

JOINS HAGUE PLAN

Pan-American Congress Finally Evolves Tangible Basis of Arbitration.

CHILE AND ECUADOR FILE OBJECTIONS

Former Submits an Independent Proposition Deprecating Compulsion.

LATER THEY ASSENT TO GENERAL MODE

It is Claimed Chile Only Seeks to Obstruct Permanent Action.

TRIES TO UNDERMINE THE CONFERENCE

Signatory Nations Empower Mexico to Communicate with Other Governments Looking to More Comprehensive Plan.

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SCHEME TO SHORTEN ROUTE

Lake Shore and Burlington Roads May Effect Improved Mail Service Plan.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—A new route, shortening the time for the transportation of the continental mail, is likely to be adopted by a plan that is now being considered by the Lake Shore and Burlington roads.

The arrangement under consideration would obviate the necessity of the eastern mail destined for points west of the Mississippi river passing through Chicago.

The scheme is to run a mail train from New York to San Francisco via the Lake Shore to South Bend, Ind., and thence over the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa road to Zeland, Ill., where a connection is had with the Burlington.

For years the through transcontinental mail has been carried by the Lake Shore and Burlington roads via Chicago.

The slow time necessary in entering and leaving the city costs the two roads about one hour and the transfer from car to car across the city causes another delay of from one to two hours.

The Indiana, Illinois & Iowa is now the property of the Lake Shore road. The Three Is, as the acquired line is known, connects with the Lake Shore at South Bend, Ind., eighty-six miles east of Chicago and with the Burlington's main line at Zeland, Ill.

It is now thought that at least three hours can be saved in the time of the transcontinental mail by sending it around Chicago over the newly formed route.

The cars would be detached from the Lake Shore trains at South Bend and run by special train over the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa to Zeland, where they would be attached to the Burlington flyers for the west.

TWELVE PER CENT REDUCTION

General Average of Decline in Tariffs Effected by Northern Roads.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 15.—The final sheets of the Northern Pacific distance and new terminal tariffs, which with similar tariffs from the Great Northern and Soo line will work a general reduction of 12 per cent in the rates for freight and passenger travel throughout the northwest, went to the printers today.

The tariffs will be in effect February 1, and before that date if they can be published and distributed. The recent rate conference at Great Northern headquarters, it was generally stated, resulted in material changes in the new tariffs.

Connecting lines were given an opportunity to inspect them and insert additional rates, which were previously agreed to.

The first official statement regarding the effect of the rates was secured today from Great Northern headquarters.

It indicates that the reductions in merchandise will be equal on the average to 12 per cent, as they range from 8 to 30 per cent.

The statement is as follows: The Great Northern and Northern Pacific lines leading into the northwest, are preparing and hope to issue, taking effect at the earliest practicable date not later than February 1, tariffs covering merchandise and general shipments from the Twin Cities and the head of the lakes to all points in Minnesota and North Dakota, and distance tariffs covering all traffic in northern states making reductions in merchandise rates that will average about 12 per cent.

This is in line with the general policy to make reductions from time to time as business will warrant.

MILLIONS FOR EQUIPMENT

Large Amount May Be Spent by Santa Fe to Get World's Fair Trade.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—The Record-Herald tomorrow will say that the management of the Santa Fe decided to spend \$1,000,000 for equipment during the present year.

This statement was made by an official of the company who added that the money would come from the proceeds of the new issue of bonds to the amount of \$10,000,000.

Just how the expenditure is to be apportioned is not stated, but it is known that an order has been given for 5,000 box cars, fifty mammoth freight engines and 100 more engines of the smaller type.

Practically all of the new passenger equipment of the company is to be renewed. The official statement regarding the amount to be spent for equipment makes it plain what is to be done with the proceeds of the bond issue.

It will take \$1,000,000 to give the line some new road construction to get the debt paid.

It is stated unofficially that the Santa Fe is contemplating a Chicago-St. Louis line by the way of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis railway. From Peoria to Peoria the Terminal railway line would be used, and thence the Rock Island & Peoria.

WILL USE CLARK'S NEW ROAD

Burlington to Make Deal with Harriman for California Connection.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 15.—The Tribune tomorrow will say that the Burlington road will, within a few days, effect a deal with the Harriman people, who will put its trains into Los Angeles via Senator Clark's road from Salt Lake City to the coast.

A conference was held in Washington today between General Charles F. Manderson, general solicitor of the Burlington system; R. K. Kerns of St. Louis, vice president of the San Pedro road; Senator Clark of Montana and several representatives of the Harriman syndicate, which is planning to place an organization in the Union and Southern Pacific properties.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—The Brotherhood of Railway Employees selects Place of Main and Subordinate Headquarters.

It was also decided to place an organization in these cities: Portland, San Francisco, Albuquerque, Omaha, Helena, Kansas City, Denver, Fort Worth, Aberdeen, St. Paul, Chicago, St. Louis, Little Rock, New Orleans, Indianapolis, Columbus, Nashville, Atlanta, Washington, Pittsburgh, New York City, Boston, Montreal and Winnipeg.

SCHEDULE RAISES WAGES

Great Northern and Northern Pacific Scale Gives Engineers Substantial Increase.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 15.—It is semi-officially stated that the new wage schedule adopted by the Great Northern at the request of engineers and firemen operating the new and heavier freight engines advances the wages of engineers who have been receiving \$4 per 100 miles to \$4.50.

