

SLEEPER RATE CUT MEETS OPPOSITION

State Officials Say Reduction Not Enough; Railroads, That It Is Too Much

COAST SCHEDULE AFFECTED

Pullman Company Offers Lower Fares to End Contest Before Commerce Commission

(Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—An offer of the Pullman company to reduce the rates charged for upper berths in sleeping cars 20 per cent where lower berths were priced at more than \$1.50, to make the price of uppers \$1.25 as a minimum and reduce some lower berth rates, was opposed before the Interstate Commerce commission here today by the attorney generals of four states and by two railroads.

The Pullman offer left unchanged Pullman seat rates and was to become effective upon approval by the commission.

Opposition to the plan was offered on the part of the railroads on the allegation that they would have to stand part of the brunt of the lessened price and by the attorney generals on the claim that the reduction was not sufficient.

Commissioners Lane and Clark, therefore, were confronted with an offer of voluntary reduction of rates for upper berths (also a number of maximum reductions for lower berths) which the railroads said was too much and the state officials called too small.

The whole matter came in a combining of all complaints against sleeper rates in one hearing by the commission, following an order from the federal circuit court that previous cuts ordered by the commission were not justified.

The Pullman company reduction schedule included the following cuts on lower berth rates, upon which, as on remaining existing rates, the 50 per cent charge for uppers was proposed to be applied, the effort being, according to the company's representatives, to charge an average of 10 cents more.

Chicago to New York, unchanged. New York to Tampa, 50 cents. Poughkeepsie to Elkhart and South Bend, Ind., \$1.

New York to St. Augustine, Fla., or Savannah, Ga., \$1. New York to East St. Louis, Ill., 75 cents.

New rates proposed by the company include these: St. Paul or Minneapolis to Seattle and Pacific coast points, \$11. New York to New Orleans, \$5. Chicago to San Francisco, \$13.

The former Minnesota-Pacific coast rate was \$12; that from Chicago to San Francisco, \$14.

The commission will hear further arguments and if held advisable will receive evidence in the specific cases combined in one hearing.

Local representatives of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, while expressing no active opposition today, declared they were prepared to combat the Pullman plan unless the members of the commission.

CALIFORNIAN IS ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF A. A. A.

Clubs Are Called on to Encourage Amateur Contests

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The ninth annual meeting of the American Automobile association closed tonight with the election of officers, including...

President, Robert P. Hooper, Pennsylvania; vice president, F. L. Baker, California; secretary, John N. Brock, Connecticut; treasurer, H. A. J. Bonded, New Jersey.

A resolution was adopted calling on the officers of states issuing registration licenses to inform the executive officers of the A. A. A. of any violation of state laws by visiting motorists, so that the association might take action.

The association also endorsed the principle of federal aid in building highways and called on association clubs to encourage amateur competition in track and field events.

CENSUS OF PENNSYLVANIA INCREASES 21.6 PER CENT

Population of West Virginia Now Reaches 1,221,119

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The population of Boise, Idaho, is 17,358, compared with 957 in 1900, according to the thirteenth census made public tonight.

The population of the state of West Virginia is 1,221,119. This is an increase of 262,130, or 21.6 per cent over 958,989 in 1900. The increase from 1890 to 1900 was 196,000, or 25.7 per cent.

The population of the state of Pennsylvania is 7,665,111. This is an increase of 1,362,996, or 21.9 per cent over 6,302,115 in 1900. The increase from 1890 to 1900 was 1,044,101, or 19.3 per cent.

GROWER SAYS TAFT'S WORDS SWERVED WOOL INDUSTRY

Speaker Asserts Billion Dollar Capital Adrift

'MOB IS NOT TRYING CASE' SAYS JUDGE; CLEARS ROOM

Court Rebukes Spectators Who Laugh at Japanese

DENVER, Dec. 1.—"This man (Genkyo Mitsuana) although a foreigner, is being tried by a jury and not by a mob."

With this rebuke to a laugh that swept the courtroom, Judge Hubert L. Shattuck ordered the bailiffs to clear the room of all spectators.

The defense in the trial of Genkyo Mitsuana, the little Japanese house cleaner charged with the murder of Mrs. Katherine Wilson, failed today in its attempt to separate the three counts on which the defendant is being tried.

On cross-examination the defense endeavored to undermine Wilson's ability, preparatory to laying the foundation for its charge that the murder was committed by some person other than Mitsuana.

EASTERN SYSTEMS AVOID RATE FIGHT

First-Class Passenger Fare Between New York and Chicago to Be \$20

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—First-class passenger fares between Chicago and New York over the Michigan Central and the Panhandle routes will be \$20 after January 15, according to advices received here late today, subsequent to a secret meeting in New York between representatives of those roads and of the Erie, Washash and Grand Trunk.

