

RAILROAD NEWS

PRESIDENT URGES ENLARGED POWERS

Argues With Senators to Give Commission Right to Fix Rates

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Enlargement of the powers of the interstate commerce commission is one of the questions which will be pressed vigorously at the present session of congress. It can be said that in the mind of President Roosevelt no problem more important than this to all the people of the country is likely to engage the attention of congress this winter.

In conference with members of both the senate and the house of representatives the president has emphasized the arguments he advanced in his message in favor of an extension of the powers of the interstate commerce commission. With several members he discussed the subject today, earnestly advocating the recommendations contained in his message. "Two paragraphs in the message he has directed my attention to," said Representative Graft, of Illinois, "indicated these points of the message: 'Above all else, we must strive to keep the highways of commerce to all on equal terms and to do this it is necessary to put a complete stop to all rebates. 'Do not believe that, as a fair security to shippers, the commission should be vested with the power, where a given rate has been challenged and found to be unreasonable, to decide, subject to judicial review, what shall be a reasonable rate to take its place; the ruling of the commission to take effect immediately and to be subject to review only if it is reversed by the court of review.'"

Under the interstate commerce commission exercised the power to regulate railroad freight rates, but the supreme court then decided that under the law the commission had no such authority. Western members of congress, especially, have urged on behalf of their constituents that the power recommended by the president be conferred by law upon the commission. They have told the president that no question of greater importance to the people than this and that they are more interested in it than they are in the proposed revision of the tariff. The president is in entire agreement with this view and proposes to exert his influence to bring about consideration of the subject at the present session.

BALTIMORE & OHIO IMPROVES ROADBED

Straightens Lines, Eliminates Grades and Double Tracks Road

During the calendar year the construction department of the Baltimore & Ohio has changed 29.35 miles of track; built 55.4 miles of new road, and 87.5 miles of track. The new road includes the construction of the Point Pleasant, Buckhannon & Tygart's valley railroad from Junction to Buckhannon, W. Va., a distance of 12.6 miles; the second track between New Castle Junction and Southers, Ohio, a distance of 2.2 miles; double track, from Haselton to Niles, Ohio, a distance of 8.5 miles; from Niles, Ohio, to Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, a distance of 4.8 miles; and changes of alignment and grades have been made and second track constructed from Flushing, Ohio, to Fairport, Ohio, a distance of 9.1 miles, and from Fairport, Ohio, to Sandusky, Ohio, a distance of 9.15 miles.

All of this work is practically completed, although some of it will not be in use before Jan. 1.

It has not as yet been decided what construction work will be done during the next year.

HEARS FROM PIOUS X TELLS OF ASSASSINS

Father Conway, Formerly of St. Paul, Is Complimented

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Rev. Father John Conway, director of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin at Georgetown university, today received the following letter from the Rev. Merry del Val, papal secretary of state, in reply to a letter to Pope Pius X, advising him of the contemplated celebration at Georgetown university on Dec. 7 and 8 of the fiftieth anniversary of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception:

"Upon your letter his holiness is gratified to learn that you have assigned to these jubilee solemnities, the pontiff, commending most entirely your noble project, very affectionately imparts a token of divine gifts the apostolic blessing on you, and on the members of the sodality and with you on all others assisting in the celebration."

It says the murders of Siplagune, Von Plehve's predecessor in the office of minister of the interior, and Bogdanovitch, governor general of Ufa, and the attempt on the lives of Prince John Obolensky, governor general of Finland, and Pobedonostseff, procurator general of the holy synod, at the door of the fighting organization which the document says condemned Von Plehve to death soon after his appointment.

The first attempt on Von Plehve's life was frustrated by the accidental explosion on April 13 at the Hotel du Nord, by which Pokatloff was blown up with a bomb similar to the one that killed Von Plehve.

The indictments reveals a scandal in high life, a room adjoining the one in the Hotel du Nord occupied by Pokatloff having been occupied by a naval cadet and a lady of noble birth, who escaped death by being at supper at the time.

SOME GOVERNMENT WORK DOESN'T PAY

This is the Experience of a Shipbuilding Company Which Goes to the Wall

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 9.—John W. Grange was today appointed receiver for the Neff & Levy Shipbuilding company, one of the oldest concerns of the kind in the country. The company recently completed the cruiser Denver for the government and is now constructing the protected cruiser St. Louis. The latter is about 60 per cent completed. It is understood that financial loss on work for the government caused the embarrassment of the company.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Secretary Morton has ordered that the receiver for the Neff & Levy Shipbuilding company be held responsible for the contract which the company holds with the government for the building of the St. Louis.