Firemen receiving \$2.50, it is said, will receive \$2.65, and switching engine drivers \$2.25 a day, less one hour for dinner. Firemen on the same class of engines will receive \$2 a day, computed at ten hours.

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SCHEIDER STARTS HOME

No Announcement Made Regarding Present Postoffice.

MONEY ORDER CLERK NAMED FOR LINCOLN

Collector Cruzen Delayed by Technicality Over Bond-G. W. Saunders for Agent at Santee Agency.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—R. B. Schneider was among those who attended the ceremonies of inducting into office Postmaster General Henry C. Payne of Wisconsin at the White House today. After the ceremonies, which were attended by nearly all the cabinet and the entire membership of the Wisconsin delegation, Mr. Schneider went to the capitol for a final conference with Senator Millard, and left on an afternoon train for Chicago.

So far as was learned, there is no change in the Fremont postoffice situation. Senator Hanna has been diplomatically declined on the ground that the postoffice was not in Ohio and that he had troubles of his own which would keep him engaged for some time to come.

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MONEY ORDER CLERK AT LINCOLN

Representative Burkett said that Mary N. Dailoy of Lincoln had been appointed by the Civil Service commission as money order clerk of the Lincoln postoffice, to succeed Frank Blackburn, resigned.

A. R. Cruzen, who is compelled to give a bond of \$50,000, had the same ready for approval by the solicitor general of the Treasury department, when it was learned that the surety company bonding Mr. Cruzen had no agent in Porto Rico. It will be necessary for the new collector for the ports of the district of Porto Rico to execute a new bond in a company representing in the island.

Mr. Cruzen is leaving for his new post until early next week. He had made all arrangements to sail Sunday from New York.

Representative Burke of South Dakota, on behalf of himself and other representatives, spoke to the president general of the Interior department, when the contemplated action of the interior department in leasing 1,000,000 acres of surplus Indian lands of the Standing Rock agency of the Sioux Indians, until they have been given a hearing. It is intended to enter a serious opposition to this leasing by the interior department. A large number of surplus acres belonging to the Cheyennes is about to be leased also, and this will enter into the opposition that is to be made.

YOUNG TO BE SECOND LIEUTENANT

Senators Gamble and Kittredge presented the name of Evan E. Young of Plankinton, S. D., to the senate for confirmation in the regular army. Young was first lieutenant in the First South Dakota and after the regiment was mustered out enlisted in the volunteers and became captain of the Eleventh cavalry, remaining with that regiment until it also was mustered out.

The senators also called upon the State department to ask for an increase of pay for Consul Raveland at Beyroot, Syria. The consul at present receives \$2,000 and fees.

It is understood at a meeting of the senate committee on Indian affairs tomorrow the subject of leasing Indian lands in South Dakota will be taken up by the committee. Commissioner Jones will be heard, as will members of the South Dakota delegation.

Senators Dietrich and Millard today agreed to recommend George W. Saunders of Barle Mills for agent at the Santee agency, vice Henry C. Baird. Saunders is a merchant of Barle Mills, well known among north Nebraska politicians, who endorsed him for the place.

"The best sugar interests," said Mr. Oxnard, "will have a hearing before the committee on ways and means Wednesday. It is expected that the committee will present the case for our industry, although I may open the argument."

RELIEF FOR FOREST SETTLERS

The house committee on public lands today ordered a favorable report on the bill introduced by Representative Martin of South Dakota, providing relief for bona fide settlers within the forest reserves.

The following civil service examinations are to be held February 19 for positions of clerks and carriers in the postoffice named:

Nebraska: Kearney; Iowa: Alliance, Cedar Falls, Decatur, Fort Dodge, Iowa City, Red Oak, Webster City, South Dakota: Deadwood, Huron, Wyoming: Cheyenne. Iowa postmasters appointed: H. K. Smith, Archer, O'Brien county; Elmer E. Preston, Dean, Appanoose county.

A postoffice is ordered established at Coburn, Big Horn county, Wyo., with Warren Johnson as postmaster.

John W. Sheppard of Watkins, N. Y., is appointed gardener at the Rosebud (S. D.) Indian school.

Mrs. Phoebe M. Green of Genoa, Neb., is appointed laundress in the Indian school on the Omaha and Winnebago agency.

WILL HAVE BRANCH IN OMAHA

Brotherhood of Railway Employees Selects Place of Main and Subordinate Headquarters.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—The Brotherhood of Railway Employees has selected Chicago as the place for its future headquarters and today decided to hold its next convention there in May, 1904.

The question of ritual was taken up and the convention decided that the nomenclature of the officers shall follow that of railroading. The presiding officer is a division or lodge will be designated as the manager, the vice president as the superintendent, the marshals as conductors and assistant conductor. The inside sentinel will be known as the watchman and the outside sentinel as the flagman. The inside door will be termed the inner block and the outside door as the outer block, following the block signal system in railroading. The chief financial officer of the order will be called the general auditor.

It was also decided to place an organization in these cities: Portland, San Francisco, Albuquerque, Omaha, Helena, Kansas City, Denver, Fort Worth, Aberdeen, St. Paul, Chicago, St. Louis, Little Rock, New Orleans, Indianapolis, Columbus, Nashville, Atlanta, Washington, Pittsburgh, New York City, Boston, Montreal and Winnipeg.

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