

FIGHT ON REBATES

Injunction Proceedings Filed Against Eight Big Western Railroads.

BROUGHT BY INTERSTATE COMMERCE MEN

Suit Begins Today in Federal Court at Kansas City.

ARISES FROM RATES TO BE PAID ON PLANTS

Order Says Rebates and Discriminations Are Common.

ACTION BASED ON RECENT HEARINGS

Involves Santa Fe, Rock Island, Missouri Pacific, Wabash, Burlington, Great Western, Atchafalaya and St. Paul Lines.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Injunction proceedings will be started in Kansas City today by Attorney William A. Day of the Interstate Commerce Commission against the following railroads operating between Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago: Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, Missouri Pacific, Wabash, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Chicago Great Western, Chicago & Alton, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.

Each one of the roads was furnished with the following notice and a copy of the bill to be filed with Judge Phillips of the United States circuit court at Kansas City tomorrow: Notice Served on Roads.

You will please take notice that on Wednesday, March 18, 1903, under authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission, acting on behalf of the United States of America, will apply to the above named courts of the United States of America for a temporary injunction or restraining order, and for a permanent injunction or restraining order, against the several officers, agents and servants of the several railroads named herein, in respect to interstate traffic transported by them, when and where you may appear and resist said application if you shall desire so to do.

After setting forth that the accused roads are common carriers and are subject to the provisions of the interstate commerce act, the bill recites that they have made a schedule of 25¢ cents per 100 pounds on packing house products from Kansas City to Chicago, this being until January the only lawful rate. The respondents have since that time secretly made a rate of 18¢ cents, with corresponding reductions through to New York, and through unlawful combinations received large quantities of packing house products, later rebating to certain shippers the difference between the secret and the lawful rate.

The general counsel and general solicitors of a number of the roads held a conference to agree on a course of action. It was learned that Judge Phillips is not able to go to Kansas City tomorrow. As the attorneys of some of the roads cannot well go to Jefferson City on such short notice it was agreed that Attorney Day, who has gone to Kansas City, should be requested to delay action for a day or two, so as to afford the railroad attorneys a chance to study the matter and make their arguments at Kansas City.

A number of the attorneys left for Kansas City this evening. While no definite course of action has been agreed on, it is understood that no serious objection will be made to the injunction. Most of the large railroad systems claim to be in favor of preventing rate cutting and paying rebates. They say small roads only cut their rates to hold their own against the larger roads.

That a subpoena or other suitable process may issue, was given in the Redwaxch afternoon and led to a great uproar. Deputy Schoenerer (pan-German) started the applause after a violent speech, during which he declared that his party aimed at the creation of federal relationship between Austria and Germany and would oppose every government policy tending to help in bringing about such relations.

RAILROAD UNDER INDICTMENT

Louisville & Nashville Charged with Violating Interstate Commerce Law.

LOUISVILLE, March 18.—An indictment returned against the Louisville & Nashville railroad by the federal grand jury was made public today. It charges a violation of the interstate law, the offense consisting of charging less for the transportation of corn in carloads than the interstate commerce law provides.

STUDENTS DENOUNCE CZAR

Young Reformers Condemn Alleged Despotism and Term Ruler Insignificant Man.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 17.—(Via the Pacific.) The students of the active bloodless riots develop a rather Gilbertian feature of an otherwise serious political move. The students, in preparing to make a demonstration, remembered the rough treatment which they were subjected to at the hands of the military last year, and sent letters to the authorities promising to demonstrate wholly unarmed and begged that the police instead of the military might be sent to maintain order. In fact, while the military were numerous, the police were in the majority and the cavalry did not use to any great extent the terrible Cossack whips with loaded butts and stipped lashes which caused so many fatalities in 1901.

The following is an extract from a leaflet distributed in St. Petersburg: Citizens of Russia, awake from that nightmare of Arab despotism which oppresses every man in Russia, under which the Russian people have lived for centuries. Where in Russia is that freedom of speech and press which is found in every free country? Under the hand of the autocrat, is it not strange that one man, with a few military facilities should rule over 140,000,000 people?

INVESTIGATES YANKEE LABOR

Retired Diamond Merchant Seeks to Compare American Methods with England's.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, March 18.—(New York World Cablegram.—Special Telegram.)—Alfred Mosely, retired diamond merchant, sails on the steamship Oceanic tomorrow, to arrange a tour in the United States this fall of two commissions of inquiry into the conditions of labor and the systems of education in America. To this correspondent he said today: "I am organizing these commissions entirely upon my own initiative and at my expense, although our government has shown its approval of the undertaking by affording me advice and help in many ways. I am deeply interested in questions affecting the welfare of the masses and was absolutely convinced during my recent visit to the United States that unless both employers and workmen begin to change their minds, Great Britain will sink to the status of a third-rate commercial power."

