

Railroads Would Carry Case to Commerce Commission

Through Counsel Railroads Reply to State Commission's Statement, Still Insisting They Cannot Agree to Rate Reductions Asked.

Roads Suggest That The Matter Be Taken to The Interstate Commerce Commission—Extra Session of The Legislature Seems Likely.

Special to The News.

Charlotte, April 30.—When the rate controversy between the railroad officials and the legislative rate commission for eliminating discriminations against North Carolina roads, general counsel for the railroads, presented and read a lengthy reply to the latest statement and ultimatum of the commission.

Each particular exception of the position of the railroads of the commission was treated at length.

The railroad officials still maintain the present rates from the west and south to points in North Carolina are reasonably low as considered from the proper standpoint of comparisons with rates within the South.

Also that any reductions beyond those named in the proposal of the railroads would effect rates in other parts of the South and mean speedy bankruptcy for the railroads.

Railroad officials suggest that in the event no settlement can be reached in this conference, that the whole matter be presented to the interstate commerce commission, pledging cooperation in securing the most speedy settlement possible.

Declaring that there is no power which will not exercise to bring about better freight rates in North Carolina, Governor Craig yesterday afternoon adjourned until today the rate conference between the railroads and a legislative committee pending a proposition from the railroads Governor Craig was besought by telegram and delegates to call an extra session of the general assembly to assert the state's sovereignty in the demand for lower rates. An adjourned meeting from April 19 had been entered in which the carriers were to present a proposition which was to form the basis of a rate reduction.

The charges brought by North Carolina shippers, 100 of whom were present, are that freight is hauled through South Carolina into Virginia points and reshipped to North Carolina commodities more cheaply than the local merchants can supply home trade. One witness declared a candy manufacturer had left North Carolina because he saved \$10,000 a year in freight on shippers in the Virginia city. The shippers are demanding an extra session within 30 days. Much feeling is shown.

Want Special Session.

Following the reading of the railroad statement remarks by Judge Council, Mr. Justice and others were the effect that negotiations with the railroads are fruitless and that the commission would not go to the interstate commerce commission, but rather will call the legislature together with the least possible delay.

UNIQUE CASE BEFORE COMMERCE COMMISSION

Washington, April 30.—In a case unique in the history of the interstate commerce commission it was decided today that a tunnel 1,500 feet long, built within the state limits of Kentucky, made the traffic via the Baltimore and Ohio from Huntington, W. Va., to points on the Norfolk and Western in the same state, interstate traffic.

Although the tunnel is within the West Virginia limits, the interstate commission also held that the freight rates on steel rails and like commodities shipped by that route were unreasonable and reduced them.

Figures On The Cost Of Living

Table with 3 columns: City, 1890, 1912. Rows include North Atlantic, South Atlantic, West, etc.

A Tragedy At Snow Hill

By Associated Press. Wilmington, April 30.—Claude Goff was shot and killed early yesterday by his cousin, Joseph Goff, at the latter's home near Snow Hill, N. C., in Greene county. The coroner's inquest today Joseph testified that he discovered Claude making improper advances toward Joseph's wife. The witness also declared that Claude attacked him when the husband sought to interfere. Claude was killed with a shotgun.

Sensational Arrest Of Baron Bisping

By Associated Press. Warsaw, Russian Poland, April 30.—An extraordinary sensation was caused here today by the arrest of Baron John Bisping, one of the wealthiest landlords of Lithuania, on the charge of murdering Prince Ladislas Drucki Lubiecki, a relative by marriage, whose body was found pierced with two bullet wounds on April 22, in the park adjoining his residence at Teresin, near Warsaw.

Prince Ladislas was a well known Polish nobleman and president of the Automobile Club of Warsaw. He left his house on April 22 with Baron Bisping for the railway station. When the prince did not return a search was made and his body was found in the park with his carriage and horses standing nearby.

The arrest of Baron Bisping followed on his evidence at the inquest, which the police allege was contradictory in regard to the last moments of the two men spent together.

Baron Bisping married Princess Radziwill, daughter of Count Andrew Zamoycki and Princess Caroline de Bourson. Prince Ladislas was a grandson of the last Polish minister of finance.

Rioting At Twine Mill Strike Scene

By Associated Press. Auburn, N. Y., April 30.—Militiamen called out last night did not prevent rioting at the International Harvester Company twine mills this morning. There were several pitched battles between police, soldiers, deputies and strikers.

Six strikers were arrested, three of them women. The latter fought with all the weapons of their sex and were taken to police headquarters biting, scratching and kicking.

Among the men arrested was the strike leader, Gastano Termini. He had made a socialistic speech denouncing the police, the militia and the capitalists.

Sheriff Drake and Deputy Sheriff Teeter were attacked by fifty women as they were escorting girl employees who wanted to go to work and after a stone throwing battle, they arrested the women who led the attack.

The break in the ranks of the strikers grew this morning and by 9 o'clock 150 had entered the mills.

THREE BILLIONS IS URGED FOR GOOD ROADS

By Associated Press. Washington, April 30.—An expenditure of three billion dollars for good roads, one billion being for construction and two billion for maintenance, the investment extending over a period of fifty years was proposed today in a plan submitted to the joint congressional committee on federal aid in the construction of post roads, by former Senator Bourne, of Oregon.

Senator Bourne's plan provides for federal and state co-operation. He also suggests the establishment of national schools of highway and bridge engineering from which trained specialists in road building would be supplied to the various states.

HEADQUARTERS OF MILITANTS RAISED

By Associated Press. London, April 30.—The British home office today inaugurated its active campaign to put an end to suffragette militancy. Headquarters of the women's social and political union, where many outrages were said to have been planned, was occupied by the police and all the active leaders taken into custody.

