

LA FOLLETTE FOR NEW RATE BILL

Wisconsin Senator Speaks Long in Support of the Cummins Increase Amendment.

SAYS COMMISSION IS WEAK

Declares for Re-equipment of Interstate Regulation Board.

SIDETRACKS MARTIN'S PLAN

Moves for Compromise Proposed is Not Voted Upon.

FAVORABLE PRIVATE COMMENT

Gossip Indicates Possibility of Passage Later—Revision of Physical Valuation is Suggested.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—There is not one line in the statutes to give to the people reasonable railroad rates, declared Senator La Follette in the senate today.

More Child's Play. The Interstate Commerce commission is engaged in a mere child's play, said Mr. La Follette, adding that it was so hedged about that it could not effectively deal with the problem.

While the rate regulation provision of the president's original bill was in the public interest, Mr. La Follette said, the provision had been so modified by Senators Aldrich and Elkins as to be wholly in the interest of the railroads.

Since January 1, he said, the rates on wool from St. Louis and Duluth to New York had increased 17 and 18 per cent; on grain and grain products, domestic, from St. Louis to New York, 18 per cent; and from Chicago to New York, 20 per cent.

Out of the multitude of rates to become effective June 1 he cited the following: Agricultural implements, Chicago to St. Paul, 12 1/2 per cent; brick, St. Paul to Chicago, 19 1/2 per cent; cement, St. Paul to Chicago, 25 per cent; harness, St. Paul to Chicago, 24 1/2 per cent; paints, Chicago to St. Paul, 18 1/2 per cent; wagons, Lake City, Minn., to St. Louis, 14 1/2 per cent; wool, St. Paul to Chicago, 15 per cent.

He contended that instead of an increase there should have been a decrease.

Quoting Senator Root as saying that unreasonable rates could be corrected under the present law, he said that such a statement impugned either the intelligence or the candor of the man who makes it.

Rates Are Exorbitant. Contending that the present railroad rates are "not only not reasonable, but are exorbitant," Mr. La Follette declared that "those who will not consent to giving the commission power to examine further increases before the public interest is here today to plead that rates shall not be further advanced until we go back and clothe the commission with authority to determine the reasonableness of rates and equip it so that it can perform that service."

Saying that of the 240,000 miles of railways in the United States six groups controlled 200,000 miles, Mr. La Follette found there really was very little variety of interest in railway ownership in the United States, leaving the control in practically one gigantic trust.

He found Morgan and Rockefeller at the head of the entire traffic and he predicted that ultimately those two names would stand not only for the financial but for the production and transportation interests as well.

MRS. THOMAS F. DAVIS IS DEAD

Wife of Commander at Fort Mackenzie Dies in Hospital at Sheridan, Wyo.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., May 25.—The wife of Colonel Thomas F. Davis of the Eighteenth United States Infantry, Fort Mackenzie, died at Wyoming State hospital following an operation at 8:15 this morning.

Colonel Davis was not considered to be seriously ill, as she was able to walk about. Colonel Davis has been the commanding officer at Fort Mackenzie since November and his family is well known in army circles.

Boy Fatally Kicked by Horse. PIERRE, S. D., May 24.—(Special.)—Bert, the 11-year-old son of Mrs. M. Kennedy, living in Lyman county, south of Fort Pierre, was kicked in the face Sunday evening while leading a horse and his skull so badly crushed that several pieces were removed.

Black-knap Men Go to Prison. CINCINNATI, O., May 25.—Louis W. Foster, 334 Holl, Walter Campbell, J. M. Scott and Arthur W. Baldwin, the five members of the Del. Brokerage company, who were sentenced to jail on charges of using the mails for bookkeeping operations, were taken to the State Marshal's Bureau today.

Prescription Will Be Exhibit in Doxey Case

Columbus, Neb., Druggist Who Filled Order for Poisonous Compound Will Be Witness.

LOUIS, Mo., May 25.—Attorneys for Dora E. Doxey, accused of poisoning in J. Erder, today are engaged in the trial of the special panel of forty-eight members who will judge Grimes' twelve men who will acceptably, to hear the evidence for and against her.

