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MANAGERS OF RAILROADS IN CHICAGO TODAY

RESIDENT AND TRAFFIC MEN PLAN DEFENSE IN RATE CONTROVERSY; CLAIM ROADS ARE FACING RUIN.

INJUNCTION DID NOT COVER ALL

DISCOVERED THAT ROADS WERE NOT PREVENTED FROM RAISING RATES ON COMMODITIES BETWEEN OTHER POINTS.

Chicago, June 2.—The presidents and traffic managers of railroads centering in Chicago held a secret meeting today to discuss the defense in the rate injunction case. The attorneys for the roads meet tomorrow. Railroad officials declare the success of the attempt to prevent the rate increase spells ruin for the roads.

Washington, June 2.—Advances in commodity freight rates averaging approximately 12 1/2 per cent have been made in the territory from Chicago and Milwaukee to Indianapolis and Ohio river points. Revised freight rates were filed today with the interstate commerce commission by the western trunk lines. While the class rates do not seem to be affected particularly there is some advance in the commodity rates.

The rates of the Western Trunk Line association, prevented from becoming effective by a temporary injunction granted by the United States court at Hannibal, Mo., constitute only a part of the advance made by the Western Trunk Line association.

The injunction applies only to tariff A-115, mentioned in the bill filed by representatives of the department of justice. Tariffs filed practically simultaneously with the interstate commerce commission by the Western Trunk Line association, making advances in rates in commodities between Chicago and Milwaukee and Chicago and St. Paul; and between St. Paul and eastern destinations on wool are in effect today. While these tariffs are not so important as those making advances in commodities between the Missouri river and the Mississippi river transfers, nevertheless they are of considerable concern to shippers in Western Trunk Line territory to Atlantic seaboard points. The increase in freight transportation of wool from St. Paul points to New York and Boston particularly is of immense interest to consignors, as it means at flat advance of 10 cents a hundred pounds. The increase applies to all wool passing through Minneapolis or St. Paul destined to Atlantic tidewater destinations.

It is not explained why the injunction sought by the department of justice was not made applicable to all of the advances recently made by the Western Trunk Line association. Petition Prepared in Washington. St. Louis, Mo., June 2.—Frederick N. Judson, special counsel for the gov-

ernment in the injunction case against the Western Trunk Line committee, said if anything was omitted in the petition filed Tuesday he did not know it. The petition, he said, was prepared in Washington.

The order of Judge David P. Dyer, restraining twenty-five western railroads from advancing freight rates was placed in the hands of the United States marshal last night. Three companies having general offices here will be served today. Copies of the order last night were sent to Chicago, Kansas City, St. Paul and Parsons, Kans., where the general offices of the railroads are located.

Following the filing of a request to expedite the hearing, it was announced that judges of the United States circuit court, Adams, Vandeventer, Hook and Sanborn, may take it up before vacation. In that event the hearing would take place in St. Paul, where the judges are now holding court.

Railroad Men in Consternation.

Chicago, Ill., June 2.—Railroad officials were thrown into consternation because their revenues are reduced with prospects of still further reductions by the application of the through rate principle to their other schedules. This they declare will throw the rate structure of the entire west into chaos. Early advice of the decision was received from Interstate Commerce Commissioner E. E. Clark, who wrote the Missouri river decision, by Luther M. Walter, former attorney for the interstate commission and now assistant general counsel for Morris & Co., who handled both cases through the local courts and presented the argument before the supreme court.

Claim Rates Are Disturbed.

"The decision means a chaos of rates all over the country," said E. B. Boyd, assistant to the traffic vice-president of the Missouri Pacific, who was the principal rate expert for the railroad lawyers in the case. "The commission was either trying to favor the Missouri river cities or was attempting to formulate definitely the principle of through rates. If that principle is established it must be applied in every direction, which means that the further away a man is from the point of origin the cheaper his rate will be proportionately."