This lays to rest the specter of slashed rates and unprofitable competition. The action by the two roads, which heretofore have enjoyed a differential rate of \$19 for the Michigan Central and \$18 on the Panhandle, followed open threats of another rate war instigated by the Erie used two years ago to straighten out the complicated enigrant rate situation.

"Specifically," said an official of one of the roads involved, "the Michigan Central and Panhandle were entitled to the privilege of lower fares in our opinion, so long as their service was curtailed by the Erie. When their service was as efficient as the roads charging \$20 the three so-called 'insurgents' claimed they ought to have the added inducement of lower fares removed. This, our telegrams say, was agreed to. It merely removes what we claimed was an unfair advantage. Today's action means there will be no rate war."

According to information here the threatened cut in first-class passenger traffic to Chicago was as low as \$8; second class as low as \$6.

In addition the rate to Boston was to be cut and new tariffs were to be fixed forthwith unless an adjustment were reached. In the face of such an ultimatum the Pennsylvania and New York Central decided to yield, and the Erie, Grand Trunk and the Washash served notice that unless the Pennsylvania and the New York Central abandoned the differential rates on the Panhandle and the Michigan Central routes a rate war would be declared.

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8-HOUR LAW BARS DREAUGHTIGHT BIDS

Only One Company Willing to Undertake Construction of Monster Battleship

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Absence of competition marked the opening of bids at the navy department today for the construction of one of the great dreadnaughts of the United States navy, a first-class battleship of 27,000 tons displacement, of two-fleet caliber and of machinery for a second new battleship which will be built at a government navy yard.

The apathy of the ship-building interests is attributed by the department to the action of congress at its last session in stipulating that the work must be done under the eight-hour law.

The department furthermore was unwilling to interpret definitely the extent to which, within the meaning of the naval bill, the eight-hour law would apply to work, believing that many of its phases were subjects for the determination of the courts. This, it is believed, also had a deterrent effect on prospective bidders.

The great battleship, which will be more powerful than any other afloat under the American flag, probably will be built by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company of Newport News, Va. That company was the only bidder for the vessel, presenting four proposals, differing because of the machinery to be installed. These ran from \$5,700,000 to \$5,820,000, the maximum amount authorized by congress for this battleship was \$6,000,000.

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G. O. P. BALLINGER PROBERS MEET TO MAKE REPORT

Republicans and Democrats to Reach Findings Separately

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WENDLING'S OWN WORDS ARE USED AGAINST HIM

Prosecution Closes Case Against Man Accused of Murder of Alma Kellner

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 1.—"If I killed the little girl, no one saw me but God, and He can't come down and testify," said Joseph Wendling when arrested in San Francisco for the murder of Alma Kellner, aged 8 years, according to testimony Chief of Detectives Carney gave at Wendling's trial today.

The prosecution rested its case at the end of the day.

The words attributed to Wendling by the Louisville officer had previously been testified to by Detective Sergeant Thomas F. Burke of San Francisco, who assisted in the capture of Wendling.

Another witness who aroused great interest was Mrs. Cora Munez, a milliner of Hume, Mo., to whom Wendling paid court while she was visiting relatives at Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Munez testified that Wendling represented himself to be a rich Frenchman, and showed her a wound on his hand which he claimed to have sustained during the Boer war.

Wendling displayed no emotion during the examination of the three strongest witnesses against him.

Wendling's behalf is expected to occupy at least a day and a half.

FORMER BANKER ON TRIAL FOR FALSIFYING RECORDS

Prominent Arizona Man Faces a Dozen Federal Indictments

BISBEE, Ariz., Dec. 1.—What is expected to prove one of the most notable trials in the history of the federal court of Arizona opened today at Tombstone, when the case of Hanks, Hanks of Douglas was called. Hanks, one of the most prominent residents of the smelter city, was former cashier of the First National bank of Douglas.

He is under a dozen indictments charging him with falsifying the records of the bank.

Edward Lanier, a juror in the case, was given a severe reprimand and dismissed by Judge Doan this morning for indiscreet remarks he is reported to have made concerning what he intended doing in the case.

NICARAGUA NAMES DIPLOMAT

MANAGUA, Nic., Dec. 1.—Dr. Salvador Castro, who formerly looked after the interests of the Estrada interests in America, will return there as Nicaraguan minister at Washington. David Arellano, who was sent to the American capital on a special mission, will return home. A rumor was current today that the cabinet would resign and that General Mena would become prime minister.

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