

INVESTIGATE MUGER

Public Service Commissioners to Investigate in New York.

CREATED BY GOV. HUGHES

Charges Are That The Stocks Of The Merged Companies Controlling The Transportations Of Greater New York Have Been Highly Watered.

NEW YORK, August 1.—The public service commission of Greater New York, created by the legislature by the earnest request of Governor Charles E. Hughes to regulate public utilities, will today begin the most important task it has undertaken since its creation. This work, an investigation into the merger of the transit facilities of Manhattan and the Bronx, has long been demanded by the public through the medium of the press. Charges that have been made are that the stocks of the merged railroad properties, which include the subway, elevated and street railways have been highly watered and that the transit facilities offered the public are grossly inadequate. The merged railroads are known under the name of the Interborough-Metropolitan Company, and August Belmont and Thomas F. Ryan are the men in control. Theodore Shonts, formerly chairman of the Panama Canal Commission has recently become president of the company.

William E. Wilcox, chairman of the public service commission and until recently postmaster of New York, will preside at the investigation which will be conducted by William Ivins, the special investigator employed by the commission. Mr. Ivins, who is a successful lawyer, has gained a fame second only to that of Governor Hughes as a keen inquisitor in public investigations.

The first session of the investigation which is to be held in the Aldermanic chamber of the city hall, will begin at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

NO AGONIES OF COURTMARTIAL.

Colonel William Tucker Will Be Spared Answering Wife's Complaint.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—A special to the Tribune from Washington, D. C. says: Lieutenant Colonel William F. Tucker, paymaster of the Department of the Lakes with headquarters at Chicago, will not be court-martialed upon the complaint preferred by his wife, Mrs. Logan Tucker. The report of the inspector general charged with the investigation of the affair establishes that the paymaster has not been guilty of any violation of the law or the army regulations. Adjutant General Alsworth has forwarded the document to Secretary Taft at Murray Bay, Canada, for his consideration and action.

STOWAWAYS AT HONOLULU.

HONOLULU, July 23, via San Francisco, Aug. 1.—The immigration officers now have conclusive proof that the Funchan police authorities actively aided stowaways to get aboard the British steamship Kumeri when that vessel was in the port of Funchan taking on immigrants for Hawaii. In all 74 stowaways got aboard the vessel, several of them having been brought from the jail by the police. A policeman in uniform was stowed away. When found he had his official sword with him. This was taken away from him by the ship's officers. When he left the ship here he demanded the return of the sword. All of the stowaways who could qualify as immigrants were permitted to land here by order from Washington.

COREANS GOOD COUNTERFEITERS.

HONOLULU July 23, via San Francisco, Aug. 1.—United States Marshal Hendry has arrested several Koreans charged with counterfeiting ten dollar gold pieces. The bogus coins are of very good quality and so far as appearances go, but lack weight and ring. The apparatus for minting the bogus coins is quite effective and elaborate and is said to have cost \$1,000. It has not yet been located. The principal in the gang is said to have served imprisonment in Corea for counterfeiting there.

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Silk and Woolen Jumper Suits; Elaborately Trimmed and Beautifully Designed. This season's favorite styles, very attractive models. Formerly sold from \$18 to \$50 during this sale from \$8.50 to \$20.00

Shirt Waist Suits; beautiful models for present and early fall wear; swag creations of artistic designing; made and trimmed in compliance with every dictate of dame fashion. Formerly sold from \$20 to \$50. During this sale from \$9.00 to \$22.00

Silk Coats, three quarter and full length, circular and straight cut; long sleeves, fancy buttons, in natural poncee colors and in black and white. Formerly sold from \$7 to \$45. During this sale from \$3.00 to \$19.00

Panama and Voile Suits, good for the present and early fall use; pretty styles and designs; made in a manner that makes them breathe taste and refinement. Formerly sold from \$24 to \$60. During this sale from \$9.50 to \$28

Skirts in all the newest materials and shapes; tastefully trimmed and finish; pretty designs; truly beautiful. Formerly sold from \$5 to \$18 during this sale from \$2.00 to \$7.00

Waists in Silk, Lingerie, Mull, and Lawn; pretty shades and designs; artistically trimmed and finished; correct models of this season's most attractive styles. Formerly sold from \$2 to \$15, during this sale from 75c to \$7.00

Heatherbloom Petticoats; exact imitation of silk, with deep flounce, tucks, dust ruffle. During this sale 90c

Muslin Gowns, slip over style, short sleeves and in high necks with long sleeves, lace and embroidery trimmed. During this sale, each 90c

Wash Belts, Embroidered, Tucks, Pearl and Metal Buckles. Worth from 50c to 75c. During this sale at only, each.... 10c

Muslin Underskirts, made full size, embroidery and lace trimmed, tucks and dust ruffles. During this sale 90c

Corset Covers, dainty selection to choose from, worth from 75c to \$1.50. During this sale, each 25c



What a Dress was Responsible For

There were music and dancing and feasting. In a recess sat a couple, as couples have sat from the beginning of the world, first under the primeval forest, then in a skin covered dwelling and now in splendid residences. The man was in the conventional black, the woman in a dream of a costume that had just been turned out at the hands of an artist.