When court opens tomorrow the state will be ready to strike out fifteen names from the panel and Mrs. Doxey's attorneys will then have an hour to strike off twenty more.

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First Skirmish in Beef Trust Case

National Packing Company and Subsidiary Concerns Attack Validity of Indictment.

CHICAGO, May 25.—The first skirmish in the government's attack on the so-called beef trust began before Judge Landis, in the United States district court here today, when counsel for the National Packing company and its ten subsidiary concerns assailed the validity of the indictments, charging a combination in restraint of trade.

His argument, George T. Buckingham for the defendants, alleged: That the indictment does not go into particulars sufficiently.

That it does not charge a crime, nor cite facts constituting a crime.

That if there was a crime, the statute of limitations (3 years), had run against it.

That the indictment charges no interstate transaction.

That no place in which the combination operated or had existence is alleged.

It is a combination, which is illegal; not its acts.

Burkett Bill is Reported

Measure to Establish Forestry School at Nebraska City Approved by Committee.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Senator Burkett's bill for the establishment of an institution of agriculture and forestry at Nebraska City, Neb., as a memorial to the late J. Sterling Morton, formerly secretary of agriculture, was today reported by the senate committee on agriculture, of which Senator Dooliver is chairman.

The purpose is to train forestry experts. The cost of the building and grounds would be limited by the bill to \$250,000.

Contracts for the disposition of the water supply of the reclamation projects to irrigation systems and to individuals, corporations, associations and irrigation districts distributing water for irrigation are authorized in the Warren bill, which the irrigation committee today ordered favorably reported to the house.

New Jersey May Oust the Packers

TRENTON, N. J., May 24.—A notice was filed in the New Jersey supreme court today by Prosecutor Garven of Hudson county, that he would apply to the court on June 1 for an order dissolving the charter of Armour & Co., Morris & Co., Swift & Co., and National Packing company.

This is a new move on the part of the prosecutor to have the companies punished for their alleged conspiracy to raise the price of meats in New Jersey.

Successors in New Jersey these companies could not do business in New Jersey.

SPITZER YIELDS TO CONSCIENCE

Cross-Examination Leads Star Witness to Declare Motive in Giving Up Evidence.

"I WANTED TO BE SHRIVEN" Says He Could No Longer Stand Burden of Sins.

PARDON COMES AS SURPRISE

Citizenship and Rights Restored at Court Room Door.

DEFENSE TOUCHES LIGHTLY

Lawyers for Sugar Men Do Not Probe Deep Into Testimony of the Man from Prison.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Oliver Spitzer, the former dock superintendent of the American Sugar Refining company, who walked out of the Atlanta penitentiary with a pardon from President Taft to testify for the government in the sugar conspiracy case, was the chief witness at the trial of Secretary Charles R. Helke of the American Sugar Refining company, and five former subordinates, today.

There was no little speculation today over the probable attitude of the government toward the problem presented by the mysterious disappearance of numerous sugar trust books and records.

The defense has agreed to accept the figures prepared by government experts regarding the sugar weights in the time covered by the records in the missing volumes, but there is no way of reconstructing the vanished letter copying books of the period, containing the correspondence which passed between the refinery docks and the head office of the company.

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Thompson Corrects Testimony. The first witness called was John H. Thompson, a bookkeeper in the Wall street offices of the sugar company.

Today Thompson asked leave to correct his testimony of yesterday.

He corrected his testimony in other details, mostly of minor nature.

Theodore L. Keppler, head of the Sugar trust's refinery in South Boston, testified as an expert in the sugar processing, and was led to state that raw sugar would lose in weight by being refined.

There was a general rustle of expectancy in the court room as Oliver Spitzer was called for cross-examination.

Spitzer said Theodore A. Havemeyer, brother of the late H. O. Havemeyer, appointed him superintendent of Federal Williams burg dock. When he left Atlanta prison Spitzer said he had no hope of a pardon, and added:

"I left my effects in Atlanta. I came here to unburden myself of the great wrongs I had done these years. I wanted to confess all my sins before this court and tell all I knew.

