

HARDSHIP WORKED BY PROPOSED NEW WESTERN TARIFFS

Increased Grain Handling Rates Attacked at Chicago Hearing.

SOUTH DAKOTA IS PAYING MORE NOW

Expert of that State Maintains Farmers are Now Paying Relatively Higher Figure than Fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Chicago, April 20.—Assertion was made today before W. H. Daniels, interstate commerce commissioner before whom testimony is being given in the western freight rate case, that figures presented in some of the railroad statistical exhibits were erroneous and that some comparisons made by railroad witnesses were without value.

The contentions were presented by E. L. Hogueland of Topeka, Kan., former state expert on the Kansas railroad commission, a witness called by the committee of state railroad commissions to object to the proposed advance in freight rates on certain commodities asked by forty-one western railroad systems.

The testimony of Mr. Hogueland was primarily on the proposed advance of one cent a hundred pounds on grain freight charges.

Items are Wrong. "One of the witnesses for the railroads," said Mr. Hogueland, "made a number of comparisons between rates in western and eastern states. One table which he used contained a selected list of 29 articles moving into Kansas points. I find that eleven out of the twenty-nine rates named from Chicago to Topeka are wrong; fifteen out of twenty-nine to Salina, eighteen out of twenty-nine to Wichita, and Hutchinson, and twelve out of twenty-nine to Dodge City and Goodland. The error each time consisted in giving class rates where specific commodity rates are in effect."

Higher Than Actual Rate. In most instances, the witness said, the rates used by the railroad witnesses were higher than the actual rates which Mr. Hogueland has taken to destroy the effect of the comparisons based on the lists. Particular exception was taken by the witness to comparisons made by railroad witnesses who contrasted the percentage relationships which commodity rates bear to class rates in the west.

Higher Cost in the West. "From the Emporia, Kan., group to the Mississippi river, an average haul of 309 miles, we pay an average of 17.25 cents for a similar distance from Indiana to Pittsburgh the rate is 10.75 cents. In other words, for the same wheat rates are about 160 per cent of eastern charges for the same length haul."

On cross-examination Mr. Hogueland said that he considered the present rates on grain about right. He declined to state the method by which he arrived at the conclusion that present grain freight rates are too high and insisted that his tabulations showed that no advance was needed to make the rates equitable.

South Dakota Claim. D. L. Kelley, rate expert of the South Dakota railroad commission, testified regarding the South Dakota rates were unfair. "The rates involved in this territory," he said, "are materially higher than the rates already fixed by the interstate commerce commission. They should be reduced."

In order to accommodate other witnesses from the western grain districts a night session was held.

LOFTUS "PASSING" CENSOR MOTION

Addresses Dakota Gathering and Offers Resolutions Against Legislators.

LaMoure, N. D., April 20.—Threatened "political fires" are being built rapidly in North Dakota by George Loftus of Minnesota who has just completed a partial tour of the state during which he has given particular attention to districts of legislators who opposed, in the recent assembly, the proposal to establish a terminal elevator in St. Paul.

In a big meeting here, Mr. Loftus criticized the course taken by the two members of the house of representatives from this district, both of whom voted against the measure. The farmers passed a resolution criticizing the actions of the two county legislators, Messrs. Gunthorpe and Engel of the house and Senator Porter. The motion was proposed by Mr. Loftus.

THE WEATHER. North Dakota: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature. UNIVERSITY READINGS. 7 a. m. 35; maximum 73; minimum 40; north wind, 10 miles; barometer 30.07.

Preservation of China's Independence And Common Interests of All Nations, Policy of Britain, Says Secretary Grey

London, April 20.—The preservation of the common interests of all powers in China, by the insurance of the independence and integrity of the Chinese republic, and the principle of equal opportunities for commerce and industry of all nations in China is declared by Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary, to be the policy of the British government in the Chinese solution.

SELL FIGUREHEAD OF BATTLESHIP AS JUNK AT BISMARCK

"Rummage" Sale Conducted by State Also Comes in For Criticism.

