

PLAN TO UNIFY CARRIERS TO BE MADE EFFECTIVE

Federal Commission Announces Steps Taken and Notice of Hearing. TO BE 19 SYSTEMS. South Atlantic Roads Placed in Three or Four Different Systems.

Washington, Sept. 28.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today announced tentative plans for consolidating all of the major railroad systems of the United States into 19 great systems and gave notice that hearings would be called upon it in the near future.

The Commission's proposed 19 systems, as outlined today, provide for retention of the competitive arrangement of transportation lines, giving most sections of the country access to two or more of the great routes devised. The principle followed in making up the consolidations was that of hitching weaker and less profitable roads to more prosperous competitors or connections, at the same time maintaining the identity very largely of existing great railroads.

The following consolidated systems are proposed by the commission: Number 1—New York Central, including the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis, Erie, Delaware and Hudson, Delaware and Potomac, Delaware and Maryland, Bangor and Arundel, and others.

Number 2—Pennsylvania, including the Erie, Lehigh Valley, Reading, and others. Number 3—Baltimore and Ohio, Reading, and others.

Many Hundred Are Killed By Typhoon

Tokio, Sept. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Several hundred persons have been killed in central Japan by a typhoon which struck the island of Honshu, and many others were injured.

DEATH OF HAMON IN FATAL CRASH

Auto Killed Horse from Under Youthful Rider and One of Its Occupants. Car was approaching Charlotte at a high rate of speed around 3:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon when it crashed into a horse, which rode a small boy. The horse was killed and the boy, thrown high into the air and descending on top of the machine, escaped injury.

INJURED CONVICTED

A passing machine brought Wilson and Hamon, who were front seat passengers at the time, to the Charlotte Sanatorium, Hamon dying shortly after reaching the hospital. Wilson sustained a fractured collar bone but will recover. The other three passengers were taken into custody by the city police and spent the night in the city jail.

BURIED THROUGH WINDSHIELD

The horse and its youthful rider were hurled into the city also, traveling. It was said, on the right side of the national highway. The automobile was travelling at a high rate of speed, coming in the same direction.

WILL DIVIDE POLAND ON THE SFORZA LINE?

Geneva, Sept. 28.—A rumor was current here this forenoon that the council of the League of Nations had decided to divide Upper Silesia between Poland and Germany approximately on what is known as the "Sforza line."

FINAL MOMENTS OF EXPOSITION ALMOST AT HAND

Management Expecting Record-Breaking Crowds the Last Two Days. BANDS ARE SPECIALTY Double Quartet Continues to Present Attractive Musical Program.

As the Made-in-Carolinas Exposition draws toward its close Thursday night the management is anticipating record-breaking crowds during the final hours of this eventful occasion. Announcement is made that the doors to the Exposition close at 11 o'clock Thursday night, drawing down the curtain on an event that is regarded as epoch-making in the new life of this community and of North Carolina.

In spite of lowering clouds of Wednesday morning, hundreds of people of both Charlotte and surrounding country were not deterred from going to the Exposition. A big crowd was present last night and a big crowd was expected today. If the weather remains favorable, the expectation of officials of the Exposition is that Thursday and Friday night will show the largest attendance of any day and night of the Exposition.

Those who attended the Exposition yesterday and last night enjoyed one of the best musical programs yet given. Whether it was because Tuesday had been designated as "Seaboard Day" and was featured by the presence of hundreds from the territory of the Seaboard Railway extending west from Charlotte or because the Exposition is nearing its close, there seemed an air of jollity and merriment on the part of visitors, close observers said, that had not been noted before.

The musical program of Tuesday night was specially good. The Cliffside Band presented a splendid program in the afternoon and again last night, assisted in the latter by the North Carolina and the All-Star quartet of North Carolina in rendering an interesting concert.

When the musical program opened at 8:15 o'clock, several thousand people were assembled in front of the bandstand. The band opened with two numbers and then the vocal artists had an inning in which they won rapturous applause. C. P. Love, conductor of the Cliffside Band, proved himself to be an able director and his band showed up in splendid style.

"The Miller's Wooing," by Fanning, was one of the numbers that won approval, nearly amounting to an ovation. Miss Gower, soprano of the All-Star Carolina Quartet, and Mr. Bonnell, baritone of the Empire Quartet, sang the lyrics in a magnificent style and the double quartet assisted in the chorus. The audience demanded encore after encore throughout the program.

On Thursday and Friday night, the climax of the musical program will be rendered when Dr. Paul J. Weaver will lead the big crowds at the exposition in community singing. Both quartets will be on the program also. The plans are to have the quartet and the band render their numbers and to invite the audience to join in the singing of the popular numbers.

