COST OF LIVING IS CHARGED TO EXPRESS RATES

Gov. Johnson Declares Railroad Commission Will Investigate Charges

He Says Merchants in California Are Asked to Pay More Than Any Others

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and these investigations are being made for the purpose of ascertaining whether in the past and in the present a square deal is being given both sides—the people as well as the express and transportation companies.

It may be interesting to note that December 23, 1909, the capital stock of Wells Fargo & Co., was increased from $8,000,000 to $24,000,000; that in 1909 a semiannual dividend of 5 per cent was declared by Wells Fargo & Co., upon the old capitalization of $8,000,000, and on December 23, 1909, a special dividend from the accumulated profits and investments of the company from the time of its organization to that date was declared of 300 per cent. June, 1910, a dividend of 5 per cent was declared upon the capital stock outstanding of $23,967,460. The total amount declared in dividends, regular and special, during that year, was $25,596,000.

To the people of the state of California, without comment, the query is made; who pays these tremendous and extraordinary dividends?"

VICE PRESIDENT KEEPS SILENT

Andrew Christeson Says He Thinks Hearing Will Be "a Conference"

Andrew Christeson, vice president and general manager of the Wells Fargo express company, apparently does not take the recent action of the state railroad commission very seriously. Christeson returned to his offices yesterday morning.

"I think that this hearing will be merely a conference," he said yesterday afternoon. "I think that we can justify all of our rates before the railroad commission. I think our rates are fair. I don't think that this company discriminates against California shippers or against shippers in any place."

A few of the many complaints that have been filed with the railroad commission against the express company were explained to him, but he was invariably of the opinion that there must be some mistake or that he had never heard of them. In cases where it was shown that agents of the company had been doing a produce business to the detriment of merchants engaged in that business, Christeson said that that was against the rules.

Asked about the slight difference in the rates between this city and Los Angeles and New York and Los Angeles, he explained that everything went according to the classification of the company. Christeson did not care to discuss the many complaints that have been filed against the Wells Fargo company.

"I have not even had time to read the order of the commission," he said, "and I can say no more than I did in Los Angeles the other evening. We will appear before the commission and try to justify our rates. If we fail, why then I suppose we will have to lower them to what the commissioners think are just rates."

No new complaints were filed against the Wells Fargo company yesterday. There still remain two days in this week and it is expected that the average of 10 complaints a week will be increased. J. D. Ludlow, traffic manager for Wells Fargo & Co. at New York, will probably represent the company at the hearing before the commission.

Return of $10,000 Sought

Following in the wake of their victory over Wells, Fargo & Co., the California commercial association is now pressing suit for the return of a sum approximating $10,000 in overcharges. The association consists of a number of local merchants, who for many years united their shipments in the east, thus taking advantage of the bulk rates. Wells, Fargo & Co. sought to break up this method of saving tolls by charging full pound rates on the goods of each individual house. The case has been carried through the interstate commerce commission to the supreme court, which recently decided in favor of the California shippers.

While enforcing the individual pound rates, Wells, Fargo & Co. collected something like $10,000 in excess of the amount that the bulk tariff would have yielded. The suit for the recovery of this money is now pending.

Encouraged by the decision of the supreme court in its favor, the California commercial association, through its executive, M. S. Kohlberg, is now planning to resume operations on the former basis.

In order to check the association, as far as possible, Wells, Fargo & Co. has withdrawn the bulk shipment rates over 1,000 pounds. This has been made the basis of still another suit before the interstate commerce commission, in which the local shippers seek to compel the company to restore the bulk schedule for weights as high as 4,000 pounds. The suits are being prosecuted on behalf of the local shippers by Attorney I. I. Brown.

Competitor in Field

For the first time in its history the Wells Fargo express company now has a real competitor in this part of the world, and yesterday this competitor, the Globe express company, which is closely identified with the Western Pacific, started the battle for trans-Pacific business.

The Globe express company is now associated with the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, and through the ships of the Japanese line will handle a large business between here and the coast of Asia, a field that the Wells Fargo company has hitherto, through the Pacific Mail, had all to itself.

The Nippon Maru, which arrived yesterday, is the first of the Japanese steamers to reach here since the new arrangement went into effect, and officials of the Globe met the ship at the wharf to handle such express business as the liner brought.

Chauncey St. John, formerly deputy surveyor of the port, is foreign agent of the Globe company, and will once more be a familiar figure on the water front on steamer days. C. O. Brown is general agent of the new company and W. E. Ellis city representative.

Commission to Fix Rates

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 13.—Governor Hadley today signed the house bill which gives the railroad commissioners power to fix rates for express companies, to establish free delivery zones in cities of 1,000 persons and to fix the amount which such companies shall pay railroads for carrying express.