Bismarck, N. D., April 20.—Portions of the bronze figurehead of the United States battleship North Dakota, loaned to the state for display purposes, have been sold as scrap iron, the state receiving 7 cents a pound for the "junk."

About 1,000 pounds of the figurehead have been disposed of in this manner, leaving about 2,000 pounds still in possession of the state. That the bronze figurehead is not the property of the state is a striking feature of the alleged transaction which has just been brought to light.

Obtained by Governor. The figurehead was brought to the state through the efforts of Governor Hanna, the government making the loan for exhibition purposes only. The greatest portion of the figurehead still remains on display at the state capitol grounds—but about a third of it is missing and it is charged that it has been sold as scrap iron.

Interesting figures on a recent "rummage" sale, conducted by the state, also have come to light within the past few days, as a result of declarations, published locally, that many valuable articles were sold at ridiculously low prices.

Some State Bargains. The statement of the sale shows the state officers and their employees were the principal purchasers, and items listed are rather interesting. For instance, three desks were sold for 50 cents each. Leather coaches sold for \$15.00 each, and a pair of shoes for \$1.00. A pair of shoes sold for \$1.00, and a pair of shoes sold for \$1.00. The total amount realized by the sale was \$224, while the cost of advertising was \$32.80.

WILSON TO NEW YORK FOR A. P.

Washington, April 20.—President Wilson left at 8 o'clock today for New York to attend the annual luncheon of the Associated Press. Others in the party were Secretary Daniels, Dr. C. T. Grayson and Secretary Tumulty. The president will return tonight.

PREMIER APPOINTS ROYAL COMMISSION

Winnipeg, Man., April 20.—Sir Redmond Roblin announced today the royal commission appointed in connection with the condition of Manitoba's new parliament buildings, the estimated cost of which will run to \$4,500,000.

The opposition claim is that \$8,000,000 had been either wasted or stolen in making the foundation. Chief Justice Mathers and Justice Sir Hugh MacDonald, police court judge, are named. Minnesota's capitol construction will figure largely in the investigation.

BARNES EVIDENCE IN DAMAGE SUIT ALREADY FINISHED

Offers Multitude of Newspapers to Prove Publication of Libel.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 20.—Counsel for William Barnes, in his suit for alleged libel against Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, rested their case today after they offered evidence calculated to prove the publication of the alleged libelous statement uttered against the former chairman of the republican state committee, by the former president of the United States.

Only One Witness. Counsel for Barnes, who asks \$50,000 damages, placed only one witness upon the stand. He was John McGrath, Roosevelt's private secretary. He testified that he gave out the statement complained of to newspaper reporters at Oyster Bay. A partial list of 48 newspapers in which the statement appeared was then read, and counsel for the defendant conceded the statement appeared in them. He also conceded the detailed statement of circulations in each newspaper mentioned as correct.

The case of the plaintiff rested after counsel for both sides delivered their opening addresses to the jury, and the one witness heard.

William Irvine, for Barnes pictured Roosevelt as having been the nation's greatest arbiter of morals, and said he now was in court with the opportunity to prove alleged libelous things he said about Barnes on various occasions.

No Retrenching Here. William Van Bennechten for the defense described the colonel as a "simple, good, honest government man," and said he "has been prejudiced to make the statement by the belief that there was corruption and rottenness in the administration of Barnes."

Roosevelt On the Stand. Theodore Roosevelt went upon the witness stand to defend himself in the suit for alleged libel. The colonel smilingly walked to the witness chair. In firm and clear voice, the witness told the story of his early life. He then sketched his political career.

N. D. Visitors at the San Francisco Fair

San Francisco, April 15.—The following North Dakota people registered at the North Dakota building at the fair last Thursday: E. E. Bryne, Bowman. Mrs. H. H. Carr, Hunter. Geo. A. Kellogg, Lakota. C. E. Anderson, Turtle Lake. Sheridan Corlis, Beach. W. S. Lowman and family, Fargo. Edna L. Conyers, Cando. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Rhodes, Dawson. Clara Reishus, Minot. D. J. Stanton, Grand Forks. Mr. and Mrs. Ole Olson, Heimdahl. Chas. C. McMullen, formerly of Grand Forks, also registered at the building Thursday.

