

House Will Vote Today on Repeal of Pullman Tax

House Commerce Committee Returns Adverse Report Upon Proposed Elimination of Rail Surcharge.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Outlining their opposition to the senate bill to eliminate the 50 per cent surcharge for travel in Pullman coaches, 18 of the 21 members of the house commerce committee joined today in an adverse report on the proposal.

Two democratic members—Barkley of Kentucky and Parks, Arkansas—announced they would file minority views urging enactment of the bill.

Despite the committee's recommendation, the house will vote on the question, probably tomorrow, when it takes up the conference report on the independent offices appropriation bill, which carries a senate rider to repeal the surcharge.

The report filed today by Chairman Winlow of the commerce committee, declared the bill, which was approved by the senate at the last session, would initiate direct rate making by congress—a serious and unwise departure from long established policy.

"This precedent," it says, "would open the doors for every interest dissatisfied with any existing rate to ask congress to take on the interstate commerce commission's statutory duty as to rate making.

Reduce Service Rates.
The removal of the surcharge would reduce rates for those best able to pay, result in raising other passenger and freight rates or postpone reductions in general passenger rates, or postpone general reductions in freight rates on agricultural products, including livestock and other articles, and would interfere with and retard general survey and adjustment where possible of freight rates as directed by the Hoch-Smith resolution recently enacted.

The report said that undeposited testimony showed that railroads in 1923 received about \$37,000,000 from the surcharge.

"Assuming that carriers can stand a revenue reduction of \$37,000,000," it continued, "there is no reason why the entire reduction should be made for the benefit of Pullman travelers. If a cut in revenue of \$37,000,000 cannot fairly be made and nevertheless the removal of the surcharge as such is desirable, other sources of income must be determined. No suggestion was made as to what rates should be increased in lieu of surcharge returns.

Earnings Depleted.
"About \$18,000,000 of the \$37,000,000 goes to railroads earning a total of less than 5 per cent on their book value investment. A large part of the \$19,028,544 which accrues from surcharge to railroads earning 5 per cent or more, goes to carriers which would earn less than 5 per cent if the surcharge were removed. Only \$8,627,000 goes to railroads earning more than 5 per cent. The earnings of certain important railroads earning less than 5 per cent would be depleted to an embarrassing extent if their surcharge incomes were taken away."

In additional views, Representative Haddock, democrat, Alabama, said he declined to yield to the demand of the small, well organized, well represented and politically influential group of Pullman car users for a reduction in rates which would benefit that group alone.

Latest Stokes Trial Swells Huge Sum Courts Have Cost Him



The trial in Chicago of W. E. D. Stokes, aged New York millionaire, on the charge of conspiracy to defame the name of his divorced wife, Helen Elwood Stokes, is adding another immense sum to the hundreds of thousands he has expended in court actions having to do with his marriages and romances.

Mrs. Stokes is seen in court with W. V. Smith, assistant state's attorney. Inset is a photo of Stokes taken on the stand.

Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS
Of those who laugh his laugh is best Who waits till after all the rest —Reddy Fox.

Peter Has a Tight Squeeze
My goodness, Peter was in a tight place! Was he scared? Well, what do you think? How would you feel if you should see some one coming into a room in which you were, and you knew that there was no way out excepting by the door through which that enemy was coming? If you can guess how you would feel you will know just how Peter Rabbit felt.

There he was in Buster Bear's bedroom, which was a cave in the rocks. And there was Reddy Fox coming in by the only entrance. Peter jumped over Buster Bear, who was fast asleep, and began to hunt for something to hide under or behind. He hadn't any hope of finding anything, but he hunted just the same. He had to do something.

Reddy Fox stopped when he reached Buster Bear. Reddy didn't feel quite easy in his own mind yet.

