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EXPRESS CO. IS  
AFTER ANOTHER  
RAISE IN RATESCommissioner Intimates it Is  
At'empt to "Cinch" Rate  
Before Private Owner-  
ship Returns.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 11.—Seeing an apparent attempt by the American Railway Express Co. to put over another big increase of rates in Nebraska, the Interstate Commerce commission, Railway Commissioner Taylor has sent a letter of protest to Max Thelen, director of public service for the railroad administration at Washington.

The new schedule would especially hit producers, shippers and consumers of milk and cream, as well as those of other foodstuffs produced in this state.

In Effect December 1.

This tariff will go into effect December 1, unless suspended by the federal commission. As the railroads, and with them the consolidated express corporation, are to go back into the hands of their private owners in the near future, the move is regarded by the Nebraska Railway commission as an attempt to get the higher rates established with government sanction, so that it will be difficult to upset them after the federal regime ceases.

As the state commission allowed a material advance of express rates last January, after they had been boosted once before by order of former Director General McAdoo, the attempt to plaster still another raise on the traffic is considered here to be little short of a holdup. Commissioner Taylor's letter follows:

"Hon. Max Thelen, director public service, railroad administration, Washington, D. C.

"Dear Sir: On behalf of the Nebraska commission, I desire to respectfully call your attention to the tariff just filed by the American Express company, tariff I. C. C. 1,245, to become effective December 1, 1919, unless suspended by the Interstate Commerce commission. This tariff applies solely to commodity express shipments within the state of Nebraska.

10 to 40 Per Cent.

"The schedules, as proposed, apply to milk and cream shipments and to practically all food products moving by express within Nebraska. The rates are increased from 10 to 40 per cent on all shipments moving within the 100 miles. For shipments moving 100 miles and beyond, the rates are materially reduced from the present scale. The disastrous effect of this scale, however, may be understood when we state that the great bulk of the shipments in Nebraska have a haul of not to exceed 75 miles. Milk and cream traffic in Nebraska is very extensive, and will

Nebraska Automobile  
Record System Used  
In Several States

Lincoln, Nov. 11.—E. L. Rickards of Chicago, manager of the automobile protective and information bureau there, has written to Secretary Phil Bross of the state finance department, complimenting the Nebraska official on the card index system which is now being used in this state in connection with automobile records. He also praises the law enforcement division of Nebraska on its work and says there has been a material falling off in automobile thefts in Nebraska since it began giving them its attention.

Rickards reports that the Nebraska plan has been adopted in Michigan, and that it will doubtless be taken up by other states when their legislatures meet.

be seriously affected by the increases proposed.

Why at This Time?

"Our commission is at a loss to understand why the express schedule in Nebraska should be modified at this time. A schedule prepared by the express company, was put into effect January 1, 1919, and has continued in effect to the present time. Just why the tariff should again be radically changed, we are unable to understand. It seems to us that the rate structure should be left as it is until after the return of the carriers to their owners. Much the same situation prevails with reference to express rates as applied to freight rates, concerning which we wrote you on September 9. As to that matter you wrote us on October 1, that the railroad administration had concluded definitely to take up proceedings.

"Later, on October 14, you again advised that Director General Hines had stated the position of the railroad administration to be that no general readjustment of rates would be made effective prior to January 1, 1920, and suggesting, 'that if the railroad corporations think anything should be done in the matter, they should themselves enter upon study of the problem to determine what tariffs they think ought to be proposed, with a view to filing tariffs according with the appropriate public authorities.'

After U. S. Control.

"The same principle, it seems to us, should apply to express rates. We know of no reason why the schedules in Nebraska should be radically disturbed at this time. The Nebraska commission stands ready to enter upon an investigation promptly if the express company regards such a proceeding as necessary. The filing of this tariff at this time rather suggests that the express corporation is fearful that it may not have fair treatment from the Nebraska commission after the company passes out of the hands of government control. We believe there is nothing in the record or in the present attitude of the commission to warrant such an assumption.

"We trust, therefore, that you may find it possible to have this tariff withdrawn. Yours very respectfully,

"H. G. TAYLOR, Commissioner."

Phone Rates Raised,  
But Pierce Co. Wage  
List Is Cut Down

Lincoln, Nov. 11.—The Crownover Telephone company of Sargent has been given permission by the State Railway commission to increase its exchange rates \$1 per month for business, 25 cents for residence and 50 cents for farm line phones.