Country People Save City
Rabbi Urges Love of Home

REV. MARTIN A. MEYER

WITH a reincarnation of the spirit of the Jewish patriarchs of old, strong within him, Rabbi Martin A. Meyer of Temple Emanu-El at the Passover service yesterday, bitterly scored San Franciscans for permitting the family life of the city to pass into the category of things obsolete. Apartment houses, diversity of interests, lack of intimacy between parents and children, the whirl of modern life, the shifting of responsibility—all of these things contribute to the general lack of that home atmosphere which has characterized every successful nation in the history of the world, he said.

"The Homelessness of Modern Society" was the title announced for the sermon and with ruthless hand Dr. Meyer scourged the faults of city dwellers, regretting the vices which contaminate the people of the great centers of population and declaring that San Francisco is a city of wicked homelessness, destroying the essence of civilization.

Good has come from the country, he declared, and the only means of saving great cities from ruin has come in the influx of country people. They have renewed the spirit of righteousness, bringing with them love of the home, that craving for intimate family companionship, that custom of gathering around the fireside which has been the salvation of those who herd together in careless unloving fashion.

They have proved an invaluable factor, but with regret the speaker acknowledged that even they after a brief time become contaminated. Over San Francisco Dr. Meyer mourned as having, when opportunity offered itself after the great disaster, failed to re-establish the homes, having erected instead apartment houses on every hand, catering to every grade of society. He said in part:

"San Francisco has lost the most precious opportunity ever offered to any modern city in the history of civilization. Its citizens have allowed indolent, selfish interests to destroy a boundless, limitless treasure. That chance will never come again. It is lost forever. It was to make this great city of the west a city of peaceful progress, where the unity of the home and family should predominate, instead of a city of tenements, both technically and morally.

"I say we are speeding on to moral bankruptcy. Teachers, businessmen, men of letters and the clergy have raised the cry that unless the dining table is made symbolic of civilization, unless the home is recognized as the first schoolhouse, unless the intimacy of members of families does not increase, humanity shall drift into a void of hopeless barbarism.

"We are adopting the English procedure with regard to our home life rather than the German. Women know not their children, and the children have become little strangers of the rich. Clubs for both men and women, politics and a selfish desire for dissipation have ruined the homes. The effect of this tremendous, mad rush has been contributory to juvenile delinquency, which is eating away the moral fibers of the country. Men and women refuse the obligation of home building simply to pursue selfish desires. They recognize not beauty of home life. They know not the necessity of wholesome intimacy with their children. Character building by sympathetic direction is unknown.

"There is a remedy, and a simple one. Adopt the doctrine of maximum home education and home love instead of the minimum, and you will soon see the obvious result, a diminishing littleness of corruption among well bred children. Do not be strangers with your children. Teach them the things they must learn yourselves. Do not allow them to learn these things by experience at the hands of those who trade in vileness and vice.

"In the old days the harem kept the women from decent homes, where the good that is in them could be manifested, and the nursery kept the children from the fireside, where the qualities of earnest, sincere love was made latent. These evils have left, but others are taking their places. Displace evils not with evils."

SUNDAY CLOSING OF DRUG STORES EXTENDS

Movement for Afternoon Rest Spreads in State

As a result of the example set by the San Francisco pharmacists the druggists throughout the state have begun a movement for closing Sunday afternoons between 1 and 5 o'clock. For the last month the local drug stores have remained closed during these hours and it has been found practical and satisfactory in every way. Eastern trade journals have commented upon the success.

"For a long time," said J. D. O'Callaghan, manager of the Palace hotel pharmacy and president of the Retail drug clerks' association, "it was a superstition with retail drug people that the public demanded the use of the stores Sundays as well as other days. It has been determined that the stores may as well be closed. Emergency cases are handled by physicians and emergency hospitals without the aid of the stores. Staple goods may be purchased on other days as well as any other commodity if the public so desires and will educate itself to do so."

Edward L. Baldwin, manager of the Ferry drug company, declared that the closing had pleased him because it had solved a problem which had troubled him for years. Druggists who concurred verbally yesterday were Secretary W. N. Berg of the Owl drug company, Harry Lapidary of the No Per Cent drug company, Warren Quinn of Winkelee's pharmacy, Dr. Thomas Shumate, K. P. Bowerman, H. Dugan, Val Schmidt, John J. Mallooney and several others.

TRAIN SMASHES WAGON AND INJURES DRIVER

Santa Rosa Man Crosses in Front of Engine

[*Special Dispatch to The Call*]

GUERNEVILLE, April 13.—Alois Henrichs failed to clear a train on the Guerneville branch last night, when he attempted to drive in front of the train, and in the collision which resulted he was seriously injured. His wagon was demolished and his team injured so that they had to be killed. Henrichs may recover.

COSTLY ARIZONA BLAZE—Jerome, Ariz., April 13.—Fire early today caused a loss of $40,000 in the destruction of the large stables and warehouse of the T. F. Miller company mercantile establishment and a cottage belonging to the United Verde copper company.

