

# ROW OVER RATES

## Commissioners of Six States Meet Federal Examiner.

### ASK SUSPENSION OF ORDER.

Request of States for Time to Investigate Increase Affecting Thousands of Stations Is Denied by Examiner Brown at Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—A wrangle marked the meeting of railroad commissioners of seven states and Chief Examiner George N. Brown of the suspension committee of the interstate commerce commission here when a new tariff schedule created by railroads in western states came up for discussion. The railroad commissioners finally left the meeting because, according to a statement they issued later, the chief examiner had "prejudiced the case" of the shippers.

Trouble started when Commissioner Clifford Thorne of the Iowa board asked Brown to recommend a 120 day suspension of the new freight schedule of the roads, which is to go into effect Feb. 15, pending the preparation of the commissioners' attack on the new rates. Insufficient time had been given the commissioners to protest the new rates, it was said.

Brown refused to grant the request. The following commissioners are fighting the freight measure: Clifford Thorne of Iowa, George A. Henshaw of Oklahoma, F. C. Robinson of South Dakota, J. A. Little of North Dakota, J. Hedlund of Texas, E. E. Smith of Kansas and T. N. Bradbury of Missouri.

#### Statement of Commissioners.

The statement says: "The chief examiner has prejudiced our case. We regret to find this situation and wish he could have waited until he had heard our reasons for asking the suspension of the entire classification."

"This classification the railroads have proposed raises the freight charges on 850 subjects between all points in America west of the Missouri river. It has been estimated that there are 20,000 towns in this territory. One-half of them probably are of minor importance. That means more than 8,000,000 raises affecting Chicago alone. The same is true of Kansas City, Des Moines, St. Louis and every other point west of Chicago. Think of the vast territory affected and the millions of rates involved."

"We received notice of this change Dec. 30. They go into effect Feb. 15. It would be a physical impossibility for any man or board of men to check this thing over to ascertain the actual effect on traffic."

"The result is a few men will present a few grievances. The great shipping public and the consumers of the country will not be heard. All we ask is a suspension of the whole schedule for 120 days, as contemplated by the act to regulate commerce."

Much objection has been made to the new schedule because of the raise on agricultural implements, farm machinery and accessories. The commissioners planned to hold another meeting to decide on their future course.

### MOB KILLS FIVE GENERALS

#### Leaders in Ecuador's Latest Revolution Are Lynched.

A mob broke into Quito penitentiary in spite of a double guard and lynched Generals Elroy Alfaro, Flavio Alfaro, Medardo Alfaro, U. Paez and Manuel Serrano, Ecuadorian revolutionists.

The first of the drastic measures taken by those who opposed the revolution was carried into effect last week at Guayaquil when General Pedro Montero, who was proclaimed president by the troops after the death of Estrada, was shot and beheaded by a mob which later burned his body.

Elroy Alfaro was proclaimed president by the populace in 1906, when he had defeated the government troops.

### WOODMEN WILL RAISE RATES

#### Head Camp of the Modern Society Adopts Revision Plan.

The Modern Woodmen of America adopted the proposed readjustment plan increasing the life insurance rates of the society and closed the 40th annual meeting at Chicago. The measure was carried by a vote of 460 to 207.

#### Darrow Indicted for Jury Bribing.

Los Angeles, Jan. 30.—Two indictments, each containing counts of bribery and attempted corruption, were returned by the county grand jury against Clarence S. Darrow of Chicago, formerly chief counsel for the McNamara brothers.

The bills allege that he furnished the money for the McNamara defense fund and bribed Robert Bain, a juror sworn to try James B. McNamara, the confessed dynamite and murderer, and George N. Lockwood, a witness.

#### Strike Riots at Lawrence.

Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 30.—Serious rioting occurred when a crowd of strikers attempted to prevent operatives from entering the various textile mills to resume work. In many cases the strikers were successful and the mills that reopened were able to operate only on a greatly reduced scale. Several persons were seriously injured during the trouble.