Reddy grinned. "I'm perfectly safe here," said he to himself. He must make sure that Buster Bear really was sound asleep, so sound asleep, that there was no chance that he would awaken. Reddy paid no attention to what Peter was doing. He gave all his attention to Buster Bear. At last he was satisfied. There was no doubt that Buster was still in that strange, deep sleep that lasts for weeks.

Reddy grinned. "I'm perfectly safe here," he said to himself. Then he looked across sleeping Buster Bear to where Peter Rabbit had been. He was just in time to see Peter's hind legs just disappearing in a little hole in the back of the cave. Reddy stopped grinning. Instead he snarled and jumped over Buster Bear. He rushed to that little hole, but he was just too late. Peter's hind legs were drawn out of reach just as Reddy got there. That hole was too small, very much too small for Reddy to get into. He couldn't get more than his sharp nose in it. He thrust a paw in at the hole. He could just touch Peter, but couldn't get hold of him. My such a rage as Reddy flew into! You see, he had felt absolutely sure of catching Peter this time, and his disappointment made him lose his temper.

You think you are smart, don't you, Peter Rabbit?" he snarled. "Well, let me tell you something. You've got away from me now, but I'm going to keep you in there until you have to come out or starve. You can laugh if you want to, but I am the one who will do the laughing later."

But Peter Rabbit wasn't laughing. Peter was very far from laughing. The small entrance to that hole was so small that it was all Peter could do to squeeze through it. He had quite squeezed his breath out in getting through it. And now that he was in that hole he wasn't much better off. He couldn't sit up. In fact, he had to lie down flat. You see, that was a very small hole and a very

CAP KEY TO DEATH OF U. P. EMPLOYEE

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vealed a fracture at the base of the skull, and a second injury at the back of the left ear, where a sharp instrument had penetrated the skull. Dr. Connolly was unable to say what sort of instrument had caused the injury.

Body Mass of Bruises.
Harold's body was a mass of bruises, and the legs were cut. Clusters were imbedded in the wounds, indicating that the man had been dragged to the spot where his body was found.

Prolonged questioning of the four persons arrested in the rooming house where Harold was involved in a brawl Sunday night only added to the mystery surrounding his death.

Each of the four told a different story as to who had started the fight and who took part in it. Mrs. Arnold Liggett said that "Bobbie" Bailey and "Myrtle," the woman of mystery whom Harold brought to the house Sunday night, were the only ones who had fought. She said that her husband had later beaten her.

Husband Denies Charge.
Liggett denied this, saying that Mrs. Liggett had engaged in an altercation with Mrs. Martin Swanson, the landlady, and that Mrs. Swanson had struck her with a ring of keys. Police do not believe this explains the mass of cuts and bruises on Mrs. Liggett's face.

Police have made no progress in uncovering the identity of Myrtle, though they believe she is a waitress. Mrs. Liggett also admitted to police she and Liggett were not lawfully married.

The four agreed that Harold had left the rooming house about 10 p. m., but detectives threw doubt on this by pointing out that the clothes on his body were water-soaked, probably by rain, and the rain Sunday night had stopped before this hour.

Woman's Footprints.
Detectives Monday afternoon discovered the imprint of a woman's bare feet leading from the rear door of the Liggett room down the back stairs of the rooming house. No tracks were found leading back up the stairs.

Police are giving some consideration to the theory that Harold may have left the rooming house, as the occupants claim, and gone to the railroad yards to catch a train for Chicago. It is barely possible, they believe, that he might have been thrown from a train which he was attempting to board, and where he dragged himself to the spot where his body was found. They have found

OLD REPORTERS MEET AT DINNER

Tom Flannery was host to the old-time newspaper men at the Elks club Monday noon.

This was the second dinner for the veterans, the first being tendered by Mrs. W. Blackburn. It is planned to have similar dinners at intervals, thereby keeping the veterans in touch without the formality of an organization.

The veterans ranged from the host, a 62er, down to the mere boys who have only been on the job 30 or 40 years.

