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Would Realize the Commodities Clause of the Interstate Commerce Law—To Prevent Monopoly of Business by Coal Carrying Railroads.

Test Case Against the Lehigh Valley Railroad Heard Today in United States Court in Philadelphia—Government to Keep Up Fight.

By Associated Press. Washington, July 6.—The government will renew the fight to disassociate the great coal carrying railroads from their virtual control of mines and to vitiate the commodities clause of the interstate commerce law. A test case against the Lehigh Valley Railroad will be filed today in the United States court in Philadelphia.

That the Lehigh Valley Coal company, Cox Brothers, incorporated, the New York & Middlefield railroad & coal company, and the Locust Mountain Coal & Iron Company are not bona fide coal companies, but merely adjuncts to the Lehigh Valley Railroad and are "devices for evading the commodities clause" is the government's principal complaint.

It is also alleged that the Lehigh Valley Railroad, by its virtual control of the coal output of other anthracite operators, has transported the coal over its own lines and through the coal company fixed the price in New York and other markets.

The government charges that although the buying of coal from other operators has been done at a loss to the coal company, it has enabled the Lehigh Valley road to transport the coal over its own lines and profit from the freight charges.

As a further allegation that the Lehigh Valley Railroad is an adjunct of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, the government's complaint says that since the capital stock of the coal company has been owned by the railroad, it has paid no dividends, that millions of dollars has been advanced by the railroad to the coal company which have never been refunded, and that the railroad has paid the interest upon the coal company's bonds, being compensated, the government claims, by the earnings from transportation of coal over its lines.

By proving that the Lehigh Valley Railroad is actually the legal owner of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company's anthracite mines, or has a pecuniary interest in them, the government hopes to bring its case into line with the recent decision of the supreme court in the commodities clause act, strike down dummy coal companies and force the coal carrying roads from their control of the mines.

CHICKEN TRAP KILLED FRIEND

By Associated Press. Knoxville, Tenn., July 6.—A trap set by A. Troutman for a chicken thief, last night killed Rufus Baker, one of Troutman's neighbors. A search leading shotgun was arranged so that an attempt to enter the door of the chicken house would fire the gun. Baker, it is claimed, was searching for a flock of his own turkeys and attempted to look for them in Troutman's poultry house. The attempt to open the door fired the gun which killed Baker. Both men are more than 60 years of age and prominent farmers, living near here.

Globe Trotters Arrive. San Bernardino, Cal., July 6.—The four English globe trotters reported lost in Frost Canyon, a natural ice box of the San Bernardino mountain range, about three weeks ago, reached the valley safely today. The party consisted of George Macdonald, Mack Landon, Percy Elmore, Harry Gordon and a guide.

URGED GOVERNOR TO APPOINT A. W. GRAHAM

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., July 6.—A delegation came today from Oxford to urge upon Governor Kitchin the appointment of former speaker of the house, A. W. Graham, as corporation commissioner to succeed the late Henry Clay Brown. They found Governor Kitchin out of the city. In the delegation were Gen. B. S. Royester, A. R. Hicks, Col. R. A. Gregory, W. A. Devin. They expect to come again with reinforcements. They are pressing the appointment of Judge Graham on the ground of special fitness and equipment for service as commissioner. Also that he received the third highest vote for corporation commissioner in the Charlotte convention when Brown and Lee were nominated last July.

THE STEEL MEN CONCLUDE ALL THEIR BUSINESS

By Associated Press. Brussels, Belgium, July 6.—The steel men concluded the business which had called them together from nine steel producing countries in a brief session today and adjourned. Most of the Americans left for Paris late in the afternoon. The conference appointed a committee of 30, made up of members of each national group, to work out a plan for an international steel organization and submit the same to the full conference which will be called. The American members are Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation; President A. J. Farrel, of the same corporation; Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company; E. A. S. Clarke, president of the Laclede Steel Company and Willis L. King, vice president of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company.

The convention organized forthwith by making Judge Gary chairman and W. B. Peat, of England, secretary and adjourned to meet again when summoned by the chairman. Following their deliberations the delegates were received at the Palace by King Albert and later they visited the battlefield at Waterloo, nine miles outside the Belgian capital.

MAN FOUND DEAD - HIS NEIGHBORS RANSACK HOUSE

By Associated Press. Pittsburg, July 6.—A few minutes after it became known today that Frederick Prager had been found dead in bed at his house in High street, North Side, neighbors rushed to the house and began ransacking for \$11,000 alleged to be hidden somewhere about the premises. It took a squad of police to clear the house of fortune hunters and save the building from being wrecked. Prager succumbed during the night to the heat. Three weeks ago his sister, Mrs. Emma Strana, committed suicide, while a few months ago John Strana met a violent death in a mill. The three deaths wiped out the Strana-Prager family and neighbors endeavored to get the rumored fortune. The police will make a thorough search some time today.

