

Rail And Bus Interests Agree

Special Group Makes Report

Partial Solution Of Clash Of Interests Seen In Recommendations Of Committee

The clash of interests between America's two principal transportation competitors, the railroads and highway users, reached a partial solution in the report of a joint committee representing both sides of the controversy, after three months' study of the problem in New York.

Full agreement between the conflicting interests has been reached on questions relating to taxation, reciprocity, co-ordination of highway administration and grade crossing separations.

Rate Regulation
No agreement has been reached on rate regulation and the length and weight of vehicles engaging in interstate commerce over the nation's highways.

Both railroad executives and leading highway users agree that "common carriers on highways should be under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce commission, and should be required to obtain certificates of public convenience and necessity." The financial responsibility for all such companies should be established, the report says, for the protection of passengers, shippers and the general public.

The railroads and highway users differ sharply on the question of rate regulation, the former holding that "adequate requirements should be imposed . . . to insure just and reasonable rates and proper inhibition against undue discrimination," while the latter stipulate that this should wait until sufficient data have been collected "to indicate the desirability of such regulation in the public interest."

On the other hand, the highway users agree they should abide by certain recommendations of the Interstate Commerce commission providing that such companies shall be required to have a permit, liability insurance, open bookkeeping and financial records, and that they should make regular reports of their operations to the commission.

They also quote the commission as saying that "there is substantially no demand for public regulation of the charges of motor trucks to protect shippers against exorbitant or discriminatory charges."

Both sides agree that in the interest of public safety, "requirements as to qualifications and hours of service for drivers as prescribed by regulatory authority, should be observed."

It is also agreed that private passenger vehicles and private carriers should not be forced to obtain a permit from the federal authorities, unless engaged in transporting property manufactured by others, or in transporting passengers on a "share-expense or other irregular fare basis."

"Gyp" Agents
The so called "gyp" transportation agents, who have many times swindled passengers and more than once left entire parties of travelers

Heroic Rescue Chief



Captain Giles Stedman, of the S.S. American Merchant, was accorded great honors when he landed 22 men in New York, the crew rescued from the sinking Exeter City during a raging storm in mid-ocean.

stranded miles away from home come under the committee's attention in paragraphs urging that such carriers be forced to obtain a license to show proper financial responsibility for protection of passengers and public, and to meet conditions required of other carriers.

State legislation parallel to that for interstate highway commerce is suggested, with the automobile concerns subjected to all the restraints now imposed in most states upon carriers engaged in interstate commerce. Here again, however, the railroads and the highway users split on the question of rate regulation, the highway users insisting that the necessity for such rate regulation must first be shown "if and when sufficient data have been collected to indicate its desirability."

Two significant paragraphs in the report, dealing with motor vehicle operation by railroads and grade crossing elimination, are as follows:

"Opportunity should be given for rail carriers to engage, either directly or through subsidiaries, in motor vehicle service on highways on equal terms with all others and without discrimination. . . Necessary modifications of anti-trust laws should be made for this purpose."

"State laws requiring railroads to make capital expenditures for grade crossing elimination . . . should be repealed. . . Each case should be considered on its merits and (if a crossing is to be eliminated) the division of the cost should be determined jointly by the Public Service commission and the Highway commission of the state."

The report is signed by Gen. W. W. Atterbury, chairman for the railroad executives, and Alfred H. Swayne, chairman for the highway users.

It is hoped, they say, that further conferences will eliminate even the present differences between the two transportation agencies.

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PATTERSON ITEMS

The Patterson Grange met Saturday night, January 28th. Mr. Yeager made a short talk followed by a literary program by the new lecturer.

Mrs. Alice Thompson and J. L. Kistler, of Bear Poplar, visited Mrs. J. F. Litaker recently.

The P. T. A. held its regular meeting Wednesday night, Feb. 2nd at the Patterson hall. After an interesting program cookies, candy and grape juice was served to those present.

Members of Chapel church have been cutting, hauling and sawing timber for about two weeks. They plan to add new Sunday school rooms to their church.

The Y. T. H. F. of F. L. S. China Grove, held a wéiner roast at Corriher's pasture Thursday night, Feb. 3. About 30 members, honorary members, and guests were present. Happy Trexler and band furnished music for the occasion.

