# Boost in State Rates Upheld by Commission

### Railroads of New York State Ordered to Establish Charges Conforming to Interstate Schedules.

By The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 19.—In its first decision on the right of the federal government under the transportation act to require railroads within a state to correspond to the higher levels of interstate tariffs, the Interstate Commerce commission today ordered the railroads of New York to establish passenger and baggage rates on intrastate traffic conforming to advanced interstate schedules. Similar proceedings are pending affecting more than half the states in the union.

By its order of last August, the commission authorized in the New York region an increase of 40 per cent in freight rates, 20 per cent in passenger rates, excess baggage charges and rates on milk and cream and also a surcharge of 50 per cent on Pullman accomodation. The New York public service commission granted the freight advance except milk, but denied the other increases within the state, and the carriers appealed to the Interstate Commerce commission.

**General Obligation.**

The federal body held that there was a general obligation resting upon it" to exercise control over intrastate commerce so far as it effects interstate commerce."

"The decisive factor'.' the ruling said, " is whether the rates under consideration injuriously affects interstate commerce".

Congress directed that rates be allowed which would yield an aggregate return of from 5½ to 6 per cent on the value of the railway properties, the commission stated, adding:

"There can be no doubt of the power of congress to devise and provide for carrying into effect a plan for assuring the nation's interstate railroads a fair return upon the value of their property and the full control of congress in this matter is not to be denied on the ground that the carriers aggregate earnings are a commingling of intrastate revenue and interstate revenue.

**Means Big Increase.**

"The record shows the refusal of the state of New York to permit the carriers to increase the rates and fares here in controversy to the extent approved by us is costing the railroads between $11,000,000 and $12,000,000 annually. In other words, the annual earnings of the interstate carriers operating in New York are now between $11,000,000 and $12,000,000 less than they would be if the general level of rates and fares approved by us had become effective on interstate traffic; and to that extent the declared purpose of congress is defeated by a preferential basis of rates and fares maintained by authority of the state of New York.

"It has not happened heretofore that we have had occasion to make such an extensive exercise of our authority as is now contemplated and we could not be moved to do so, save by the most cogent reasons. Such reasons have been supplied by the situation in which the transportation interests of the country were placed and the action taken by congress to relieve that situation."

**Eastman Objects.**

A dissenting opinion was handed down by Commissioner Eastman, who contended that the decision of the majority was beyond the lawful power of the commission.

"The objection is more than technical," he declared, "for it concerns the basic relations between the state and the federal government, a matter of great moment."

Orders issued by the commission required the new rates to become effective by December 18, on the filing of five days' notice to the commission and the public. Increases on commutation fares and charges on excess baggage carried in connection with such fares was excepted from the general order and reserved for future decision by the commission.

### Six Plants Closed.

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 19.—The six plants of the Chadwick-Hoskins chain of mills, five of which are located here, closed down for an indefinite period.

# Organization of League Assembly Is Completed

### Nations Outside Europe Obtain Four Vice Presidents Instead of Three Asked For—Japanese Delegate Furnishes Picturesque Feature of Session.

By The Associated Press.

Geneva, Nov. 19.—In a somewhat agitated session yesterday the league of nations assembly completed its organization by the election of the vice presidents, who, with the six chairmen of the committees selected yesterday, form a sort of executive committee of the assembly. The non-European nations, for whom much solicitude was shown yesterday, had no complaint to make as they obtained four vice presidents instead of three they had asked for.

These were: Viscount Ishii, Japan; Honoric Pueyrredon, Argentina; Sir George E. Foster, Canada, and Rodrigo Octavo, Brazil. The other vice presidents are H. A. Van Karnabeek, Holland, and Dr. Eduard Benes, Czecho-Slovakia.

Picturesque features of the session were furnished by Baron Hayashi, head of the Japanese delegation; Dr. Fridtjof Nansen of Norway, Gustave Ador, ex-president of Switzerland, and the two leading members of the Brazilian delegation.

**Hayashi Attracts Attention.**

Baron Hayashi attracted attention when he arose to ask the delegates to vote for Viscount Ishii, Japanese ambassador to France, if Japan was to have a vice president.

The whole assembly looked on with great interest when after E. Ador, who is also an ex-president of the international Red Cross, had graciously replied to the remarks of Dr. Nansen regarding the Red Red Cross, the explorer rushed down a side aisle, with characteristic steel-trap action to grasp E. Ador's hand in a handshake so warm and real that the sentiment was communicated to the spectators.

A curious result of the first ballot for first vice presidents was a tie between Rodrigo Octavio, Brazilian under-secretary for foreign affairs, and Dr. Gaston De Cunha, Brazilian ambassador to France, for sixth vice president. While the assembly was discussing the proposed vote for the remaining vice-president, an animated conversation proceeded at the Brazilian bench, each candidate insisting that he be allowed to withdraw in favor of the other. A second ballot was taken, however.

