

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO THE RAILROAD RATE BILL

Now before the Senate of the United States—The Bailey amendments represent the demands of the democrats—The White House amendments represent the views of President Roosevelt and his republican followers in the Senate.

The Bailey amendments are definite and explicit, leaving no room for doubt as to their import or meaning. White House amendment is indefinite in everything except that it explicitly confers jurisdiction upon the courts to suspend the orders of the commission upon application to do so by the railroads. The White House amendment is expected to unite in its support the republican members of the Senate, and avoid the disruption of the party in the senate which was threatened in case the Bailey amendments were insisted upon by the president and his republican followers. Under such circumstances it ought not to be difficult for the average man to understand that there must be a wide difference in the meaning of the two amendments:

BAILEY AMENDMENTS

"A rate or charge which shall afford a just compensation to the carrier, or carriers, for the service or services to be performed; and a regulation or practice which shall be just and reasonable. The rate, or charge, regulation or practice so determined and prescribed shall be the only lawful rate or charge, regulation or practice, and the carrier or carriers shall not thereafter demand or collect any other rate or charge or follow any other regulation or practice."

The other amendment provides:

"Any carrier, or person, or corporation, party to such complaint and dissatisfied with the rate or charge, regulation or practice, so established and prescribed, may file a bill against the commission in any circuit court of the United States for the district in which any portion of the line of the carrier or carriers may be located alleging that such rate or charge will not afford a just compensation for the service or services to be performed, or that the regulation or practice is unjust and unreasonable; and if upon the hearing the court shall find that such rate or charge will not afford a just compensation for the service or services to be performed, or that the regulation or practice is unjust and unreasonable, it shall enjoin the enforcement of the same; provided, however, that no rate or charge, regulation or practice prescribed by the commission shall be set aside or suspended by any preliminary or interlocutory decree of order of the court."

"Said proceedings shall have precedence over all other cases on the docket of a different character, and the court shall have power to make orders to secure the attendance of persons from any part of the United States, and the existing laws relative to evidence and proceedings under the acts to regulate commerce shall be applicable. Either party to said proceeding shall have the right to appeal directly to the supreme court of the United States, and such appeal shall have precedence in said supreme court over all other cases of a different character pending therein."

WHITE HOUSE AMENDMENT

It is proposed to strike out the paragraph at the bottom of page 14 and insert as a part of section 16 the following:

"That all orders of the commission, except orders for the payment of money, shall take effect within such reasonable time as shall be prescribed by the commission, and shall continue for such period of time, not exceeding two years, as shall be prescribed in the order of the commission, unless sooner set aside by the commission or suspended or set aside in a suit brought against the commission in the circuit court of the United States, sitting as a court of equity for the district wherein any carrier plaintiff in said suit had its principal operating office; and jurisdiction is hereby conferred on the circuit courts of the United States to hear and determine in any such suit whether the order complained of was beyond the authority of the commission or in violation of the rights of the carrier secured by the constitution."

FOREIGN NEWS

Artic tribes reported to have been driven by starvation to cannibalism and self-extermination.

Thirteen men, entombed in a French coal mine twenty days, living on hay and putrid meat, escape.

Natal crisis is debated in the British parliament, the ministers explaining the suspension of executions.

Power of new labor members of the British parliament is shown in the the army and church, and the escape from punishment of army officers who refuse to take church inventories may lead to the abolition of the court martial.

The kaiser has responded to a request of the young women of Creffield for dancing partners by stationing a regiment of huzzars in the town.

Fashion's decree that women must wear long tight gloves will result in a marked increase in diseases of the circulatory system, English physicians say.

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peror Nicholas, who, despite the ceaseless vigilance of General Treppoff, is flooded with insults and threats.

British agitation for the protection of policyholders in American insurance companies brings a promise in the house of lords of a committee of inquiry.

People of St. Petersburg will choose electors in the parliamentary elections today and there are rumors that the revolutionists will throw some bombs at the polling places.

Moroccan conference virtually is ended, a proposal by Ambassador White, the chief American delegate, resulting in a complete agreement. It is seemingly a victory for France.

The first election is held in St. Petersburg, resulting in a decisive victory for the constitutional democrats.

French officials and press rejoice at the outcome of the Moroccan conference, which removes the threat of a great European war.

Fight over the enactment of laws for the benefit of labor unions is opened in the house of commons, the government measure being opposed by the workmen's representatives because it does not grant complete immunity for funds of the unions.

First elections to the national assembly are held in Russia, twelve conservative members of the council of the empire being chosen.

Canadian life insurance investigators will copy the methods of the Armstrong committee and take a trip to New York to gain information.

Women explorer, escorted only by two native soldiers, traverses the African wilds, visiting many districts never before seen by a white person.

King of Wurtemberg reads a sharp lesson in etiquette to students who crowded the queen from a sidewalk.

Austrian government is embarrassed by President Roosevelt's summary action in the Storer case, and executive's request that the ambassador be superseded before he has presented his letter to recall violates precedent.

Taft Urges Preparation for War

"The history of the United States is not such that we can count on not having another war, and, as congress is unwilling to appropriate enough money to supply the army with surgeons and nurses in times of peace, the necessity for an organization which will render assistance in time of war is apparent." So spoke Secretary of War Taft at a Red Cross meeting in Belasco theater, Washington, D. C., for the purpose of acquainting the public more fully with the purposes and work of the reorganized American National Red Cross, of which he is president. Miss

Mabel T. Boardman, an official of the society, and Representative De Armond also spoke. Among those present were Representative and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Justice Brewer, Captain and Mrs. W. S. Cowles, Surgeon General O'Reilly of the army, Surgeon General Wyman of the public health and marine hospital service and Surgeon General Rixey of the navy.

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