"It looks as if they were trying to force another panic," said H. U. Mudge, president of the Rock Island. "The railroads are absolutely in need of more revenues. The increase in the volume of traffic does not bring increases in net earnings, because the increase demands such great increases in equipment and improvements to provide for it. For nine months of the fiscal year including April, nearly every railroad running out of Chicago is showing a decrease in net in spite of the increase in gross and this has come about before the increase in wages has become effective to any great extent."

Claims Shippers Are Wrong.

Commenting on the government's declaration to appeal to the courts to enforce the scheduled advance in railroad rates, President E. P. Ripley, of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad company, said yesterday in a statement:

"It is true that there is a direct conflict of statement between the railroads and the shippers as to the condition of railroad earnings."

"In their resolutions adopted at Chicago on May 7, 1910, the shippers make the bald statement that an analysis of the figures of the interstate commerce commission indicates that the net income per mile of road for 1907 has increased 345 per cent over 1897. Also that the returns for the first seven months of the fiscal year 1909-1910 show a substantial increase in net operating income, thus indicating a healthy growth of business and relatively cheaper operating cost.

Statements branded as false. "Now, these statements are absolutely untrue, and the shippers have been deceived by those who made the compilations. "Where the returns for the calendar year 1909 showed earnings from operation of \$11,548 per mile those for 1909

showed only \$11,086, or 462 less, per mile.

"For the first three months of the calendar year 1910 the returns show gross earnings of \$2,734 per mile, against \$2,618 for the corresponding months in 1907, or a gain of \$116 per mile. But any elation over this improvement is chastened by the fact that the expenses have increased from \$1,170 per mile for the three months in 1907 to \$1,927 for 1910, causing a net loss of \$41 per mile.

"There is no chance for juggling with figures or deception on the railroad side—every item of our business is spread before the world. Our gross earnings are increasing, but our net earnings are declining.

Tells Perils of Future.

"But that isn't the worst of it. Such results as are now being obtained—poor as they are—arise from policies that are cumulative in evil for the future, because the properties are not being improved or even kept up to the proper standard.

"If we are fortunate enough a few years hence to have full crops and active business, and if the railroads are then unable to do what they are expected to do, these same shippers will perhaps perceive that they ought to have seconded rather than opposed the efforts of the railroads for better conditions. And again that isn't the worst of it—we have recently increased wages to a large amount and the decrease in net earnings will surely be great.

"I am not alluding especially to Atchison conditions. Our directors have been conservative and our stockholders have spent on our property much money that they might properly have claimed in dividends, but even the strongest among us cannot stand under present conditions—the weaker will, of course, drop first."

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BUXTON.

Mrs. Parsons and children returned from a pleasant visit with her mother in Keokuk.

Mrs. Tennant and Dorothy and Mrs. Cox were in Albia Tuesday.

L. Cobb purchased a new automobile last week.

T. J. Reese and wife from Bussey were in town last week.

B. C. Buxton was in town last week on business.

The Y. M. C. A. and friends enjoyed a supper in the lower rooms of the church on Tuesday night. J. Doe of Okaloosa spoke to the men in the interest of the organization. Many are enthusiastic over the movement and the work moves steadily forward toward opening the rooms now in preparation for the use of the men and boys.

Miss Margaret Reese went to Bussey Wednesday for a visit with her brother and wife at that place.

Frank Chambers is moving from Seventh street to the house on Second street vacated by Maurice Jones.

Miss Rose McRoberts has resigned her work at the company store and returned to her home in Everest.

Ed Vance and his mother spent Monday in Eddyville.

The mines were closed Monday and the miners as well as the store and office clerks enjoyed a vacation.

Mr. Baysor and family were in Albia Monday.

S. C. Welch and wife are expected home this week from Dexter Ia, where they have been visiting.

The M. E. Sunday school is preparing for Children's Day exercises to be given June 12.

Mrs. J. L. McCreary came over from Albia Monday to visit her daughter, Mrs. M. D. Cox for a few days.

Mrs. Carrie Brown visited her son Arthur who is working in Okaloosa.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Clair on B street last Saturday.