Colonel Benjamin Cameron, of Stagville, veteran good roads advocate and citizen of North Carolina, was an interested visitor at the exposition Tuesday afternoon. He praised warmly the enterprise and energy that has made the exposition what it is today.

Charlotte Marble Works. Many of the attractive booths of the exposition have been proving places of unfailing interest to visitors who are specially interested in Carolina products and Carolina enterprise.

MOTION PICTURE COMEDIAN GETS INNING IN COURT

Prosecution Completes Its Case; Mrs. Delmont Not Called to Testify. MAID HEARD SCREAMS Hotel Maid and Misses Prevost and Blake Heard Tuesday Afternoon.

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—The defense in the preliminary hearing of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle, charged with the murder of Miss Virginia Rappe, announced that it was prepared to begin its effort to clear the motion picture comedian when Police Judge Sylvain J. Lazarus' court resumed late today.

The prosecution completed its presentation of evidence yesterday without having called Mrs. Fanning, Maude Delmont, complaining witness, the move taking the defense by surprise. When Assistant District Attorney Isadore Golden told the court that Mrs. Delmont would not be summoned to the prosecution, Frank E. Dominguez, Arbuckle's chief counsel, was on his feet instantly and demanded that she be produced.

Judge Lazarus, in a statement last night, declared that he was withholding grand jury action pending a full report from Mitchell. He has intimated that, in the course of his investigation, the liquor supply alleged to have been consumed at the Arbuckle party, he has uncovered a whiskey smuggling traffic between Mexico and San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The preliminary hearing today will commence at 2 o'clock Pacific time. Arbuckle threatened. Two women, Zeh Prevost and Alice Blake, testified Tuesday that Miss Rappe, found in Arbuckle's apartment on September 5, had cried, "I am dying; he hurt me" and that Arbuckle had told her to "shut up" or he would "throw her out the window."

Both said that Arbuckle administered ice to Miss Rappe, Miss Prevost saying she accompanied her to the room. "That'll bring you to," the prosecution, however, drew testimony from Miss Blake which they said indicated there had been another ice incident.

Another incident was told of by Josephine Keza, a maid at the hotel, who said that from the corridor she heard screams from room 1219, the room in which Miss Rappe was found. "If you don't stop yelling, I'll throw you out the window," she said.

Miss Mame Moon mashed her pistol finger in a car door this morning. Mrs. Artie Small takes some o' movin' 'n Nigary Falls where she wuz so happy when first married.

UNSETTLED Charlotte and vicinity: Partly cloudy with probably local thundershowers tonight or Thursday; not much change in temperature. Light to gentle variable winds.

North and South Carolina: Local thundershowers tonight or Thursday; no change in temperature.

Opposition To New Peace Treaty Now Taking Shape

Democrats Are Said to be Preparing Set of Reservations and Will Oppose Ratification if They Are Not Adopted by the Senate. BY DAVID LAWRENCE, Staff Correspondent of The News.

Washington, Sept. 28.—Efforts to solidify the Democratic party in the Senate so that the new treaty with Germany may at least be clarified before it is adopted are proceeding in such fashion as to indicate much more discussion over the pact than was at first anticipated.

The Democrats have been working out a program of a number of private conferences and thus far the only conclusion reached is that several reservations ought to be voted upon by the Senate before ratification takes place. If the Republicans agree to these reservations, the treaty will be ratified by an overwhelming vote. Otherwise, the Democrats may make a final effort to defeat the whole thing.

These tactics are curiously like those followed by the Republicans when picture comedian when Police Judge Sylvain J. Lazarus' court resumed late today. The program of reservations has not been completed. They may include some of the original points made by Senator Lodge and on which most of the Republicans voted favorably at an early date.

END OF MINERS' STRIKE ORDERED

Howat, However, Indicates He Will Not Obey Vote of the Convention. Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 28.—Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas miners, was directed today by the convention of the United Mine Workers of America to order strikers at the Dean and Reliance mines to return to work. The convention decision became a certainty before polling of the delegates was complete.

Official figures gave a majority against Howat when the Alabama delegates threw most of their votes to the administration recommendation favoring the order for resumption of work. At that time about 600 more votes remained to be cast but the margin for the order, it was said, exceeded this. The delegates were unaware that a final decision had been reached and made no demonstration, the balloting continuing.

The delegation in statement, later indicated he would not obey the convention decision. He said: "The action taken by the convention is not going to alter our position in the least. We are standing as we have from the beginning and the only way we will advise the men to return to work is under the same customs and terms as before. The coal operators' work is under the same customs and terms as before. The coal operators' work is under the same customs and terms as before."

