

CONFEREES AGREE ON RAILROAD BILL

COMMITTEE ACCEPTS PORTIONS OF BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE MEASURE.

HOUSE LONG AND SHORT HAUL CLAUSE RETAINED

Senate Provision Fixing Time For Review of Rates Stays In—President's Wishes For a Commission to Investigate Plan to Supervise Stocks and Bonds to Be Met.

Washington, June 14.—After a conference at the White House today Senators Adair and Elkins announced that a complete agreement on the railroad bill was in sight. It is said the conferees have decided to take the house provision as to the long and short haul and the senate provision regarding the interstate commerce commission...

The conference report on the railroad bill was today presented to the senate. Senator Elkins announced that he would call up the conference report for action by the senate tomorrow. The agreement was in accordance with the announcement made at the conclusion of the conference at the White House this morning.

The conference committee adopted the house long and short haul provision, and the senate provision in regard to the suspension of increase in rates. The latter section provides in effect that the proposed increases shall not go into effect for a period of eleven months from the time notice is given by the railroads; but it is provided further that the interstate commerce commission shall give hearings on such questions pending before it, and shall make decisions thereon as speedily as possible.

The report provides a section relating to suspension of increases in rates and a section providing for the appointment of a commission to investigate the question of federal regulation of stocks and bonds, to take effect immediately. The remaining portions of the bill go into effect sixty days from date of approval.

Commerce Court Feature. Washington, June 14.—The railroad rate bill, as it will be reported to both houses of congress today by their respective conferees, will be a measure containing numerous advances of great importance in connection with government regulation of interstate carriers. On the whole, the bill, as far as it goes, will meet approval, and Senator Elkins, chairman of the senate conference committee, and Representative Mann, chairman of the house conference committee, and Representative Porter, confederate of the senate conference committee, are confident of its adoption.

The house had its way in having the court which is to be created called a commerce court instead of a United States court of commerce, as desired by the senate. It will be a court of record and composed of five judges, or by inflection of criminal punishment, or any order of the interstate commerce commission other than for the payment of money.

Second—Cases brought to enjoin, set aside, annul, or suspend in whole or in part any order of the interstate commerce commission.

Third—Such cases as, by section 3 of the act to further regulate commerce, approved Feb. 19, 1909, are authorized to be maintained in a circuit court of the United States.

Fourth—All such mandamus proceedings as are authorized to be maintained in a circuit court of the United States. Nothing in the act shall be construed, however, as enlarging the jurisdiction now possessed by the circuit courts of the United States or judges thereof, which is transferred to and vested in the commerce court.

May Establish Its Own Rules. The court will hold its regular sessions in Washington and shall hold such sessions elsewhere as may be desirable. The court may issue all writs and processes appropriate to the full exercise of its jurisdiction and powers and establish rules concerning pleading, practice, and procedure.

A final judgment or decree may be reviewed by the supreme court if appeal be taken by an aggrieved party within sixty days after the entry of the final judgment or decree. An appeal also may be taken to the supreme court from an interlocutory order or decree of the court granting or continuing an injunction, provided the appeal be taken within thirty days.

Stakeholder Bill Sidelined. Washington, June 14.—Senator Bailey made an effort to get the stakeholder bill

HAMILTON'S FLIGHT AMAZES SCIENTISTS

AMERICAN AVIATOR ESTABLISHES SEVERAL NEW RECORDS IN CROSS-COUNTRY TRIP.

BEATS CURTISS' RECORD AS TO TIME AND DISTANCE

Feat Almost Equals Best Flights of Paulhan and Farman—Hamilton to Arrange For Other Startling Aerial Journeys—Speed of Express Train Maintained.

New York, June 14.—Charles K. Hamilton, the aviator, whose remarkable cross-country flight yesterday to Philadelphia and return supplied the world of aviation with a new sensation and new records, is today looking for more aerial spaces to conquer. This morning found the aviator refreshed by a good night's rest after his nerve-racking trip and already planning further conquests of the air.

The record for the longest cross-country flight in America is also Hamilton's by his yesterday's performance. His total distance to Philadelphia and return was 175 miles as against 160 miles of Curtiss' flight from Albany to New York in the next longest American flight, Paul Han's flight, London to Manchester, beat it by only eleven miles, and the recent flight in France by Harry Farman by two miles.

Hamilton, according to the revised official figures, was in the air three hours and thirty-four minutes, maintaining an average speed, New York to Philadelphia, of 46.92 miles per hour, and Philadelphia to New York, 51.36 miles per hour.