Leonard Litaker spent the night with Buddy and Harris Suther recently.

Reece Freeze and family, of Kannapolis, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Freeze, Sunday, January 29th.

W. J. McCorkle has a bad sprained ankle, the result of a log which rolled on his foot and ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Soleman, of Concord, visited Mrs. W. L. Wilhelm recently.

Chester Patterson and Edith Shue attended the young peoples' conference held in Salisbury last week.

Nurse Gets \$15,000 If Unmarried

Salem.—Cutting off both martial and blood relatives without a "single copper," the will of Irving M. Heath of Newton, N. H., a widower, bequeathes the bulk of his \$15,000 estate to Miss Elizabeth M. Callahan of that town, a nurse who attended him, provided that she is not "married or otherwise incapacitated," it was disclosed in the Essex County Registry of Probate.

The will, drawn in 1926, was allowed today by Judge Harry R. Dow.

Miss Callahan, formerly a resident of Franklin, N. H., was left \$500 and Heath's automobile "for her own use and free from interference from any present or future husband." The nurse was also bequeathed the residue of the estate on the condition that "she look after me and my aged mother and give us both suitable care and attention and see that we are both planted in our respective places" in the Union and Highland cemeteries in Newton, N. H.

Heath stated in the will that the bequests were to be in addition to her "regular nurse's pay." The clause would be null and void, the document related, if Miss Callahan should "be married or otherwise incapacitated or refuse to accept said trust." If she had refused, it stated, the bulk of the estate

Dusting Indoor Track



Gene Venzke, noted University of Pennsylvania miler, is burning up the indoor tracks, stepping the three-quarter mile in 3 min., 5.2/5 sec., in the first mid-winter meet. He holds the indoor mile record.

would be given to Mary W. Greaney, "who seems as near to me as any daughter could possibly be."

Heath stipulated that he was purposely omitting the names of his own relatives or any of his relatives by marriage, for "it is my wish that none ever gets a single copper or anything out of my estate."

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Barking Snakes And Roaring Fish

Washington. — Barking snakes, roaring fish and squeaking ants keep life from becoming dull for Indians in the Choco, a strip of jungle land in northwestern Colombia.

Strange tales of this weird country were told today by Dr. W. A. Archer, botanist, who brought back plants and ethological material for the National Museum.

The natives told Archer about the huge reptile which spends most of the day coiled about a tree. At night it barks like a dog. It is not considered poisonous and is not feared by the Indians.

The botanist actually saw and heard the noisy fish. It is of the salmon family and at the height of migration during the dry months the fish appear to be a solid mass in the Atrato River.

At the first roar the Indians and negroes go fishing. The noise was described by Dr. Archer as "like the roar of an airplane coming under water."

The squeaking ants are held in terror by the natives. The insects

are highly poisonous and produce a fever which keeps the Indians a-bed for a day or two and which they believe would be fatal to the white man.

There is no "unusual weather" in the Choco. Only about 25 days of the year could be described as "fair." The rest of the time, Archer said, it rains.

BUY BLOOD OF SNAKES
Tokyo.—Believing snakes' blood has curative properties in treatment of tuberculosis or digestive diseases, residents of Toyko buy 2,000 small reptiles each week at prices ranging from 15 cents to \$1 each.

BUS HITS COW; COW HITS BOY

Knoxville.—Willard Johnson, 19 idly watched a cow cross the road as he waited for a bus. Along came an automobile, struck the cow which was hurled violently against Johnson. The youth was forced to undergo treatment in a Knoxville hospital for a severe bruise on his hip.



ILLUSION:
In this startling trick, the magician seemingly pushes a huge threaded needle through the body of an assistant, pulling the needle out the other side, followed by the thread.

EXPLANATION:
Under the clothes of the victim is a pipe, extending around one side of his body from front to back. The needle, which is flexible, is inserted in the front end of the pipe, is carried around the body and emerges from the pipe in back. This operation is performed so quickly that the audience does not notice that the needle and thread are momentarily shortened during the act.

SOURCE: "Magic Stage Illusions and Scientific Diversions" by Albert A. Hopkins... Munn & Co.

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