G. M. Hitchcock, I. W. Miner, Will Gurley and Al Sorenson occupied the head table with the host. Mr. Gurley responded to the toast, "George Washington," and managed to say as little as possible about George. But he did indulge in some amusing reminiscences.

Short talks were made by Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Miner, Mr. Sorenson, "Doc" Tanner and others. All recalled amusing experiences of the old days and expressed a desire to keep the memories alive.

The guests present were G. M. Hitchcock, W. F. Gurley, T. W. Blackburn, Judge A. C. Troup, I. W. Miner, Al Sorenson, Sands F. Woodbridge, J. B. Haynes, W. R. Watson, H. E. Newbranch, F. A. Kennedy, Bruce McCulloch, R. L. Metcalf, Lew Fisher, W. M. Maupin, G. B. Eddy, Sandy Griswold, J. M. Tanner, E. O. Mayfield, E. F. Test, Robert F. Gilder, George Fisher, Henry Richmond, Frank J. Burkley. Expressions of regret were received from Col. T. W. McCulloch, W. D. Percival, A. H. Gosh, S. L. Rouse, Frank Wallace, John Parratt, C. J. Best and several others now residing in far distant states.

The toast to Washington was with water, calling forth some references to the fact that George was a distiller. The reminiscences of that group would be not only the history of Omaha newspaperdom, but would be a fairly accurate history of Omaha.

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DRUID HILL GROUP TO MEET TUESDAY

The Druid Hill Community association is to hold a meeting at the schoolhouse Tuesday night.

The meeting is being called by many of the progressive residents of that section of the city to formulate plans of improving the streets in the neighborhood and to appeal to the board of education for a better and more modern school. The school at present has only one room with an electric light.

J. J. Healey will preside at the meeting.

Sugar Company and Beet Growers Are in Deadlock
Scottsbluff, Feb. 23.—The Co-Operative Beet Growers' association still refuses to accept the 1925 contract offered by the Great Western Sugar company. It is reported that President Fred Cummings of the association threatens to appeal to President Coolidge to remove or reduce the tariff on sugar if the company does not accede to the demands of the growers.

Some of the growers have requested to be released from the association in order that they may sign the contract as it now stands.

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EBERT IS VICTIM OF APPENDICITIS

By Universal Service.
Berlin, Feb. 23.—President Ebert tonight became a victim of appendicitis and was rushed to a hospital where he will be operated upon tonight or early tomorrow morning.

During the president's absence the affairs of the German republic will be in charge of Chancellor Luther.

Chief Operator Made Traveling Instructor
York, Feb. 23.—Miss Sarah Horn, in the office of the Lincoln Telephone company at York, has been promoted to the position of chief traveling operator and instructor with headquarters at Lincoln. Miss Selvers of David City succeeds Miss Horn in the York office.

\$79 Paid for Sow.
Havenport, Feb. 23.—At John Keim's sale of Spotted Poland brood sows 25 head were sold at an average of \$5.50. The top price was \$79, paid by William W. Miller for one sow.

Mother-Son Banquet to Be Annual Event at Columbus
Columbus, Feb. 23.—The first "Mother and Son" banquet of the Federated church here brought out so many mothers and boys—140 of them—that it has been determined to make it an annual event. Talks by several of the mothers and several of the boys comprised the program.

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PRIZES OFFERED IN RABBIT DRIVE

Bridgeport, Feb. 23.—Cash and merchandise prizes will be given by the Goodfellowship club of Chappell, to persons killing the most jack rabbits each week, in an effort to rid the country of these pests that are doing much damage to growing trees and other vegetation, and which community hunts this winter failed to exterminate. The contest will start next week. In order to compete the ears of all rabbits killed during the week must be taken to the secretary of the club.

Record for Reading Claimed for Kimball

Bridgeport, Neb., Feb. 23.—One hundred and eighteen books listed from a public library in a town of less than 1,000 inhabitants in one day is thought to be a record for reading, and Kimball claims that record. The Kimball library has more than 2,000 volumes, with a traveling library of nearly 100 volumes, and 1,255 books were taken out for use during January.