MAJOR HAMILTON ELDON SPEAKER

DECORATION DAY ORATOR GAVE SPLENDID ADDRESS BEFORE MILITARY SOCIETIES

Eldon, June 2.—Decoration day the army post and old soldiers, with the Woman's Relief Corps and Veterans' Drum Corps met at 1:30 p. m. and formed on the colors and marched to the river bridge where the strewing of flowers in memory of the dead sailors and marines was done by the Woman's Relief Corps and the march resumed to the cemeteries. Arriving there led by the Veteran drum corps they formed around the soldiers' monument and the exercises opened by prayer by Rev. Haney. Songs by the choir of all the churches followed and Major Hamilton of Ottumwa addressed the great assembly. He did credit to himself and was so infused with patriotism that he was called on to continue. Major was of the 36th Iowa and was a prisoner of war at Tyler, Texas several months. He was followed by Rev. Cheney of Keosauqua. Music by the drum corps and reading of Lincoln's address at Gettysburg and ritualistic exercises. The strewing of flowers was then taken up in line of march and the Eldon, Odd Fellows and Catholic cemeteries were gone over, placing little flags on each grave with flowers. The day was one of the finest and the whole program was carried out in full. The whole city was decorated and business was discontinued for the time.

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ELDON PATRIOTS HEAR GOOD TALK

FATHER H. J. HOGAN DELIVERED MEMORIAL DAY SERMON AT ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH.

Eldon, June 2.—The veterans of Eldon held their Memorial services this year at St. Aloysius church. The ladies had decorated artistically the main and side altars, with cut flowers and flags and never before did the church look so beautiful as the bright sunlight beamed in through the new art windows on the enthusiastic congregation that had assembled to do honor to the G. A. R.

The choir, under the direction of John Bradley and Mrs. Joseph Robinson as organist, rendered Bottmann's Mass in C. Father H. J. Hogan, after giving the soldiers a hearty welcome, spoke on "Freedom." He showed clearly that freedom meant the intellect guided by truth, justice expressed by law, and that government which is the expression of authority is the guarantee of freedom. "Reflect on these truths," said he, "for in this age of indifference men are apt to confound liberty with libertinism and freedom with injustice."

The beloved speaker showed clearly that man was not absolutely free; that there were duties he owed God, to his fellow man and to his country. Urging his hearers to be especially mindful of these duties to the country, Father Hogan said: "In this government, private and public interest go hand in hand. It will not do to attempt to excuse ourselves from par-

MADRIZ CHIEF CLOSES PORT AT BLUEFIELDS

IRIAS ISSUES DECREE THAT NO VESSEL SHALL ENTER WITHOUT FIRST SECURING GOVERNMENT'S PERMISSION.

UNITED STATES WILL DISREGARD THE ORDER

CAPTAIN GILMER OF THE PADUCAH WILL TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT NICARAGUAN WAR VESSELS FROM INTERFERING.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, June 2.—Dr. Julian Irias, representative on the Atlantic coast of President Madriz, has issued a decree that vessels cleared for Bluefields since June 1 may not enter this port without permission of the Madriz government. If enforced, the world mean absolute control of the coast wise trade by Madriz. The official decree was issued from aboard the Nicaraguan war vessel Venus. The United States gunboat Paducah will not permit the Venus to bombard Bluefields or shell the revolutionist trenches on the inland side of the city by firing over the provisional capital.

Whether the United States government will allow the Nicaraguan government to control the coming and going of coastwise vessels is a matter of doubt here and a decision by Secretary Knox is anxiously awaited. The Irias decree was issued Thursday, the day upon which the government troops fell back from Bluefields. The insurgents assumed the aggressive as the Madriz army withdrew, leaving their dead and wounded on the field. Altogether Estrada has taken 300 prisoners in the engagement. Thursday he lost only six men killed and fifteen wounded.

Paducah to Tame Venus.

Washington, D. C., June 2.—The decree of Dr. Irias in command of the Madriz war vessel Venus, that no vessel should enter the port of Bluefields after June 1 without permission of the Madriz government and without having paid customs duties at the bluff, will be disregarded by Captain Gilmer of the U. S. S. Paducah, and should Irias attempt to prevent American vessels from entering the port, prompt steps will be taken by Gilmer to prevent interference by the Venus.