The Pierce Telephone company, owned by M. R. Dutcher, will be permitted to raise its business and farm line switching rates, but residence rates will remain as at present.

The commission thinks that \$150 a month, which Dutcher pays himself as manager, and \$75 to his wife as bookkeeper are excessive for a small exchange. Dutcher draws another \$50 as night operator and pays his son \$125 as lineman. The family also gets free rent in a house owned by the company. It allows only \$100 for the combined salaries of manager and bookkeeper.

Lincoln Turned Over  
To War Veterans for  
Armistice Day Event

Lincoln, Nov. 11.—Lincoln was turned over to the 3,000 returned war veterans of the city and Lancaster county Tuesday, the first anniversary of the signing of the armistice.

The "home folks" celebrated last year, and this year Lincoln showed its deeper feeling by giving a day of entertainment over to the returned soldiers as a token of appreciation of their services. Theaters, dancing and a banquet feast were free to the war "vets." The day was unusually quiet but the streets were in holiday attire.

Arrested Under Mann Act  
After Auto Trip From Iowa

Lincoln, Nov. 11.—John H. Jurgensmeier was arrested at Auburn, Neb., by Tom Carroll, deputy United States marshal, for violating the Mann act. Jurgensmeier is alleged to have transported his sister-in-law, Katie or Katherine Weisbrook, 18, from Garner, Ia., to Davey, Neb., for unlawful purposes. The trip was made by automobile. Jurgensmeier waived preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Whitmore and was bound over to the grand jury. His bond was fixed at \$1,000.

Memorial Tablet Unveiled  
In Tecumseh Courtyard

Tecumseh, Neb., Nov. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Armistice day was observed here and a memorial tablet to the 500 Johnson county men who were in the world war unveiled in the courtyard. The music was by the local band and Miss Leila Lamb, vocal soloist. Dr. C. R. Cresap of Nebraska City delivered an address. A large crowd was in attendance.

Alcohol is being made from calcium carbide at a rate of about 12,000,000 gallons a year at a Swiss plant.

LEGION URGES  
DEPORTATION OF  
VICTOR BERGER

Recommend Unseating of  
Congressman Voigt for  
Defense of Disloyal  
Colleague.

Minneapolis, Nov. 11.—Deportation of Victor Berger, recently denied a seat in congress and unseating of Representative Voigt of Wisconsin, who cast the only vote in Berger's favor, was recommended to the American Legion convention and was received with tremendous cheering. On motion of the entire Wisconsin delegation the resolution demanding cancellation of Berger's citizenship was unanimously adopted.

Endorsement of universal military training, with a small standing army and no compulsory military service in time of peace, was voted enthusiastically. It was recommended that the national citizen army be under local control and administration subject to general national regulations. The hottest fight of the session was precipitated by the question whether the legion shall be kept out of politics. The convention voted to amend its constitution to make the organization non-political and bar candidates for public office from holding office in the legion.

A stormy session began after the legion had observed Armistice day by a parade which ended with presentation of decorations to members of the One Hundred and Fifty-first field artillery, a regiment composed largely of Twin City men.

Indianapolis was selected as permanent national headquarters of the legion and Cleveland as the convention city for 1920. Washington and San Francisco contested with these two, respectively, and lost by narrow margins.

A resolution requests congress "if it finds Representative Voigt to be disloyal to take steps for his expulsion from the house of representatives." Debate on another amendment to the Legion constitution affecting membership privileges threw the convention into confusion, in the midst of which the convention adjourned at 7 o'clock until 8:30 p. m.

Proponents of an amendment seeking to admit those who served with the American or allied armies and hereafter become American citizens lost their fight by a two to one vote.

The present legion button was approved as the permanent emblem and flags for national, department and post headquarters were prescribed, bearing the legion emblem on a field of red, white and blue, respectively.

Several of the important decisions facing the convention include questions of soldiers' homes, international propaganda and form of national organization with election of national officers.

OWNERSHIP OF  
RAILROADS BY  
U. S. IS OPPOSED

United Applause Greeted Start  
of Fight in House Against  
Plumb Plan.

Washington, Nov. 11.—Expressions of opposition in the house to government ownership of railroads drew applause from both democratic and republican members, when debate of the house railroad regulation bill began.

"After hearing proponents of the Plumb plan for government ownership with employe operation, the committee was convinced that government ownership was not and never can be the solution of the railroad problem," declared Representative Esch, Wisconsin, chairman of the interstate commerce committee which framed the measure, and the applause he received was repeated when others uttered similar statements.

