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FREIGHT INCREASE HEARING BEGUN BY THE I. C. COMMISSION

Roads Claim They Must Raise Over a Billion By Freight Increase To Stay in Business

THEIR POSITION STATED

Returns At Present Not Sufficient To Attract Capital, As Few Roads Can Compete With Interstate In Dividends; Claim Situation Serious

Washington, May 24.—The \$1,017,000,000 additional revenue, which the railroads are seeking through increased freight rates, does not take into account any increase in wages which the railroad labor board may grant the 2,000,000 railway employees, Howard Elliott, of the Association of Railway Executives, stated today before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, May 24.—Representatives of executive interest concerned in the operation of the country's railway system, as well as the public, were here today for the opening of the hearing by the Interstate Commerce Commission on the application for increased freight rates. The road owners have claimed that in order to meet the situation, it will be necessary to increase the earnings of all the roads by \$1,017,000,000.

To provide this sum the carriers have recommended that rates in the Eastern group of roads be increased 30.4 per cent, those in the South 30.3 and those in the Western group 23.5.

Method of fixing the valuation of the railroad properties on which the government guarantee will be based, will be one of the questions threshed out at the hearings. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to present their views, both as to the proposed increases in rates and the valuation problem. Howard Elliott, chairman of the sub-committee of the general rate committee of the Association of Railway Executives, was called to open the case for the carriers.

Increases in freight rates of 30.4 per cent in Eastern territory, 30.3 per cent in the Southern territory, and 23.5 per cent in the Western territory "to meet the difference between the six per cent returns on property returns, permitted under the transportation act," were advocated today by Howard Elliott, chairman of the sub-committee of the Association of Railway Executives, in a statement before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Mr. Elliott pointed out that in the Eastern territory roads for the year ending October 31, returned an average of 10.5 per cent, in the Southern territory 10.5 per cent, and in the Western territory 10.5 per cent.

Under the conditions of private ownership and governmental regulation, "protection and encouragement," Mr. Elliott said, "the railroads must obtain hearings sufficient to meet all obligations and have sufficient credit to sustain them in competition with other forms of industry into which people put their time, brains, energy and money." He referred to conditions in European countries, where, he said, freight rates had been raised as follows: England, 14 per cent; France, 14 per cent; Belgium, 10 per cent; Italy, 40 to 100 per cent; Poland, 70 to 140 per cent; Sweden, 200 per cent; Norway, 150 per cent.

BANK ROBBED OF \$15,000 CASH, \$100,000 IN BONDS

Pittsburgh, May 24.—The First National Bank at Fayetteville, Pa., near here, was held up and robbed shortly after noon by six men, who escaped, according to word received here by the police. The bandits are said to have escaped with \$100,000 in bonds and securities and \$15,000 in cash. The cashier, who was the only man in the bank at the time, is reported to have been knocked unconscious and locked in the vault while the institution was rifled. A sheriff's posse has gone in pursuit.

THE SALVATION ARMY DRIVE OVER TUESDAY

Decide To Close Campaign That Night; Horse, the Gift of a Friend, Be Sold Tomorrow

The Salvation Army home service fund drive in this city and county will close Tuesday night. While the quota is yet far from complete, those in charge of the work are truly grateful for what has been subscribed.

All who expect to contribute to the campaign are urged to send checks to George Whitaker, of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, before Tuesday night. Subscription cards may be secured at the tent on the courthouse square.

The horse presented by Miss Julia Chaffin, 513 West Sixth street, to the Salvation Army to aid in the home-service drive, will be sold at auction on the courthouse square Tuesday at 12:30 o'clock. The entire proceeds will go into the campaign treasury.

ANTI-SUFFRAGETTES COME TO THIS STATE

Two From Baltimore and One From Georgia At Raleigh To Oppose Amendment When It Comes Up

Baltimore, May 24.—To pave the way for a legislative fight against the woman suffrage amendment, which comes up in North Carolina next July, Mrs. Rufus M. Gibbs, president of the Mid-Association, opposed to Woman's Suffrage; Mrs. W. P. E. Wise, local vice president, and Mrs. Walter Lamar, of Georgia, also vice president, left last night for Raleigh.

The anti-suffragettes will stay a week adding state organization leaders to fight the measure when it comes up for ratification. Their work at present is to bring a "missionary" character Mrs. Lamar has just come from New York and has been active in fighting suffragettes in the other states. William L. Marbury, legal adviser, will go to Raleigh when the legislature meets.

FIVE KILLED WHEN AUTO GOES OVER HIGH CLIFF

Auto Plunged Over 300-Foot Embankment Killing Man, Wife, 2 Babies, Passenger

Asheville, May 24.—Roy Rynnion, a Madison county farmer, his wife and their two babies were killed late yesterday near Hot Springs when their automobile plunged over a steep embankment on a mountain curve.

SECRETARY M'FARLAND ADDRESSES CONFERENCE

Methodist Protestants Get Report On Work of Federated Council of Churches in America

Greensboro, N. C., May 24.—Election of a secretary and reports of general church boards was the principal business facing the quadrennial general conference of the Methodist Protestant church when it began the first session of its fourth day's work here this morning with Rev. Thomas H. Lewis, president of the Eastern Methodist College, Baltimore, who was chosen president of the conference late Saturday afternoon, presiding.

