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## IN THE GRASP OF THE RAILROADS.

The fate of an independent smelter for the silver and gold ores of southern Nevada may depend on a readjustment or abrogation of that infamous long and short haul clause to which every railroad commission on the Pacific coast clings. Even the interstate commerce commission handling transportation for the nation has turned a deaf ear to the numerous supplicating petitions from cities in the back country where there is no ocean outlet except by rail. These cities for over twelve years have importuned the state and national commissions to do them justice by rearranging rates to the end that the short haul shall not be taxed at the same rate as the long haul. There is no discrimination about this that any fair-minded man can see, yet the commissions, with few exceptions unite in saying that the adoption of the principle would be a vicious beginning that would undermine the whole structure of rate making. Well, if it should, what of it! That is exactly what justice and fair dealing demands. The old bugaboo of meeting water competition can no longer be cited as an excuse for prolonging this agony since it is admitted that for four years there has not been enough shipping available to move the outward bound tonnage arriving at Pacific ports for export. The coasting trade is a thing of the past and the big liners that once traversed the seas between coast harbors and Atlantic seaports find more profitable trade to engage their vessels.

The fallacy of the principles laid down by the interstate commerce commission is exemplified in a striking manner in the gross affliction of Nevada miners and mining capital invested in Nevada by a letter recently addressed by the public service commission of Nevada to its congressional representatives at Washington. This letter sets forth lucidly that this state can never aspire to industrial development against the railroad policy of selling long and double haul transportation—as well as triple hauls whenever possible under this vicious long and short haul practice. The question has been revived at this time by an effort on the part of the owners of the Thompson smelter to engage in general smelting business after an initial outlay of a million dollars for installing reverberatory furnaces. To operate with the greatest efficiency it was found necessary to arrange for an ample supply of silicious ores which could be secured from Paxton, a station on the Western Pacific. The rate on \$70 concentrates from Paxton to Wabuska under present class rates amounts to \$10.50 per ton for a 182-mile haul whereas for the 680-mile haul to the Utah smelters, a commodity rate of \$8.80 has been established and is applied. The through joint rate contended for by Nevada in the interests of Nevada miners, Nevada investors, Nevada's growth and Nevada's industrial development is approximately \$3.50 per ton which should, on merit, have been published within ten days of receipt of application. The brief of the public service commission of Nevada submitted to the senators, concludes with the following striking epitome of the lasting injury likely to be imposed on the interior states which are battling for the right of determining within their own borders what railroads shall charge to avoid discrimination against local industries. The paragraph is as follows:

"Unless vigorous steps are taken now and when the bills are in conference, I am very much afraid that the states of the union will find that they have lost practically all of their sovereign rights in the matter of railway regulation, or in other words, the right to control their own internal commerce through the medium of trunk line railroad agencies privately owned and operated and that, for the future, the state's only relief will be to establish railroad lines of their own or to promote and build up other transportation agencies through which they may be able to secure an even break in the matter of transportation charges and services."

## RETURNING IMMIGRANTS.

Over the hills always looks more enchanting than the view closer to the backdoor of our homes. Radiant with the glow of sunset and basking in the shimmering haze of imagination, the distance always presents enchantment which can be dispelled only by an effort to lift the pot of gold from the horns of the rainbow. Ellis Island statistics reveal this state of affairs in most striking form. Ever since the issuance of passports was sanctioned by the state department, trainloads of foreign-born people, chiefly of the Latin races, have been rolling toward the Atlantic seaports to disgorge their thousands of prosperous hyphenates desirous of returning to their former homes and settling down in the mother country with the sole thought of spending the remainder of their days in full enjoyment of modest fortunes accumulated in America. The outgoing ships carried men and women with their families intent on escaping the maddening competition and high pressure existence of the United States. According to reports submitted to internal revenue officers, many of these families carried off fortunes ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000. It was another case of the home coming excursions so common in this country a few years ago and the result was about the same. Arrival in Europe brought disillusionment. The old land had changed, costs of living were higher than in the land the emigrants left and the conditions would not fit in with their Americanized ideas of what the home life should be. No furnace heated cottages, no cozy steam heated flats with baths and toilets. No free schools and social equality. The contrast was too much. The new arrivals found they had absorbed ideas different from those they had entertained when they or their parents timorously took steerage passage for the distant America one or two generations before. The revulsion of sentiment brought the realization that America was not such a poor place for the poor men or the man with small capital. Even though taxes were high they did not approximate what they would have to pay to the debt ridden kingdoms of Europe and, after a short period of observation these thrifty aliens bought passage back to the land of their adoption where they soon will be found knocking at the door of the former factory, mine or mill applying for reinstatement. The effect will be beneficial in many ways. Principally the shortage of labor will be balanced, the money withdrawn from American banks will find its way back into cir-

ulation and the new immigrants will bring back contentment and satisfaction that could never have been the case had they not learned from the bitter lesson of experience that Columbia offers the best reward for the honest and diligent.

## RESTAURANT MAN STARVES—OUT OF WORK

(By Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—Robert J. McCamon, 34, a restaurant worker who came here seeking work, walked the streets for eighteen days without a mouthful of food during that time, according to the story told the police. He was found semi-conscious in an automobile into which he had crawled during the night to escape the pelting rain. Local charity workers took up the case.

It is proposed to make the Kentucky Mammoth Cave a national preserve. What a place that will be for the democrats to hide in next year.

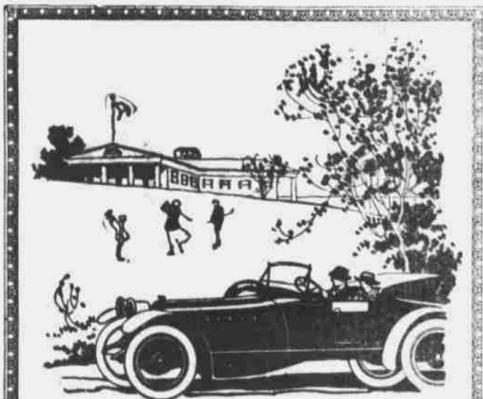
## TURN CLOCKS AHEAD TO REDUCE COAL BILLS

(By Associated Press) PARIS, Dec. 26.—The cabinet today approved a bill providing for turning ahead of clocks one hour beginning February 1, as a fuel conservation measure.

## PERSHING GREETED BY HIS ALMA MATER

(By Associated Press) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 27.—General Pershing today was welcomed back to the University of Nebraska where he obtained a law degree and was commandant of university cadets in the early nineties.

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## SUMMONS

In the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Nye, Clementina Chopp, Plaintiff, vs. Steve Chopp, Defendant.  
 The State of Nevada, sends greeting to said defendant, Steve Chopp. You are hereby summoned to appear within ten days after the service upon you of this summons if served in said county, or within twenty days if served out of said county but within said Judicial District, and in all other cases within forty days, (exclusive of the day of service,) and defend the above entitled action. This action is brought to dissolve the bonds of matrimony existing between you and the plaintiff upon the grounds of extreme cruelty and for equitable relief as more particularly described in the complaint filed in said action.  
 Dated Oct. 11, 1919.  
 L. E. GLASS, Clerk (Court Seal) M. J. SCANLAN, Plaintiff's Attorney.  
 Date of first publication Nov. 14, 1919.

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