

COMMERCE COURT SUITS COMMISSION Interstate Commerce Officials Approve Taft's Des Moines Speech. PLAN THE RESULT OF LONG CONFERENCE Members Think Scheme Better Than Original Idea of Curtailing Body's Powers.

By J. C. WELLIVER.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is in favor of President Taft's proposal for the creation of a federal court of interstate commerce. The commission's jurisdiction of appeals from orders of the commission. This announcement has not yet been made officially, but it will be made in due time. The commission in its forthcoming annual report will add its recommendation to that of the President for this determination of the difficult problem of judicial authority over matters of interstate traffic.

President Taft in his Des Moines speech set forth for the first time his program of reorganization of the interstate commerce legislation. That speech was made several weeks after a conference, in New York, of Cabinet lawyers and members of the interstate commission. The proceedings of that conference were kept very secret. It was known that prior to that time the President had leaned toward a legislative program which was not at all satisfactory to members of the commission, nor to the commission's friends in Congress. It looked to division of the commission's authority, and decided reduction of its standing and importance.

When, therefore, the New York conference was arranged, it became the opportunity for the commission to present its case just as fully and vigorously as possible. Commissioners Knapp and Frouy attended the meeting, and it is now known that they handled the questions under discussion with the greatest vigor. More Power—Not Less. They made clear the impracticability of any scheme which involved division of authority and lessening of power. They urged more power, and more concentration of that power, and they pleaded for the maintenance of the commission as the repository of the power.

Out of their long experience and intimate knowledge of the problems of railroad regulation the commissioners made their case so strong that they overbore all opposition. They had their way. They made it plain that the cabinet lawyers, when it was all over the agreement had been reached, on behalf of those present, that a program entirely satisfactory to the commission should be put forth; and the cabinet members undertook to present this conclusion to President Taft.

With what success the matter was urged upon the Executive may be judged from the fact that the Des Moines speech was so highly satisfactory to officials of the commission, and fairly represented their idea of the understanding which had been reached at New York. Disagrees With Bailey. A member of the commission recently said: "I have never been very certain about the Bailey proposition that we could absolutely take away all jurisdiction of interstate commerce suits from all courts except the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court, it is true, is the only one expressly established by the Constitution, and at first glance it seems that Bailey is right in contending that Congressional action can be directed to whatever jurisdiction Congress may see fit to give them."

"But, on the other hand, the Supreme Court, while the Constitution makes it a separate court, there seems to be no way of getting into it by appeal. Can you appeal to a court from a commission? It seems to me that an appellate court can be given jurisdiction only of appeals from subordinate courts, and the commission isn't a court; therefore, I am not at all sure whether an appeal from it to the Supreme Court would be entertained by the latter."

Railroads Choose Forum. But, conceding that there must be some provision for a court review of orders of the commission, the commissioner turned to the present situation. "The railroads," he said, "choose their forum. They take their appeals to the court where they have reason to expect the most consideration. The result is a conflict of determinations, and until the Supreme Court decides among them, nobody knows what is the law; each jurisdiction has its own. By the time a case gets to the Supreme Court, the particular case is liable to be decided on some narrow point, which excludes a ruling on the general principle involved. And then we are as much in the dark as ever, and it must all be done over."

"Now, a court of interstate commerce, sitting in Washington, which general courts cannot possibly do, it would work with them exclusively. Its decisions would come to be accepted by the Supreme Court as representing the judgment of specialists, and they would be interfered with only in exceptional cases, was manifestly necessary. The records would be made up in such fashion that when a case is decided by the Supreme Court, it would be good deal more likely to decide the real, essential point in issue. It seems to me, on the whole, that such a court should make all friends of the commission and of the policy of effective regulation favor the court idea as the President has proposed it."

View of Commission. The foregoing expression represents not only the view of the commissioner who delivered it, but it is known to stand for the view of the commission as a whole. There are some things in the President's program as outlined at Des Moines which some of the commission's friends think are "too strong," which he omitted to say at Des Moines which they wish he had said; but as to the court of interstate commerce, the commission is decidedly with the President, and this is expected to be about the most important thing demanded by the President in his message.

FIRST AUTHENTIC PICTURES



PRINCESS OF BRAGANZA, Formerly Miss Anita Stewart. PRINCE OF BRAGANZA.

This former picture of the young Prince of Braganza and his bride (who was Anita Stewart) was taken at the time of the wedding. It is the first authentic picture of the bridegroom to be published. At the time of the wedding a great many American papers published pictures of a man with a military mustache, which they entitled the "Duke of Braganza." They were, in fact, pictures of this young man's father when he was young. The young couple have been trying to avoid social attentions since the wedding, and, though their honeymoon hiding place was discovered by their friends, they have steadfastly declined invitations.

MANY PAY DEATH PENALTY IN ALPS

During Year 151 Killed, 217 Injured—Swiss Government Aroused. GENEVA, Switzerland, Oct. 2.—The annual death toll of the Alps this year—151 killed and 217 injured—has aroused widespread public opinion throughout Switzerland, and the strongest pressure possible is being brought to bear in favor of the enactment of strict government regulations to control mountain climbing. As is the case every year, the majority of the victims of the high peaks were either inexperienced people climbing for pleasure or were trying to make the heights without guides. Hundreds make foolhardy attempts at climbing high mountains every year, and the Swiss officials are much aroused over the making of the Swiss Alps what they call the "graveyard of the Continent."

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HALL OF FAME VICTIM.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—The steps to the Hall of Fame at New York University were chosen today by a nameless suicide for his last look at life. The man shot himself in the head, and when found still grasped a revolver. The body was taken to the morgue.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 2.—One hundred and one-year-old Michael Powers, of Danville, today celebrated his birthday by taking a trolley ride to Bloomsburg, ten miles away. It is the first that he has had in ten years.

SEASON IS OPENED BY PENNSYLVANIANS

The Pennsylvania Society of this city will inaugurate its fall and winter season with a special meeting this evening at the Pythian Temple. A program of recitations and music will be given, and all Pennsylvanians are invited to attend.

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BAND MUSIC TODAY AT POTOMAC PARK

The fall series of Potomac Park band concerts will start this afternoon at 4:45 o'clock, the band of the Engineer Corps appearing. Until Saturday, October 23, the Engineers and the Fifteenth Cavalry band will alternate Wednesdays and Saturdays.

STATE TO GET TAX.

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 2.—The State of Oregon will collect from the estate of the late E. H. Harriman, as soon as the appraisement of his personal property is made, approximately \$500,000 as an inheritance tax.

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