

# WAR IS THREATENED

## A Rate War on Transcontinental Roads Very Probable.

### AGREEMENT WAS BROKEN

#### Michigan Central Company Threatens To Reduce Freight and Passenger Rates.

After five years of observance, the anti-commission agreement is alleged to have been broken by several roads. This charge was made by the Michigan Central, it is understood, at the late meeting in New York of the Joint Passenger Committee, but the fact seems to have been carefully concealed. Specifically, the Michigan Central accuses some of its competitors of secretly cutting rates and paying commissions to agents of steamship lines by whom they were shared with travelers.

When a resolution was offered authorizing the Vanderbilt road named to make as low a rate on second class traffic as any of its competitors, a stormy scene is said to have ensued. It could not have been carried without an unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Notice was then given by the Michigan Central that it would avail itself of the privilege of protecting itself against competitors under the following clause in the anti-commission agreement of the presidents:

"If the agreement not to pay commissions and not to deal through scalpers and to maintain agreed fares shall at any time be deviated from by any of the lines, such deviation shall abrogate the standard lines from longer observance of their agreements."

It was not until this was inserted in the agreement that the Vanderbilt lines and the Michigan Central in particular could be induced to become a party to it. It affords an opportunity for the standard lines to meet whatever rates are made on the first or second class traffic of the different roads, if they can prove a violation.

Efforts so far to induce the Michigan Central to withdraw its threat have been unavailing and if it is carried into effect, it will tend to provoke the ugliest passenger rate war that has been known in years. It is well to remember that General Passenger Agent Ruggles of this road always acts advisedly and has invariably been upheld by President Ledyard. Such a charge as has been made, must, therefore, have had a substantial basis. If there have been irregularities with steamship agents it needs no stretch of the imagination to determine the possible underlying cause, in view of developments and circumstances connected with immigration traffic during the past year or two.

It has been proposed that second class traffic east bound from Chicago be pooled, the Baltimore & Ohio, Lackawanna, Erie, Grand Trunk, Lehigh Valley and Nickel Plate, are favorable to the plan, but the Michigan Central, New York Central, Wabash and West Shore take a negative attitude.

So many times have disputes equally as serious as this gone to arbitration and averted an open fight, that ultimately this one may be disposed of.

The passenger rate situation throughout the West has not been so bad as at present for many years. Rates are being cut freely in all directions and especially between Chicago and St. Louis and Chicago and St. Paul. If ever commissions are restored it will not be easy to again have them abolished.

Mormons and Prophets to Turn States Evidence in Smoot Case.

Washington, Dec. 3.—All of the secrets of the Mormons' endowment-house ceremony are to be revealed when the hearing in the case of Senator Reed Smoot is resumed by the senate committee on privileges and elections a week from next Monday. The opposition to Senator Smoot will attempt to show in these revelations that the Mormon people in this ceremony renounce allegiance to the United States. In addition the robes of the ceremony will be exhibited to the committee, and as far as possible there will be a reproduction of the scenes in the endowment-house. One form or oath taken is said to be this:

"I will avenge the blood of prophets who are killed in the nation and will teach this to the remotest generation."

During the previous hearings all of the Mormon witnesses, including the apostles, refused to reveal the endowment-house secrets, insisting that they were bound by a secret oath. They were not pressed further, but were simply requested to state whether or not there had been any change in the oath and ceremony since the foundation of the church. They said there had not.

Now the opposition will produce witnesses who have been Mormons, but who have renounced the church. Three of these witnesses have been

found who have been through the endowment, one as late as 1898, and they will reveal all of the secrets. Special stress will be laid at the coming hearings on the political power of the church, and Senator Dubois of Idaho has been very active in producing testimony in this line.

"The result of the recent national election," said Senator Dubois tonight, "goes to prove the participation of the Mormon church in political affairs. Should such a power remain unchecked it is altogether probable that some time the Mormon church could turn the balance in a presidential contest."

### CANNED SALMON.

#### Prices Subject to the Official Pack in Alaska and Columbia River.

The Fishing Gazette of New York under date of November 26, sizes up the salmon situation as follows:

The eastern market pursues the tenor of its way. Undoubtedly large bulk sales are being effected on the Pacific coast, but the situation remains practically unchanged. Quotations on Red Alaska, although somewhat widely divergent, are well maintained by both the large producing interests. The change of ownership of the large combine which was recently brought under the hammer has not at all affected the market on the past season's pack.

Salmon are quiet and unchanged, says the Philadelphia Grocery World of the 7th inst. There is a general belief that nearly the whole of the 1904 pack of red Alaska remains unsold, the stock on sale up to date having been the surplus of the 1903 pack. If this proves to be true, it means a slump in the market or some masterly financiering.

A leading Japanese importing firm has complained that Canadian exporters of salmon require inspection and weighing on the Canadian side as a condition. The result is little or no business. On the other hand United States houses agree to accept Yokohama customs weights. Another kick is registered because when first catch salmon are contracted for it occasionally happens that some of the second comes mixed up with it.

The suggestion is made by the United States engineering office that trapping on the Pacific coast might be removed without losing the location. At present it is considered a serious menace to navigation in those waters.

Receipts of Alaska salmon at San Francisco for the season to October last were 1,056,620 cases, against 1,498,320 cases last year.