UPROAR FOR HOHENZOLLERN

Pan-Germans Cheer Speech for United Empire, While Czechs Denounce It.

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WILL FORCE PAYMENT OF TAX

Columbian Prepared to Use Violent Measure to Compel Collection from Liberals.

PANAMA, March 18.—By a government decree published here yesterday war taxes of \$70,000 and \$20,000 are imposed upon the liberal residents of Panama and Colon, respectively. These taxes are the corresponding share of the tax of \$70,000 imposed upon the Department of Panama by the national government. A committee composed of the prefect, the treasurer and the secretary of the finance bureau and two private citizens has been charged to make this decree effective. The committee is being backed in its efforts by the police and a force of soldiers.

SAGASTA AND WEYLER NAMED

Former is Premier and Latter Minister of War in New Spanish Cabinet.

MADRID, March 18.—The composition of the new cabinet was announced today as follows: Premier, Senor Sagasta. Minister of foreign affairs, the Duke of Alcala. Minister of justice, Senor Montilla. Minister of finance, Senor Rodriguez. Minister of interior, Senor Moret. Minister of war, General Weyler. Minister of marine, the Duke of Veragua. Minister of public instruction, Conde Romanos. Minister of agriculture, Senor Canalejas. The new ministers are Senors Montilla, Rodriguez and Canalejas.

PRINCE IN HIS OWN COUNTRY

Brother of Emperor William Reaches His Fatherland in Safety.

LEAVES DEUTSCHLAND AT CUXHAVEN

Is Cordially Embraced by His Majesty, the Emperor—Expresses Warm Words for Americans.

CUXHAVEN, March 18.—The return of Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia to German soil was safely accomplished this afternoon amid all the pomp and circumstances with which the prince's imperial brother has seen fit to mark the ending of Prince Henry's American mission.

The same good fortune of freedom from untoward incidents, which characterized the prince's transatlantic journey continued until the end and in the landing occurred during a period of brilliant sunshine after an overcast day.

The Hamburg-American line steamer, Deutschland, from Cherbourg, having on board the prince and his suite was first sighted at 5:30 this afternoon. The German battleship, Kaiser Wilhelm II, steamed down the coast to meet Deutschland and returned escorting the big liner. Deutschland tied up to the new stone quay and was the first ship to dock there.

Inspection of Guard of Honor. At the inspection of the guard of honor and the veterans by Emperor William, his majesty and his party, Prince Henry and his staff and Commander Boller boarded a tender and amid fresh salutes, music and cheering proceeded to the battleship Kaiser Wilhelm II. Upon arriving there the crew of that vessel manned the ship to receive the royal personages.

TOO DRUNK TO TELL DETAILS

Stewart Fife Says He Was Intoxicated Night of the Murder.

KANSAS CITY, March 18.—A special to the Star from Savannah, Mo., says: J. Stewart Fife, on trial for the murder of Frank Richardson, took the stand in his own behalf at the night session of court. Fife was asked if he went to Lake County not one job. Remember, remember, I do not see your letters of introduction. Bring no letters or papers of any kind.

T. P. COOK SUCCEEDS CLOWRY

Former Nebraskan Becomes General Superintendent Western Division of Western Union.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Theodore P. Cook, district superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph company at St. Louis, Mo., has been named as the successor of general superintendent of the western division, with headquarters at Chicago, to take effect April 1. In the place of Colonel R. C. Clowry, recently elected president and general manager, with headquarters at New York.

LAWYERS QUARREL IN COURT

Opposing Counsel in Patrick Case Break Monotony with Personal Criticisms.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Many serious questions were raised by the Assistant District Attorney Osborne and Fred B. House, senior counsel for Patrick, accused of the murder of W. M. Rice. At one point the prosecuting attorney said he thought the witness had finished answering a question and that he had not intended to interrupt Mr. House said:

"You did not think anything of the sort." Mr. Osborne appealed to the recorder. "Are we in a bar room or a court of justice?" he asked. "May the district attorney of this county be addressed in that brutal fashion by your Honor produced by a man claiming to be a reputable member of the bar?"

NURSE PRODUCES GRAY'S NOTE

Witness Displays Doctor's Avowed Plan of Defense, as Stated in a Letter.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Woman arrayed against woman over the fate of Dr. Robert E. Gray of Gordon City, took the stand in the murder trial today.

FLASHES UP SUDDENLY

The Fire Started up from the Steamer with as Great Suddenness as from the Pier, and since the vessel was made fast to the pier and could not be backed out, lights and other craft which lay alongside of her, some of them holding such inflammable stuff as oil, quickly caught fire, too.

