



DID NOT POST NEW TARIFFS

Point Taken by Attorney for Lumbermen in Rate Case Hearing.

WILL SUPPRESS COMPETITION

Arguments in the Federal Court at Seattle Relative to the New Tariff on Lumber and the Endeavor of the Lumbermen to Secure Injunction.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 30.—In the Federal court today the attorney for the Oregon lumbermen attacked the sufficiency of the posting of the new tariff on lumber which now requires should be placed conspicuously in railroad stations in advance of inauguration of the tariff. That it was argued had not been done in certain places in Oregon. The railroads were also attacked by counsel for the lumbermen on the grounds that the new tariffs were plainly to suppress competition and were illegal, unjust and therefore should be enjoined.

The new lumber tariffs, which the Northern lines and the Harriman system have filed with the interstate commerce commission, propose an increase in the freight rates from the Pacific Coast to Mississippi Valley basing points of 10 cents a hundredweight. Lumbermen are gathered from Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho. Judge Hanford and Judge Wolverton are hearing the arguments.

WILL LOWER COST.

Financial Disturbances Will Reduce Living Expense.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—That the present disturbed financial condition may bring in its wake a general and substantial reduction in the cost of living was the talk yesterday among jobbers, wholesalers and retailers of meats, eggs and other food products.

Some of them expressed the belief that a reduction of 10 per cent in the retail price of meats may be made in a few days, should the present money stringency continue.

Nearly one million cases of eggs are in cold storage in Chicago. For several weeks fresh eggs have sold at 27 cents a dozen retail and the "cooled" variety at 23 cents.

South Water street many dealers are quoting the best creamery butter at 26 cents a pound wholesale. This probably will cause a reduction in the retail price of from 35 cents to 30 and 31 cents a pound.

STRIKE ON MEXICAN CENTRAL.

Quarrel Between Conductor and Chief Dispatcher Cause.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 30.—Not a wheel is moving on the Tampico Division of the Mexico Central Railroad, all of the operating force having walked out yesterday. The men in the shops joined them. The strike was caused by a quarrel at Cardenas between a conductor who is said to have been drinking and the chief dispatcher. The conductor drew a pistol on the trainmaster and another dispatcher coming to his aid the conductor was disarmed and thrown down stairs. The three men, Americans, were taken to prison and the operating force refused to work until they are released. A special government representative is endeavoring to settle the trouble as is a representative of the road.

DEATH BY GAS.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—Mrs. Charles Nahlen, 49 years old, who has been despondent over her husband's death 12 years ago, was found dead in a gas-filled room at her home last night. She is believed to have committed suicide by opening a jet after locking the door and closing the windows.

Besides the body of Mrs. Nahlen was found her pet black and tan dog which had evidently followed its mistress and was also overcome by the fumes.

RUSSIA AND TURKEY.

PARIS, Oct. 30.—Russia has Turkey at its mercy at last through diplomatic maneuvers which have just leaked out. The czar has obtained the long sought advantage through a treaty with Bul-

garia. In the event of Turko-Bulgarian troubles, Russia pledges itself to aid Bulgaria with 18 cavalry and artillery regiments and in return Bulgaria promises to loan its new torpedo flotilla to the czar if needed.

GREET O'BRIEN AT YOKOHAMA.

Brilliant Reception is Tendered New Ambassador.

YOKOHAMA, Oct. 30.—The new American ambassador, Thos. J. O'Brien, and his wife were introduced to the foreign residents of this city last night at a brilliant reception given at the residence of Consul-General Miller. There was a large attendance of Japanese and foreigners, including embassy attaches. The mayor of Yokohama and leading residents combined in expressions of welcome from the united Japanese and foreign interests to the diplomatic representative of America.

W. J. BRYAN TALKS.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—"There is no chance for a general financial depression so long as we continue to have crops for you can't bankrupt the people when they can sell their crops for good money," asserted Wm. J. Bryan, last night during a hurried trip across the loop district to catch a train for Evans-ton where he was to speak.

"The present trouble," said he, "is largely due to the investigations that have disclosed the exploitation of fictitious values. But I do not lay the blame upon the administration. It has merely pointed out an end. The wages of sin is death in business life."