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CHICAGO AND ROCK ISLAND RAILROAD GOES TO RECEIVER

Suit Launched Today by Foundries Company First Line Has Faced.

NAME MUDGE AND DICKINSON TO ACT

Operating Concern Hasn't Previously Faced Such Difficulties—Railway Files Answer—Consenting to Action Requested.

Chicago, April 20.—A petition for a receiver for the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad company was filed in the federal district court by the American Steel Foundries company today.

The defendant company is an operating corporation, which, according to information at the general offices, never before was named in such a suit.

The railway company filed its answer consenting to the action requested by the foundries company. Judge Carpenter announced he would hold the matter under advisement until this afternoon.

H. U. Mudge, president of the railway company, and J. M. Dickinson, former secretary of war, were appointed receivers.

Following the announcement of the appointment of the receivership, stock dropped ten points, on the New York stock exchange.

The company admitted its inability to meet \$5,000,000 in short term notes and other obligations due now.

WILL NOT RESIGN DEM CHAIRMANSHIP

New York, April 20.—William F. McCombs, chairman of the democratic national committee, issued the following statement on his arrival in New York today from the west: "I have no intention whatever of resigning the chairmanship of the democratic national committee. The greatest arbiter of morals, and said he now was in court with the opportunity to prove alleged libelous things he said about Barnes on various occasions."

Jameson, N. D., April 20.—Denial that they are in any manner identified with the campaign of referring measures of the last legislature is made by John Kauff of Jamestown in behalf of himself, O. J. Seiler and C. S. Buck, all of Jamestown. They have been connected up with the movement to refer a large number of legislative enactments, because of the fact that they have been closely identified, as relatives, with the cases launched against the state board of control, in reference to the construction operations at the asylum for the insane.

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SUES FOR \$50,000 AND GETS \$30,000 FOR BREACH OF PROMISE TO MARRY

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NEW RAILROAD IN BELGIAN CONGO

Have, April 20.—The Belgian minister of the colonies has received news from the Belgian Congo of the completion of the railway linking the Luabala river with Lake Tanganyika. This is the first addition to railway communications in Africa. It will now be possible to travel from the Stanley Falls to Lake Tanganyika in seven days. The railway is also important strategically.

WITH HUERTA IN UNITED STATES



Abraham Z. Ratner. Abraham Z. Ratner is accompanying Victoriano Huerta on the latter's visit to the United States. He is a close friend of the ex-dictator. During the Madero regime he was exiled from Mexico.

WILL PLACE CASE OF EXCESSIVE COST UP TO LEGISLATORS

Williston Water Users Prepare for Session With Congressional Body.

Williston, N. D., April 20.—The congressional committee which will visit the Williston irrigation project July 12 to 15 will be given an opportunity to inquire into the cost of the work, according to plans laid by the Williston Water Users' association.

The completion of a statement of alleged excessive cost is now being made, and under this the association officials expect they will be able to convince the congressional party that the land owners have not been fairly dealt with.

Charges of excessive construction charges have long been aired, but heretofore they have not taken concrete form. The cost of the project exceeded the estimate by a great margin, and that fact has seriously hampered the successful development of the farming lands that are under the project.

The congressional committee which will come here is composed of Congressmen Gillette, Page, Mondell, Shirley, Bordland, Good, Bissell, and Johnson. They are making a tour of all reclamation projects.

Following the inspection here, the party will go to St. Paul, Minn., where it will disband.

UNITED STATES IS IN JUDICIAL CHAIR

Its Position With Respect to World Crisis Defined by Wilson.

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ROME DISPATCHES INDICATE POSSIBILITY OF VERY EARLY AND IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THAT QUARTER

Said That German Ambassador Has Bid Farewell to Pope—British Say They Destroyed Their Own Submarine to Prevent the Turks Groom Getting It.