Cane Released on Bond

York, Neb., Feb. 23.—A complaint was filed against Earl Cane of Gresham for shooting and wounding Victor Neujahr. Cane claims Neujahr was robbing the cash drawer in his garage. Cane entered a plea of not guilty. Signers for a \$1,000 bond were secured and Cane released.

Chicken Thief Sentenced

Aurora, Feb. 23.—Harvey Barnes pleaded guilty to chicken stealing and was sentenced to 15 months in the penitentiary by Judge Harry D. Landis.

Youth Ends Life

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 23.—Disappointed in a love affair, Ed Christensen, 25, committed suicide by hanging himself in a barn here.

NEW METHOD HEALS RUPTURE

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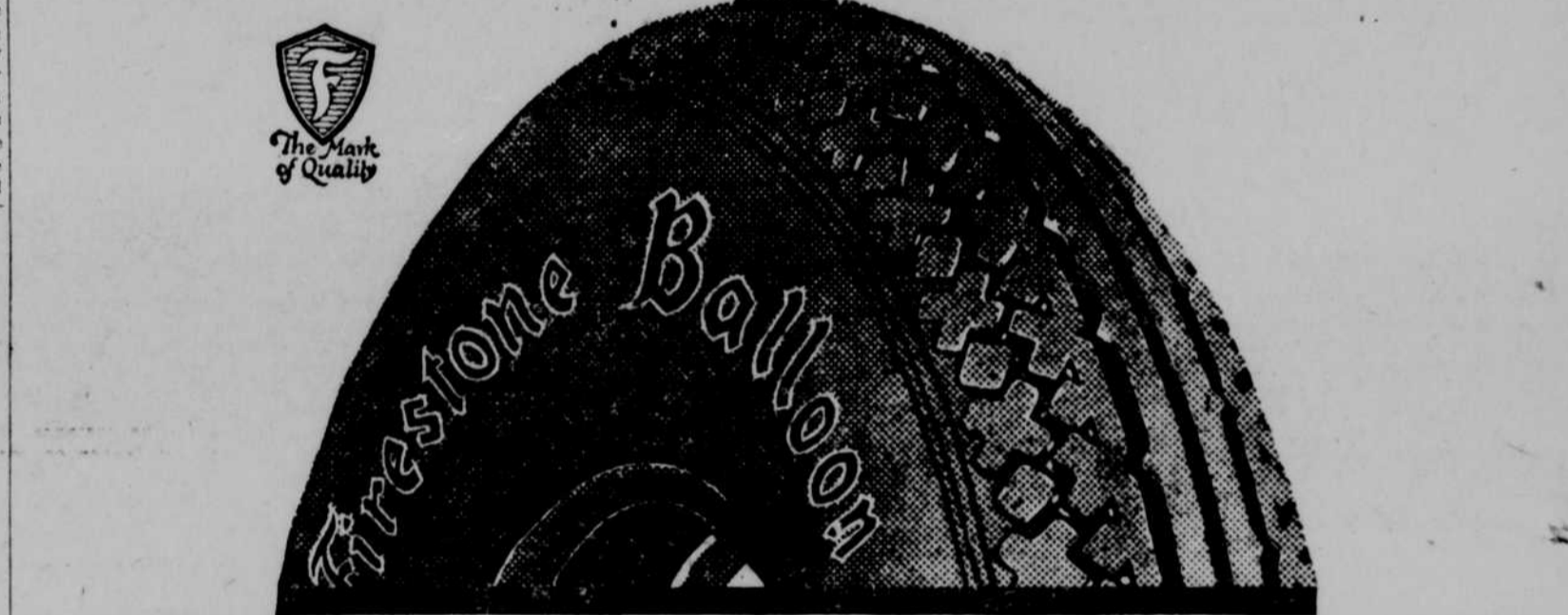
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