JAPAN'S DELEGATION MADE PUBLIC TODAY. Tokyo, Sept. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Japanese delegates to the Washington conference on limitation of armaments and problems of the Pacific will be Prince Iyeyasu Tokugawa, president of the House of Peers, Vice Admiral Tomosaburo Kato, Minister of the Navy, and Baron Kijuro Shidehara, Ambassador to the United States. It was officially announced this afternoon that the delegation includes 18 others representing the Foreign Office, three representing the Ministry of Finance, twelve the Ministry of the Navy and seven the Army.

LLOYD-GEORGE REPLY TO IRISH IS DELAYED. London, Sept. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Prime Minister Lloyd-George's reply to Eamonn de Valera will not be issued today and there is some doubt whether it will be available tomorrow. It was announced officially at No. 10 Downing street, the official residence of Mr. Lloyd-George, this afternoon.

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADERS SEEK TO EXPEDITE TAX AND TREATY DEBATE

Permanent Tariff Bill is Not to Reach the Senate Before Next January. Washington, Sept. 28.—With a view to expediting action on the peace treaties with Germany, Austria and Hungary and on tax revision legislation, Republican leaders planned today to put through a program calling not only for the beginning of the day sessions but for the beginning of the day sessions an hour earlier than usual. The tax bill would be considered during the day and the treaties at night.

There is a desire to dispose of the conference on the limitation of armaments and, since the three pacts must be acted upon separately, leaders plan to lose no time in getting their consideration fully under way. Chairman Penrose, of the finance committee, is determined to push the tax bill as fast as possible.

He still is hopeful that it can be put through with two-weeks' consideration, but opposition to some features apparently has taken on a wider range than at first was anticipated. Aside from the tax measure and the treaties, many other measures of importance are awaiting action before the beginning of the regular session early in December. There is an agreement to vote on the Panama canal tolls repeal bill on October 10 and Senator Sterling, Republican, South Dakota, in charge of the bill, has already announced that, after the tax bill and the treaties are out of the way, he will insist that the conference report on the beer measure be discussed before any other legislation. Other matters pending include the railroad refunding bill and the measure authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to fund into long-time securities the debt of the finance companies in the United States by its former associates in the World War.

CONTINUE EMERGENCY LAW. After the tax bill is passed, Senator Penrose plans to have his committee resume consideration of the permanent tariff bill. Since it is now practically certain that this measure will not be brought out until the regular session, he is discussing the possibility of continuing the emergency tariff law until the permanent act is passed. The emergency law expires on November 27 and representatives of agricultural interests already have asked that the finance committee report a bill continuing its life. Senator Penrose hopes to have with-in two or three weeks some of the data being assembled by the finance committee to fix the American valuation of imports as the basis for determining the duties, but all of it probably will not be in hand by the time the emergency Hearings on the tariff measure probably will be resumed late next month or early in November.

SIMMONS READY TO OFFER A SERIES OF AMENDMENTS. Washington, Sept. 28.—The tax revision bill was on the Senate calendar today with the hope that it would be taken up by the Senate. The amendments to the bill are expected from both sides of the chamber. Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, in charge of the Democratic fight on the bill, has prepared to offer a series of amendments. While the Democrats had in mind to train their biggest guns on the corporation and surtax provisions, they planned to bring all along the line. Some Western Senators on the Republican side also were ready to wage a fight against the proposed substitute for the excess profits tax and the plan to reduce the maximum income surtax to 32 per cent.

In offering objection to some phases of the bill, Senator Simmons told the Senate that it was his judgment that, in making permanent tax laws, it would be better for the Senate "to strike out boldly on new lines instead of tinkering with and trying to repair a machine that was designed to produce other circumstances and conditions."

He declared that he would vote against the bill in its present form, describing it as the "most horrible and unjust proposition of tax laws that has ever been presented in this chamber."

The amendments to be offered by the Democrats, Senator Simmons continued, would be designed to "produce something like uniformity of taxation between the different classes and groups of tax payers in this country, and will remedy some of the class discriminations which reek throughout the bill."

Two Provisions Passed Up. Washington, Sept. 28.—At the request of Senator Simmons, Democrat, North Carolina, the entire title in the tax bill dealing with war profits and excess profits taxes for 1921 was passed over by the Senate today. The estate tax rate provisions also were passed over by request of Senator LaFollette, Republican, Wisconsin, who said he would have amendments to offer.

On request of Senator Simmons, the sections imposing taxes on transportation, places of amusement and "soft drinks" were passed over. The tobacco tax section, which is the same as that in the present law, was accepted.