest in their efforts to make the little city pay dearly for last week's rioting.



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