No Protectorate Planned. The United States officially declares today that it has no present intention of assuming a protectorate over Nicaragua or in any way intervening until one faction or the other has obtained full control of the government by the consent of the people and is in a position to meet national and international obligations.

DON'T UNDERSTAND PRIMARY.

Some Think That Only Delegates Have a Vote, Whereas All Voters Have the Right.

Every day develops the fact that a great many people do not understand the primary law. Some men were in this office today and argued that the only men who were to vote at the primary, were the men who were named in the township caucus as delegates.

Participation in public affairs on the plea that private interest requires our entire attention. He who neglects his public interest strikes a blow at his personal prosperity. He urged his hearers to take an active part in government.

"If a city government is corrupt, its citizens alone are responsible, for in every city the good citizen so far outnumber the grafters or the undesirable that the united effort of the good is powerful enough to put the other to flight." In conclusion Father Hogan asked the sons of the veterans and the friends of the soldiers to go with the soldiers living to decorate tenderly the graves of the soldiers dead, "for they," said he, "deserve our sympathy and our loving regard. In doing, think and speak as Lincoln thought and spoke at Gettysburg of the nation's soldier martyrs."

"It is not for us to dedicate or consecrate the memory of our illustrious dead. Nothing that we can say or do can make their memories more sacred or more hallowed. It is for us to be dedicated to the ideals that their memories hold out; to be dedicated to the duties that we owe to our country and then the government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

What Everybody Ought to Know That Foley Kidney Pills contain just the ingredients necessary to tone, strengthen and regulate the action of the kidneys and bladder. Clark's Drug Store.

RICHLAND.

Wm. Callister attended the dedication of the Masonic hall in Ottumwa last Wednesday.

Miss Moore and Mrs. C. W. Mills were visitors in Ottumwa Wednesday.

Mrs. Luther Snider returned from Okaloosa Friday after a few days' visit with her brother Robert Walker and family.

Ray Hill went to Chicago Saturday night where he will remain all summer.

Bert Atwood and son went to Marion to visit relatives a few days.

Labor Conditions In the Steel Mills to Be Probed



Washington, D. C., June 2.—Labor Commissioner Charles P. Neill is to investigate the condition of employees in the steel mills of Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio and other parts of the United States. The investigation was ordered by the bill introduced into the United States senate at the instance of Senator Borah of Idaho. It came as the direct result of the report of Dr. Neill on the situation at the Bethlehem Steel works in Pennsylvania.

E. H. Gary took occasion to defend the employers, stating that the conditions in American steel mills were infinitely superior to those abroad, that the hours of work required were not excessive and that the conditions prevailing were as satisfactory as in other lines of business.

A. E. Holden, legislative agent of the American Federation of Labor, in appearing before the senate committee on public health, characterized the steel mills as "human slaughter houses," and it was charged that in the hospitals "willful murder" was committed on the theory that dead men were less expensive than cripples. Holden promised to furnish the committee with the source of his information and proof if they desired.

Dr. W. E. Dods who spent ten days in Des Moines attending the Medical association arrived at home Friday.

Hezekiah Bosworth and wife arrived here from Denver Friday enroute to Clay where they will visit some time with their daughter Mrs. Seymour and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greiner and W. Harlan and wife spent Thursday in Ottumwa.

Miss Alta Pringle came over from Washington Saturday and visited over Sunday with her father and mother and friends here in town.

Mrs. Ora Whittington of Ottumwa who is visiting the parental William Trail home near Veo was in town Saturday calling on friends.

Dr. C. Olive went to Missouri last Wednesday on a business trip.

Miss Frances Manchem who taught the Boston school closed the spring term with a good program and picnic much enjoyed by scholars and patrons.

John Kent and sister Mrs. Shaw have returned from Hedrick.

Sunday at 10:30 a. m. the Charlton Post G. A. R. and wives and widows of old soldiers marched to the M. E. church where the pastor Rev. J. C. Caughlin delivered the Memorial sermon. The choir and orchestra rendered good and appropriate music for the occasion.