**Motta Honorary President.**

As an act of courtesy, Giusephe Motta, president of the Swiss confederation, who had delivered the address of welcome, was elected honorary president of the first assembly of the league.

Rumors which had been current all week that certain combinations had been formed to carry a pre-arranged program through the assembly were denied from two sources. M. Pueyredon, for the Argentine delegation, said that it was absolutely untrue so far as Argentina is concerned, that the South American republics were in an understanding with other neutrals to force the admission of Germany into the league.

The British dominion representatives made it clear that they were here to represent their particular dominion without reference to sister dominions or mother country.

All the delegates appear to be satisfied with the progress made in the necessary preliminary proceedings, the work having been gone through with minimum of friction and they expect the final results to satisfy all the friends of the league.

# Economic Needs Occupy Attention Of Labor Council

### Leaders Say Autocratic Management in Some Industries Holding Down Production; No Policy Announced.

By The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Economic needs of the country largely occupied the attention of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, which continued its discussion of future policies. The labor leaders were said to have recognized the part which the workers must play, but the progress they made, if any, towards formulation of a policy, was not discussed.

Labor is fully conscious that the world needs production, members of the council said after a long secret meeting. Labor leaders were declared to realize also that standards of life can improve only as production and consumption increase.

The attitude of those guiding labor organizations is said to be that this end cannot be reached without better methods in industry where, members of the council asserted, there still remains inefficiency in plant management as well as unprincipled scheming by certain groups of financiers. It is against the alleged unfairness of the employers in these respects that labor is aiming its efforts for better co-operation, according to federation officials.

Discussion was said to have brought out the statements that autocratic management of some industries was holding down production. Reference was understood to have been made in this connection to the closing entirely or to part time operation of plants in the textile industry. Leaders here refuse to accept the statement of the employers that they were forced to cut down output because of decreased demand. They were inclined to regard it as a subterfuge. On this as well as other discussion in the executive meeting, however, members would talk little.

Members of the council were unable to say when its work would be finished but believed it might conclude its discussions tomorrow.

### Mexico Rejects Petition for Right to Build Pipe Line

Mexico City, Nov. 19.—All three petitions asking for concessions to build an oil pipe line across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, filed here recently, have been rejected by the Mexican government, Jacinto B. Trevino, secretary of the department of commerce and labor, announced last night. He declared that if such a pipe line is built the construction work will be carried on by the Mexican government.

### Negress Stabbed by Her Sweetheart, "Slim," She Says

Gladys Buckner, negress, becoming involved in an altercation with her alleged "gentleman friend," one "Slim" Jackson, at her home, 4828 South Twenty-fifth street, Thursday night, was stabbed by "Slim," according to the story she told the police.

"Slim" has disappeared. Miss Buckner was attended by a physician, who pronounced her wounds not serious. "Slim" is alleged to have inflicted the wounds with a pocketknife.

### Aged Man Goes Walking And Fails to Return

Herman Marig, 84, who lives with his son, James Marig, 4543 South Thirteenth street, went out for a walk Thursday afternoon and failed to return home, his son reported to police. On account of his age it is feared that he may have met with an accident.

## South Side

### Autoist Lands On Head In Smashup of Motor Cars

Raymond Lauderback, 5420 South Nineteenth street, was thrown out of his automobile, alighting on his head in the street, when an automobile driven by E. R. Brown, 4819 South Twenty-fourth street, crashed "broadside" into his car at Twenty-fourth and Q streets at 8 Thursday night.

Lauderback's brother, Clem, who was with him, was not injured. Raymond Lauderback's injuries were dressed and he was sent home. Brown was not arrested. The automobiles were badly damaged.

### South Side Brevities

Illinois coal, $13.75. Howland Lumber & Coal Co. Phone So. 1614.—Adv.

A further heavy slump in prices of cattle, hogs and sheep occurred on the South Side stock market yesterday.

Clover Leaf Camp, No. 8, Royal Neighbors of America, will hold a meeting at Odd Fellows hall today at 2 p. m., instead of November 23.

Orders for municipal coal will be taken at the South Side city hall next Friday evening from 7 to 10 o'clock. Colorado lump coal is being sold at $7.50 a ton.

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Hurrah! Pleasure club had a big crowd last Sunday. Don't forget the mask ball next Sunday night. Seven prizes. Lee's orchestra. Follow the crowd.

Gus Stevens has a new line of masks at his store at 24th and N Sts. All kinds of masks.

### Dundee to Meet Jackson.

New York, Nov. 19—Johnny Dundee and Willie Jackson have been matched for a 15-round bout to a decision here on November 29 for the world's junior lightweight championship, it was announced today.