The only suggestion of the transportation problem as a 1920 campaign issue was raised by Representative Sims of Tennessee, ranking democratic committeeman. While supporting the committee plan centering on the extension of the authority of the Interstate Commerce commission, Mr. Sims reserved the right to offer a substitute later proposing continuance of government control until the end of 1921.

"By that time, the campaign will have passed, the congress will have been elected, labor will have gone through its reorganization and so will Wall street," he said.

Consideration of the bill was begun under a program calling for sessions continuing late into the night. House leaders hope that the measure can be passed by Saturday, permitting early adjournment of the special session so far as the house is concerned.

Muncie Mayor Found  
Guilty of Aiding in  
Big Fight Swindle

Indianapolis, Nov. 11.—Seven alleged swindlers, including Mayor R. H. Muncie of Muncie, Ind., and Prosecuting Attorney Horace C. Murphy of Delaware county were found guilty in federal court here Tuesday of conspiring to use the mails to defraud.

The seven men were part of a group of 24 indicted in connection with the Muncie case which involved more than 20 alleged swindle cases and a total of \$150,000. All other defendants had pleaded guilty, some of them having changed their pleas to guilty during the trial.

Sentencing of the men convicted will not take place for a week or possibly 10 days, it was stated. The maximum penalty is \$10,000 fine, two years imprisonment, or both fine and imprisonment.

The defendants were charged with having lured prospective victims to Muncie on the pretext of selling them land at absurdly low prices and then peddling them to bet on fake prize fights.

Royal Highlanders Fight  
Payment of Certificates

Aurora, Neb., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—Answer was filed in the district court Monday by the Royal Highlanders to the petition of Charles H. Henthorn, who sued on his Pioneer certificate which called for a payment of one-tenth of the face of his policy each year. The Pioneer certificates of the Highlanders became payable one-tenth each year after the holder reached the age of 50 years and had paid his premiums for 20 years.

In its answer the Royal Highlanders declares that in 1897 the legislature of Nebraska enacted a statute which provided that the period in life at which payment of physical disability benefits commences shall not be under 70 years. After the enactment of this statute the Highlanders changed their edicts and rules to conform thereto. The Royal Highlanders organized at Aurora in 1896 with 311 members. It now has 27,816.

Rearrested Leaving Oteo  
County Court Room on Bond

Nebraska City, Neb., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—Fred Tapp, charged with passing worthless checks in this city several weeks ago, was arrested at Auburn yesterday and brought to this city where he is now confined in the county jail. Tapp had been arrested at Auburn on a similar charge, but had secured his release on bonds and was arrested as he left the court room on the Oteo county charge. He will be given a preliminary hearing today.

First Teacher in Buffalo  
County Dies in Oregon

Kearney, Neb., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—Word was received here of the death of Mrs. Guiss of Woodburn, Ore., formerly Miss Clara Lew, first licensed school teacher of Buffalo county. She came here with the Soldiers' Free Homestead colony in 1871, and held down a homestead near Gibbon while teaching in the first schoolhouse in the county, located on the Joseph Owen farm near Shelton.

Investigating Desertion  
Of Five Small Children

Deadwood, S. D., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—Five small children, the youngest a two-year-old baby, have been left here by their father and mother, who have removed to eastern South Dakota. County authorities are investigating the case. A Deadwood woman has been appointed guardian by the juvenile court pending explanation from the parents.

Swam a Mile Across Platte  
River, But Are Recaptured

Kearney, Neb., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—John Saunders and John Sexton, inmates of the State Industrial school here, escaped Friday, striking south for the Platte river. At a place where the stream was almost a mile wide, they braved its icy waters, wading or swimming, but farmers south of the river sent in reports and they were recaptured near Axtell.

Nebraska Man Heads the  
National Farmers' Body

Kearney, Neb., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—O. G. Smith, prominent agriculturalist of this city, was elected president of the National Farmers' congress at the convention in Hagerstown, Md., which has just adjourned. Mr. Smith is the first man west of the Mississippi river to have this honor. He was the unanimous

choice of the body, being elected on the first ballot.

Playing  
Safe

At this time many workers are enjoying the greatest prosperity in years. Wages are high. Temptations to spend thoughtlessly abound on every side.

But thoughtful workers know that present wage levels are not permanent ones. When production slackens, wages are likely to follow.

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