

# BIG CHANGE IN EXPRESS RATES OCT. 1

### Reductions by Commission Will Hit Companies Hard.

## INVESTIGATED 6 YEARS

### Block System of Computation Lays Basis for Simpler Freight Schedule.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Reductions of express rates which will cost the companies fully \$28,000,000 a year, approximately 16 per cent of their gross revenue, was ordered by the Interstate Commerce commission today to become effective on or before October 1, 1913.

## GRADUATED SCALE CHANGED.

The most important change prescribed is a modification of the present graduated scale of parcel rates. One hundred pound rates for short distances either have been left unchanged or slightly reduced, for the longer distances they have been lowered. For 50 pounds or less all rates have been practically reduced. For packages of more than four pounds going more than 200 miles and less than 2,000 the new express rates are generally lower than the parcel post rates. For more than 2,000 miles, the rates are practically the same.

## CUTS OUT MILLIONS OF RATES.

By prescribing a so-called block system dividing the United States into 550 blocks, averaging 2,500 square miles, as originally proposed by Lane, 900,000,000 different rates now published by express companies, will be reduced to less than 650,000 and the interstate commerce commission believes the system points a way to the solution of the existing maze of freight rates.

## EXPECT A FIGHT.

The general impression in official circles is the express companies will attempt to test by legal means the constitutionality of the commission's order. The new system of rates is not only a simplification of existing rate structures, and methods, but in the opinion of rate experts lays a foundation for future practice in all rate revisions. While the commission has not considered the practicability of application of the block system to the making of freight rates, it is known that the question may be taken up almost any time.

## ELIMINATES MYSTERY.

With standard freight rates once established, between blocks instead of between points and all other rates in percentages instead of the standard, the mystery of the present complicated system of freight rates, in the opinion of the commission's experts, would be solved. The basis of classification prescribed by the commission is that all merchandise of ordinary value is to be carried as first class or at ordinary merchandise rates.

## FOOD SECOND CLASS.

Articles of food, drink, with a few exceptions, are second class and will be carried at 75 per cent of the first class rates. Rates for newspapers as well as for bread and such articles for which specially low rates are now charged, are substantially the same as the present rates.

Permanent committees have been appointed to revise the route of express carriers to eliminate routes which now cause considerable complaint on the part of shippers.

## COMPANIES PREDICT RUIN.

The express companies had filed statements indicating the losses of revenue under the proposed rates would be intolerable and argued strenuously that the establishment of the parcel post had deprived them of quite 30 per cent of the revenue formerly received from parcels of 11 pounds or less. The commission's conclusion is the establishment of the parcel post is not a justification for any higher scale of rates than the one here shown to be reasonable.

## TWO YEARS FOR TEST.

"The commission's order is for two years," says the report. "That period will give opportunity for a test of these rates under conditions amounting to a normal average. Respondents are at liberty at any time to bring forward new facts as a basis for a petition for modification of this or any other order."

## Watch Thief Taken.

Harry Hayes was bound over to the grand jury this afternoon under \$200 bond on a larceny charge. Hayes stole a watch from Mrs. James Schomer, and then sold the time piece. The theft was reported to the police who traced the thief and placed him under arrest.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 p. m. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Unsettled but generally fair weather tonight and Tuesday; slightly warmer tonight; light, variable winds. Temperature at 7 a. m., 65; highest yesterday, 98; lowest last night, 62. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 10 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 40; at 7 a. m., 65. Stage of water, 4.6; a fall of 1.1 in last 48 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS. Evening stars: Mercury, Jupiter. Morning stars: Saturn, Venus, Mars. Planet Mercury in inferior conjunction with the sun 12 m.

## GATHERS FORCES FOR A HARD FIGHT

### Western Federation of Miners Plans Stand in Michigan Copper Country.

## LEADERS ON THE SCENE

### Union Officers Denounce Recklessness of Deputies Guarding the Mine Properties.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Walter Palmer of the department of labor has been detailed to investigate the copper strike situation in Michigan. He leaves for Calumet tonight to learn if the department may be of service in effecting a settlement.