Attorney General Stead Disclaims Responsibility—Statement Confirmed. Rock Island, Ill., June 14.—Attorney General Stead, a witness today before the grand jury in the fraternal insurance investigation, disclaimed responsibility for failure to prevent the merger of the fraternal insurance and the American Home Circle, which State Insurance Commissioner Potter, last week, asserted could have been performed by the attorney general's office.

Stead said he was not notified of the merger, which was followed by the alleged disappearance of the Tibbatts' reserve fund of \$17,000, until after the two societies had again separated. He asserted that the law gives authority to the insurance commissioner to begin action against such societies any time, which statement directly conflicts with that of Potter.

IOWA ALUMNI OFFICERS. Randall Parrish Chosen as Chairman—Physical Director Recommended. Special to Times-Republican. Iowa City, June 14.—Iowa Alumni Association at noon elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Randall Parrish, of Chicago; first vice president, Dr. J. Booth, Marton; second vice president, Mrs. Julia McKibben, Iowa City; secretary, Dan Clark, Iowa City; treasurer, O. S. Brainerd, Iowa City.

The association endorsed the Lake Okoboji laboratory project and recommended the appointment of physical director of Iowa State University by the board of education.

DR. GUTHRIE'S GLOVE State Forges Strong Link in Chain of Evidence Against Woman Accused of Dynamiting Quick Home at Prairie City—Defense Outlines Its Case. Special to Times-Republican. Newton, June 14.—Several witnesses were examined for the state today in the trial of Dr. Guthrie, the young woman held in jail here on a charge of dynamiting the home of J. A. Quick at Prairie City, in an alleged attempt to blow up her former sweetheart, Dr. Hall, who with his bride was at the Quick home at the time. A piece of burned glove will play an important part in the evidence.

A jury was secured last night and the taking of testimony began today. J. A. Quick was the first witness and told of the surroundings of his home and the explosion of dynamite. The most important witness was W. M. Dunley, a Prairie City liverman who drove Miss Quick to Prairie City on the day of the dynamiting. He said the woman called at the barn for a team, and objected to the services of a driver, but was refused a team unless some one accompanied her. Dunley accompanied her on the trip. When near Prairie City he says Dr. Guthrie asked the names of occupants of every house, and among others was pointed out the Quick home. He told her it was the residence of J. A. Quick, and she asked if Jess was J. A. Quick. She denied having acquaintance with Quick but said she had seen his name in the papers.

The city marshal of Prairie City was also on the stand and gave important evidence. He told of arresting Dr. Guthrie as she entered a restaurant at 1 o'clock a. m., two hours after the explosion. He told of finding a

box containing a pair of pliers, a flashlight, and other articles in the possession of the young woman, and of later finding an automatic cigar lighter and a piece of burned glove outside the woman's cell door. The glove had been partially burned as if in an attempt had been made to destroy it. One glove, the alleged mate to this one, was found on the Quick premises the morning after the explosion, and the state looks upon this as already connecting Dr. Guthrie with the crime.

Defense claims that Dr. Guthrie was at Prairie City seeking a location to practice, and that she was not aware that Dr. Hall was there, as she had been led to believe from a newspaper clipping that he had located in Michigan. The defense will attempt to show that the relations between the two were always friendly, but nothing more, and that Dr. Guthrie had assisted Dr. Hall financially at one time when he was fined for practicing without a state license, even working as a nurse and as a domestic when her practice did not provide sufficient cash.

FLOODS DROWN 200 Many Lives Lost in Germany as Result of Sudden Rise of River Ahr—Several Villages Washed Away. Cologne, Germany, June 14.—It is estimated that 200 persons lost their lives in the flood that swept the valley of the river Ahr, in the Eifel region Sunday night. Eighty-seven bodies were recovered today. Fifty-five were buried in the ruins of a village which a bridge collapsed. Two barracks in which Italian and Croatian laborers were housed were swept away and the occupants who were in bed, were drowned.

News of the catastrophe reached here yesterday. Numerous streams were unusually high and as a result of the unusual downpour Sunday night, the river Ahr suddenly overflowed, the water carrying death and destruction in its path.

WHITE USED BRIBE MONEY TO PAY DEBTS

STATE'S WITNESS IN LORIMER CASE ACCOUNTS FOR EXPENDITURES.

BROWNE USED HIS PULL TO SECURE WHITE A JOB

Political Position a Part of the Price to Be Paid by Lorimer For State Legislator's Support—'Jackpot' Evidence Ruled Out by Court—Other News of the Day.