Senator and Mrs. Lea Practically Well Again.

Washington, July 6.—Senator and Mrs. Luke Lea, of Tennessee, who have been patients at a local hospital several weeks past had so far recovered that they were able to leave the city for a near-by mountain resort. Senator Lea, weakened by the transfusion of blood to save the life of his wife, is rapidly regaining strength and expects soon to resume his active duties.

SUNDAY BALL LEGALIZED IN JACKSONVILLE

By Associated Press. Jacksonville, Fla., July 6.—"Not guilty" was the verdict of the jury in the case of Pitcher Clyde Adams, of the Jacksonville club of the South Atlantic League charged with participating in a game of baseball on Sunday, June 25th, in violation of the state law.

This case was the outcome of the Sunday exhibition game played between Columbus and Jacksonville. The verdict is taken to mean that Sunday contests will continue. Nine innings will be played with an interruption for athletic sports between every three innings by which the management evades the law and upon which ground they fought and won the case.

RAINS CAUSE DROP IN PRICE OF CORN

By Associated Press. Chicago, Ill., July 6.—With rain mottling the corn fields of Illinois, Nebraska and north Kansas the market for that cereal dropped 3 cents on the opening today. The December options which closed at 66 cents yesterday, declined to 63 while September dropped from 66 3/4 last night to 64 1/2.



A Slight Disturbance at Reciprocity Junction on the Tariff Line. Some of the Insurgents are after Taft and the Reciprocity Bill.—News Item.

Blocade in Subway Capped Misery of Present Hot Wave --Relief Promised Tomorrow

By Associated Press. New York, July 6.—A blockade in the subway today capped the misery of the hot wave. When the stalled trains finally crept into the underground stations, fainting passengers were helped out by the score. Many had to be carried to nearby drug stores and some taken to hospitals. While the blockade lasted the list of heat prostrations grew faster than at any previous time since the extreme hot weather began. There was no change for the better today compared with Wednesday. At 10 o'clock the Mercury had reached 84 and six deaths had been reported up to that time. While the heat was considerably less severe than on Monday and Tuesday, the cumulative effects of four days of suffering kept the hospitals busy with new arrivals. One man gave up the struggle against the weather and threw himself in front of a railroad train on the upper West Side. His legs were cut off and he will die. Relief is promised by tomorrow, with the hope of thundershowers at night.

PEACE PACT TO BE SIGNED IN NEAR FUTURE

By Associated Press. London, July 6.—The British government is so satisfied with the progress of the American-British arbitration treaty that Sir Edward Grey, the secretary of foreign affairs, was able to announce in the house of commons today that there was every prospect that the peace pact would be signed very soon. "I believe that the United States government and ourselves are now in substantial agreement as regards the details of the draft of a treaty," he said.

MESSAGE OF GOV. HOOPER TO LEGISLATURE.

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., July 6.—In a special message to the Tennessee legislature this morning strongly urging the passage of the fellow-servants law, which is pending, Governor Hooper stated it was currently reported that one railroad alone had issued more than 11,500 passes during the legislative session. "I am glad that our state has not been led astray by the extreme fanaticism of anti-corporation crusaders, but let us not make the mistake of swinging to the opposite extreme to the detriment of men," said the governor. In another special message Governor Hooper urged that interest be collected on state deposits.

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT SAVED.

Atlanta, July 6.—Vegetables and fruit in the neighborhood of Atlanta were saved by the heavy thundershowers of the past two afternoons. The truck farms were suffering terribly, and had the rain not fallen it would have meant a loss of hundreds and even thousands of dollars to the farmers who grow that of produce.

Local Option Election

By Associated Press. Mobile, Ala., July 6.—A local option election to determine whether liquor shall be legally sold in this county by private dealers under the regulations passed by the last legislature, is on here today. The weather has been very bad all the early part of the day and light vote is expected.

General Fight at Dance.

By Associated Press. Muskogee, Okla., July 6.—A quarrel over a girl at a country dance and picnic nine miles south of this city today resulted in a general fight in which eleven men were stabbed, it is believed one of the injured who is unidentified will die. The wounds of several are serious.

The Ghosts Walk Around His Bed

Atlanta, July 6.—John G. Graham, of this city, who cut his throat with a razor yesterday, to escape a band of white clad ghosts that haunted his bed, failed to release himself from the spectres even at that bloody price, for he was taken to the Grady hospital, and will probably recover, and the terrible shapes, invisible to other eyes, continue to march in ghastly procession around his bed, while he shrieks at them in defiance or cowers in fear. Graham did not try suicide until he had exhausted other expedients to relieve himself of the haunting forms. They came to his bedside, he declared, yesterday morning just at dawn. He begged them to go away, and threatened, and even threw furniture at them, but without effect. Finally he took a razor and after slashing at the heads of the ghosts two or three times, turned the blade in desperation on himself. He was found by his sons, lying in a pool of blood, all but dead. The blade, however, missed the jugular and Graham stands a good chance to recover.