# HE IS NEAR DEATH.

## Count Von Aehrenthal, Austrian Premier, For Whom Hope Is Slight.



### HAVE 'PAIRING AGREEMENT'

#### Prohibitionists to Work for Three Million Votes.

"Three million votes in 1912" is the shibboleth of the Prohibition party, whose campaign is being directed from the national headquarters at Chicago. To this end prohibitionists in each state are pledging themselves to attempt to gain a certain number of votes.

One of the new features of the prohibition campaign this year will be a "pairing agreement." The temperance workers believe there are many members of each of the two big parties who would vote the Prohibition ticket if they felt that any equal number from the other big party would do the same. To reach these persons a "pairing agreement" has been prepared. It is a printed pledge to vote the Prohibition ticket and an equal number of spaces is left on the two sides of the slip for the signatures of Democrats and Republicans. Each slip when turned into the Prohibition headquarters must carry an equal number of signatures from voters of opposite parties.

#### Bradstreet's Trade Review.

Bradstreet's says: Favorable weather has facilitated business operations, especially in jobbing and retail lines, which report more or less improvement. But on the whole trading is characterized by small lot buying and conservatism is very conspicuous, particularly in the farming sections. It is conceded that trade will be late in developing, later than usual, in fact. However, better weather conditions have enabled traveling salesmen to get about more readily and, as a result, jobbing houses and whole sale houses have been favored with a fair volume of mail orders.

#### Bank at Vancouver Robbed.

The Royal bank branch at Vancouver was robbed of all its cash by two robbers at noon. Manager A. A. Stevens and the members of his staff were backed into the vault and locked there while the robbers helped themselves. The sum taken was high up in the thousands.

#### Duke of Fife Is Dead.

Assoban, Jan. 30.—The Duke of Fife, brother-in-law of King George V. of Great Britain, died here.

### THE MARKETS

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Closing prices: Wheat—May, \$1.03 1/2; July, 95c. Corn—Jan., 64 1/2c; May, 67 1/2c. Oats—May, 51 1/2c; July, 46 1/2c. Pork—Jan., \$15.75; May, \$16.30. Lard—Jan., \$9.17 1/2; May, \$9.40 1/2. Ribs—Jan., \$5.55; May, \$5.80. Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, \$1.00@1.04; No. 2 corn, 63 1/2c; No. 2 white oats, 51 1/2@52c.

#### Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Cattle—Receipts, 25,000; steady to shade off; beefs, \$4.75@5.40; western steers, \$4.60@4.90; stockers and feeders, \$3.60@5.90; cows and heifers, \$2.10@6.60; calves, \$5.50@8.25. Hogs—Receipts, 65,000; 5c off; light, \$5.55@6.15; heavy, \$5.90@6.32 1/2; rough, \$5.90@6.05; pigs, \$4.15@5.40; bulk, \$6.95@6.25. Sheep—Receipts, 22,000; weak, 10c off; natives, \$3.10@4.70; westerns, \$2.50@4.75; yearlings, \$4.75@5.55; lambs, \$4.40@4.80.

#### South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Jan. 29.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,000; 10c lower; beef steers, \$5.00@7.50; cows and heifers, \$3.45@5.25; stockers and feeders, \$4.00@5.65; bulls, \$4.00@5.25; calves, \$4.25@7.75. Hogs—Receipts, 7,700; 5c lower; best heavy, \$6.10@6.25; butchers, \$5.95@6.05; light, \$5.60@5.90; bulk of sales, \$5.90@6.00. Sheep—Receipts, 17,000; 15c@25c lower; westerns, \$3.20@4.25; wacs, \$3.00@4.00; lambs, \$5.00@6.30.

# CONDENSED NEWS

Billy Delaney, the famous trainer of prize fighters, died at Oakland, Cal.

A most violent earthquake caused a great amount of damage in the Ionian islands.

Italians seized another French ship, but finding no contraband on board they released it.