Chicago, June 14.—The Browne bribery case this morning was without sensational developments. White's testimony was resumed, witness telling of pleasure trips he and Browne made together to St. Joseph and Muskegon last July, and of having loaned defendant money on various occasions.

A decision was postponed on the admissibility of the testimony of Representatives Beckmeyer and Link, who, it is alleged, confessed to having been bribed to vote for Lorimer.

A number of letters written by White to Browne, which were placed in evidence. They told of small sums of money sent White and of Browne's efforts to get a job for White thru Lorimer. White's direct examination closed with his explanation of what he did with the money he is alleged to have received for voting for Lorimer. It was used, he said, in payment of a number of debts.

Cross examination of White began immediately, the trend being to prepare the ground for the adverse character of the testimony introduced later.

Defense Scores a Point. The first day of the trial before Judge McSurely in the criminal court here of Representative Lee O'Neill Browne, charged with alleged bribery in connection with the election of Senator Lorimer resulted in a partial victory for Browne's counsel.

Despite the protests by States Attorney Wayman, McSurely declared that the so-called 'jackpot' evidence in the case—evidence recounting the occurrences at the meeting of the Illinois legislators in a St. Louis hotel—must be ruled out. The judge said that he could see no logical relevancy in the alleged St. Louis transaction because no specific agreement for the election of the senator was made there.

The state attorney alleged that the St. Louis transactions were mere payments for vote on an unspecified bill. The defense will have an important bearing in the following quarters: It will eliminate as evidence in the Browne trial a considerable portion of the bribery confession of Representative White, the man who precipitated the bribery investigation.

It brings to immediate issue the question of the admissibility of evidence regarding the payments alleged to have been made to Representatives H. J. C. Beckmeyer and Michael S. Link, upon whom Wayman depends for the corroboration of White's story.

It may abate Representative Robert E. Wilson from the charge of perjury upon which he was indicted. Under the Illinois statutes, it is said, a person cannot be indicted and tried for perjury when his testimony is not material to the main issue.

But Will Have to Take It or Forfeit \$5,000 and Spend Year in Jail—Unpleasant Predicament of Man Who Applied For Yellowstone Mail Route, Then Got Lucrative Position. Alton, Ill., June 14.—Charles W. Freeman, a traveling salesman, is in a tight place as a result of having applied for a mail route in Yellowstone Park. While out west a year ago Freeman made an application to the postal department for the position. Since that time he has taken a traveling position, which is very lucrative.

Yesterday word came to him that he had been awarded the mail route and that he was to begin work July 1. Freeman wired he could not accept, and the officials wired back that he would have to do it or forfeit his bond of \$5,000 and spend twelve months in jail. They refused to excuse him.

He has appealed to Congressman Rodenberg, of this district, to try to get relief for him. Meantime he will have to resign his position and start west to pack mail over the lonely route in Yellowstone.

PHARMACEUTICAL OFFICERS. Session of State Association at Iowa City Elects—Same Place Next Year. Special to Times-Republican. Iowa City, June 14.—The Iowa State University Pharmaceutical Alumni Association today elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, J. E. Boegs, Sioux City; first vice president, R. M. Shellbarger, Letts; second vice president, Peter Kopf, Marengo; corresponding secretary, Miss Seeda McCosper, Iowa City; recording secretary, Philip Sigle, Clinton; member of executive board, B. H. Davis, Iowa City. The next meeting place will be Iowa City, in 1911.

Taft May Not See Son Graduate. Washington, June 14.—Because of the probability that next week may witness the end of the present congressional session, the president has decided not to start for New Haven Sunday night, if there is a prospect of business the president will forego the privilege of seeing his son graduate.

REVOLUTION IN BRAZIL

Insurgents in Western Districts Drive out Governor, Declare Independence.

Berlin, June 14.—Advices received from Rio de Janeiro states that the insurgents in the prefecture of Jurua, in the acre district of western Brazil, have driven out the governor and declared their independence.

RAILSBACK TO ASYLUM

Aged Shellburg Man Who Killed His Wife Declared Insane—Neighbors Are Indignant. Cedar Rapids, June 14.—The Benton county authorities found that John Rallsback was insane and he was taken to Independence. There is no question that he killed his aged wife. There is much dissatisfaction at Shellburg because a murder charge was not filed against Rallsback and the question of sanity left to develop after a hearing on the murder charge.