## Calumet, Mich., Aug. 4.—Practically

the entire strike zone in the copper country echoed to rifle and revolver shots this morning. There were more than the usual number of "shadow shots" by sentries and an increased patrol force of armed deputies was blamed by troop commanders and union officials alike, for the almost constant popping of revolvers that lasted from shortly after midnight until daylight. Despite the promiscuous firing, no one was hit. The rumor that a man was shot near the Red Jacket proved false.

## DECLARED AN OUTRAGE.

"The work of the deputies is an outrage," said President Taylor, of the Michigan Federation of Labor. "It is inconceivable that a great state should allow the national guard to be used as a curia in hand which armed thugs, authorized through a blanket commission, may commit acts that by right ought to land them in prison."

Taylor said the American Federation of Labor and every affiliated union in the country is behind the strike and that the fight will take on national proportions. He intimated he would go to Lansing in person to tell the governor of conditions.

## PLAN DETERMINED STRUGGLE.

With the arrival today of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cannon of Los Angeles, who came from the scenes of the strike in New York and New Jersey, "Mother Jones," who is due here tomorrow, and other unionists who are en route, there is every indication the western federation is rallying its forces for one of the most determined struggles in union labor history. The first attempt at resumption of actual mining occurred in "E" shaft at the Champion mine, in the south range. It was a flat failure. Only a pumpman reported for work. Union pickets surrounded the man and argued so strenuously, one of them arrested him.

## IS GREAT ACTIVITY IN ALL INDUSTRIES

Washington, Aug. 4.—Further evidence that the industrial and commercial activities of the United States are on the up-grade—affected only favorably by the tariff prospects and economic plans of the democratic administration—is presented in a bulletin just issued by the department of commerce. It is stated that the figures on imports of manufacturers' materials, exports of manufactures and agricultural products, movements of manufacturers materials within the United States, activities of transporting agencies and the supply and distribution of currency thus far in the fiscal year 1913 practically all exceed those of the former high-record year, 1912.

## ATTACK NEW YORK BUT ONLY IN PLAY

Newport, R. I., Aug. 4.—Eleven great gray battlehips, the most powerful in the United States navy, steamed out of Narragansett bay today, bent on a theoretical destruction of the fortification of Long Island sound. The purpose was to open the way for the ultimate occupation of New York city. Lowering clouds and threatening weather helped to conceal the movements of the fleet from the army, which manned the coast defenses. About thirteen thousand officers, and men of the navy are engaged.

# NAVAL BASE FOR BRITAIN IN BERMUDA

### Washington Interested In Rumor of Move by England.

## HITS MONROE DOCTRINE

### Decision of U. S. to Fortify Panama Canal Held Reason for Action.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Keen interest has been aroused in official circles here by a report reaching the state department that Great Britain is contemplating the establishment of a great naval base in the Bermuda islands.

It is stated authoritatively that the British government has made inquiry concerning plans of the United States for the protection of the Panama canal routes, and it has been suggested that this indicates an intention to safeguard British shipping through the isthmus as is done in the Mediterranean.

## MAY END MONROE DOCTRINE.

Officials realize that the problem raised is a tremendous one, involving as it may the very life of the Monroe doctrine and making, perhaps, a complete revolution in foreign naval policy in the western hemisphere. For it is expected that if Great Britain changes its naval policy in American Atlantic waters other European nations probably will follow suit.

While these changes may be expected in the Atlantic waters and the West Indies, officials likewise realize that, with the opening of the canal, the United States must contend with Japan for the domination of the Pacific.

## STATIONS ABANDONED.

The British royal navy abandoned its naval stations in this country about 10 years ago, when the United States gave up the idea of the construction of the Nicaraguan canal and set about digging the big water way across Panama, whose approaching completion bids fair to revolutionize international relations.

