

FREIGHT RATES UNCERTAIN

Interstate Commerce Commission Unable to Prevent Discrimination.

LAW FAILS TO ACCOMPLISH ITS PURPOSE

Congress Urged to Take Immediate Action to Remedy Its Defects—Conditions Damaging to Small Shippers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission has been given out. In it the commission says:

In previous reports to congress attention has been called to the vital respects in which the act has proved ineffective and inadequate. Some of its provisions were early seen to be imperfect, while others were so uncertain or ambiguous as to give rise to protracted litigation, resulting finally in authoritative construction by the supreme court of the United States.

With the renewal of these recommendations no duty of the commission in this regard remains unfulfilled. Meanwhile the situation has become intolerable, both from the standpoint of the public and the carriers. Tariffs are disregarded, discriminations constantly occur and the price at which transportation can be obtained is fluctuating and uncertain.

Every consideration of private justice and public welfare demands that railway rates shall be reasonably uniform to all shippers and equitable between all communities. Until needful legislation is supplied that demand must remain unsatisfied and the commission must continue to bear the burden of responsibility of a duty which it is powerless to discharge.

supposed to possess. They would simply enable the commission to carry out the purposes of the act as declared in its first three sections. If the present commission is not qualified to discharge that trust, then a more competent tribunal should be created.

Some New Recommendations.

First.—To permit only a limited and feeble restraint would be to doom the experiment to failure before it was tried, but it might be well to provide that the provision granting the privilege should expire after a certain number of years by its own limitation.

Second.—The contract itself and everything done under it should be open to public inspection.

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TRIBUTE TO SOLDIER DEAD

Rabbi Franklin Conducts Memorial Services for Brave Boys Who Lost Their Lives During Last War.

At Temple Israel last evening memorial services were held for the United States soldiers who lost their lives in the recent war with Spain.

The general public gets little benefit from these reductions, for concessions are mainly confined to the heavier shippers.

It is perfectly clear that observance of tariff rates is entirely within the power of the railway managers and that it would be easy for the former to enforce it as a whole.

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Wheat and cotton still go out largely. Europe is buying because it has needs, and New York is lending to Europe nobody knows why, because there is for the present no need to call loans.

The receipt of \$2,500,000 gold from Australia is a mistake must continue to rest upon the Americans as in the humor to invest in their own country and have a great amount of money to put out without recalling any of their loans to Europe.

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Failures for the week have been 318 in the United States, against 349 last year, and twenty-four in Canada, against forty-five last year.

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Explanation of the strength of wheat, its cause, found in the goods which have been in the market since the first of the year.

A feature of dealings in this staple is the exceptionally high demand for iron, and the difference manifested toward iron products, which, owing to the bad weather at the south, have been in unusual supply.

The formation of syndicates, however, is not confined to iron and steel, because within the week there are reports of a projected great syndicate having for its object the securing of control of the entire Cuban supply of tobacco this year.

Among other rumors of consolidations is the story from the west that a proposed consolidation of salmon canneries will have the effect of the consolidation in this line in an advance from the low figure reached some months ago.

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IGNORE EAGAN'S TESTIMONY

Members of the War Investigating Commission Return His Statement.

ENSURE HIM FOR THE LANGUAGE USED

Personal Attacks and Irrelevant Statements Are Held to Be Improper Matters to Come Before the Commission.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The War Investigating commission today passed a resolution of censure of General Egan for the language he used yesterday when he appeared to answer the charges made against the commissary branch of the army by Major General Miles and returned to him the carefully prepared typewritten statement which he left with the commission after reading it to that body.

The following is the text of the letter ordered by the War Inquiry commission to be sent to General Egan:

We respectfully inform you that after your testimony was read yesterday the following resolution was unanimously passed:

Moved, That the commission receive General Egan's testimony without comment, that it be not printed as such, but held for the consideration of the commission, carried.

Having now considered the questions involved we have determined that in many instances the vituperative language used by you was not such as ought to have been uttered before this board.

It is gathered from friends of General Egan today that he is prepared to accept the suggestion conveyed in the letter of the War Inquiry commission and will amend his statement so as to exclude the matter complained of.

Inspector General Joseph C. Breckinridge, in speaking of General Egan's testimony before the War Investigating commission, refers to that portion which refers to General Breckinridge's activity in securing the statements of beef contractors.

General Egan said General Breckinridge had no authority to make his investigation without orders from the secretary of war. Referring to this, General Breckinridge said he understood he was merely carrying out his duties, but he admitted he understood the legal point General Egan was making.

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