RELAY ATTACK UPON WHEELER PROVES FUTILE

Still Holds to Claim of Discrimination in Favor of Los Angeles Jobbers

Voluntary Reduction of Rates Unknown to Southern Pacific Tariff Makers

The combined efforts of the attorneys for the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads, and those for the Associated jobbers of Los Angeles, failed to break the testimony of W. R. Wheeler, traffic manager of the Merchants' exchange, to the effect that San Francisco was being discriminated against in favor of Los Angeles in the matter of freight rates to the San Joaquin valley, at the hearing before the railroad commissioners yesterday. The cross examination of Wheeler lasted the greater part of the day, and he was passed from one to another of the collections of legal talent, receiving the attacks in relays but receiving them firmly on the stand he had taken during the hearing the day before.

Present at the hearing were the stellar personages of the railway world, including W. G. Barnwell, general freight agent of the Santa Fe road; George W. Luce, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific, and Luce's first assistant, T. A. Graham. The railroad attorneys were C. W. Durbrow of the Southern Pacific and U. T. Clotfelder for the Santa Fe.

REASONABLENESS AS TO RATES

The attack on Wheeler followed quickly on the heels of the conclusion of his redirect examination by Attorney Seth Mann representing the traffic bureau of the Merchants' exchange. During the course of this examination Wheeler said:

"The absolute reasonableness of rates per se has not been set down by any tribunal or decision of the supreme court of any state that I can recall, and it can be judged only by a comparison with other rates in the surrounding territory or governing similar hauls.

"Assuming three as a factor in this instance, the rate from San Francisco to Bakersfield ought to be three times less per ton per mile than that from Los Angeles to Bakersfield. The present rate is entirely discriminatory in favor of Los Angeles and too high."

Wheeler made it plain in his testimony that the intervention of San Francisco in the proceedings brought by the jobbers of Los Angeles against the Southern Pacific was not to raise any issue as to the reasonableness of the rate between this city and San Joaquin valley points, but to show its relation with the Los Angeles rate.

THE PROPER DIVIDING POINT

"This relation," he said, "is out of line. A proper relation would result in the San Francisco rate being lowered. Mojave is the proper dividing point."

Wheeler defined a normal rate as being one "based upon ideal conditions in matters of railroading, such as a level haul, straight lines, favorable climatic conditions and a sufficient volume of traffic."

Durbrow in his cross examination of Wheeler endeavored to have the latter declare that the rate existing between San Francisco and San Joaquin valley points was a forced one, but the witness refused to commit himself to any such statement. The questions of the attorney for the Southern Pacific were in the nature of condensed arguments with a query attached to the end. He pointed out that when the Southern Pacific entered the San Joaquin valley field it was met not alone by the competition by water, but also from the San Joaquin valley road. Accordingly it lowered its rates voluntarily.

S. P. NOT A VOLUNTEER

"I have never known of a single instance of the Southern Pacific voluntarily lowering its rates," said Wheeler dryly.

"I mean," said Durbrow, "that it was not forced to lower its rates by any tribunal, but met the rates of competitors already in the field. Now, Mr. Wheeler, here is an instance of a railroad entering a community where there is strong competition by water. The rates are such that it sees a large volume of the traffic going into other hands. Is not this railroad justified, in your opinion, to so arrange rates from another quarter that it may obtain some of that business?"

"No," Wheeler replied, "I do not hold with the theory of market competition. It is destructive to geographical advantage. A community should receive the benefit of its natural advantages and not be forced to pay extra for them in order that a railroad might obtain a larger volume of business by lowering the rates on another community not so favored."

FAILS TO FALL IN TRAP

At this stage Wheeler was asked immediately if, in the face of his answer, Stockton, being 91 miles nearer the San Joaquin valley, should not be given the benefit of its natural and geographical advantage in rates to valley points.

"I have not the slightest objection in the world to seeing Stockton get anything that is due it," was Wheeler's reply. "My sole claim is for justice and fairness in freight rates."

When Attorney Durbrow had finished with him Wheeler was placed in the hands of the attorneys for the Los Angeles jobbers, who cross examined him at length, but failed to make him retract. Much of the examination was on the difference between a "normal" and a "natural" rate.

"You say," Attorney T. A. Kuster declared to him, "that a normal rate is based on ideal conditions such as you particularized. Can you tell me where such conditions exist?"

"I can not at this time on the spur of the moment," said Wheeler.