REPORTS THAT GREAT NORTHERN INTENDS TO GIVE UP LINE DENIED

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 9.—T. W. Patterson, M. P., has announced to the Victoria Board of Trade at its meeting, that the Great Northern railway had decided to withdraw from this city and would abandon all of its interests here within a few months. Also that the Canadian Pacific railway is now negotiating with the Alaska Steamship company, of Seattle, for the withdrawal of the steamer Whatcom from the Victoria-Seattle route on which it plies in opposition to the steamer Princess Beatrice, operated by the Canadian Pacific railway company. "This would, as Mr. Patterson pointed out, give the Canadian Pacific company a complete monopoly of the freight and passenger traffic to and from Victoria."

The announcement made a profound impression on the members of the board. The Canadian Pacific company is spending huge sums here on improvements of various kinds and the city council and citizens have the assurance of the company's directors that it is the intention to make Victoria the headquarters of the company's business on the Pacific coast. Nevertheless, there is something like consternation among the business community of Victoria.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 9.—The report that the Great Northern railway has interests in Victoria, B. C., was denied today at the offices in Seattle of Assistant General Traffic Manager J. C. Eden.

Eden Says No
Vice President L. W. Hill and General Manager F. E. Ward, of the Great Northern, are at present in the Puget Sound region at Great Northern headquarters. The reported intention of the road to withdraw from Victoria is denied. It was said, however, that a change in the Victoria service was contemplated so that the business of the line and the service granted would more nearly equal one another.

Jeffery in Western Pacific
NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—At a meeting of the board of the Western Pacific railway, held in this city today, President Jeffery, of the Denver & Rio Grande, was elected vice president of the Western Pacific. This is regarded as indicative of the interest the Denver & Rio Grande and other of the Gould lines have in promoting the line from Salt Lake City to San Francisco.

Mellen Denies Negotiations
NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Charles S. Mellen, president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford, stated today that the only step he had taken with reference to the Lehigh Coal & Navigation company was to request President Fowler, of the Ontario Western, to make an investigation of the Lehigh company's property and make such recommendations as might seem proper to him.

Will Sell Bonds Abroad
NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The greater part of the Missouri Pacific 4 per cent bonds purchased by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., will be marketed abroad. In any event syndicate will be formed here to sell the bonds.

Burlington Appointment
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 9.—E. H. Ustik, superintendent of the Burlington route, terminals in St. Louis, has been appointed superintendent of the Brookfield division of the system. Ustik resigned his position at Burlington, N. J., Dec. 15.

Southern Pacific Dividend
NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—A dividend of 3 1/2 per cent has been declared on the stock of the Southern Pacific company.

SAYS THE DECISION DOESN'T DO RIGHT

Civil Service Reform League Speaker Objects to Orders of Exemption

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—At the final session of the National Civil Service Reform league today President Roosevelt was criticized for the exemptions in the service through executive order made by him the past three years. Nelson C. Spencer, former member of the municipal civil service commission of New York city, made a direct attack on the course pursued by the president and was loudly applauded. The president was defended by ex-Civil Service Commissioner Foulke, who declared the country was to be congratulated on having a president who was actuated by considerations of justice as well as of law.

Mr. Spencer declared that the logical consequence of a continuance of the present practice of making exemptions is the restoration of the condition of affairs that existed prior to the passage of the civil service act. Under such a practice it is possible, he said, for the public to believe that it is treated with fair play. The number of applications made to the commission for special exceptions goes to prove this.

Mr. Foulke declared that the constitution provided for just such emergencies in appointments as had been exercised by giving discretionary power to the executive. Would the gentleman abolish the pardoning power? he asked.

Gift of the Resolutions
The report of the committee submitted by Samuel H. Ordway, of Massachusetts. One of the resolutions recited the regret of the league at the frequency with which the president had directed the suspension of civil service rules. After a prolonged discussion, in which this resolution was objected to on the ground that it was reflected on the president, it was amended so that it omitted the mention of the president and was adopted.

The resolutions also referred to the recent dismissal of Inspector of Hulls James A. Dumont at New York, whose removal followed the investigation into the Slocum disaster, as an evidence of a tendency to make special exemptions from the civil service rules. Considerable opposition to this developed. It was pointed out that Gen. Dumont was not examined for his position at New York, to which he was reduced from that of supervising inspector general of the steamship inspection service. This part of the resolution was adopted by a close vote.

The resolutions congratulate the country on the steady and effective support given the law by President Roosevelt, including his attitude in regard to violations of law and maladministration by employees of the postoffice department; urge extension of the civil service system to states and cities; if possible, and new under civil service rules and laws; favor the repeal of the four-year term of office law and the general adoption of the principle of election during good behavior and efficient service; the re-creation of all veteran preference bills and the adoption of a civil service law against pernicious political activity by federal officeholders; urge an extension of the competitive classification act and subject to confirmation by the senate and above the grade of laborer and so far as practicable fourth-class postmasters; in recognition of the fact that the postoffice is purely a business department and should be divorced entirely from politics, and the extension of the merit system to the consular service.

