

President Asks Cut in Rail Rates

Harding Requests Co-Operation of Roads in Voluntary Reduction, at White House Dinner.

Washington, May 21.—President Harding was made by President Harding at a conference with 19 of the leading railroad executives of the country at a White House dinner conference for the co-operation of the larger roads of the country with the Interstate Commerce commission in voluntary reductions of railroad rates. An agreement was reached for the creation of a special committee to take up the matter further.

The rate matter was gone over during the conference, which was also participated in by Secretary Hoover, and it was declared in a White House statement after the meeting that the railroad executives were unanimously in favor of assisting the restoration of business by such rate action as they might find possible to take.

The list of railroad executives invited, as announced at the White House, included the following presidents of roads:

Omaha Men Attend.
A. H. Smith, New York Central; Carl R. Gray, of Omaha, Union Pacific; W. H. Finley, Chicago and Northwestern; W. B. Storey, Santa Fe; C. H. Markham, Illinois Central; H. E. Byram, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; Samuel Rea, Pennsylvania; Hale Holden, Burlington; Charles Donnelly, Northern Pacific; Ralph Budd, Great Northern; F. D. Underwood, Erie; S. M. Felton, Chicago, Great Western; Daniel Willard, Baltimore and Ohio; Fairfax Harrison, Southern; and Edward E. Loomis, Lehigh Valley.

Also invited was R. S. Lovett, chairman of the boards of the Union Pacific.

The only statement issued was that from the White House, the railroad executives departing immediately and declining to discuss the conference, which lasted until a late hour.

Text of Statement.
"The president invited the railroad presidents and the board chairmen to dine with him," the White House statement said, "and to confer with him concerning further relief for railroad service along lines somewhat similar to the voluntary reductions granted in some commodities some months ago, particularly on such basic commodities as may be found necessary to speed industrial betterment. The whole railroad problem was discussed and difficulties of railroad conditions were presented. The president voiced their unanimous desire to make the fullest contributions possible to restore and maintain prosperity."

Various Problems Discussed.
Various aspects of the railroad problem were discussed, particularly the necessary preparations in providing new or repaired equipment when normal business is restored. The president made it clear he was attempting none of the duties of rate making or rate recommendations, but he felt that much could be accomplished by conference and that helpful results must accompany full co-operation between the railroad heads and the government body charged with the regulation of rates.

The executives voted to have a committee named from their membership to take up the problem and recommend what action should be taken.

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Big Family Is Product of Cedar County



Harrison, Neb., May 21.—(Special.)—Now, ladies and gentlemen (as the speaker at the sideshow would say), we wish to call your attention to one of the very best products of Cedar county, the family of Henry Lorge of Wynot.

The family is strictly a Cedar county product and most of the 15 children are still located in this section.

Stop, Look, Listen!

Frank Shercliff Gets Long Term

Noted Criminal, Once Aided by Omahans, Given 10 to 20-Year Sentence.

Frank Shercliff, noted criminal of the west, has been sentenced at Newburyport, Mass., for from 10 to 20 years in the Massachusetts state prison under the habitual criminal act, according to word police here received.

The trial judge scored Shercliff severely in pronouncing sentence and reviewed his long criminal record as brought out by the prosecuting attorney. The scoring was in answer to Shercliff's plea for clemency and statements that 25 of his 52 years had been spent in prison.

Shercliff is one of the most notorious of the west criminals. He was released a few years ago from the Colorado penitentiary where he was sent for the murder of a miner, Elmer E. Thomas, Omaha attorney, made a number of trips to the prison to intercede in Shercliff's behalf. Other Omahans also aided Shercliff had been at liberty but a short time when he was captured while robbing a store. He was given a light sentence because of his age.

Three months ago he turned up in Lynn, Mass., and was captured while assaulting a jeweler in an attempt at robbery.

Latest Model Submarine Is Launched at Bridgeport

Washington, May 21.—The submarine S-50, representing the highest type of underwater craft construction, was placed in commission yesterday at Bridgeport, Conn., at the plant of the Lake Torpedo company, the Navy department announced. It is the first of four similar vessels to be turned over to the navy soon by the Lake company.

The S-50 is of the double hull type for about half the length amidships, while the forward and aft portions are single hull. The craft is designed to submerge with safety 200 feet.