"Then," rejoined Kuster, "you wish to say that a normal rate is based on abnormal conditions, as I believe the ideal conditions are exceptional rather than general—abnormal rather than normal?"

M. H. Robbins, Pacific coast manager of the Otis elevator company, another witness, stated that his concern had a branch house in Los Angeles and that, in his opinion, the meeting point should be approximately at the Tehachapi mountains. He declared that he based this opinion upon his knowledge as a merchant and that, having a branch house in Los Angeles, the question of dividing point made no particular difference to his concern. Similar testimony was given by H. G. Mitchell, secretary of the Harron-McCone machinery company; F. H. Keyes, president of the Pacific implement company, and J. H. Jones of Cunningham, Curtiss & Welch. Their testimony was admitted only after a hard fight on the part of the railroad attorneys and those representing the Los Angeles jobbers, but the commissioners held with Attorney Seth Mann that the opinions of merchants in such questions were admissible.

The hearing will be continued today.

In the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys

UNITED BRETHREN BEGIN CONVENTIONS

Young People's Christian Endeavor Delegates Gather for Sixteenth Meeting

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, June 22.— The sixteenth annual convention of the California branch of the Young People's Christian Endeavor union is in session in the recently constructed United Brethren church in this city. It is one of three conventions to be held this week by the United Brethren. The others are the woman's missionary convention and the United Brethren California conference, which opens tomorrow with Bishop William M. Bell of Los Angeles presiding.

The following committees were appointed at the opening of the Christian Endeavor convention:

Nominations—Rev. J. L. Parks of Los Angeles, Miss Emma Fisher of Woodbridge, George Vore of Reedley.

Resolutions—Rev. G. H. Smith of The Palms, Rev. J. Sherrill of Riverdale and Charles Knights of Oakland.

Special committee on missionary funds—Dr. M. R. Drury of Oakland, Rev. H. H. Haller of Los Angeles and Mrs. Rose Hoffman of Reedley.

The officers in charge of the session are:

Rev. L. S. Woodruff of Stockton, president; Marion Binkley of Los Angeles, G. T. Vore of Reedley and Roy Emery of Sacramento, vice presidents; Rev. S. E. Hoffman of Reedley, secretary; Mrs. L. Winter of Sacramento, treasurer; Mrs. C. M. Mason of Chico, junior superintendent; Rev. J. L. Parks of Los Angeles, the tenth legion.

The following women served luncheon at noon to the delegates: Mrs. L. S. Woodruff, Mrs. Emma Ramsey, Mrs. W. Roberson, Mrs. Iva Libhart, Mrs. Lillian Luce, Mrs. A. Womble and Mrs. M. A. Stuckey.

The convention this afternoon adopted resolutions recommending missionary work on a broader scale and also indorsing the anti-liquor campaign that is being waged throughout the country.

It is reported that resolutions will be adopted by the conference indorsing Governor Gillett's stand on the prize fight question.

The following are among the delegates registered at the church:

Rev. M. C. Lutz of Live Oak; Rev. T. H. Dodd, Esparto; Rev. H. H. Hallow, Los Angeles; Rev. J. L. Parks, Los Angeles; Rev. G. H. Smith, The Palms; Rev. and Mrs. William Thompson, Selma; Rev. and Mrs. H. Lohr, Kerman; Rev. Ridgeway, Whittier; Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Hoffman and son, Reedley; Rev. and Mrs. J. Sherrill and child, Riverdale; George Vore, Reedley; A. E. Haslam, Rev. and Mrs. M. R. Drury, Mrs. J. Mitchell C. W. Knights, Oakland; Miss Emma Fisher, Woodbridge; Rev. and Mrs. Homer Gallagher, San Diego; Rev. Z. M. Zock, Riverdale; Rev. L. Harter, Miss Anna Kameyer, Sacramento; Mr. and Mrs. Coe, The Palms.

Among the visitors who are not delegates are Rev. W. W. Want, a Methodist minister from Modesto; Rev. and Mrs. U. L. Walker and child of the Methodist church at Atlanta.

BRANCHES ESTABLISHED FOR STOCKTON LIBRARY

Substations Throughout County Prove Great Success

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, June 22.—The plan recently advocated for creating substations of the Stockton public library in all sections of the county has been carried out.