TACOMA GREET THEM.

TACOMA, Oct. 30.—Seven of the fairest daughters of Hawaii, tired after a tedious journey from Portland, but nevertheless cheerful and happy, arrived in Tacoma last night with the acknowledged intentions of remaining until they can see "Tacoma grow," as one of the Honolulu belles put it. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. Edith Tozier Weathered, formerly of Portland.

POSTAL LEGISLATION

Postmaster General Will Make Recommendations.

REGARDING PARCELS POST

Changes to be Made in Present Laws—Will Point Out Advantage to Farmers of Rural Parcels Post—Will Advocate Postal Savings Banks.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 30.—Postmaster-General George von L. Meyer, at a dinner at the Union League Club Saturday, made an address in which he called attention to recommendations which he proposed making in his annual report for the consideration of the next Congress. On the question of parcel posts, he said:

"I shall recommend the same rate, 12 cents a pound, and the same limit of weight for parcels, whether intended for points in this country or abroad, which means a reduction of 4 cents a pound and an increase in the maximum weight to 11 pounds."

Taking up the rural parcels post question, he said: "I shall recommend a parcels post system on the rural delivery routes, a special rate to be charged on packages for delivery from the distributing offices of the rural route, or if mailed by a patron of any rural route for delivery to a patron on the same route or at the distributing office of said route. The rate would be 5 cents for the first pound and 2 cents for each additional pound up to 11 pounds. This will be a great boon to the farmers."

Regarding postal savings banks, the postmaster-general said: "As an evidence that it is not the desire of the government to compete with the private savings banks in obtaining deposits of the people, I shall advocate a rate of interest of 2 per cent per annum, or 1 per cent semi-annually, and a limit of \$500, not more than \$250 to be deposited in any one year. My own belief is that, far from its being a detriment to the established banks, it would be, in the end, an advantage. Now, in order to get this money back into the channels of trade, I propose to ask Congress for authority to place the savings in the national banks."

HARRIMAN ORDERS WORK TO STOP

Unsettled Financial Conditions Given as Reason for Discontinuance of Construction.

HURTS IMPORTANT EXTENSION

General Manager O'Brien Gives Order to Bring All Extension Work to a Close on Nov. 1—Several Eastern Extensions Would Have Been Completed.

PORTLAND, Oct. 30.—Work on all extensions in Oregon and Idaho of the Harriman system will be brought to a close November 1, and thousands of men thrown out of employment as the result of the order by General Manager J. P. O'Brien of the Harriman lines in Oregon. O'Brien today issued the following statement: "Owing to the unsettled financial conditions I have deemed it wise to withdraw all forces from new construction work. In addition thereto and following the general custom at this season of the year by reason of weather conditions, department heads are reducing forces to the customary winter basis."

The order affects several important pieces of work which were nearing completion. The Riparia-Lewiston extension of the O. R. & N. would have been completed by January 1st. This road would have given a water level route from the Idaho belt to Portland. Two other Eastern Oregon projects, the Walla-walla extension, from Elgin to Joseph, and the Umatilla Central from Pendleton to Pilot Rock are indefinitely postponed. On Western Oregon the order stops work on the Oregon Western, the Southern Pacific line now being built between Coos Bay and Drain, and on two branches on the Oregon Eastern, one of which was to run from Natron to Klamath Falls and the other from Natron to Vale.

CALIFORNIA ACTS.

Governor Gillette Announces Legal Holiday.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Oct. 30.—At a late hour this afternoon a message was received from Governor Gillette, who is at Eureka, announcing that tomorrow will be declared a legal holiday by proclamation and that a like proclamation will follow each day until confidence in the financial situation in the state has been restored. The proclamation will be formally issued in the morning.

BANK CLOSES DOORS.

California Safe Deposit & Trust Company Suspends.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 30.—With the exception of a flurry caused by the closing of the California Safe Deposit &

Trust Co., this has been a very quiet day in banking circles. The plan of issuing clearing-house certificates does not seem to cause any inconvenience and small amounts of coin were paid to various depositors to meet pay rolls.