"I wanted to stand among my fellow men once more and tell all I should have told before. I wanted to go back to my family. I wanted to be shriven of all that I had done wrong. I had no sleep in Atlanta prison, where I suffered so much.

"I could not stand it any longer. I told Captain Flynn of the secret service in Atlanta that I could not stand the torture that I must tell the truth and I would not have behind those bars, if I had taken the advice of my lawyers, Mr. Mackellar and Mr. Cochran. They told me to confess, if I had anything to confess, after my conviction last February. They told me to confess before it was too late."

Makes Counsel Sit Up. Spitzer's former counsel, Mackellar and Cochran, who are now defending the ex-government checker, Halligan and Voelker, two of the six defendants, leaned forward in their chairs listening with close attention to the testimony of their former client.

Spitzer said he had received the pardon in the United States district attorney's office, just before he took the stand Monday morning in the trial.

No promise, he said had been made him by Special Deputy Attorney General Stinson, or any one else connected with the government.

Spitzer stood the cross-examination well. It was neither prolonged nor severe. On the re-direct examination, Federal Prosecutor Stinson simply asked him if he desired to change his testimony as given last Monday.

"No I told the truth and have nothing to correct," was Spitzer's reply.

GOLDEN RULE CHIEF SUSPENDED FROM OFFICE

CLEVELAND, May 25.—Pending an investigation of charges against him, Chief of Police Frederick Kohler, who has a national reputation as the "golden rule chief," was suspended by Mayor Eachus late today. The charges filed yesterday accuse the chief of misconduct in office and of immorality.



From the Cleveland Leader.

A motoring costume possibility.

PICTURE IDENTIFIES ERDMAN

Prison Photograph Shows Him to Be Escaped Convict.

PROMISES TO TELL IT ALL

Declares Himself Unrepentant and Abandoned When Questioned—Suit Case Found to Have Been Stolen.

Frank Erdman is escaped convict No. 3269 from the state prison of Colorado at Canon City, according to identification made by the police from a prison photograph received Wednesday morning.

Erdman made stout denial and has repeatedly insisted that he never has been in Colorado.

The man under arrest is said to have been in prison for theft of bullion. His escape, according to police information, was made about six years past.

When Erdman was confronted with the picture and the suggestion that he might as well confess he sneered at the officers.

"I am—and I have been all my life, I would just give a rip for anything. In fact, I would just as leave die right here," was his reply.

"Proper license laws should be advocated by the trade," he said, "not for the people appearing as enemies of our business, but to prevent improper men being licensed and disorderly places from being conducted. Temperance agitators prefer disorderly to orderly liquor stores."

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Mr. Roosevelt in reply expressed his sympathy with the cause represented by the visitors. He spoke briefly, as his throat is still bothering him somewhat.

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Liquor Dealers Discuss Model License Systems

Among the Speakers is L. P. Larson of Fremont—Ohio and Pennsylvania Laws Considered.

CINCINNATI, O., May 25.—Expositions of model license systems and reviews of conditions in various states were heard by the convention of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association today.

The morning session was devoted to addresses, but after luncheon there were reports from the committee on resolutions and by L. H. Gibson of Cincinnati on the publicity bureau of the organization and W. E. Hull, Peoria, Ill., on the protective bureau.

The principal addresses of the morning session were by T. M. Gilmore, president of the Model License league, and Percy Andrus of Cincinnati, chairman of a committee which recently completed a survey of the results of the Rose local option law in Ohio.

In addition there were addresses by Ignatius Kugel, Cincinnati, president of the Wine and Spirit association; Frederick Diehl, Chicago; Oswald Broen, Louisville, and L. P. Larson, Fremont, Neb.

W. J. Friday, Pittsburg, upheld the workings of the Brooks license law in Pennsylvania.

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FIFTEEN INJURED IN WRECK

Two Coaches of Rio Grande Train Roll Down Embankment.

VICTIMS ARE TAKEN TO PUEBLO

Accident, Which Happened Near Cucharas Junction, Was Caused by Spreading of the Rails.

PUEBLO, Colo., May 25.—Fifteen people were injured at 1:30 a. m. today, when two coaches of Denver & Rio Grande train No. 115 jumped the track two miles from Cucharas Junction, Colo.