These Read Papers
Papers were read by Frank M. Higgins, chief examiner of the civil service commission, on "The Establishment of Civil Service Districts," by the operation of which those who are interested in the merit system may be able to make a close study of its workings at convenient points throughout the country; by Albert Derode, of New York, on resolutions for the employment of laborers in the civil service, in which he proposed certain reforms looking to a stricter application of the merit system; by Joseph P. Cotton, New York, who proposed a tribunal by which cases of employees recommended for removal might be tried, and by Robert Jenks, of Pennsylvania, who urged that regulations should be enacted to check the levying of political assessments.

PRESENTS CHECK FOR HALF A MILLION

Living Expenses in Argentina Are Very High

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Edward A. Barnes, a traveling freight agent whose home is in this city, has returned here after he had presented a check for \$500,000 at the Citizens' Central National bank. The check was drawn payable to himself and was signed "J. B. Pope."

The cashier of the bank caused the arrest but refused to make a complaint because no one named J. B. Pope had an account at the bank. Barnes was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct and will be sent to Bellevue hospital to be examined as to his sanity.

Mrs. York Rubs It In
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Alice M. York, of this city, has reiterated her statement that she is the sister of Mrs. Chadwick, despite the latter's repudiation of relationship. She said: "My sister, Elizabeth Bigley, now Mrs. Chadwick, was born near London, Canada, about forty-two years ago. Her girlhood days were spent at Eastwood and Woodstock, which was the home of our family. She was not a great reader, and as for having read books on Mesmer and the like that is all nonsense. When I was married and went to live in Cleveland she came to live with me. That was in 1881. There was nothing peculiar about her as a girl, save that she was a deep thinker. She always seemed absorbed in thought. She would come out of her thinking spells as if bewildered. She would never discuss her strange actions, nor the many scrapes into which she got."

"She never indicated that she was possessed of any hypnotic power, and in time in Toledo when she was convicted of forgery under the name of Mme. Devere, it is said she hypnotized a man named Joseph Lamb, an who was arrested with her. The hypnotism talk was nonsense. It seems to me that my sister had a mania for doing just such things as have happened to her in this country. She did not need money, she had plenty of it. She is quite deaf. She was always extravagant. After that affair in Toledo, when she was released from prison, she came to live with me at my home on Franklin avenue. She was then the widow of C. L. Hoover, who left her considerable money."

Will Resign as Formality
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—That there may be changes in diplomatic positions and probably in the cabinet was evident from the statement of a high government authority, replying to a question, in which he said that the president expected all members of his cabinet, all ambassadors and ministers to send in their resignations "between now and March 4."

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MORE PAY IS WANTED

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STALWART WOMAN IS HOTEL RUNNER

Little Town of Baldwin, Iowa, Has a Unique Character in Breches

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 9.—Travelers alighting from trains at the station in the little town of Baldwin are approached by a person of huge bulk wearing a man's hat or cap, stout cowhide boots or shoes, such as are commonly worn by a working man, and a dress of cheap material falling scarce to the ankle and belted at the waist with a bit of rope or leather. They are promptly relieved of their grips, bundles and asked to pay their fares.

Maria is the Christian name of the hotel runner and omnibus driver. Perhaps not elsewhere in the wide world is to be met another person resembling her in physical aspect, dress and habits.

She weighs about 450 pounds, has the strength of half a dozen women and has no unsexed herself by dress, habits and associations that the stranger at first glance gets the impression that he beholds a man and has difficulty in getting rid of his first impression.

Maria has a strange history. Her parents when she was a child lived near the show market at Baldwin, and there she obtained work as a hostler in a livery stable. She loved horses passionately, and handled them with skill as well as kindness.

When she went to work in the stable she made up her mind that it was impracticable to wear feminine attire, and declared that she was going to wear masculine dress. Her employer argued that it would excite scandal, so she compromised by wearing a man's head

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POLICE BLUNDER ENDS IN MAN'S DEATH

By Taking Wrong Person From Hospital to Prison

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 3.—As the result of exposure and excitement caused by a mistake by the city hospital officials and the police department, William Owens, a married man with five children, is dead.

Owens was a patient at the hospital, and, though innocent, was arrested and taken to the station on charges of resisting an officer and offending persons on the street. The ride in the patrol wagon and the excitement hastened his end.

A negro named Williams Owens resisted policeman in Indiana avenue Oct. 5, when he placed him under arrest for offending people on the street. The negro was taken to the hospital, and there gave his name as Weaver. He was later released.

William Owens, white, had been in the hospital some time, suffering from consumption. The police were informed by attaches of the hospital that Owens was able to be taken to the police station. They did not state that Owens was white, and the police, thinking him to be the one arrested, ordered him brought to the police station.

The man was taken to the turnkey's office and charged with resisting a policeman. Coughing incessantly and hardly able to stand, the unfortunate man remained in the prison about two hours.

Mrs. Owens explained to Capt. Boylan that the man had been in the hospital some time and that he could not have caused the trouble he was charged with. The mistake was immediately discovered and the man was allowed to go. He began to fall rapidly after his release and his death soon followed.

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