Apart from its West Indian stations, the royal navy maintained stations at Esquimaux, British Columbia, and Halifax, Nova Scotia. There once was a plan to strengthen greatly the fortifications at Esquimaux overlooking the Strait of Juan De Fuca in order to make that important base, but both of these stations now have a merely nominal existence under the government of Canada and are little more than recruiting stations for the royal navy.

## ST. LUCIA A MEMORY.

British troops were withdrawn from St. Lucia, in the West Indies, in 1906; the guns were dismounted from the fortifications and what once was a great military station became only a commercial coaling place and is not today even a saluting post.

The three light-draft cruisers, the Aetolus, Milpomene and the Sirius, flying the British colors, now base at Kingston, Jamaica. They are insignificant as war vessels, corresponding to such American cruisers as the New Orleans and Albany.

# WEST IS NOT IN FEAR OF TARIFF

### Senator Myers Cites Wool as Example Showing the Effects of Protection.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Senator Myers, democrat from Montana, told the senate today the west did not fear the tariff bill.

"Amidst the hue and cry about the discrimination of this bill against the west, I wish to have heard the western state which feels reliant and is not complaining about discrimination. This discrimination against home interests when translated into English in my opinion often means 'we are not getting our share of graft, and we are being overlooked in the distribution of plunder.'"

The wool growing business, he said, after nearly a hundred years of protection, coddling and nursing, is a decadent business.

## KING GEORGE WINS CUP IN BRITANNIA

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Aug. 4.—King George on board his veteran cutter Britannia at Cowes regatta today won the Santanita handicap for cutters. The Britannia, which has not raced at Cowes for nearly fifteen years, was scratch boat.

## STILL SETTIN'



# SUFS BUTT IN ON CHURCH SERVICE

### Interrupt the Singing of Litany to Chant Plea for Em- meline Pankhurst.

## AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

### Forty Ejected by Ushers, Some Refus- ing to Go Without a Struggle.

London, Aug. 4.—A party of 40 well-dressed suffragets interrupted the morning service at St. Paul's cathedral yesterday by chanting a prayer in behalf of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst. Ushers ejected the women from the edifice after a scuffle in which several chairs were upset.

The disturbance took place during the singing of the litany. The women, who had front seats in the center aisle, chanted loudly:

Save Emmeline Pankhurst.  
Spare her, spare her.  
Give her light and set her free,  
Save her, save her,  
Hear us while we pray to Thee,

## PROTEST OF NO AVAIL.

Evidently the chant had been rehearsed, for it was in the same tune the choir had been singing. When the women began their chant ushers rushed toward them from all parts of the cathedral, while numerous members of the congregation remonstrated with the disturbers, telling them to remember that they were in church.

The suffragets, however, repeated their chant three or four times, each time in a louder key. A majority of them finally were led quietly by the ushers, but a half dozen or so clung to their chairs and fought against ejection. When all the disturbers were removed from the building the services proceeded.

## POLICE CALLED OUT.

A squad of police was in attendance at the scene, but there was no disturbance.

# A BUSY DAY WHEN MULHALL CALLED

### Senator Townsend Denies Giv- ing Lobbyist Time for a Confidential Chat.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Senator Townsend of Michigan was the first witness before the senate lobby committee today. The testimony of Martin M. Mulhall had been finished and that witness was waiting to be questioned by the house lobby committee.

Townsend flatly denied Mulhall's testimony that he had talked with him and characterized Mulhall as "a self-acknowledged corruptionist." Emery and Mulhall, when Townsend was a member of the house, came together in his office, and Mulhall made an argument about labor legislation. "When he paused I asked him if he was through and when he said 'yes,' I said: 'Well, this is my busy day. You will have to excuse me.' Therefore, it is an unqualified falsehood when he says he talked to me confidentially."

"This man was personally offensive to me," concluded the senator, "there-

fore I could not fail to remember if he had talked to me confidentially."