Spreading rails caused the wreck and two cars went down the embankment.

The injured: Morris Hausman, 336 West Sixteenth avenue, Denver, left side bruised. Samuel Lorton, official of Soldiers' Home at Fort Collins, Colo., back and neck hurt, cut on hand.

Mrs. E. J. Jacobs, Kansas City, Mo., hip bruised. Mrs. George Strange, Kansas City, Mo., shoulder bruised. John Coleman, Carmel, Ind., cut on head and face lacerated.

John Zeigler, Strawberry, Kan., leg hurt. Charles Stout, 2566 South street, Denver, cut on head and mouth.

Arthur Warner, news agent, Denver, shoulder and hip broken. Simon Young, Des Moines, Ia., arm hurt. George W. Pierce, Alamosa, Colo., cut on forehead.

John Blair, Atlanta, Kan., back and shoulder sprained. Joseph Wright, Arkio, Colo., head and neck bruised.

Perry Johnson, railroad laborer, leg and back hurt.

A wrecking train with seven physicians left Pueblo 1:15 p. m. for the scene of the wreck and the injured were brought here and taken to St. Mary's hospital. Several of the injured are in a serious condition.

WILL ENFORCE THE TWENTY-EIGHT-HOUR LAW

Department to Bring Test Cases as to Space to Be Allowed Live Stock.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—(Special.)—A controversy has arisen between some of the railroads of the country and the larger live stock shippers in regard to the space in the cars which must be afforded animals in transit from one state to another.

In order to make unloading unnecessary and still comply with the twenty-eight-hour law, the Department of Agriculture has been appealed to by both railroads and shippers, and today the position of the department is tentatively announced as follows:

It is the intention of the department to institute a number of test cases and secure rulings from the federal courts as to what space must be afforded. It is claimed by the department that this is the only course open, since no power is given the secretary of agriculture by the law to make rulings and regulations regarding space to be afforded in cars.

In all cases where live stock is not unloaded en route "into properly equipped pens for rest, water and feeding," the cars must be provided with facilities for feeding and watering in transit, and live stock must, when so fed and watered, receive proper feed and water.

Texas-Mexican Veterans Meet. HOUSTON, Tex., May 25.—Texas-Mexican war veterans met in reunion today at an attendance of fourteen. Thursday they were spent on the field of San Jacinto, where General Sam Houston crushed General Santa Anna in 1836, winning the independence of Texas.

BOOSTERS NEAR END OF JOURNEY

Trade Excursionists Due in Omaha This Morning After Jaunt of 2,800 Miles.

LAST NIGHT SPENT IN DALLAS

Entertainment Ends with Vaudeville Show in Dining Car.

WELCOME IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Fairfax, Bonesteel, Gregory and Dallas Give Receptions.

SCHOOL CHILDREN MEET TRAIN

Little Ones, with Colors and Badges, Greet Visitors in Many Towns—Women Lead Reception Committees.

GREGORY, S. D., May 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Without question the most unique reception tendered the trade boosters was that at Herrick, S. D., on the last afternoon. A. W. Jefferis is chairman of the committee to receive delegations meeting the Boosters.

At Herrick Chief Yellow Horse of the Sioux from Fort Creek and fifty-seven of his braves and squaws constituted the large committee.

"Glad to see you, Yellow Horse; glad you are here to greet us," said Jefferis as he shook hands with the old Indian.

Sticking out the left hand while Jefferis slipped the right, Yellow Horse scooped up his face and replied: "Give me that."

Charles E. McChesney, Indian agent, had brought the Indians in, telling them the Boosters were the same men who gave the Ak-Sar-Ben. Yellow Horse has visited the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities several times and always got \$6 for dancing with the Bonesteel band. "Boys was nothing doing in the way of a reception from his committee until the \$5 was collected.

Fifty minutes of spirited dancing followed.

Put in Busy Day. BONESTEEL, S. D., May 25.—(Special Telegram.)—From Creighton, through the Rosebud country and valley of the Verdigris to Dallas, the end of the Northwestern line, and practically the end of the trade boosters' journey, the weary and footsore workers have made their way. It has been brightened by the greetings of thousands of school children waving flags and singing songs.