Two children of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Morton were burned to death when their log home at Cumberland, Wis., was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Dicy Dunlap, the oldest resident of Morgan county, Illinois, died at Jacksonville. She would have been 110 years of age Feb. 10.

The timely arrival of the police prevented a band of fanatical women at Lodz, Russian Poland, from crucifying a man whom they had adopted as their "saviour."

Eight persons were injured, one perhaps fatally, when a street car struck a switch engine at Chicago. Traction officials claim the towerman failed to lower the gates.

A cablegram received from London, signed "Gaby," contained the statement that Gaby Deslys, the French actress, had married Harry Pilcer, an American dancer.

Samuel Untermyer of New York testified before the house rules committee regarding the domination of the country's money power by four groups of financiers.

One hundred thousand acres of unimproved farm land in Saskatchewan were sold to a British syndicate for \$1,552,000. The land will be colonized by English and Scotch farmers.

President Taft commuted to expire at once the life imprisonment sentence of Toy Toy, a Umatilla Indian, who murdered Anna Edna, a wampus doctor, who failed to cure his father.

The Jewish population of New York city was 906,400 on Jan. 1, according to figures published in the American Hebrew. The same journal in 1902 computed the number as 600,000.

The bankers of Oklahoma will undertake to increase the crop output for 1912 by encouraging farmers to plant forage crops in addition to the staple crops of corn, wheat and cotton.

"Lord" Edmon S. Thursby, for many years a prominent character in North Dakota, and who was the scion of a wealthy English family, died in the state asylum for the insane at Jamestown, N. D.

Three persons were drowned near Worley, Ky., when a boat conveying a party across South Fork river was capsized by ice. The victims were Mrs. Mary West, Clarence Robbs and Mary Yancey.

Governor Stubbs of Kansas and Governor Hadley of Missouri joined Governor Osborn of Michigan and Governor Fort of New Jersey in accepting memberships in the Roosevelt national committee.

Robert S. Dennis of Chicago was shot, probably fatally, as he was changing trains at the New York Central station at Buffalo by Gaspar Martoranos, a barber. The police believe Martoranos is demented.

James Whitcomb Riley was awarded the gold medal for distinction in poetry at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the National Institute of Arts and Letters at Philadelphia.

Annie Dietrich, a Denver grammar school girl, aged twelve, has just been married to Edward Walker, sixteen years old. They will make their home with the mother of the bride till Mrs. Walker has learned to cook.

The partially devoured remains of an unidentified hunter and his two dogs were found near Eagle Grove, Mich. There were evidences of a terrific struggle, as nearby were the bodies of four wolves, also partially devoured.

Salvatore di Biasi, who was arrested at Cleveland after he had eloped with and married thirteen-year-old Blossom Sparks of Indianapolis, was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to two years imprisonment. The child wife went as Di Biasi was led out of court.

A. J. Murray, said by Northern Pacific detectives to be the head of a gang that has robbed shippers of more than \$10,000 worth of butter in the last three years, was convicted at Fargo. It is said that he has five wives, three of whom were in court.

With 507 lables instead of kittens as subjects the Rockefeller institute of research and officials of the New York health department have conducted experiments in the tenement house districts which have resulted in the saving of the lives of hundreds of other babies.

General Bernardo Reyes will not be shot for inciting a rebellion against the Mexican government, for which crime he is in prison in Mexico City. That opinion is expressed by President Madero, who thinks Reyes will probably get a sentence of six to eight years in prison.

The appeal issued through ordinary channels having failed to elicit a response in any way commensurate with the situation, President Taft, personally, as president of the American Red Cross, sent out an appeal for funds to relieve the famine stricken people of China.

Fire routed the members of the family of Paul A. Sorg, the mill operator, east from their apartment on East Thirty-seventh street, New York, and caused much excitement in the millionaire colony in the neighborhood. The fire was confined to their suite, which was badly damaged.