Paris, April 20.—Two Turkish boat destroyers were blown up, says a Saloniki dispatch, while passing through the mine belt which Russian ships had succeeded in laying across the entrance to Bosphorus while the Turkish fleet was cruising in the Black sea.

Explosions caused by the destruction of the two Turkish boats gave warning to the remainder of the fleet, which the dispatch says, was obliged to remain in the Black sea because there were no mine sweepers available.

TODAY MAY MARK EXPIRATION OF TIME LIMIT

Paris, April 20.—Italy some time ago fixed April 20 (today) as the latest date for the consideration of any proposals Austria might wish to make, according to a report current in Rome, says the Figaro's correspondent.

Baron de Macchio, the Austrian ambassador, already has given notice to the embassy servants who are now paid daily, it is said, and the same is true of tradesmen bills for goods supplied the embassy.

The Figaro's correspondent says it is stated in the Vatican circles that the visit made to the pope a few days ago by the German ambassador was to bid farewell to the pontiff as the diplomat believes his departure from Rome imminent.

REPORT OF PEACE IS PERSISTENT IN ITALIAN CAPITAL

Settlement of Italy's Problems May Have Far Reaching Influence.

Rome, April 20.—Within the last 24 hours there has arisen in Rome persistent reports that grave international questions confronting Italy may be solved in the near future by what at first sight seems almost incredible, the conclusion of general peace in Europe at a near date.

While these reports are intangible, and cannot at present be ascribed to any definite source, they nevertheless are reflected in high quarters, and given heed by careful observers of international politics.

Among other reasons in support of this argument it is offered that Rome is an excellent field for the conduct of negotiations of this nature. Prince Von Buelow, one of the ablest German diplomats, is here as ambassador to Italy. Official relations between Italy and Germany, as well as between Italy and the powers of the triple entente, are cordial.

NEW RATE FROM FRISCO TO EAST

San Francisco, April 20.—A rate of 40 cents a hundred on certain commodities from San Francisco and other California points to eastern points, authorized today by the interstate commerce commission was said here to be the first decision enabling railroads to meet Panama canal competition on eastbound freight.

British Force Driven From German East Africa

Berlin, April 20.—Advice received says that the British expeditionary force which attempted to invade German East Africa was defeated and driven away with a loss of seven hundred men. The British forces are said to have been landed from cruiser.

A Square Deal For Hubby

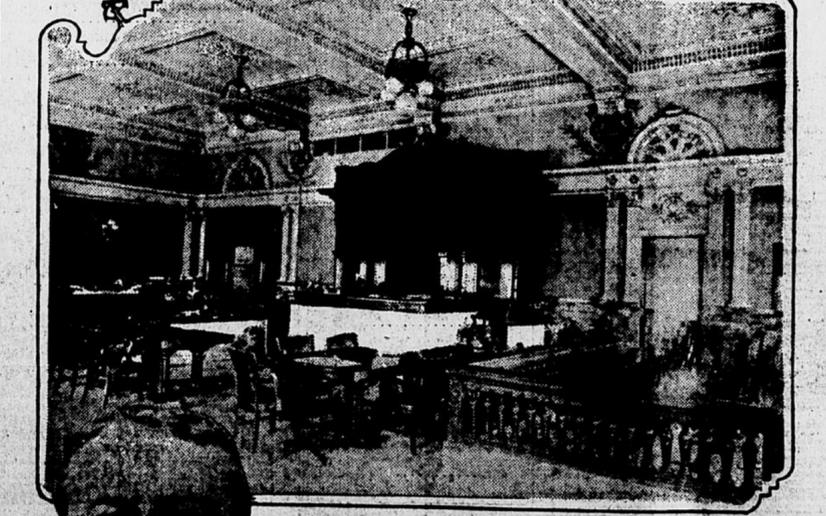
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FEW WILL SEE BARNES-T. R. TRIAL; LAWYERS, REPORTERS, JURY, COURT ATTENDANTS AND WITNESSES CROWD LITTLE COURT ROOM



Judge William S. Andrews, presiding justice at Barnes-Roosevelt trial, and the court room where big legal battle will be fought.

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