IOWA SUPREME COURT

Decisions Handed Down by Iowa's High Tribunal. Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, June 14.—The supreme court today rendered the following decisions: State against Herrington, appellant, Woodbury district. Affirmed.

Carr against district court of Van Buren county, Van Buren district. Affirmed, writ dismissed.

Nellan, appellant, against Unity Investment Company, Woodbury district. Affirmed.

State against Dudley, appellant, Guthrie district. Reversed.

Wood against Brotherhood of American Yeoman, appellant. Polk district. Reversed.

Oliphant, administrator, appellant, against American Health and Accident Association, Union district. Reversed.

Smith, appellant, against Sanborn State Bank, O'Brien district. Reversed.

LOSES \$1,000 PACKAGE

Wife of New York Customs Inspector, Spending Summer at Council Bluffs for Health, Loses Money and Valuables in Mysterious Manner. Special to Times-Republican. Council Bluffs, June 14.—Mrs. J. J. Dawson, of New York City, wife of the customs inspector who is spending the summer here, recuperating from an attack of nervous prostration, reports to the police the loss of a package which contains \$1,000 in cash, jewels and securities in a mysterious manner. Mrs. Dawson was at the Northwestern station bidding goodspeed to a friend, and had the package in her handbag while there. She intended to deposit the valuables in a safety deposit vault and says that when a short distance from the station, going to the bank, she discovered her loss.

SHERMAN CAN'T COME

Vice President Will Not Deliver Commencement Address at S. U. I. Special to Times-Republican. Iowa City, June 14.—A wire message was received from Vice President Sherman this morning notifying the university officials that he would be unable to deliver the commencement address here Wednesday, as arranged. The illness of Mrs. Sherman is assigned as the cause. President Norquist, of Minnesota, was secured to take Mr. Sherman's place.

T-R. BULLETIN

Noticeable News of Today

The Weather. Rises June 15 at 4:24, sets at 7:36. Iowa—Fair tonight, and Wednesday; warmer in the central tonight. South Dakota—Partly cloudy tonight, and Wednesday; warmer in the east tonight.

Conferees Agree on Railroad Bill. Hamilton's Flight Amazes. Cummins to Preside at State Convention. Eldora Man Drinks Poison After Involving Wife to Funeral. Evidence in Dr. Guthrie's Case. PAGES TWO AND THREE.

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Contrast in Iowa Lands. Freight Movement Westward. PAGES SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE. City News: Council Starts Telephone Fight. Would Compel Company to Reduce Rates. Franchise Forfeiture Penalty. Second Lot of Paving to Go Over. Institute Enrollment Good. High School Alumni Reunion. Bum Cell for Sunday School Room. Central Conductors Vote on Runs. General News of the City. Story: The Courage of Captain Plum. PAGE TEN.

Markets and General: Upturn in Wheat. Corn Higher on Covering. Cattle Still Lower. Hogs Make Slight Gains. Loebl in a Pickle.

GUMMINS CHAIRMAN STATE CONVENTION

IOWA SENIOR SENATOR UNANIMOUSLY CHOSEN TO PRESIDE OVER GATHERING. BELIEVED PROGRESSIVES WILL CONTROL THE CONVENTION. Hunter, Webster City, to Be Secretary, Trainer, Ackley, Assistant—All Temporary Officers Will Be Progressives—Insurgents Have 7 to 3 on State Committee. Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, June 14.—The republican state central committee today unanimously selected Senator Cummins to be chairman of the republican state convention, on Aug. 3, also W. F. Hunter, of Webster City, as secretary, and S. S. Trainer, of Ackley, as assistant secretary. The convention will have 1,383 delegates.

All the temporary officers will be progressives, as it was the belief of the committee that the progressives will organize and control the convention. Resolutions were passed regarding the death of H. D. Caspeland, member from the Eighth district.

The committee, consisting of Chairman Frank and Lyon and Adler, will have charge of the convention. The insurgents control the state committee, having seven to the stalwarts' three.

THORNE STRONG AT HOME

Carries Own County by Vote Greater Than Than Palmer's—Also Beats Wilson in His County of Adair. Special to Times-Republican. Washington, Iowa, June 14.—Clifford Thorne, who with Colonel Palmer, also a resident of Washington, was nominated for railway commissioner, in expressing gratitude for the support given him in the primaries, is especially grateful for the strong endorsement given him at home. Referring to his vote here Thorne says: "I take especial pride in the endorsement I received here at home. My vote in the town of Washington was 70 larger than the colonel's, in the county it was 314 larger, next to the head of the ticket my vote was larger in Washington county than that of any candidate for any contested office for either county or state. As to this man Wilson, who is taking third place, in his home county, Adair, my vote was 100 larger than his while it ran 400 majority for Carroll. This county gave 776 majority for Carroll while I ran 800 ahead of Wilson."