May 25 has been a holiday for the people and every town has had a holiday appearance. In Fairfax, for instance, the day had been declared by handbills put out several times by the citizens' committee, advising people to take a day off and greet the Omaha boosters.

The first big demonstration was at Spencer, Neb., where automobiles were provided to take the entire party to the town on a hill. In front of the school house the children were lined up. Each child had a flag and wore a badge which read "Special Boosters' Reception." The streets also wore ribbons. As the boosters came along the children gave their yell. They were led by a young woman, who kept the yelling going like a drum major would a band.

"Who are you? Who are we? We are the Spencer boosters; can't you see?" was the yell they gave.

Here was secured one of the best moving pictures taken on the trip, the light being perfect. After a short stop at Anoka, the entire party was driven to Butte, three and one-half miles away. There was no reason to regret the trip.

Women Welcome Boosters. In Butte the women took charge of the reception, pinning badges on everyone in the party. From a specially constructed stand Mr. Jefferis spoke to the crowds, telling them that, as the town seemed to be run by women, he would like to see them move to Butte, as under such circumstances he could surely be elected to office. The town was decorated with flags and bunting. More extensive decorations were never used by the people of Butte for any celebration than were displayed in honor of the Omaha boosters.

Fairfax presented a golden key to the city, and from a decorated stand erected in the center of the main street the visitors were given another welcome to South Dakota and to Gregory county in particular.

Arriving in Bonesteel, another reception by the school children had been arranged and with their teachers were at the train to meet the Omahans. An immense American flag was hung from a rope across the main street of the town and forward of this A. W. Jefferis made a speech. The people of Bonesteel, with their usual enterprise, had invited all the farmers on that part of the old reservation to be in town to meet the Omahans, and from the size of the crowd they were all there. Returning to their farms, their automobiles raced along the side of the train, giving a remarkable demonstration of the prosperity of the claimholders, with their few years' advance lucky numbers at the great Roosevelt opening and have since developed farms which have made them independently wealthy.

Dallas Receives Visitors. For days Dallas had planned to entertain the visitors and the city was well prepared for a crowd from Omaha. It will be with the greatest difficulty that the party is loaded on the train to leave Dallas. Already the time of leaving has been extended an hour and the Boosters will not arrive in Omaha until 9 o'clock or later. A smoker tendered by the business men of Dallas, a dance and the moving picture show given by the hoteliers formed a part of the entertainment.

The visit to the Rosebud country at this time is regarded as one of the best possible trips. Steam plows, ripping up sixteen furrows at once, were seen at work along the line and told of the new farms and new homes to be established in the country for the Omaha market. When the train leaves Dallas an amateur theatrical show will be given in the dining car, while has been converted into a moving picture theater. Rufus Belasco Harris of Armour & Co. is presenting the performance, backed by such comedians as Joe Kelly in monologues; J. DeForest Richards as the money changer; Paul Beaton as the volunteer soldier and a quartet of which J. H. Thomas of the Corn Exchange bank is the leader.

Franklin Killed from Ambush. JACKSON, Ky., May 25.—Alexander Combs, member of a well known front-tit county family, was shot and killed from an ambush today, while floating down the Kentucky river on a raft.

Halley's Comet Has Many Knockers, but it is Here

Too many people are knocking on the comet now. They want a regular fireball exhibition—a celestial torchlight procession marching across the heavens to the music of the spheres. Some even insist it has no tail.

The comet has a tail. It is a long bushy one, too. Sometimes the light of the moon dims it.

There are a whole lot of Omaha people who don't believe it, but it is there. There is a bit of knock about seeing the comet's tail, anyway.

A little want ad in today's Bee

will find you a reliable servant. It will find the house you wish to rent or buy.

It will secure a position for you. It brings landlord and tenant together—borrower and lender face to face and does a thousand and one things that would be difficult to do any other way.

Any ad 3 times, one cent a word. Call Douglas 238 and the ad taker will write your notice and place it for you. Everybody Reads Bee Want Ads