Strike Situation Further Complicated

By Associated Press. Manchester, England, July 6.—The situation growing out of the strike of carters was further complicated today by the enforced idleness of thousands of cotton operatives. Many mills are unable to obtain coal and other supplies and have been compelled to shut down indefinitely. Throngs of strikers and others out of work were in the streets, the number being added to by several hundred coal miners who struck this morning in sympathy with the carters and the dockers who have not yet returned to work. Some 150 troops and 300 London police arrived this morning. There was an occasional recurring of stone throwing but the police, swinging their clubs, quickly routed the manifestants. The strike leaders declare that roughs and not the strikers are responsible for the rioting that has taken place.

EXCURSIONISTS ARRIVED IN COLUMBIA ALL RIGHT.

Special to The News. Columbia, S. C., July 6.—The Charleston excursionists from the Tenth Avenue Presbyterian church, reached Columbia at 11 o'clock without mishap. Every comfort was provided for the passengers and everybody is enjoying the trip. There were 425 of the excursionists. This started from Columbia for Charleston was made at 12:20 o'clock.

FORSET INSECT FIELD STATION PLANNED.

By Associated Press. Spartanburg, S. C., July 6.—As the result of widespread destruction of the pine trees in this section of the country, it is announced here that the government will establish a forest insect field station in this county. A. D. Hopkins, in charge of the forestry insect investigation will arrive here tomorrow morning to take up the fight against the pine beetle, which is believed to be responsible for the destruction.

Christian Endeavor Meet.

By Associated Press. Atlantic City, N. J., July 6.—Thousands of members of the society of Christian Endeavor arrived in this city today for the 25th international convention of the big organization, which opens this evening. The big feature of the convention will be the visit of President Taft tomorrow night, when he will speak at two meetings on the pier.

Fearful Toll Of Human Life Due To Extreme Heat

Educators In Frisco Today

By Associated Press. San Francisco, Cal., July 6.—The first influx of Eastern delegates to the convention of the National Educational Association, which opens here tomorrow evening, arrived today. This vanguard included representatives from Chicago and New Orleans. The reception committees are busy with plans for welcoming thousands of visitors. The most notable of the day's arrivals was Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, president of the association, who is city superintendent of schools in Chicago. Mrs. Young came with a party of about 30. The opening feature of the convention will be a banquet tomorrow evening, in Mrs. Young's honor.

Proceedings Of Day in Senate

By Associated Press. Washington, July 6.—Life was to be instilled into the ordinary proceedings of the senate today by the proposed amendments offered by Senator Cummins, of Iowa, to the Canadian reciprocity bill. These amendments propose to enlarge the free list from Canada under the bill by adding cotton, wool, sugar, steel, iron, etc., to the Canadian products privileged under the agreement. The senate arranged to meet at 11 o'clock this morning and hereafter. Senator Gronna, of North Dakota, was scheduled to make a speech today against the reciprocity bill and Senator Works, of California, expected to discuss the federal public health service. Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, also expected to speak today on the commission form of government. The house was not in session but the committee on ways and means expected to begin its task of adopting a revision on cotton tariff.

Increase In Legislature

Atlanta, July 6.—The announcement that Governor Smith is preparing to call the legislature's attention to the constitutional provision for the re-apportionment of legislative representation in the several counties does not mean the redistricting of the state for congressional purposes, nor has it anything to do with that. The representation in the state assembly is fixed by constitution on the population of the respective counties as shown by the United States census. The governor has wired the director of the federal census bureau asking certified copies of the population of Georgia by counties, and the re-apportionment will be simple. The law provides that the six most populous counties in the state shall each be entitled to three representatives in the assembly; that the next twenty-six counties in point of population shall each have two and that the remaining counties shall have one.

Aged Negro Dies.

Atlanta, Ga., July 6.—Jack Jones, a respected negro shoemaker of this city, died yesterday at the age of 103 years, at his little shack, No. 116 Curtis alley.