Former Congressman Watson of Indiana in a letter to the committee charged the democrats of the committee had prejudged the case made out by Mulhall against the manufacturers without a hearing. Watson declined to appear, saying, "I prefer to take my case to another court."

Chairman Overman announced former Senator Foraker would be heard tomorrow.

Watson has written the house committee for an appearance and probably will testify after Mulhall's examination.

# MINE DEATHS AT TOWER CITY, PA., 19

### Double Explosion Catches Men Working Over Area of Quarter of a Mile.

Pottsville, Pa., Aug. 4.—Harry Schoffert, the only survivor of the explosion at the East Brookside colliery, which resulted in the death of 19 persons, is in a dying condition at his home in Orwin, today. Of the 10 Americans killed nine leave widows, and an aggregate of 51 children.

Tower City, Pa., Aug. 4.—The number of dead as a result of the double explosion at the East Brookside colliery of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company Saturday was increased to nineteen yesterday by the death at Pottsville of John Lorenz, mine superintendent. Daniel Farley and John Fessler, fire bosses, are still in the working in spite of all efforts which have been made to rescue them.

It is now almost certain that they are buried under a big fall of rock, which occurred in the vicinity of the tunnel where the first explosion occurred.

Thirteen men died in the first explosion and six went to their death in the second blast after a heroic attempt to rescue the first victims. One of the rescuers escaped.

It is not known exactly what caused the explosions but the miners at the colliery are inclined to believe that the first explosion was that of dynamite and the second was caused by gas which had been liberated by the dynamite explosion. It is also suggested that the first explosion was caused by gas. The dead were scattered about for a distance of about a quarter of a mile. Only three men were taken out alive and two of these died.

Twenty-two Die in Scotland. Glasgow, Scotland, Aug. 4.—Twenty-two coal miners perished in a fire last night at the Mavis valley pit, Cadder colliery, near here. A widow lost three sons.

## ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF AN OMAHA DETECTIVE

Omaha, Aug. 4.—An attempt to assassinate Chief of Detectives Stephen Maloney was made early today when some unknown person fired two bullets at him as he sat in his office at the police station, which is about a hundred feet from a switching track on which several box cars were standing. There were no arrests. Maloney gave the matter little attention, remarking: "It was probably some fanatic."

# NEW YORKERS ARE IN AUTO FATILITY

### S. Osgood Pell and Banker Laimbeer Dead as a Re- sult of Accident.

## CAR STRUCK BY A TRAIN

### William K. Vanderbilt in Party—It Is Claimed No Signal Was Giv- en at Crossing.

Hempstead, L. I., Aug. 4.—William Laimbeer, the banker who was injured in an automobile accident last night near here, in which S. Osgood Pell, the millionaire real estate dealer, and his chauffeur, Charles Gamban, were killed, was barely alive in the hospital today. There are slight chances for recovery. Mrs. Laimbeer's condition is critical, but she has a chance for life. Her skull is fractured.

## CORONER AT WORK.

The coroner today began an investigation to determine whether the Long Island train which struck the Pell car, whistled or otherwise signaled as it neared the crossing. Witnesses say no flagman was on the spot.

William K. Vanderbilt, who was one of the party, but in a car ahead, said: "There were several cars between that which I was driving and Pell's car. I don't recall whether I heard a whistle or not. I do know I had no idea a train was approaching."

Mrs. Laimbeer was Miss N. Schenck before her marriage and a famous beauty of Newport and New York.

## FRACTURE OF SKULL FATAL.

Laimbeer died this morning. Fracture of the skull was the cause. It is believed Mrs. Laimbeer will recover. Laimbeer's first wife was Clara Bloodgood, the actress.

## CHAIR ENDS SLAYER'S LIFE

### Anthony Grace Executed at Sing Sing for Brother's Murder.

Ossining, N. Y., Aug. 4.—Anthony Grace was put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing today for the murder of his brother, "Jack," the well known wrestler, whose body was found hacked to pieces in the rooms of a social club in Walden, N. Y., last September. Anthony disappeared at the time of the tragedy, after having suddenly married the widow at Walden. When arrested, he had much personal property in his possession pertaining to his dead brother.