"Your answer is final?" asked the man almost with a moan.

"Yes."

"But you have admitted that you could be very happy with me."

"The happier I could be the more miserable I would be."

"What do you mean?"

"In poverty I would suffer in seeing you suffer."

"But you might wait for something better than poverty. At the gold fields I shall!"

"A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

"Well?" anxiously.

"Within a few days I shall be engaged to a man whose fortune is not in the bowels of the earth."

It was with a sickening sensation about the heart that he went away from the place where he had been told that all he cared to strive for was denied him. He turned and looked back at the lights, and the music came to him in mockery. Should he go to the river and end it all or carry out his intention to go to the gold fields? The former course was but a momentary weakness; the latter would take him far away from the girl who was about to pass to another.

A man with a few streaks of gray in his hair and beard entered a ballroom. At the farther end a woman stood with her back to him. The moment his eye lighted on her costume he started. Fifteen years before the girl who had worn that dress or its counterpart had refused him and told him that she was about to marry a man whose fortune was a real tangible thing, not a dream of the future. The figure was the same, and the hair, like hers, was jet black. He advanced, and when still at a distance she turned. She was like his lost love, too much like her for the interval of years that had passed since he had seen her. He had expected to see her look older. But it was she. Of that he was quite sure.

She walked past him on the arm of an attendant, but gave no heed to the newcomer who was so much interested in her. He was not surprised that she did not recognize him. If she had not changed he had. He had been buried in a wilderness and had done nothing but dig in the earth.

"That," he said to a friend, pointing at the same time to the girl, "is or was Miss Howes?"

"Yes, Miss Howes."

"Please present me to her without speaking my name plainly, so that she will not hear it."

The introduction was made and "Donald King" so distorted as to sound like another name.

"Are you a resident of the city?" asked the girl by way of introducing conversation.

"I was at one time. I have been away a long time."

"I thought you must be a stranger, since I don't remember ever to have seen you before."

"You have known me well."

"I?" She looked at him searchingly. "I must admit that you have passed out of my memory."

"That's natural. It's years since we parted. I might not have recognized you had it not been for something to guide me."

"And that is?"

The orchestra gave the call for a dance. A man came hurrying up to Miss Howes and led her away.

Donald King laid his plans to make more than a casual acquaintance of his former love and kept his identity so well concealed that he did not reveal himself. He was careful to chat with her only on subjects entirely disconnected with their past affair and learned little more about her life since then than she knew about his. He wished to know why she had not married, as she had intended, but feared to reveal himself by asking. He made rather quick love, but the lady seemed inclined to listen.

Finally he revealed himself in this wise:

"When I went away you said that you considered a bird in the hand worth two in the bush. Why did you not take the bird in the hand?"

"You speak in riddles."

"You are the woman I loved and the only woman I shall ever love. I might not have recognized you on my return had it not been that you wore the same dress as the night before my departure, when you told me there was no hope for me on account of my poverty. But on my return I recognized you, and you excited in me the same."

"Are you certain of your senses, or have you mistaken me for some one else? That dress was given my older sister years ago by my cousin, Edith Howes. My sister wore it occasionally, and now that its sleeves and other things in its makeup have come again into fashion I have been making use of it."

"And you are not Edith Howes?"

"No, I am Rebecca Howes."

Donald King married Rebecca Howes. One day while driving with his wife they met a woman fat and forty with prematurely white hair. Rebecca smiled at her.

"Who is she?" asked the husband.

"Edith Howes, the only woman you ever loved," replied his wife, with a laugh.

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RATE WAR IN CALIFORNIA.

Companies Operating Between Los Angeles and Frisco Will War To End.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 1.—That the slashing of freight rates by the steamship companies operating vessels between Los Angeles and San Francisco did not end as cut out was demonstrated when the Pacific Coast Steamship Company announced a new schedule which will go into effect Sunday.

The new rate is 2 to 3 cents lower than the one announced Tuesday. The notice of the new rates was telephoned to Los Angeles by the general freight agent at San Francisco.

When asked if they would meet the new rate, the district freight agent of the Independent Company stated that they were here to stay and would continue to haul freight.

The present schedule makes it practically impossible for either company to operate at a profit, as the railroads charge 15 cents for hauling the freight to the wharves, leaving the steamship companies six cents with which to defray the expenses of hauling the freight.

Both companies state that they are in the field to stay and will keep up the fight to the end.

FIGHT COMMISSION.

HOUSTON, Texas, August 1.—The Southern Pacific Railroad has filed an injunction to restrain the railroad commission from enforcing an order to run trains. This starts a general fight on the powers of the commission.

Remedy for Diarrhoea—Never Known to Fail.

"I want to say a few words for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I have used this preparation in my family for the past five years and have recommended it to a number of people in York county and have never known it to fail to effect a cure in any instance. I feel that I can not say too much for the best remedy of the kind in the world."—S. Jemison, Spring Grove, York County, Pa. This remedy is for sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

AMERICAN LIFE IN TEXAS.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 1.—The American Life Insurance Co. of Lynchburg, Va., today filed an application in the state insurance department for a permit to do business in Texas. This makes the sixth new life insurance company that has applied for admission since the big companies began withdrawing because of the Robinson insurance law.

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