

OMAHA PACKERS PAY HIGHER RATE ON KANSAS COAL

Railroads Charge Missouri River Plants More Than Those at Other Points for Fuel Hauls.

TESTIMONY GIVEN AT CHICAGO

Witnesses at Hearing Declare Proposed Advances Asked by Carriers Unwarranted.

SIOUX CITY MAN UPON STAND

CHICAGO, April 15.—Packing house plants on the Missouri river in view of distance and service rendered, pay a higher freight rate on coal from the Kansas fields than do other points, according to testimony today before the Interstate Commerce commission's hearing of the petition of the forty-one western railroads for increased freight rates. Witnesses said the proposed advance of 5 cents a ton on coal was unwarranted. The testimony touched slack coal chiefly.

Increases Discussed. Increases in freight rates for the Kansas coal fields to Kansas City, St. Joseph and South Omaha plants of Swift & Co., from 55 cents a ton in 1905, to 70 cents, at the president rate, were discussed by R. O'Hara, chief rate clerk of Swift & Co.

It is declared that for similar distances Illinois coal was carried by the railroads to Chicago with average car mile earnings of 12.7 cents, while the car mile earnings from the Kansas field to Kansas City were 22.2 cents to St. Joseph 18 cents, and South Omaha 15.7 cents.

On cross-examination the witness said that density of traffic had not figured in his compilation.

Manaker's Testimony. W. W. Manaker, assistant traffic manager of Armour & Co., testified along similar lines, his discussion including Sioux City, Ia., as well as the points covered by Mr. O'Hara. Mr. Manaker said:

"The rates from Kansas and Missouri mines to Missouri river points are on a much higher basis than those from other coal fields and points similarly distant. The specific contention that present coal rates from Illinois coal mines to Sioux City, Ia., now yield a higher revenue per car than do other commodities was advanced by C. E. Childs, commissioner of the traffic bureau of the Sioux City Commercial club.

Mr. Childs reviewed statistics presented by a railroad witness on the average load of the principal commodities handled in Sioux City territory and said:

"The average car-mile revenue on the commodities named by the witness for the railroad was less than 15 cents. Sioux City now pays 19.3 cents per car mile on its lump coal and over 15 cents on its steam coal."

Seven Alleged Night Riders Are Indicted

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., April 15.—Seven men were indicted in connection with the recent activity of night riders in Missouri by the federal grand jury which adjourned here yesterday. Judge D. P. Dyer of St. Louis, under whose instructions the jury carried on its investigation, announced that heavy sentences would be imposed on all men convicted in his court of participation in the night riders' work. Letters have been sent recently to the large land owners and merchants in this vicinity threatening the destruction of their lives and property unless wages were raised, rents lowered and negroes driven from the district.

POST PARCELS MAILED BY GERMANS ARE RETURNED

CHIASSO, April 15.—(Via Paris.)—Several thousand parcel post packages mailed from Germany to the United States, after being returned here for some time, have been returned to the senders by the postal authorities because the British and French governments have given notification that parcels addressed to German citizens in the United States will be seized when they are found on ship-board.

The Weather

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday. Hours, Deg. 5 A. M. 55, 6 A. M. 55, 7 A. M. 55, 8 A. M. 55, 9 A. M. 55, 10 A. M. 55, 11 A. M. 55, 12 M. 55, 1 P. M. 55, 2 P. M. 55, 3 P. M. 55, 4 P. M. 55, 5 P. M. 55, 6 P. M. 55, 7 P. M. 55, 8 P. M. 55, 9 P. M. 55, 10 P. M. 55, 11 P. M. 55, 12 M. 55. Comparative Local Record. Highest yesterday 55, Lowest yesterday 35, Mean temperature 45, Precipitation 0.00. Post parcels mailed by Germans are returned.

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR IN SESSION HERE

Forty-Third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of State Comes for Two Days.

LOCAL KNIGHTS AS THE HOSTS For the forty-third annual convocation of the grand commandery of the Knights Templar of Nebraska officers and members have gathered from all parts of the state for the ceremonies and entertainments which began yesterday afternoon and continue until this afternoon, with over 300 local and visiting knights and their ladies in attendance. Mount Calvary Commandery of Omaha is host for the visiting knights, and its opening in full form at the Masonic temple at 4 o'clock marked the beginning of the annual assembly.

Willetts in Charge. Right Eminent Sir Will A. Needham of Bloomfield, grand commander of the grand commandery, is the only officer not attending the convocation. He has moved to Montana to live. Vice Eminent Sir George Willetts, Jr. of McCook, deputy grand commander, will be in charge of the grand assembly convocation in the former's absence. Omaha officers of the grand commandery are: Right Eminent Sir Francis E. White, grand recorder; Eminent Sir Henry C. Akin, grand treasurer, and Eminent Sir Charles L. Shook, grand sword bearer. Eminent Sir George S. Ticknor is commander of Mount Calvary Commandery No. 1 and Sir Luther B. Hoyt, captain general, is general chairman of the arrangements.