Rev. Charles S. McFarland, of New York, general secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, is scheduled to deliver two addresses before the conference today, one this morning, the other this afternoon. At the morning session he will report on the work of the council as it relates to the churches represented in the council, with especial reference to the Methodist Protestant Church. The federal council of the churches of Christ in America is an organization which the churches co-operate in their efforts in various activities, and the address of Dr. McFarland is expected to have an effect upon some of the policies to be adopted by the conference.

INVESTIGATORS ARE ON TRAIL OF SMOOT

Inquiry Into Sugar Concern In Which He Is Interested Leads To His Issuing a Statement

Washington, May 24.—Charges that a federal trade commission investigation of the Utah-Idaho sugar company was being used in an effort to defeat him for re-election, were made by Senator Smoot, of Utah, late today.

BOLSHEVIKI AND POLES IN TERRIBLE FIGHTING

Soviets Attacking In Waves Along 90-Mile Front and Fiercest Fighting Is In Progress Everywhere

Warsaw, May 23.—The Bolsheviks are attacking in waves on the northern fighting front in a thrust to break the Polish lines and open communication with east Prussia. The fiercest fighting in months is raging along the 90-mile battlefield. Villages are changing hands daily and the lines are swaying to and fro.

ULTIMATUM HAS BEEN SERVED ON GEN. VILLA

Given Until May 25 To Decide Whether He Will Be At Peace or War With New Government

Ahead Special Train of General Calles, La Florida, Coahuila, May 22. (Via El Paso, May 24.)—The de facto authorities of Mexico have served an ultimatum upon Francisco Villa, giving him until May 25 to decide whether he is to be at peace or at war with the new government, General Elias P. Calles announced late today.

BIG BLOCKADE PLANT FOOD NEAR THE CITY

Old Negro Woman Told Officers It Had Been Running Since Last March

A blockade distillery was located by officers Saturday afternoon in a tobacco barn about two miles northeast of the fairgrounds. Reports had been coming from that section for several days about large quantities of whiskey being distributed through various sources, so the officers decided to see if they could find the source from whence the "stuff" came.

PRESIDENT ASKS FOR AUTHORITY TO TAKE ARMENIA MANDATE

Wilson Tells Congress He Believes the American People Are Willing To Do This

Washington, May 24.—President Wilson today asked authority from Congress for the United States to accept a mandate over Armenia. The president told Congress that he thought the wish of the American people was that the United States should become the mandatory for Armenia.

FREE BABY CLINIC TO BE OPENED TOMORROW

Dr. Wyatt To Be In Charge; Will Be Held At Y. W. C. A.; Colored Clinic Also to Open

The city health department will open its second annual baby clinic at the Y. W. C. A. building tomorrow afternoon. Dr. Wortham Wyatt is physician in charge of the clinic, assisted by Misses Moore and Farrow, city nurses.

HUNGARY PREPARING TO ACCEPT INEVITABLE

Newspapers Breaking News Gently To People That Allied Peace Terms Are To Be Accepted

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAY DISCONTINUE AID

Dr. Carlton Hopes Those Interested In Health Affairs Will Get in Touch With Congressmen

Considerable anxiety is being felt by those interested in the control of venereal diseases by the statement from Washington that the appropriation included in the sundry bill for distribution among the states to carry on this work that amounting to \$1,000,000 for the year ending June 30, has been cut out of the bill at its first reading. Since the state appropriation for venereal disease control work is contingent upon a duplicate dollar from the federal government, it is feared that this work will have to be stopped in the state.

WILDIR WINS BIG RACE

New York, May 24.—Wildair, handicapper of the Central of Georgia Railway, won the Belmont Park today, Thursday, when he was pushed into Little Yackin river by a box car, the deceased being an employee of the Southern Railway, was held Sunday.

A brief service was conducted from the home, 230 Cleveland avenue, at 12:30 in the afternoon. The remains were then borne to their last resting place at Jerusalem Baptist church, gravestone in the cemetery, where the regular service was held, conducted by Rev. V. M. Swain and Rev. J. T. Byrum. The pallbearers were members of the Baruch class of Cleveland Avenue Baptist Sunday school, they being as follows: L. H. Blakey, L. M. Burchette, J. W. McGee, Robert Mathews, E. L. Harris and Percy Blaylock. The flowers were from the B. Y. P. U. of the same church. Mr. Langston was an honored member of both organizations.

SENATOR JOHNSON TO SPEAK HERE THURSDAY

Distinguished Californian Certain To Be Heard By Large Crowd In This City

Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, one of the leading candidates for the Republican presidential nomination, will speak in this city on Thursday night in the interest of his candidacy.

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HITCHCOCK IGNORANT OF MONEY AFFAIRS OF WOOD'S CAMPAIGN

Tells Investigating Committee He Has Had Nothing To Do With That Part of It

Washington, May 24.—Governor Lowden's fund for his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination totals \$104,847.85, including contributions, L. L. Emerson, the governor's campaign manager, testified today at the senate's investigation into campaign expenses and expenditures.

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