The captain of the lighter Tonawanda, saved himself, his wife and his child, by pushing a cotton bale into the water, placing his family and himself upon it and paddling his strange life raft into the river. The wind which had blown all day, gave impetus to the fire, whose glare reddened the North river for a long distance.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., MARCH 18.—The state this afternoon rested its case in the trial of James Wilcox, charged with the murder of Miss Nellie Crosey.

STATE RESTS WILCOX CASE

Prosecution Concludes Testimony and Defense Will Omit Introduction of Evidence.

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DUNKARDS GO TO NORTHWEST

Over Three Thousand Emigrants Scheduled as Homeseekers in North Dakota.

CHICAGO, March 18.—During the next few days over 3,000 Dunkards and others will pass through Chicago enroute to new homes in the northwest. The movement will include entire families from Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and the Virginia and they will for the most part go to the Mouse river district of North Dakota.

CARNEGIE MAKES LARGE GIFT

Donates Thirty Thousand Dollars to North Dakota Manual Training School.

ELLENDALE, N. D., March 18.—W. E. Hicks, who is at the head of the North Dakota Manual Training school here, has received a telegram that Andrew Carnegie has offered the institution a gift of \$30,000 as an endowment.

FIRE TAKES PIER AND SHIP

Fierce Blast Destroys Wharf and British Queen at Hoboken.

KILLS CAPTAIN OF THE FATED VESSEL

Springs from Unknown Origin and Fanned by Winds Defiantly Licks Up Much Valuable Property.

NEW YORK, March 18.—A swift, and in many of its details, a picturesque fire tonight destroyed the pier of the Phoenix Steamship line on the Hoboken (N. J.) river front, with many bales of cotton and hay; burned to a hulk, consumed several lighters and their cargoes; damaged a dock belonging to the Barber Steamship company, and for a time threatened the property of the Holland-American line and the huge Campbell stores. The loss, according to estimates tonight, will approximate \$1,000,000.

Whether an lives were lost was most difficult to learn. While the conflagration was at its height, and after it had been reduced by the firemen and fireboats, rumors were rife that several men perished. It was tolerably certain at midnight that Chief Engineer of the British Queen was killed by death on it and that a sailor named Jansen met the same fate. One of the men who escaped says that he saw several men leap into the water when the steamer became enveloped in fire and he saw the flames reaching the deck.

ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLEMENT

Former Broker Denies Charge of Misappropriation of One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Max C. Mayer, formerly a member of the brokerage firm of Rathbone, Mayer & Rathbone, was arrested today at Bayonne, N. J., charged with embezzlement of funds said to amount in all to \$100,000. The charge was made by C. L. Rathbone & Son, who are the firm of which Mayer was formerly a member. He was taken before Judge John A. Blair of Jersey City on a warrant charging him with embezzlement in one instance of \$4,000 and was released on \$25,000 bail. Subsequently an indictment was found against him by the grand jury of New York for embezzlement, having arrived here Friday from Antwerp, cotton laden.

DUMB FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS

Once Noted Singer Recovers His Voice by Coughing Up Piece of Teeth.

COLUMBUS, O., March 18.—Eighteen years today R. C. Davis, resident of the West Side, lost his voice. He was then a bass singer of some note in the choir of a church at Indianapolis. His misfortune came like a flash, and refused to yield to the treatment of several of the most noted specialists of the country. They treated him for asthma, catarrh and all sorts of throat diseases, but without affording him any relief.

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MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS, MARCH 18.

At New York—Arrived—Kaiser Wilhelm Grand, from Bremen; Hohenzollern, from Bremen; Arrived—Commonwealth, from Mediterranean ports; Merion, from Liverpool. At Hong Kong—Arrived—Doric, from San Francisco. At Liverpool—Arrived—Sovic, from San Francisco. At Hamburg—Arrived—Deutschland, from New York via Plymouth and Cherbourg. Arrived—Deutschland, from New York via Cherbourg and Hamburg. Sailed—Patricia, from Hamburg, for New York.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Partly Cloudy Wednesday and Warmer in Eastern Portion; Thursday Fair and Cooler in West; Friday Breeze from the West; Sunday, Squalls, Winds, Becoming Variable.

Table with 2 columns: Hour, Deg. (Temperature at Omaha Yesterday)

CLEVELAND ON REPUBLICANS

Ex-President's Birthday Comment is that Party Seems to Pull Together at Convenient Times.

PRINCETON, N. J., March 18.—Former President Cleveland, who is now the only living ex-president of the United States, was 65 years old today. Mr. Cleveland spent the whole day at his comfortable home on Boardman lane with his wife and children. When seen by the Associated Press correspondent this afternoon Mr. Cleveland appeared to be in a happy frame of mind and talked freely on several questions. When asked how he had spent the day he answered "Very quiet and pleasantly with my family and in entertaining a few of my neighbors who called."

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