# BRADY WILL GIVES \$70,000,000 AWAY

New York, Aug. 4.—The will of Anthony E. Brady, traction magnate, leaves five children and a grandchild the bulk of an estate valued at \$70,000,000. The widow receives \$1,000,000 outright and annually \$60,000. One hundred thousand goes to charity.

## Cured of Broken Neck.

St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 4.—Glen Lender, 17 years old, of Humboldt, Neb., was discharged from a local hospital as cured of a broken neck. July 9 a swing turned over and dropped him upon his head. For three weeks his neck and shoulders have been encased in a plaster cast.

# WILSON OUT OF MEXICAN IMBROGLIO

### Resignation of Ambassa- dor Announced After a Visit to Bryan.

## SHOWS TAFT LETT...

### President Hopes for Peaceable Solution of Trouble by Southern Neighbor.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Secretary Bryan today announced the acceptance of the resignation of Ambassador Wilson of Mexico.

Bryan made this statement: "Ambassador Wilson's resignation was accepted to take effect Oct. 14. The part which he felt it his duty to take in the earlier stages of the recent revolution in Mexico, would make it difficult for him to represent the views of the administration in view of the situation which now exists."

## HAS 60 DAYS' LEAVE.

The ambassador, in ordinary practice, is entitled to 60 days' leave of absence exclusive of Sunday's which accounts for the fixing of the date on Oct. 14. In the meantime no appointment can be made to fill the vacancy. Consequently the American embassy in Mexico will remain in charge of Secretary O'Shaughnessy.

## AMBASSADOR PAYS COMPLIMENT.

In a statement the ambassador said: "I believe the president and secretary in their consideration of the question are actuated by the highest patriotism and justice to both countries."

## NO ARMED INTERVENTION.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Armed intervention in Mexico is neither a probability nor a possibility, for a peaceable solution of the situation is becoming more practicable. This is the view President Wilson took today of the situation. He let it be known that before long he would make a brief announcement of the first step in the policy of the United States toward Mexico.

## MAY DEAL WITH HUERTA.

While there is no inkling of what may be, it came from the White house that it was expected the president would formally announce his decision not to recognize the Huerta government. The sudden call of Ambassador Wilson to Washington led to the report his status might be announced.

## IS A MISUNDERSTANDING.

The ambassador came to the White house and was told there was a misunderstanding about his engagement, that instead of a conference with the president he was to call on Secretary Bryan. The ambassador said the telegram received in New York stated the conference was to take place at the White house. Observers of the diplomatic situation predicted the ambassador's resignation would be accepted soon.

The only explanation, however, as to the purpose of his recall to Washington made at the White house, was that it was for further consultation.

## SAYS TAFT APPROVED.

On the way from the White house to the state department, the ambassador gave out a copy of a letter from President Taft, June 29, 1911, approving his course in Mexico.

## CALLED TO WASHINGTON.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Ambassador Wilson returned to Washington today for a conference with Secretary Bryan. The ambassador's return evidently was arranged on short notice. His telegram from Mr. Bryan merely said he wanted to confer on "important matters." Mr. Wilson disclaimed knowing for what he was summoned.

# CAN'T IMPERSONATE MEMBER OF CONGRESS

### Will Be Crime When Bill Now Before the Senate Be- comes a Law.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Early action by congress to provide punishment for those who impersonate members of congress or public officers, "by telephone, telegraph, mail or otherwise," was promised in the senate today, when Cummings presented a favorable report from the judiciary committee on a bill he recently introduced. It carries heavy fines and imprisonment as penalties.

# SALMON FISHERS OUT; CATCH THROWN BACK

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 4.—Four thousand salmon fishers, white, Japanese and Indians, have gone on a strike on Fraser river. Only Greek fishermen remain, and their catch was thrown aboard by Japanese pickets.