Decoration day was duly observed in Richland Monday May 30. After music by the Marshal band, orchestra and choir Rev. Byram of Fremont also addressed the assembly. He delivered an able address to a large concourse of people, after which the veterans and school children fell in line where the ladies distributed bouquets to each one and at the top of graves to decorate. A noticeable fact was that there were not many veterans in line as there were ranks are growing thinner, here as elsewhere. A large delegation came from Veo, Clay, Otte and Martinsburg. In the evening the Mills orchestra will be continued each week during the summer.

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ALBIA.

Funeral services over the remains of Robert Henderson were held from his country home south of Hynes yesterday afternoon. His brother Archibald Henderson arrived to be present at the funeral. The death of Mr. Henderson was a great shock to his circle of acquaintances.

An informal reception was held Tuesday afternoon in the Christian church in honor of Mrs. Haette, the wife of a former pastor of the church. Mrs. Haette has been in Australia for several years and this is her first visit to Albia since her return.

The Queen Esther club meets with Miss Florence Porter next Friday evening.

Fred Norbery aged 20 and Anna Jeffries, aged 18 both of Hiteman were

granted a marriage license Tuesday by the clerk of the court.

Mrs. C. B. Powell is reported as being on the sick list this week.

Races on the fair grounds are scheduled for June 9. A great time is being anticipated.

Mrs. Carl Harper and son Loy are both quite ill with the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wagner of Hiteman were Albia visitors recently.

Mrs. W. E. Giltner is able to be around again after several days' suffering from an injured limb.

Miss Elizabeth Lynch left Monday for a visit in Boston and several other points in the east.

Foley's Kidney Remedy may be given to children with admirable results. It does away with bed wetting, and is also recommended for use after measles and scarlet fever. Clark's Drug Store.

BLOOMFIELD.

Word has been received here by friends and relatives of the death of Mrs. A. F. Evans which occurred at Osburn, Kans., her home on Friday, May 27.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will decorate the graves of their deceased brothers and sisters Sunday June 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lane of Des Moines were in Bloomfield on business Wednesday.

Miss Edna Walker of Moulton returned home Wednesday from a few days' visit with her brother, Chas. Walker.

Dale and Miss Mary Farrington returned home Wednesday from Coe, Neb., where they have been teaching school.

Mrs. John Leach was called to Troy Wednesday on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Darnell.

Mrs. T. E. Potter of Portland, Ore., who has been visiting her brother, And. Allen, who lives south of town. Mrs. Potter's niece, Miss Maggie Shepherd of Nevada, Mo., returned with her.

Mrs. Marvel Leon and son Fard visited the first of the week at the Cliff Tivwood and Or Berry homes in Ottumwa.

W. J. Steckel and Harvey Leon were in Cedar Rapids the first of the week looking over plumbing supplies for Mr. Steekel's new home.

Mrs. J. T. Shelton and daughter Pearl, were Ottumwa visitors Tuesday.

H. Jarvis, of Edwards county, Kan., returned home Tuesday from a five weeks' visit with friends and relatives in and near Bloomfield.

Mrs. W. C. Fresh and son Eastmel, and daughter Essie of near Savannah visited the first of the week at the Mrs. Rollie French home in Ottumwa.

Miss Cora Brier of Pilsbuck passed through Bloomfield Tuesday enroute to Hedrick where she will visit her brother, A. J. Brier.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bridgman Tuesday afternoon. E. N. Bosenberger and son John left the last of the week for a visit with his mother and brothers of St. Charles, Mo. Mr. Bosenberger returned Tuesday while John will make an extended visit.

Mrs. J. W. Lawford of Cimarron, Kan., arrived Tuesday for a visit at the E. E. Bradberry home.

Miss Pearl Smith spent Tuesday with friends in West Grove.

Mrs. R. Sherch returned Tuesday to her home in Mystic after visiting with her sister.

Small Town to Pave. Sidney, June 2.—(Special)—The city council here has taken the first steps towards paving the square. Sydney will have the distinction of being the smallest town in Iowa with paved streets.