

REDUCTION IN GRAIN AND HAY RATES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 27

EXTERNAL FORCE CAUSE OF DEATH CLAIMS DOCTOR

Zey Prevost Describes Party in Arbuckle's Rooms at Hotel.

Court Room Crowded; Says Actor Threatened to Throw Girl Out.

San Francisco, Nov. 21.—Dr. H. Edward Castle and Dr. W. Francis B. Wakefield testified Monday in the trial of Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, charged with manslaughter in the death of Virginia Rappe, that the body of Miss Rappe had bruises on it before death. Dr. Wakefield is the owner of the hospital where Miss Rappe died.

Dr. Wakefield testified, in his belief, Miss Rappe's fatal injuries were due to application of external force.

The court room was crowded and crowds stood in the corridors.

Zey Prevost testified she attended the party in Arbuckle's room in the hotel St. Francis Labor day, at the time it is charged Arbuckle fatally injured Miss Rappe.

Miss Prevost testified Miss Rappe went into Arbuckle's room and that the film comedian followed her and locked the door. Mrs. Bambina Maude Delmont, according to Miss Prevost, testified she then began to tear at her clothing and crying "I am dying, I am going to die."

Miss Rappe was put into a cold bath and then put to bed. Miss Rappe lay screaming with pain and Arbuckle cried: "Oh, shut up, or I will throw you out of the window," she testified.

He then applied a piece of ice to Miss Rappe's body in an effort to revive her.

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ADOPT REPORT.
Washington, Nov. 21.—The house Monday adopted the conference report on the tax revision bill. The measure goes to the senate where Republican leaders plan to pass it by Wednesday night.

COMMISSION DISREGARDS COMPROMISE PROPOSED BY ROADS; SLASH MANDATORY

Order 10 Per Cent Lower Rate on Corn Than on Wheat; Western Group of States Will Receive Benefit; Reduction Will Approximate 16 Per Cent; Order Positive.

Washington, Nov. 21.—A positive order was issued by the Interstate Commerce commission Monday requiring the railroads to put the approximately 16 per cent decrease in hay and grain rates into effect on or before next December 27.

The order follows up the decision given October 20 by the commission which declared grain and hay rates from the Mississippi valley to the Pacific coast unreasonably high, but which did not carry compulsory orders.

The October decision instructed the railroads to make the reduction by November 20 which was not done because the railroads opened negotiations with the commission suggesting that a 10 per cent decrease in freight rates on all agricultural products be substituted for the larger decrease on grain products and hay alone.

Disregard Compromise.
The commission, however, by the order issued Monday disregarded the compromise proposed by the railroads and makes the larger decreases on hay and grain mandatory upon the roads.

The order issued made specific and definite the hay and grain reductions. The original decision said railroads should reduce the rates on the products concerned by one-half of the increases given in 1920. The commission ordered hay and grain rates between points in mountain-Pacific territory at not more than 12.5 per cent above the rates in effect before the 1920 increases.

West Benefited.
Between points in the western group as defined in its decision where 40 per cent increases were allowed in 1920 the commission Monday ordered them made effective as 20 per cent; between other western group points the commission held rates shall not exceed 17.5 per cent above the old schedules and between points in the mountain-Pacific group and points in the western group the increase above the old 1920 schedule shall be held to 16.2-3 per cent. The effect of the order thus is to make specific the percentage of reduction in the territory concerned. The commission also reiterated its decision requiring the roads to fix rates for coarse grain such as corn at 10 per cent less than the rates on wheat.

WOMEN VOTERS MEET
Des Moines, Nov. 21.—Ten thousand persons Sunday attended the funeral of Alderson Barry, who was shot and killed while leaving the Ballykinnir camp recently. The cortege was three miles long, and included thousands of volunteers and eight bands. Volleys were fired over the grave. Bishop Cohan and 80 of his clergy attended the funeral as well as a representative of Eamonn de Valera, with the Jord mayors of Dublin and Limerick and many members of the Dail Eireann.

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PREMIERS TO MEET
London, Nov. 21.—Sir James Craig the Ulster premier, has accepted Premier Lloyd George's invitation to meet him Wednesday for an informal talk on the Irish question. The meeting will take place in the prime minister's official residence in Downing street.

HINT RADICALS STARTED BLAZE ON OCEAN LINER

Federal Agent Probe Cause of Fire on Ship Carrying Governor.

Water Pumped Into Hole Caused Ship to List in Rough Sea.

New York, Nov. 21.—Searching investigation was begun Monday by federal agents of a mysterious fire discovered in the hold of the steamer Tanamo, immediately below the state-room of Governor E. Mont Kelly of Porto Rico, shortly after the liner sailed from San Juan.

Gov. Kelly refused to comment on the fire but a member of his party expressed the belief which he said was shared by the captain of the vessel, that had been set as the result of a plot against the governor by sympathizers of the nationalist party.

It was pointed out that Governor Kelly had been the subject of threatened letters both before he sailed to take up his duties as governor and since his arrival in Porto Rico.

The fire in the hold of the Tanamo was discovered last Tuesday by Governor Kelly himself but it was not until Thursday that it became alarming.

Passengers Frightened
Water pumped into the hold in an effort to quench the fire caused the vessel to list heavily and Captain Herbert Hudson ordered the lifeboats swung out on their davits ready to be launched.