The market is practically unchanged being confined largely to assortment orders, says the San Francisco Trade Journal of recent date. The trade throughout this country and Europe continue to buy on conservative lines, letting packers carry stocks from which to draw as required. The pack this year will foot up much larger than had been estimated, not falling much below that of 1903. The increase comes largely from the increase in the fall packing on the Oregon and Washington coasts, Columbia river and Puget sound; even British Columbia's fall pack will show an increase. The fall pack will give a liberal supply of the cheaper grades of fish outside of pinka. The latter are in comparatively light supply. It is hoped that Japan will come in and relieve the market of any excess that may be had of the lower grades. It is quite likely that country will come in later as its supply of salt or smoked salmon decreases. Large quantities were put up by Japanese in the waters of Alaska. The east continues to report a good demand for the season for salmon, but the individual orders are comparatively light, yet they aggregate well, which shows that the trade buys as wanted. England reports dull markets.

For the benefit of strangers, it may be stated, that there will be services in all the churches today.

**His Wanting Love.**  
"I am afraid George is beginning to grow cold toward me," half sobbed the young wife.  
"What's he been doing now?" inquired her mother sharply.  
"In his last letter he only sends me a thousand kisses, and always before he used to send 10,000,000."

**The Wish He Doesn't Gratify.**  
"You told me that when we were married you would see that my every wish was gratified," remarked the bride of a few weeks.  
"Well?" replied her husband rather curtly.  
"Well, I wish I was single again."—Philadelphia Press.

**She Was Going.**  
Hoax—My wife went out to shop today and lost a pocketbook containing \$20. Joax—Did she lose it going to the stores or coming back? Hoax—Going. I said there was money in it, didn't I?—Philadelphia Record.

One of the striking points of human nature is that a man usually can see how aptly criticism fits some one else.—Insurance Press.

**Awaiting Re-enforcements.**  
"He doesn't seem eager to begin the battle of life."  
"I think he is waiting to be re-enforced by a rich father-in-law."—New York Press.

**Three Tramps Arrested on Suspicion of Murder.**  
Leicester, Mass., Dec. 3.—Great excitement prevails in this town over the brutal murder of Mrs. Emma Brigham, 56 years old, whose body was found this morning in a wood lot near the home of her mother, Mrs. Jane M. Richard, with whom she lived in Leicester Centre. The body was covered with boughs, and bloodstains were discovered all over the snow in the vicinity.

Mrs. Brigham left her mother's home yesterday afternoon to go into the wood lot for the purpose of gathering boughs. She did not return at the expected hour, and her mother enlisted the aid of neighbors, who searched the woods until midnight. The search was renewed this morning, when the body was discovered about 9 o'clock.

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# FINE LARGE GRAFT

## Two Thousand a Month Paid to Officers by Gamblers.

### SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR IN IT

#### The Amount Received Said to Be Divided Up Between Five City Officials.

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—Police Commissioner Hutton made a quiet raid on Chinatown and found all the gambling games in full operation. Inquiries were made as to the manner of conducting the games and it was discovered that some of the gamblers were paying \$2,000 a month for the privilege. It is alleged that Mayor Schmitz, the labor candidate, Abe Ruef, Chief of Police Whittman and Drinkhouse, are cognizant of the gambling and have knowledge of how the graft is disposed of.

Shortly before 10 o'clock Commissioner Hutton raided the fantan club at 820 Washington street, and captured eighty-seven players at the game with evidence that makes their conviction a certainty. The police knew nothing of his scheme until whistles called Sergeant Ellis and squad to the place where the eighty-five Chinese and two Japanese gamblers were under arrest. All there was left for Ellis to do was to have the prisoners conveyed to the City Prison.

Hutton made his raid just twenty-four hours after Sergeant Ellis had escorted him through all the leading gambling clubs. Monday night he let the commander of the Chinatown squad into his scheme.

### FOOTBALL IN PORTLAND.

#### A Big Game Scheduled for Next Saturday Afternoon.

Portland, Dec. 3.—Association football lovers, numerous among the many English, Canadian and Scotch residents of Portland, will probably have the pleasure of seeing a revival of their home game in this city, a number of enthusiasts being disposed to organize a club, secure grounds and endeavor to place on a popular footing a fast, scientific game that is practically unknown here. A match game will be played Saturday afternoon at Hawthorne Park between an eleven selected from old Portland players and a team from British vessels at present in the river. A similar game two weeks ago resulted in a victory for the city players by 6 to 1, and disclosed the fact that a strong sentiment toward the game exists among the British-born people here.

There are several veterans in Portland who at one time figured prominently on the big English Scotch and Canadian league teams. It is figured that a season's "brushing up" under good leadership would produce an eleven among the old players readily capable of holding its own with the crack teams of British Columbia towns and of San Francisco. The game has not yet a very strong hold at points nearer than these. Seattle and Tacoma are said to possess semi-organized teams, while Ilwaco, Wash., is usually able to put up a stout fight. Fossil and Condon, Gilliam county, had a fine team of Scotchmen two years ago, but they have failed to keep up practice.

The principal difficulty locally is presented in the lack of suitable grounds. If possible after the game Saturday an organization will be formally launched, which will then take up the question of going to the expense and labor of establishing in Portland a form of athletics that frequently draws 75,000 and 100,000 people to a league game in England and has such a powerful place among the odd score of athletics actively pursued in Canada that scarcely a crossroads in the older provinces has not its association football team.

### MISSING WOMAN FOUND.

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years old, of Springfield, Mass., and George Rivet, 34 years old, of Burlington, Vt. They slept in the woods near the scene of the murder last night.

### Shakespeare Memorial.

New York, Dec. 3.—An effort is to be made, says a Times dispatch from London, to bring to realization the long discussed project of an adequate Shakespeare memorial in London. Subscriptions are to be invited in all parts of the world and the promoters count on getting a large amount from the United States. Ambassador Choate is a member of the committee to deal with the preliminaries.

### Worst of All Experiences.

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years" she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was marvelous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered. For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by Chas. Rogers Druggist."

### Correct Clothes for Men

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—Lord Chesterfield to his son.

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