# PASS METAL BILL

## New Steel Schedule Goes Through Lower House.

### ALL AMENDMENTS VOTED DOWN

#### Republicans Put Up Stubborn Battle. Measure Reduces Tariff Duties on All Metal Articles About Thirty-five Per Cent From Present Rates.

The Democratic metal tariff revision bill passed the house by a vote of 210 to 109.

All attempts of the Republicans to amend the measure failed.

The bill, as it will go to the senate today, carries an average reduction on tariff duties on all metal articles of about 35 per cent from the rates of the Payne Aldrich law, now in force. It is expected, if it becomes a law, to increase imports by \$25,000,000 and reduce revenues about \$900,000.

Charges of "caucus domination" and "gag rule" were made repeatedly by Republicans, insurgents and regulars, as Underwood applied the house rules to shut off debate and the amendments off. Leaders Norris (Neb.) and Lenroot (Wis.) charged the Democrats with denying the house a fair chance to consider the bill.

Republican Leader Mann declared the presiding chairman, Representative Floyd (Ark.), and Underwood had usurped the powers of the house more autocratically than ever was done before in the history of the republic.

The attempt to amend the bill began as soon as Underwood shut off debate. Republicans fought this application of the cloture rule, but lost.

The insurgents made a determined attack upon the bill at various points. Amendments for free steel rails and free pig iron were offered by Representative Warburton (Wash.), Republican insurgent, and voted down.

### ASSAILS RECALL OF JUDGES

#### Taft Delivers Impassioned Address on "Nostrums of Reform."

New York, Jan. 30.—President Taft spoke at the Waldorf Astoria to the Ohio society of New York, delivering probably the most impassioned speech he has made in many months, directed against the "nostrums of reform" and particularly aimed at the recall of judges.

In the efforts that the president said have been made to reform legislation in this country he saw much that was good. He saw the faults of the government in the United States today and admitted that in trying to eradicate them much might be accomplished by reformers. But in the effort to make the judiciary responsive to every "whim" of these people he saw destruction. He declared that the conservative element of the nation eventually must get together to prevent a movement that would make the courts the creatures of popular will and might make the decision in every case, not in accord with the law, but in accord with what a majority of the people thought the law should be.

### CLAIMS BREACH OF PROMISE

#### Mary McCarthy Asks \$150,000 of Philip Sullivan.

Wayne, Neb., Jan. 30.—Miss Mary McCarthy, a school teacher of near Forest City, Ia., has filed suit in Wayne against Philip Sullivan for \$150,000 for alleged breach of promise, in marriage. Sullivan is a wealthy stockman, rated as being worth \$500,000.

Miss McCarthy claims Sullivan induced her to come to Wayne to marry him. She has been here several months in constant expectation of the wedding, but says Sullivan now refuses to keep his promise. Becoming convinced that he had no intention of doing so, she filed the suit. Sullivan is about fifty years old.

### BEAT CHILD TO DEATH

#### William Goethler and Mrs. Schiller Admit Charges of Cruelty.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—William Goethler and Mrs. Anna Schiller, who has been living with him as his wife for three years, admitted that they had caused the death of the five-year-old Nellie Goethler by beating her.

The scarred and mutilated body of the child was buried at Elmwood. Neither the man nor the woman, who are under arrest, expressed a desire to attend the funeral. Goethler is father of the child.

### Twenty Hurt in Runaway Trolley Car.

St. Paul, Jan. 30.—A score of persons were injured when a Selby avenue trolley car ran away on a grade and crashed into another car filled with passengers. The vestibule of the runaway car took fire from the stove and Motoman Swanson, whose leg was cut off as cleanly in the accident as if it had been done by a surgeon's knife, for a time was pinioned in the burning wreckage but was released before the flames touched him.

### Coal Operators Make Concession.

Indianapolis, Jan. 30.—Bituminous coal operators of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and western Pennsylvania yielded slightly to the demands of the miners when they submitted a statement to the joint conference agreeing to return to the wage scale of 1904-1905. The plan will be rejected by the miners, it was announced.

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