There were no attempts made to withdraw large sums from any of the clearing-house banks and business at the savings banks was normal. Besides stating that they were in no way alarmed about the situation, the local bankers declined to predict what would be the effect of the closing of the California Safe Deposit & Trust Company.

SITUATION IMPROVES.

New York Financial Condition Nearly Normal.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—The financial situation today was so nearly normal that there were few new features of importance. It was stated by bankers that calls for money from the neighborhood of New York and the entire East appeared practically satisfactory and such calls that there were from West of the Mississippi river. These calls are being met as fast as the conditions permit. State Superintendent Williams gathered up most of the cash in the suspended banks today and deposited it in going institutions, thereby adding several millions to the available funds.

DEATH FROM ALCOHOL.

Bodies of Four Men Found by Track-Walker.

TUCSON, Ariz., Oct. 30.—The bodies of four unknown men were found by a railroad track-walker today at Maricopa. Investigation showed that death resulted from drinking wood alcohol stolen from a box car. One member of the party who was found near the scene was placed under arrest. He refuses to give the names of the dead men. It is believed the men are miners, as one of them carried a union card from Globe, Ariz. The name on the card was Fitzpatrick.

PLAGUE DIMINISHES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 30.—Following is the official bubonic plague statement to date: "Number cases to date, 78; deaths, 50. Diminution in the relative number of deaths increases daily."

KIDNAPPING CASES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 30.—Attorney Schlesinger asked for another day's delay this morning on behalf of Luther Brown and Porter Ashe who appeared before Judge Dunne to plead to the indictment charging them with kidnaping Fremont Older, managing editor of the Bulletin. The judge granted a continuance on an understanding that the defense would be ready tomorrow.

AUTOMOBILE CASES.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—The court of special sessions is to have a house cleaning in automobile cases. There are now 400 cases to be disposed of, and the appellate division decided last week that offenses can be punished under the state law, which brings these cases to special session.

It is understood that the justices of special sessions, have agreed on this scale of penalties:

First offense—a fine not to exceed \$50; second offense, a minimum fine of 50 and a maximum of \$100; third offense, thirty days in prison.

GOVERNOR WOULD RESCIND ORDER

Proclamation Declaring Legal Holidays Proves to Be a Boomerang.

BUSILY SEARCHING STATUTES

Portland Banks Re-Open and Transact Business After Assuring the Governor it Was Necessary to Have Holidays Declared.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 30.—The Governor issued a statement to the press today, saying that the conditions of Oregon's banks and business in the state were never better. He says he would recall his five-day holiday proclamation at once, but the Portland banks consider it safer to continue the same in force. The office of the secretary of state is issuing no warrants on the advice of the attorney-general during the period covered by the proclamation. Governor George E. Chamberlain will cancel the remaining three days' legal holiday, if there is any way to do so. The Governor has been searching the statutes at the State House at Salem in the hope of finding some method of annulling the holidays ordered at the request of the bankers.

Considerable criticism is being expressed as to the hurried action of the Chief Executive of the state, and while business men and depositors understand that he made the proclamation owing to the strenuous representation of Portland bankers who journeyed to confer with him, yet they feel that the situation could have been met, as well, by protecting the banks, by proclamation from day to day. As the matter now stands the banks all over the state are resuming business, but all legal proceedings are at a standstill.

Many banks have not closed their doors, and it is expected that our local banks will re-open today, and that business in financial circles will proceed along their normal courses.

SHOT SOLDIER IN THIBET.

American Must Now Stand Trial in United States Court at Shanghai.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 30.—An American named Dementil will appear shortly in the American court here on the charge of manslaughter for the killing of a Thibetan soldier.

Dementil, who has been traveling in China, desired to cross the frontier into Thibet, but the Chinese authorities refused to allow him to proceed without a passport and he refused to turn back. Near Batang, which is a Chinese town on the Thibetan frontier, he got into a quarrel and shot a Thibetan soldier.

He escaped at the time, but was pursued and captured and conveyed to Chungking, whence he was sent to Shanghai.