Right Eminent Sir Hutson B. Colman of Kalamazoo, Mich., has arrived to represent the most eminent grand master during the convocation. He is stopping at the Fontenelle. This morning Mount Calvary commandery will assemble at 9 o'clock and form in line to escort him and the deputy grand commander from the hotel headquarters to the Masonic temple, where the business session of the convocation will be held.

Merrrow May Not Have Committed Suicide

A post mortem examination held by Dr. McLaughlin, coroner's physician, revealed the startling fact that two bullets had pierced the body of G. W. Merrrow, who was found dead at Elkhorst Tuesday night. One bullet went through his heart and the other through his brain, and either of both could have been fatal. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide on the death, but the examination will lead to further investigation as to whether the possibility of a murder exists.

SUIT AGAINST SHERIDAN POST MUST BE TRIED

CHEYENNE, Wyo., April 15.—(Special Telegram.)—That the district court of Sheridan county erred when it dismissed the petition of the plaintiff in the suit of Charles A. Kutcher against the Sheridan Post, Printing company and Thomas T. Tynan, an action for \$10,000 damages for alleged libel, is a decision which was handed down by the Wyoming supreme court today. The supreme court remanded the cause to the Sheridan county court for trial. Kutcher, who, at the time, was mayor of Sheridan, sued the Post company and Tynan on the ground that the Post had committed a libel when, on March 18, 1912, it published certain statements about the official acts of Kutcher. Tynan now is mayor of Sheridan, having succeeded Kutcher.

POSTAL CHIEF SAYS OPERATOR WON'T BE FIRED FOR TALKING

Powers Asserts Telegrapher's Testimony to Commission Not to Cost Him His Job, as Feared.

GIVES SIDE OF THE COMPANY

Regular Day Trick of Ticker is Nine Hours, While Others Shorter, He Avers.

EVILS OF THE "EXTRA LIST"

CHICAGO, April 15.—The Postal Telegraph and Cable company, accused before the United States Commission of Industrial Relations yesterday of overworking its men for inadequate pay, made reply today through T. N. Powers, manager of the operating department of the Chicago office.

The regular day trick of telegraphers is nine hours and other tricks are shorter, he testified. "Is it impossible at times for men to obtain lunch relief?" asked Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the commission.

"At times when business is very heavy, as at the beginning of the war," Mr. Powers replied, and added:

Extra List Created. "When business creates an extra list is created by men who are anxious to pick up what money they can rather than be idle."

Mr. Walsh explained that one of the Postal telegraphers who testified yesterday feared that his adverse comment on the company would cost him and his companions, who also testified, their jobs.

"Not at all so long as they observe the rules of the company," answered the witness.

Mr. Powers read a list of employees, giving their earnings ranging from \$40 for new and inexperienced men to \$110 to the best men. He gave the earnings of Yarrington, one of the extra list men who testified yesterday, as \$85 the first month. Later, he said, Yarrington grew so irregular that his earnings decreased to \$67 in one month.

Wouldn't Hire Member. "The witness stated that he would not hire a member of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, but would not disturb a member already holding a job and doing his work right."

"They are all right so long as they don't bring the union into the office," he said. Asked as to the association of employees Mr. Powers remarked that Yarrington, in the period of his alleged indolence, fell behind in his bill to the association's restaurant, and the deficit was carried by the association.

Commissioner Garretts referred to the "evils" of the extra list.

"We can abolish it today if you want to throw the men out of work. We don't need it," replied Mr. Powers.

Commissioner Arlinton took up the examination, and witness said that grievances were brought to him.

"When a sub-chief can't use a man, the case comes to me, and frequently I never see the sub-chief. There haven't been more than half a dozen complaints in a month," said Powers.

It was announced that inquiry into the pit strike of Michigan copper miners

Bandits With Auto Trucks Steal \$50,000 Worth of Silk

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 15.—A dozen robbers held up a New York Central fast freight train at Sanborn, nine miles east of North Tonawanda, early today, stripped several cars of bottled silk valued at \$50,000 and sped away in automobile trucks upon which they had loaded their plunder. The robbers fired several shots at the crew. No one was injured. A posse of detectives and mounted police were at the scene shortly after the holdup.

After forcing the engine crew to uncouple the locomotive and run it a short distance down the tracks, the robbers lined up the engine and three other members of the train crew against a box car and left one of their number as guard while the others looted the merchandise cars.

RESERVOIR DAM AT LYMAN IS BROKEN

Wall of Water Sweeps Down Valley of Little Colorado River and Drowns Eight Persons.