It is working with great success and the following gives the location of the stations, the librarians and the number of books:

Lodi, deposit station No. 1, J. A. Swallow curator, 100 books; Woodbridge, No. 2, C. L. Hall, 50; Acampo, No. 3, Miss May Gandy, 50; Lockeford, No. 4, W. B. Ambrose, 50; Clements, No. 5, Miss C. C. A. Gillies, 50; French Camp, No. 6, Mrs. G. S. Belding, 50; Lathrop, No. 7, Southwell & Sutton, 50; Summer Home, No. 8, Mrs. Theodore Cole, 50; Manteca, No. 9, E. N. Pierce, 50; Ripon, No. 10, Lincoln Fitzell, 50; Escalon, No. 11, A. St. John, 70; Tracy, No. 12, Dr. J. S. West, 118; Farmington, No. 13, Groves & Toda, 50; Linden, No. 14, 50; Waterloo, No. 15, Forrest Foote, 50; Bellota, No. 16, Mrs. D. W. Miller, 50.

MacD. DOUGLASS DIES SUDDENLY

Manager of Baseball Team Expires of Heart Failure

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, June 22.—MacDonald Douglass, manager of the Stockton State league baseball team, a well to do resident of this city, died suddenly this afternoon of heart failure.

Douglass was apparently in good health this morning and was seen about the streets. This afternoon he complained of pains in his stomach. His wife sent for Dr. E. Harbert. The physician informed the patient that it was his heart that was troubling him and advised him to lie down.

Douglass was seated on a couch at the time. He proceeded to obey the physician's instruction, but barely touched the pillow when he expired.

DYNAMITERS TO WAKE UP VALLEY

Miners and Explosives to Outdo Morning Call of Sacramento Roosters

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

MARYSVILLE, June 22.—Marysville proposes to wake up the Sacramento valley on July 4. Arrangements have been made for the explosion of dynamite at various intervals from early morning until after sunrise. Experienced miners have been engaged for the work.

The blasts will be set off at a point a few miles from town and will be of sufficient size to be heard for many miles. It has been the custom heretofore to use cannons, but the dynamite idea seemed better to the committee.

All arrangements for the fourth of July celebration have been completed and assurances are given that the parades of floats and the illuminated parade at night will be worth while.

BLAZE MENACES TANKS OF VALLEJO GAS WORKS

Purifying Room Found a Mass of Flames

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

VALLEJO, June 22.—At half-past 1 o'clock this morning Vallejo was visited by what for a time threatened to be one of the most disastrous fires in the history of the city.

At that hour the purifying room of the Pacific gas and electric company's works on the water front was discovered a mass of flames. The building, a two story affair, was only about 25 feet from the mammoth tanks.

Although late in arriving, the firemen worked heroically and checked the blaze, while a terrible explosion was momentarily expected.

COURT MARTIAL FREES HOSPITAL APPRENTICE

Tillbrook Acquitted of Charge of Letting Prisoner Escape

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

VALLEJO, June 22.—Word has been received at Mare island that F. H. Tillbrook, who was recently tried by a court martial at Mare island, has been acquitted.

Tillbrook, who was a hospital apprentice, first class, was accused of permitting a prisoner named Daniels, who was under sentence of two years, to escape from the naval hospital at Mare island several months ago.

Tillbrook was defended by Attorney Theodore A. Bell of San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCAN GETS JOB AT MARE ISLAND

James V. O'Donnell Becomes Foreman Boiler Maker

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

VALLEJO, June 22.—James V. O'Donnell of San Francisco has been appointed foreman boiler maker at Mare island.

Several months ago tests for the position, which pays $7.04 a day, were held here and at the League island yard. A Philadelphia man stood the highest and was given the place, but entered the employ of a large private ship building firm at a salary of $10 a day.

O'Donnell stood second. He will begin his duties in a few days.

PINCHOT TO MAKE ADDRESS AT SACRAMENTO

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, June 22.—Gifford Pinchot, former United States chief forester, will address a Sacramento audience July 20. He will speak on issues of the day and touch on congressional matters.

STOCKTON MARRIAGE LICENSES

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, June 22.—This was a busy day with Cupid Carter at the county clerk's office, as the following marriage licenses indicate:

Nestor Maria Freitas, 34, and Teresa Rico, 28, both of Stockton.

Jesse Rightmier and Mary Alta Kephart, both of Modesto and each aged 24.

William Bodewig, 32, Oakland, and Goldie Frankel, 22, Tracy.

Theodore Melvin Markle, 43, Stockton, and Eleanor King Hannon, 33, New York.

Emil Martinelli, 26, and Annie Fonzales, 25, both of Oakland.