The armament consists of four 21-inch torpedo tubes in the bow and one tube of similar caliber in the stern. A four-inch, 50 caliber gun is on deck just forward of the conning tower.

Radio Used to Warn Towns of Shooting

First information received by the Council Bluffs police concerning the shooting of Charles Siefkin and his son, Robert, in the holdup of the oil station at Thirty-eighth avenue and Farnam street Saturday night, came by radio, according to Jack Dempster, night desk sergeant at headquarters.

The report of the robbery and shooting apparently had been broadcast from an Omaha station, with a request to all radio fans to relay the message to the police, sheriffs and other officers with a warning to watch for suspicious characters. Some Bluffs radio fans received the information via wireless and telephoned it at once to the police station.

Huge Tiger Shark Carried on Bow of Atlantic Liner

New York, May 21.—Wireless reports from the steamship American Legion, speeding north from South Africa, said it had picked up one of the largest tiger sharks ever seen and carried it for several hours on the bow.

Captain Zearfos, who sent the message, said the ship struck the fish squarely in the middle and that the forward rush of the vessel held it on the bow until it could be measured and photographed. The shark was 30 feet long.

Japanese Statesman Dies

Tokyo, May 21.—The death is announced of Soroku Ebara, educationalist and leader of the Seiyu-Kai.

The Dancing Master

By RUBY M. AYRES.
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(Continued From Saturday.)
He had hardly gone when a boy brought a note from Pat Royston; it was very short—just a couple of lines.

"Will you be at the little restaurant this evening at 7?—you know where I mean."

Elizabeth knew well enough, and her soul began to sing for joy as she kissed the little scrawny note, and hid it away in her frock.

She went up to her room, and packed the few belongings with which she had first come to Mme. Senestis; she left everything behind that had been given her, except even the water lily. Elizabeth felt that she had given to her last night. She had no further use for any of them; she wanted to start afresh, and shake off every link of the old life.

As she finished packing, and tied that had been given her, she had a wonderful dream of the future; perhaps, they would go abroad somewhere, she and Royston. Perhaps even they would dance together again; perhaps even some day they would be famous.

It was strange that she never gave thought to Enid Senestis, strange that she had never been really actively jealous of her.

She counted almost every moment of the day as it dragged by; madame went out without seeing her, and Elizabeth was glad. The old French housekeeper served her meals, but seemed disinclined to talk, and Elizabeth did not care—her whole being was concentrated on the evening, and the happiness to which she was going.

Her small trunk she left quite ready to be fetched or forwarded to her when she knew Royston's plans for the future, and there was not the smallest doubt or shadow of regret in her heart when, later that evening, she looked around the room in silent farewell.

As she was actually leaving the house did she give a thought to Neil Farmer and the magnitude of the debt she owed him, and for a moment her face blanched, and her heart was shaken with fear.

What would he do? What could he do, she asked herself; but she soon rallied. She could pay him back at little at a time; it would take perhaps years, of course, but once she was with Royston and happy, she felt that the world failure would never need to find a place in her life.

She was at the little restaurant where she had had supper with Royston all those months ago, a quarter of an hour before the time he had stated, but he was waiting for her, and he took her hand in a close grip before they went to the table in the alcove at which they had sat together before.

Elizabeth's eyes were stars of innocent joy as she looked at Royston across the little table.

"This is the third time we've been here," she said shyly. "Do you remember?"

"Yes," he seemed to avoid meeting her eyes. His face looked drawn. When he had given the waiter his order, Elizabeth slipped a hand into his.

"I'm so happy," she said. "It's been awful all these weeks—and when you were ill—He looked down at her sharply.

Olcutt Cuts Hall's Lead in Oregon Primary to 289

Portland, Ore., May 21.—Complete returns from 11 counties, including Multnomah, and incomplete figures from the other 25 counties in the state cut Charles Hall's lead over Governor Ben W. Olcutt for the republican nomination for governor to 289. The totals were: Hall, 42,235; Olcutt, 41,946.

For the democratic nomination for governor, Walter M. Pierce had a substantial lead on available returns, his total being 5,244, and the next highest, Harvey G. Starkwater, having 3,408.

Two Young Children Suffer Injuries While Mother Ill

Alvia, 2, and Dorothy, 5, children of Mrs. Lena Dye, 1529 Avenue E, Council Bluffs, were injured almost simultaneously Friday while the mother was confined to her bed with illness. The younger burned her face in falling against a hot stove in the kitchen. While the mother was dressing the burn, Dorothy came running home with a two-inch sliver driven into her throat in an accident on a playground slide. She was taken to the Mercy hospital, where the splinter was removed.