CARROLL VERSUS COWNIE

Governor Spends Two Hours Before Grand Jury With Evidence. Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, June 14.—Governor Carroll spent two hours with the grand jury presenting evidence on which to indict John Cownie, with regard to the girls at Mitchellville school. He took with him the evidence and other evidence he has accumulated during the past year.

INVITED HIS WIFE TO ATTEND FUNERAL

FRED WEST, OF ELDORA, DRINKS CARBOLIC ACID AFTER 'PHONING ABSENT SPOUSE.

THREATENED TO KILL AGED PARENTS ALSO. West Runs a Block Chased By Father and Mother and Swallows Poison—Physician Summoned and May Save His Life—Domestic Difficulties Cause of Tragedy. Special to Times-Republican. Eldora, June 14.—After telephoning his wife, who had left him and gone to a distant town, asking her if she would attend his funeral as promised, and telling the women that by 3 o'clock he and his father and mother would all be dead, Fred West, a well-known young man of this place, drank an ounce of carbolic acid at 1 o'clock this afternoon and is in a serious condition. West informed his parents of his intentions, and was chased one block by his screaming mother and his father in an unsuccessful effort to prevent his carrying out his threat.

West, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. West, had trouble with his wife and on Decoration day Mrs. West went to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Walker, at Ogdan, taking with her the two small children. Shortly before noon today West called his wife to the phone at Ogdan and asked her if she would keep her promise. She replied that she did not know what promise was meant, and was reminded by the husband that she had agreed to attend his funeral. She replied that she would not keep that promise. Then West asked her to take good care of the children, as before 3 o'clock he, with his father and mother, would be dead.

Tried to Kiss Mother Farewell. West returned to his parents' home to dinner and after finishing the meal arose from the table and attempted to kiss his mother. Asked why he desired to do so he said he was going to kill himself, and left the house. The mother followed, screaming, and the father joined in the chase. West ran to his own home and before the parents arrived swallowed the contents of an ounce vial of carbolic acid. A physician was at once summoned and after using a stomach pump he said West would recover.

West is about 27 years of age and with his father operated a dray line in this city, until recently.

FIGHT FOR A CHILD.

Mother Now Wants Babe She Permitted to Be Adopted. Special to Times-Republican. Iowa City, June 14.—A blue-eyed, curly-headed baby, the child of Mrs. J. W. Harris, of Springfield, Ill., promised to be the storm center in the Johnson county district court, before Judge R. P. Howell, this afternoon.

Mrs. Harris wants a writ of habeas corpus, whereby she may secure possession of the child, whom she wishes to take from its present holders, Mr. and Mrs. Willard King, of Iowa City.

She alleges they secured the child from Mrs. Gabbitus, of Davenport, who improperly "stuffed out" the babe, after adopting it. The mother sanctioned the adoption in Davenport, but not the transfer to Iowa City people, she avers.

DISOBEYED; LOST LIFE.

Jefferson County Boy Goes Hunting Against Parents Will; Shoots Self. Special to Times-Republican. Fairfield, June 14.—Harold Craft, 14-year-old son of John Craft, of Germanville, this county, is dead as the result of disobedience. He wanted to go hunting but his parents objected. While they were away from home to dinner the boy took a revolver from his father's store and went out into the fields. About 6 o'clock in the evening he was found with a bullet hole thru his lungs, the ball having lodged in the spine, and death ensued about twelve hours later.

SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES.

Only Council Bluffs Man Who Saw Halley's Comet Twice is Dead. Special to Times-Republican. Council Bluffs, June 14.—George A. Gregory, the only citizen of Council Bluffs, who enjoyed the distinction of having seen Halley's comet twice, died last night as a result of injuries sustained by being run over by a concrete mixer Sunday, while on his way to church. Gregory leaves a family of eleven children.

Freight Wreck at Hampton.

Special to Times-Republican. Hampton, June 14.—A collision in the upper end of the Iowa Central yards about noon yesterday, while not of large proportions, was sufficient to make it necessary to call out the steam derrick to clear it up. A freight car got away from a switching crew and collided with a portion of another train with sufficient force to cause the overturning of a car loaded with coal. Damage to equipment was only slight, and the wrecking crew was not long in straightening up the tangle.

Pioneer War Veteran Dead.

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