Herbert J. Ronk, 21, and Annie L. Nutt, 48, both of Ripon.

PREBLE MAY WIN BRONZE TROPHY

$1,500 Goes With Honor of Being Champion of America's Torpedo Fleets

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

VALLEJO, June 22.—In a circular letter received by the vessels of the Pacific torpedo fleet at Mare island, the relative standing of the vessels in the recent target practice at Magdalena bay is shown.

Although the returns of the eastern boats have not yet been received, the Preble is again rated as the leader. This vessel had the trophy in 1907, and if none of the eastern ships beat her mark the bronze president's trophy will again be en route to the Pacific coast.

The sum of $1,500 goes with the trophy, and this amount is divided among 10 men.

The Preble's score was 90.928, as against 80.963 for the Perry, its nearest competitor. The Perry holds the gunnery championship pennant.

SAN JOAQUIN BOURBONS PLAN FOR CAMPAIGN

Democratic Club Addressed by Acampo Assemblyman

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, June 22.—A meeting of the San Joaquin county democratic club was held at Tracy last night. A large delegation from this city and Lodi attended.

The principal address was delivered by Assemblyman J. W. Stuckenbruck of Acampo. L. F. Kuhn of this city, president of the club, explained its purposes—to create greater interest in the campaign among the democrats.

Advantage of the gathering of democrats was also taken by candidates who secured signers to their petitions. The west side democrats signed the petitions of the democratic nominees for state offices. San Joaquin county has promised the state committee 170 signatures, most of which have been secured.

COMPANY FORMED TO MAKE GRAPE JUICE

STOCKTON, June 22.—Articles of incorporation of a new grape juice and canning factory to be known as the Golden State fruit products company were filed with County Clerk Graham today. The principal place of business is Lodi, the term 50 years and the capital stock $500,000. The directors are W. F. Cochrane of Sebastopol, Cal., and J. E. Hopkins, Walter Skotland, Max J. Aubele and Jules Perrin of Lodi.

COALING RECORD MADE AT MARE ISLAND YARD

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

VALLEJO, June 22.—Coaling records for torpedo craft were broken at the Mare Island navy yard yesterday morning, when the destroyer Paul Jones took on 150 tons of fuel in exactly 110 minutes. The men aboard declared that the day was not a favorable one for coaling.

FOUR HURT WHEN AUTO TURNS OVER

Men in Party Conceal Names of Two Women Who Are Injured

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, June 22.—An automobile driven by H. S. Holt, a local contractor, and containing G. T. Jackson and two women, whose names are not known, turned turtle on the Riverside road at the city limits early this morning and the occupants were seriously injured.

Jackson was badly injured about the head and neck. The other members of the party were treated by Doctors Hart and Schaw, who were directed not to discuss the case and to help conceal the identity of the women.

The automobile was wrecked. The injured persons were taken to a private residence.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS COMPROMISE ON STRIKE

Settlement Gives Outside Men $4.25 a Day

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

VALLEJO, June 22.—The strike of the electrical workers in the employ of the Pacific-Vallejo electric light and power company, which has been on for the last five days, was amicably settled this morning. The walkout was due to the fact that the company refused to sign the schedule which went into effect recently in the district comprising Solano and Napa counties.

This called for a $5 per diem wage, but to prevent trobule the electrical workers agreed to accept $4.50. This, however, was not satisfactory to the company.

Under the terms of today's settlement inside men are to receive $4.50 a day, while those working on the outside will be paid $4.25. The men will return to work tomorrow morning.

VETERAN IS KILLED BY PASSING TRAIN

Peter Wells' Skull Fractured as He Lies Beside Track

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NAPA, June 22.—Peter Wells, an inmate of the veterans' home in this county, was found dead today three miles south of Napa, near the Westside railroad track.

Local officials investigated into the cause and came to the conclusion that Wells had been struck by the steps of a passenger coach of a train on its way from San Francisco to Napa.

Wells had been lying in the grass beside the track and raised his head as the train was passing. His skull was fractured and he undobtedly lived only a few moments after being struck. He was 75 years of age and fought in the civil war.

Still Another Excursion to Lake Tahoe and Return, $9.95

Picturesque scenery, fine fishing and boating. Reduced fare June 24 and 25, return limit June 28, 1910. For particulars see Southern Pacific agents.