MAY TEAR OUT SECOND DAM

HOLBROOK, Ariz., April 15.—Lyman reservoir, which impounds waters of the Little Colorado river twelve miles south of St. Johns, Apache county, broke shortly before midnight last night, drowning eight persons. A reservoir at Hunt, northwest of St. Johns, is in the path of the flood, and if the dam there, which is threatened, gives away Woodruff, twelve miles southeast of Holbrook, will be in danger.

The eight persons drowned at Lyman had been living directly under the reservoir dam, which collapsed, as did a similar, but smaller, dam ten years ago. At St. Johns today the flood had reached a depth of three feet in some places, although no great damage has been done there.

Three of the eight persons drowned at Lyman dam were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ella Palmer, and grandchildren of Mrs. Rachel Berry, one of the two women members of the Arizona state legislature.

Lyman reservoir furnished water to irrigate 30,000 acres.

Damage Four Hundred Thousand. PHOENIX, Ariz., April 15.—Dispatches received here today, telling of the breaking of the Lyman reservoir dam near St. Johns, estimate the total damage so far in the flooded area at \$400,000. St. Johns is fifty miles from the northeastern part of the state.

Denies French Guns Mounted on Louvre And the Invalides

WASHINGTON, April 15.—An official denial of reports from Berlin that public buildings in Paris were being used as military observation posts was issued by the French embassy here today by Foreign Minister Delcasse.

Embassy officials said the foreign office saw in these reports the laying of a foundation for attacks by Zeppelins and aeroplanes upon these buildings.

Foreign Minister Delcasse, after referring to the publication of dispatches on April 12 to the effect that wireless telegraphic apparatus for military communication had been placed upon the Invalides, the Louvre, the municipal library and other public buildings and that they had also been armed with mitrailleuses to attack German aircraft, said:

"It is hardly necessary to say that these statements are absolutely untrue and the French government protests against such imputations on the authority of German officers, who are so far distant from Paris that they can have no knowledge of the facts they assert."

German Submarine Sinks Dutch Craft

LONDON, April 15.—The Netherlands steamer Katwolk from Baltimore for Rotterdam, was torpedoed yesterday evening while anchored seven miles to the west of the North Hinder lightship in the North Sea. The crew of twenty-three men was saved and taken aboard the lightship.

The Katwolk was a freight steamer. Built in 1905, it was 127 1/2 tons and 281 feet long. It sailed from Baltimore March 26 for Rotterdam and passed Dover on April 14.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 15.—The Katwolk was loaded with 116,383 bushels of corn consigned to The Netherlands government, according to the agents of the vessel here.

AIRSHIP ATTACK ON BRITISH SHIP YARD FRUITLESS

Damage Done by Bombs Dropped by Zeppelin Near River Tyne is Negligible—Two Civilians Are Injured.

RUSSIAN ADVANCE IS CHECKED

Main Offensive in Vicinity of Ussok Pass Halted by Reinforced Teutonic Armies.

DARDANELLES CAMPAIGN WAITS

The Day's War News

FOUR ATTACKS by the French are mentioned in the Berlin war office statement and are said to have resulted in failures. The Paris statement, however, asserts that in the Ally wood, a section of ground 400 yards long and 100 yards deep was won and that in Alsace an advance of nearly one mile was made.

BRITISH STEAMER PTARMIGAN Has been sunk by a German submarine in the North sea. Eleven men of its crew of twenty-two were saved.

BRITISH CASUALTIES from the beginning of the war to April 11 amount to 159,847 men.

FAILURE OF RUSSIAN attempt to invade Hungary was announced today by the German war office. Although official reports from Petrograd concede no such reverse, they indicate the Russian advance has been brought virtually to a halt.

ROME ADVICES from Salaniki say the intervention of the war of Roumania appears to be imminent. It is said the Roumanian army is well equipped and ready for instant action.

OPERATIONS ALONG the western front once more are nearly at a standstill. The vigorous counter offensive of the Germans in the Meuse-Meuse district apparently has checked the French initiative.

LONDON, April 15.—England experienced a second Zeppelin raid last night, when a German airship made an extensive flight over the North-eastern coast in abortive attempt to damage ship-building works along the river Tyne. With the exception of negligible damage to property and slight injury to two civilians, the attack was fruitless.

The promptness with which the cities and towns in this part of England were plunged into darkness when the coming of the Zeppelin was announced undoubtedly prevented the infliction of greater damage. As it was some narrow escapes were recorded, with bombs falling near a passenger train in one instance and close to a shipyard in another.

According to special dispatches appearing in London, both the Russians and the Austrians still claim success in the Carpathians. Nevertheless it would appear as though reinforced Austro-German forces had checked the main Russian offensive in the region of Czako pass.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George has presided at the first meeting of the business committee, which is to organize to the full the resources of the nation in the production of war material. The war office, the admiralty and the Board of Trade each is represented on the committee. Complete details as to the needs of the military departments and the means at present available to supply them are being collected. When the information thus obtained shall have been examined the work of co-ordinating the national energies will be started.

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