Two Dead, 6 Hurt on Roller Coaster

Passengers Thrown From Car When Operator Applies Brakes at Highest Point.

New York, May 21.—A girl and a man were killed and six injured, three probably fatally, when they were hurled from a roller coaster on the scenic railway at Starlight park, the Bronx, early today. The operator of the coaster applied his emergency brake suddenly when the car reached the second and highest summit of the wooden coaster and eight of the 10 passengers were precipitated in the network of understructure, several plunging 67 feet into a Bronx river marsh.

Neil Connelley, 19, guard of the car, after questioning by Assistant District Attorney Quigley, was arrested, charged with homicide. He had been on the job two weeks. He said a man passenger in a forward seat stood up when the racing car was about to jump out. Connelley applied the emergency brake without warning and all but two passengers and the guard were catapulted out.

Several caught in the understructure and hung in midair until firemen rescued them.

Harry Spitz died of a fractured skull soon after he was taken to Fordham hospital. He was the man who stood up, according to Connelley. Bella Fortang, 19, died in the hospital several hours after the accident.

'Insurgents' to Form New Auto Association

St. Louis, May 21.—Declaring the split in the ranks of the American Automobile association over alleged violation of the association's constitution to be permanent, the "insurgents" began making arrangements for the formation of a new organization to be known as the National Automobile association. Extension of the activities of the Chicago Motor club, headed by Charles M. Hayes, into territory of other clubs affiliated with the national organization precipitated the break after the 72 Chicago delegates had been seated by a close vote.

Penn Fodrea to Address Retailers' Association

Penn E. Fodrea, sales promotion manager of the Fairmont Creamery company in Omaha, will be the principal speaker this evening at the annual meeting of the Council Bluffs Retail Merchants' association at the Grand hotel. More than 100 Bluffs business men are expected to attend the banquet. Annual election of officers will be held. Charles Beno, president, will preside.

Wireless Fans Warned to Beware of Three 'Summertime Imps'

Washington, May 21.—Wireless fans were warned by the Commerce department to beware of the activities of "the three summer-time radio imps."

Summertime disturbances, the department said, called strays, static and atmospheric, are in evidence from about April 1 to October 1, causing radio sets to give forth "a first-class imitation of a boiler shop in full operation instead of an anticipated lecture on the culture of silk worms."

Lord and Lady Astor to Sail for England Next Tuesday

New York, May 21.—Lord and Lady Astor returned from their visit to Canada. They plan to sail for England on Tuesday.

Attack Against Attorney General Renewed in Senate

Arkansas Democrat Charges Daugherty Employed to Get C. W. Morse Out of Federal Penitentiary.

Washington, May 21.—A flat charge that Attorney General Daugherty was employed in conjunction with Thomas B. Felder to get C. W. Morse out of the Atlanta penitentiary in 1911, and that the "partnership" of the attorney general and Felder still exists, to the detriment of the government, was made on the floor of the senate by Senator Caraway, Arkansas, democrat.

Senator Caraway produced photostatic copies of documents signed by "H. M. Daugherty," and Felder to sustain his assertion that the attorney general had been retained as counsel with Felder in the Morse case.

The second part of the charge by Senator Caraway, that the attorney general was still co-operating with Felder in opposition to the interests of the government, had to do with an alleged attempt on the part of Felder to employ Capt. H. L. Scaife, formerly army officer and recently dismissed by Daugherty from the Department of Justice.

Scaife in a letter to Congressman Woodruff, Michigan, asserted that Felder had asked him to become an associate counsel in a suit he was bringing to set aside the sale of the Bosch Magneto company's plant by the alien property custodian. Scaife charged that Felder said he was advised by Attorney General Daugherty to see Scaife.

Representative Woodruff said a "very substantial retainer" was offered to Scaife.

"While I think it is eminently proper that a suit should be brought to set aside the Bosch Magneto sale, and while under ordinary circumstances I would have had no hesitation in being employed in the case, when Col. Felder disclosed the fact that he had come to me from the attorney general and with the arrangements that had been suggested, the impropriety of the proposal I consider reprehensible, and I desire that you be acquainted with the facts."