MUSICIAN STABS SAILOR—During a quarrel at Pacific and Montgomery streets early yesterday morning Edward Stone Torrance, a negro musician, stabbed George Nelson, a sailor on the steamer New Orleans, in the back. Nelson was taken to the harbor emergency hospital and Torrance was arrested on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

HALL CASE CONTINUED—The case of Lillie Hall, alias Adams, queen of the opium smugglers, charged with grand larceny for stealing $15 from Harold E. Brownfield June 12, was called in Police Judge Weller's court yesterday and continued until August 17, pending the result of her trial for smuggling in the federal court.

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Midweek Specials

Many special values and price reductions offered, commencing this morning.

Exquisite Lingerie Dresses At Special Prices

White, light blues, pinks and lavenders in a wide variation of pretty summer effects. Made of sheer mulls with elaborate trimmings of embroidery, laces and insertions. Light, comfortable one-piece dresses for afternoons during the warm months specially priced at

$6, $10, $12.50, $15, $20 up

Tailored Linen Suits Extra Special $10 and $12

Two plain man tailored styles of extra quality linen; well made and thoroughly finished; natural color only.

Summer Glove Specials

$1.50 Black Lisle Gloves, ¾ length, in sizes 5½, 6 and 6½, reduced per pair to..... $1.00

Misses' White Silk Gloves, elbow length, double tipped. Special per pair..... 75c

Washable Chamois Gloves, 8 button length; natural shade. Per pair..... $1.75

Just Arrived New Punjab Percales

Splendid variety of new patterns; 36 inches wide. Per yard..... 15c

New Auto Veils

Entirely new line of ultra stylish Parisian novelties in changeable, two-toned and Persian bordered effects; 2½ yards long and 24 to 32 inches wide.

$2.25, $4, $5 and $5.50

White Embroidered Lace Wash Veils especially for summer use..... $1 to $2

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A limited lot of about 40 **Women's Tailored Suits**—All colors, all sizes, in every popular material. Values in the lot to $22.50—some worth even more than that. While they last..... $9.45

Women's Suits—Another small lot. Values ranging to $35.00 will be closed out at..... $14.75

Girls' Spring Jackets—Made of various materials—all equally desirable—exceptionally good values, worth as high as $5.00, that should be in great demand, while the limited quantity lasts at..... $2.98

White Lawn Waists—A remarkable collection. Many worth $1.00 and some worth even more, all on sale at..... 49c

Women's Tub Dresses—Sizes also for misses. Various popular wash fabrics in a variety of colors and patterns. Some worth up to $5.00, now half price..... $2.48

Women's Wash Suits—Two and three piece models of Rep and Linene. Values up to $10. Repriced at..... $3.75

Tailored Suits Worth to $20

You will find in this assortment several stylish models in Serge, Worsted and Mixtures. Many lined with taffeta at..... $7.95

Lawn Waists Worth $1.00 and More

White Lawn Waists—a remarkable collection that should attract an immense crowd tomorrow. Many worth $1.00 and some worth even more; all on sale at..... 49c

Women's Broadcloth Capes—Military models, effectively trimmed. Values to $6.00. Now priced..... $2.98

Women's Jackets—Of Coverts and Mixtures; lined with satin. While they last you may get values up to $10.00 at..... $2.98

$10.00 Stylish Juniors' Suits

Black and white checks are shown in this lot, together with desirable mixed materials; 43 lucky girls will get them at..... $5.00

WOMEN'S SUITS Hurry!

Just 24 all together, and unless we are greatly mistaken they will be gone by noon. Why, the skirt alone is worth more than the price of the suit..... $3.95

Juniors' Suits—19 in this group. Values ranging to $15.00, all to be closed out in this stock taking sale at..... $7.50

Khaki Outing Skirts—Every woman needs one. Regular $2 values..... $1.48

Dressy Lingerie Waists—In various models; lace and embroidery trimmed. Worth $2.00, repriced at 95c

Other elaborate Lingerie Waists—and Tailored models—an immense lot, many of which are marked at half. Prices $3.98, $2.48, $1.98 and..... $1.39

Lace Net, Messaline and Taffeta Waists—Elaborate garments for dress wear. A superb lot worth up to $5.00, now..... $1.98

Others worth from $6.50 to $10 at..... $4.98, $3.50 and $2.98

Women's Pure Irish Linen Suits—Plain tailored models in the natural shade only. They have 34 inch jackets with notch collar, trimmed with pearl buttons; also full plaited skirt. They are worth fully $6.00, but our price during this sale is..... $4.98

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