PROVIDE MORE DOCKS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—In the course of the discussion at the cabinet meeting some attention was devoted to the subject of providing more adequate docking facilities for large vessels of war at places on the Pacific Coast. This subject has become prominent in official circles on account of the decision to send the battleship fleet to the Pacific and the knowledge that the present docking facilities are wholly inadequate. San Diego, where the navy has a coal-ling station, was regarded as the place for the establishment of another large naval base, but no attempt to settle the matter was made as the general board will take up the entire question of additional navy yards on the Pacific Coast, and will make an advisory report to the secretary of war.

ADVANCE ON LUMBER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 30.—A big advance on lumber shipments from this state to all eastern points goes into effect Friday. About 12,000 cars of fir and 5,000 cars of redwood are annually shipped from California to the east, and the advance in rates is equal to \$30 a car. Similar rates may go into effect on the same date from Oregon and Washington, but the lumber shippers of the

Northwest are fighting the matter in the federal court. They seek an injunction against the Hill and Harriman roads and the federal court is to decide the matter tomorrow.

LARGE PASSENGER LIST.

SEATTLE, Oct. 30.—When the Empress of China sails from Vancouver this morning it will carry the largest passenger list recorded on a Canadian Pacific liner, according to Arthur B. Calder, general passenger agent for this line in Seattle. Mr. Calder returned from Vancouver yesterday, and reports that there is nothing in the appearance on the upper works of the vessel to show that it recently sank at its dock.

"The cabin furnishings were unharmed," said Mr. Calder. "I went over the vessel, and there are only a few places that the water got into the cabin, and workmen have removed all traces of this. The passenger list is the largest ever carried by one of our vessels on this Coast. There are 185 saloon passengers, and more than 1000 in the steerage."

FLOOD CAUSES SUFFERING.

MADRID, Oct. 30.—The rivers, especially the Ebro and Segre, continue to rise. There is total lack of provisions in the districts of Tarragona and Castellon. It has been almost impossible to render help.

More than 40 houses collapsed at Mora Nueva and more than 100 at Moradro. The inhabitants of the flooded district are taking refuge in the hills. Sixty-six were saved at Vivaroz after a tremendous struggle.

EMINENT DIVINE DEAD.

ALBANY, Ore., Oct. 30.—Rev. I. D. Driver, a pioneer Methodist minister, and one of the best known divines in the Pacific Northwest, died here today, aged 83 years. Dr. Driver, besides being prominently connected with Oregon history, was a theologian of considerable reputation.

RAILROAD MEN TALK

Will Reduce Outlay in Operating Expenses.

PERSONNEL OF COMMITTEE

Prominent Managers of Large Railway Systems Gather For Purpose of Curtailing Expenses—Will Report Progress at Semi-Annual Convention.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Men who are prominently identified with the immediate and practical operation of the large railroad systems of the country, gathered in this city yesterday and took counsel with each other as to how best to curtail expenses on their respective roads.

The general opinion expressed by these men was that there will be a material reduction in the outlay for the federation of railroads for the purchase of railway supplies throughout the United States. The principal gathering place of the railroad managers was the Holland House.

The executive committee is composed of the following members: W. C. Brown, vice-president of the New York; Daniel Willard, vice-president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; W. A. Gardner, vice-president of the Chicago & Northern; H. C. Mudge, vice-president of the Long Island; vice-President Gray, of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad; C. L. Potter, vice-president of the Baltimore & Ohio; L. A. Rawn, vice-president of the Illinois Central; L. F. Loree, of the Delaware & Hudson.

This committee will today report progress at the semi-annual convention of the American Railway Association which will be held today at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The steel rail commission's report on the investigation of the subject of the most economical rule to be adopted will be presented today, but it was stated yesterday that no definite action on the matter will be taken. The committee after the adjournment of the convention will go on with its work, which is far from complete.

CHOLERA SWEEPING KIEF.

WIENNA, Oct. 30.—A dispatch from Lemberg states that cholera is raging at Kief. Hundreds are dying daily, the report says.



KICKED OUT.

Mr. Rum Demon—Great snakes! I never dreamed that the solid South would be so solid against me!