Alliance Manager Boosts New Plan

Says City Gets Full Value for Money Paid in Salaries and Wages.

N. A. Kemmish, city manager of Alliance, Neb., the first Nebraska town to adopt this form of city government, visited in Omaha and Council Bluffs Saturday. He reported nearly \$500,000 of construction work now under way in Alliance, with \$200,000 prospective improvements at the Burlington shops this year.

"We are receiving splendid co-operation from all of our people in making the city manager plan a success," said Mr. Kemmish. "In the administration of our city affairs every employe 'hits the ball' and gives full value in service for money paid in wages or salaries. We operate our city government as a business institution, along progressive and approved business lines."

Sargent Man Killed by His Brother-in-Law

Sargent, Neb., May 21.—(Special Telegram)—John Wilson, 47, was shot and instantly killed in the presence of his wife by F. P. Falen, 55, his brother-in-law, here about 8:30 last night. The shooting occurred in the yard of the Wilson home on the outskirts of this city.

Wilson fell immediately after the first shot was fired, but his assailant fired two more shots into the prostrate body, according to the wife.

Slippery Gulch May Send Two Mayoresses to Meet

The past week's festivities at Slippery Gulch by Douglas county post of the American Legion at the Auditorium ended with a typical wild western jangle of the days of old over the contest for the office of mayoress, the winner of which will have the honor of representing Douglas county post at the national convention in New Orleans, October 16-18.

Jay Dudley, an employe of the city, was declared elected sheriff by a vote of 213,776 votes and will go to New Orleans as the guest of Douglas county post.

Lloyd George Given Warm Welcome by Parliament

London, May 21.—Prime Minister Lloyd George's adherents in the lords and the house of commons staged an enthusiastic welcome for him on his return from Genoa.

Self-Styled Scotland Yard Worker Elopes

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weakness of the wife, invented and told the wife many unpleasant stories concerning her husband until she believed herself to have been betrayed by him, and consented to run away with the captain.

For some time the couple have been hiding in London, but it is now believed that they have left England for some unknown destination. Meanwhile the wife's trustees refuse to send her an allowance until her husband, who has full power of attorney, joins her. When her trustees last heard from her she was short of funds, but she has with her

Leaders in Ireland Reach Agreement to Hold Election

Minor Points of Difference Waived—Terms Follow Proposals Put Forth by Harry Boland.

Dublin, May 21.—An agreement making possible the holding of Irish elections in June and the formation of a coalition cabinet was reached by the leaders of the two political factions in southern Ireland and unanimously approved by their respective followers in the Dail Eireann.

The minor points of divergence concerning the proportion of representation in the ministry were waived by the agreement and the question as to the issues to be decided by June elections was ignored. In the election campaign, those in favor of the Anglo-Irish treaty establishing the free state, will be free to say that the election will be on ratification of the treaty and those opposed to that treaty may deny that proposition.

The actual terms of the agreement correspond closely with those put forward by Harry C. Boland, for some time representative of De Valera in the United States, who represented the republican section of the peace committee a couple of days ago by the dail.

There will be a coalition panel presented to the electors. It will contain the names of candidates representing both sides at their present strength in the dail and will be recommended to the electors as the ticket of the Sinn Fein chiefs of the army, now occupying the four courts building joining in what would be called the official troops of Ireland. Public sentiment is concerned in such an arrangement mainly because of the hope that it would result in putting down disorders.

Bolivia Again Asks Part in Chilean Meet

Washington, May 21.—(By A. P.)—Another formal but unsuccessful request for a voice in the Chilean-Peruvian conference here was made by the government of Bolivia, in a note declaring that any settlement of conference problems reached without Bolivian recognition would only be a source of continuing friction in South America. Both the Chilean and Peruvian delegations promptly indicated their opposition to the request.

Garage Owner Arrested

San Diego, Cal., May 21.—Harry G. Coula, garage proprietor, was arrested by deputy sheriffs here at the request of the Detroit police, who stated that he is alleged in that city for passing an illegal forged check of \$45,602 on the First and Old National bank.

School Folks Honor Retiring Principals

Omaha school principals and supervisors paid their respects to three retiring principals, Miss Martha L. Powell, Long school; Miss Mary Reid, Franklin school, and Mrs. Jeanette Woodward, Lake school, at a banquet in their honor at Hotel Fontaine.

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