TEXAS RAINS CAUSE BREAK IN N. O. COTTON

By Associated Press. New Orleans, July 6.—The price of the most attractive new crop deliveries in the cotton market broke a quarter of a cent a pound this morning as the result of rains in Texas and Oklahoma. For over an hour after the opening the heaviest selling in months was done and it appeared to be about equally divided between long and short accounts. On the opening the new crops were 11 to 12 points down. By the middle of the morning they were 24 to 25 points down. October displayed the most activity and the widest decline. The slump of 25 points was equivalent to \$2.25 a bale. Thousands of bales of long cotton were thrown overboard on this decline and many thousands of bales of cotton were sold short. Bulls made no effort to support the new crop months and all the buying orders came from shorts who were satisfied with their profits. The weather map did not show much if any rain in the west belt, private telegrams told of showers well scattered over both Texas and Oklahoma. A little later the supplementary reports from the weather bureau confirmed private messages. Such rains as 4.10 inches at Ardmore, Okla., and 2.74 Nacogdoches, Texas, was taken.

Reports From Many of the Larger Cities Show Heat Wave is Still Doing its Deadly Work—Many Deaths Are Reported.

Cooler Weather is Promised by Government Forecaster For Atlantic States on Tomorrow—Many Reports.

Washington, July 6.—Cooler weather tomorrow is promised by the government forecaster to the north Atlantic states, practically the only section of the country where the hot wave remains wholly unbroken. By tomorrow night Boston, now one of the four hottest places on the map, will get relief, it is predicted and the worst and most prolonged spell of heat since 1901 will be broken.

New York and Washington began today with the thermometers registering 74 and 80 degrees respectively at 8 o'clock, as they did at the same hour yesterday. Chicago's official figure was 80, a decrease of 6 degrees; Boston with 86 degrees as compared with 82 yesterday morning. led the country for heat, along with Northfield, Vt., Syracuse, N. Y., and Concord, N. H.

It is considerably cooler in the upper lake region, the plains states and the middle west and further reductions in temperatures are probable. Showers have moderated the heat in the Southern states and relief from the same source may be had by the Atlantic states within the next 36 hours.

Chicago, Ill., July 6.—Two hundred and one deaths and 273 prostrations was the toll exacted by Chicago's record-breaking hot wave, which lasted for five days. One hundred and twenty-five infants who died from the heat are included in the list.

The hot wave was broken shortly after 1 o'clock this morning by rain which brought with it a cool breeze and a drop in temperature of 6 degrees. Later the wind shifted from the west to the north and the mercury gradually dropped until at 7 o'clock it stood at 80 degrees, 6 points lower than at the corresponding hour yesterday. At 9 o'clock the temperature was at 78 compared with 93 for the same hour yesterday morning.

The official weather forecaster predicts cooler, unsettled weather for today with thundershowers for tonight. The forecast for Friday is clear and cooler.

Hot at Pittsburg. Pittsburg, Pa., July 6.—The oppressive heat continues here today. At 9 a. m. the thermometer registered 87 degrees, a jump of 8 degrees an hour. There is no indication that the hot spell which started last Friday will be broken today.

Southwest Cooler. Kansas City, July 26.—With temperatures over the Southwest at 10 degrees this morning readings from 5 to 10 degrees lower than at the same hour yesterday and light showers, a sight over most of the territory, relief from the heat was predicted today by the local forecaster. Yesterday's climax of the heat wave will not be reached today by from 10 to 15 degrees, he said.

At Fort Worth, Texas, a slight rain fell today. Last night an inch of rain fell at Norfolk, Neb. The temperature at Norfolk, Neb., showed a drop of nearly 30 degrees at 7 o'clock this morning, and at North Platte, Neb., 38 at that hour.

In the 24 hours ended at 7 o'clock this morning there were nine deaths from heat and 20 prostrations in Kansas City, most of them coming 1:30 last night and early today. Wichita also dropped from 90 at 1 a. m. to 50 at 7. At Oklahoma City and Wichita it was 76 at Little Rock, Ark., 72 and at Fort Worth, Texas, at 7 o'clock.

Two Deaths From Heat. Akron, O., July 6.—With the temperature near the hundred mark, two deaths and several prostrations occurred here today.

Very Hot in Boston. Boston, July 6.—The sixth day of the unprecedented heat wave broke in Boston today with the sun blazing down from a cloudless sky and high temperature combining with unusual humidity in making conditions more distressing. Soon after ten o'clock this morning the mercury had climbed to 94.

Up to this morning the heat has been the direct cause of ten deaths in New England and there have been 17 drowning accidents, the victims in most cases having sought to avoid the heat by cooling baths in ocean, lake and stream.

Death Due to Heat. Cincinnati, O., July 6.—The death today of Frank M. McDonald, for many years in the lumber business in Covington, Ky., was reported as directly due to the heat. McDonald was widely known to the lumber trade in the West and South.

Three Deaths at Davenport. Davenport, Iowa, July 6.—Three deaths were reported here today as a result of the excessive heat. One death occurred during the night and two this morning. A heavy rain brought relief.