Most of the 20 passengers on board were terror-stricken, as they were convinced the lifeboats could not weather the heavy seas that were running if it became necessary to put out in them. Heroic efforts of the Tanamo's crew, however, beat the fire down so that it was almost extinguished when the steamer arrived last Sunday.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS TRIPLE MURDER CASE; REVOLVER MISSING

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Three Plants Fail to Decide on Slash

Omaha, Nov. 21.—Packing plant employees of the Cudahy company at Omaha, Kansas City, and Wichita, meeting as plant conference board employee representatives, adjourned Monday without reaching any agreement on the question of accepting a wage cut similar company and other packing house workers, according to information given out by the company today. They will meet again Tuesday.

WEATHER

Reported for The Tribune by the U. S. Weather Bureau at Helena.

Observations taken at 8 p. m., Nov. 21, for Preceding 24 Hours.

	High	Low	Prec.
Great Falls	12	0	0
Helena	10	0	0
Missoula	10	0	0
Miles City	4	0	0
Calgary	6	0	0
Chicago	22	0	0
Los Angeles	74	50	0
New York	46	38	0
Portland	34	0	0
St. Paul	4	0	0
San Francisco	62	48	0
Seattle	34	28	0
Spokane	20	18	0
Williston	2	14	0

Weather Conditions—Pacific Slope, Northwest and Canadian Northwest.
The high pressure area that has been central over Montana and western Canada since Sunday has increased in strength and extends from the upper plains westward through the border states to the north Pacific coast. The region of highest barometers was over eastern Montana Monday night. There has been but slight change in temperature to Montana and the province, and below zero temperatures are general. There has been unusually heavy precipitation throughout southern Montana and westward to the coast. The pressure is low from eastern Washington southward to the middle Rockies, accompanied by high temperatures in Colorado, Utah and southern Idaho.

Montana Forecast
Snow Tuesday and Wednesday, continued cold.

JUDITH CAPITAL

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ed electors of Stanford precinct 38 1/4, and five representing registered electors of the Arrow Creek precinct, in all of which instances it was shown that at least one of the two witnesses was a registered elector of a precinct other than the one in which the absent voter was registered. This line of evidence was introduced in support of plaintiff's contention that the absent voter's ballot cast by these electors were faulty, in view of the requirement that both witnesses must be electors of the precinct in which the absent vote is registered.

In connection with this line of evidence, the plaintiff also sought to include the formal challenges which had been filed against these voters, to which the defense objected and the objection was sustained.

Hobson Claim on Absentee Voters
Judge Rasch then read into the record the vote upon the county seat question in these three precincts, as follows:

Stanford precinct 38: Number voted on county seat, 282, of which 275 were cast for Stanford and 7 for Hobson.

Stanford precinct 38 1/4: Number voted on county seat, 215, of which 212 voted for Stanford and 3 for Hobson.

Arrow Creek precinct: Number voted on county seat question, 95, of which 92 voted for Stanford and 3 for Hobson.

Eleven absent voters' ballots were cast at Arrow Creek, 34 in Stanford precinct 38, and 31 in Stanford precinct 38 1/4. Counsel stated it was impossible to determine by inspection of the ballots which candidate absent voters supported.

In a stipulation as to the admission of challenges as evidence, general objections were made by the defense, which objections also contained the claim that the challenges were not made upon any grounds recognized by law.

Returns Made in Severalty Form
Upon cross-examination and for the purpose of bringing out the idea that the applications submitted by the plaintiff might not have been the only applications and affidavits furnished by the absent voters, the defense called L. J. Lehman, clerk of Fergus county, who testified as to the jumbled condition of the election materials as they had been turned over to him by his predecessor and the fact that they were so mixed up he could not determine what might or might not be contained in various pouches.

He testified that some of the papers being used in the case were collected from several pouches and some of the absent voters' applications and affidavits had later been associated with the envelopes in which they are now contained.

He testified that he had searched 23 pouches and had in one of them found election materials from the Valentine precinct in Fergus county. He was instructed to bring into court two pouches, which were listed as miscellaneous election materials, and from

these took 23 packages, bundles and envelopes consisting of an assortment of voted and unused ballots, stubs, absent voters' envelopes shown to have come from the various precincts of West Straw, West Buffalo, West Stanford, Denton-Sage Creek, Philbrook, as well as from Cascade county and Fergus county precincts.

He testified he had no knowledge that any of the absent voters of Arrow Creek and the two Stanford precincts were not registered electors of those precincts.

On re-direct examination he testified he had found the pouch of Stanford precinct 38 padlocked and had to break the lock to inspect the contents, and that in the pouches from Arrow Creek and the two Stanford precincts he had found no supplies other than those of those respective precincts.

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SHORTS ARE FAVORED.
New York, Nov. 21.—Tight money and less optimism favored the short interests in the stock market Monday. Leaders were under pressure, showing occasional heaviness. Sales approximated 675,000 shares. The close was irregular.

MAINTAINS MAJORITY
Brussels, Nov. 21.—The legislative elections will not greatly alter the political aspect of parliament on the basis of the results thus far received, according to Premier Wiertz. The Catholic party appears to have maintained its majority.

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