Through Yosemite Sleeper

Via Southern Pacific, for the summer season, 1911, commences service Friday, April 14th. Train 86 from the Ferry Depot at 9:40 P. M. Ticket offices: Flood Building, Palace Hotel, Market Street Ferry Depot, Third and Townsend Streets Depot, and Broadway and Thirteenth Street, Oakland.

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CONDUCTOR SHOT BY TRAIN ROBBER

Small Sum Is Result of Holdup of a Santa Fe Passenger Train

SYRACUSE, Kan., April 13.—An unidentified man boarded a Santa Fe passenger train No. 5 as it left here at 1 o'clock this morning. He was heavily armed and pointed a revolver at the conductor and the brakeman. He robbed both men, obtaining only a small sum. When he attempted to rob the passengers the conductor made a show of resistance and was shot twice through the shoulder by the bandit. The man then stopped the train and jumped off.

POSTOFFICE BURGLAR SUSPECT IS RELEASED

Sausalito Man Proves Alibi in Healdsburg Robbery

SANTA ROSA, April 13.—Tony Malek of Sausalito, who has been held here for several days on suspicion of having been connected with the robbery of the Healdsburg postoffice, was liberated today after all efforts to connect him with the crime had proved futile and he had proved an alibi. Malek declared when taken into custody last week that he was registered in the Norden hotel in Howard street, San Francisco, on the night of the robbery. This was proven true by the register and the clerk on duty that night.

A Sermon!

Eastertide!

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MOSQUITO FLEET TO BEGIN PRACTICE

Annual Competition in Use of Torpedoes Opens Today Off San Pedro

[*Special Dispatch to The Call*]

SAN PEDRO, April 13.—The annual spring record torpedo practice for 10 vessels of the Pacific flotilla will begin off this port tomorrow. Lieutenant R. L. Richardson, commanding officer of the flotilla, arrived today from San Diego to supervise the practice. The following torpedo boats and destroyers stationed here will compete: Truxton, Paul Jones, Perry, Preble, Stewart, Lawrence, Goldsborough, Hopkins, Fox, Rowan and Davis.

Records made will be in competition with vessels of the same class in Atlantic and other waters. A trophy and cash prizes are awarded each year. The trophy is a gold plated brass plate with the names of the various winners for different years engraved thereon and is now held by the destroyer Reed of the Atlantic flotilla.

The first cash prize is $3,000 and the second $1,500, which is distributed to the members of the gunners' crews of the winning boats.

The torpedo boats and destroyers have been in the outer harbor for three weeks, standardizing the speed of the vessels and adjusting the torpedoes and firing machinery. Night practice will be held April 18 and 19, following which the flotilla will proceed to San Diego to engage in battle practice with the United States armored cruisers stationed off Coronado.

MRS. EMMELINE TYSON DEAD—Niles, April 13.—Mrs. Emmeline Tyson, who crossed the plains to California in 1848, died at 3 o'clock this morning at her home near Niles, aged 82 years. Mrs. Tyson was the mother of 10 children, four of whom are living—Henry, Ben and John Tyson and Mrs. Clara Martenstein.

MILLIONAIRE WINS CHANGE OF VENUE

Bias Against Him in Pescadero Is the Claim of Loren Coburn

[*Special Dispatch to The Call*]

PESCADERO, April 13.—Because of the alleged bias and prejudice of the residents of Pescadero against him, Loren Coburn, the 84 year old multimillionaire farmer, who was declared incompetent by Superior Judge Dooling several months ago, has been granted a change of venue from the fifth township to the second township in civil suits which he has brought against John and Joaquin Cordose, two of his tenants.

Upon reading the affidavits of the wealthy octogenarian declaring that the citizens are embittered against him, Justice of the Peace A. W. Woodhams granted Coburn's motion and transferred both cases to Justice Joseph McCormick's court in San Mateo.

The latest legal entanglement in the affairs of the aged millionaire is but a new chapter in the long and bitter battle which has been fought between Loren Coburn and Carl J. Coburn, an adopted son of Jehiel C. Coburn, Loren's brother.

Loren Coburn brought suit January 30 against John Cordose for $270.24 for goods, wares, merchandise and pasturage, which the plaintiff alleges he sold to the defendant. He also brought suit against Joaquin Cordose for $110.25 for grain purchased by the defendant.

NEW POSTMASTERS—Washington, April 13.—Postmasters appointed: California—Famosa, Kern county, Ruth E. Dewolf, vice C. E. Kitchen, resigned. Oregon—Cazadero, Clackamas county, Harry B. Snider, vice E. A. Gwynn, resigned; Risston, Lane county, Chester A. Vandenburg, vice H. Crites, resigned; Koler, Douglas county, George A. Humphreys, vice J. J. Vossen, resigned.

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