Even "General" Mrs. Flora Drummond and Miss Annie Kenny, who were sent on bail, were arrested on a fresh charge of conspiring with the members of the Pankhurst family to commit malicious damage.

Over 100 policemen and detectives from Scotland Yard were engaged in the capture of the militant officers. They had scarcely taken possession of the place when "General" Drummond apparently ignorant of what had happened, arrived and was admitted, not realizing that she had voluntarily entered the lion's den until she found herself under arrest.

Miss Barbara Kerr, the secretary of the women's social and political union, Misses Lake, Lennox and Barrett and Mrs. Caunders, the officials of the society, who were in charge of the office at the time of the raid, were arrested and a large quantity of documents were seized.

Several typists and clerks were ordered to leave the premises which were then closed and policemen left on guard.

The women arrested were charged with conspiracy or with violations of the malicious damages act.

A Violent Attack. Newcastle on Tyne, England, April 30.—A violent attack was made by a party of anti-suffragettes on the headquarters of the women's social and political union here. Bricks were hurled through the windows and all the desks in the place were broken open. Quantities of suffrage literature and banners were destroyed.

WILKES LOT SITE OF NEW HOTEL, IT IS LEARNED

It is always possible for there to be a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip, but unless some unforeseen circumstance or event transpires the next day which Messrs. C. Gresham, W. C. Petty and A. H. Galloway, the latter of Winston-Salem, are to build in Charlotte, will be erected on the upper part of the Wilkes property on West Trade street, between Graham and the Southern railroad. The News is reliably informed that the papers are drawn, but not signed, the latter being delayed pending several details that will be settled within a few days.

The architects, Wheeler & Stern, have stated that the plans, as being drawn by them, are for a corner site. It is learned that the promoters of the new hotel building will cut a street through the Wilkes property, which adjoins the Osborn property, the street to extend from Trade to Fifth street. The cutting of the street would give the corner site for which the Mecklenburgs' and will represent an outlay of \$150,000.

Several gifts have been offered for the building, but unless The News has been misinformed the site on which the hotel will rise is the Wilkes lot.

Leo Lesser Is Mysteriously Missing

By Associated Press. Memphis, Tenn., April 30.—Relatives of Leo Lesser, the missing president of the Lesser-Ely Cotton Company of Memphis, and the Bank of Tunica, of Tunica, Miss., both of which have failed, declared today no word has been received as to Lesser's whereabouts. Lesser was expelled from membership in the Memphis Cotton Exchange yesterday.

Supplementary to the bankruptcy proceedings instituted last Saturday against the two concerns involuntary petitions in bankruptcy have been filed in Memphis and in Mississippi against Leo Lesser as an individual. J. A. Ely, junior member of the cotton firm, also was named in a petition filed last yesterday before Federal Judge H. C. Niles, at Kosciusko, Miss. J. W. Brown, receiver for the Lesser-Ely Company, was authorized by the court to act as ancillary receiver.

It was stated today that the Lesser-Ely Company has advanced approximately \$100,000 this year to farmers and the formation of a corporation to operate the plantations under contracts made by the cotton firm is being considered by the creditors.

MRS. BRYAN TAKING REST CURE.

By Associated Press. Washington, April 30.—Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, wife of the secretary of state, is taking a two day's rest cure at a local sanitarium. Since coming to Washington Mrs. Bryan has had the task of furnishing and getting settled in a large home, as well as meeting the great social obligations due to her position as the wife of a cabinet officer. The absence of Mr. Bryan in the west gave the opportunity for a brief respite. Mrs. Bryan expects to return to her home tomorrow.

THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY AND OFFICIAL RESULTS

FOR MAYOR. Chas. A. Bland, 959 votes.

FOR ALDERMEN. Ward 1—J. M. Barnes, J. L. Wolfe, J. P. Carr and J. E. Hunnycutt.

Ward 2—Dr. C. M. Strong, J. W. Lewis and the winner in the second primary between Dr. A. J. Crowell and O. F. Asbury.

Ward 3—J. Frank Wilkes, W. J. Fite and W. F. Buchanan.

Ward 4—W. W. Hagood, J. C. Hunter and Richard Stewart.

Ward 5—Winner in second primary between O. L. Dunn and J. E. Solomon.

Ward 6—J. A. Newton.

Ward 7—E. L. Mason.

Ward 8—T. L. Kirkpatrick and Dr. B. J. Witherspoon.

Ward 9—H. M. Parker.

Ward 10—David Kistler.

Ward 11—J. B. Johnson.

FOR SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS. Ward 1—W. E. Belk, D. R. Yarbrough and W. L. Nicholson.

Ward 2—T. T. Smith and H. G. Link.

Ward 3—J. W. Barry and J. W. Weddington.

Ward 4—J. D. McCall and S. F. Tomlinson.

Ward 5—B. L. Kisial.

Ward 6—H. A. Stillwell.

Ward 7—F. R. Cates.

Ward 8—J. H. Wilson and T. L. Black.

Ward 9—J. Lee Phillips.

Ward 10—J. H. Betchler.

Ward 11—W. J. Gray.

The democratic primary for nominations for candidates for municipal office passed off quietly yesterday, a light vote being polled.

The only dash of interest was in the first, third, fifth and eleventh wards where the contest for aldermanic representation was sharp.

In ward one, J. M. Barnes, J. Lester Wolfe, J. P. Carr and J. E. Hunnycutt were the winning candidates.

In Ward three J. Frank Wilkes, W. F. Buchanan and W. J. Fite won. Mr. Fite and Mr. W. S. Dorr contested warmly the honor of representing the constituency west of the Southern Railroad. Mr. Fite served during the past administration and won over Mr. Dorr in the warmest contest of the day.

In Ward 11 the sands ran pretty evenly for awhile between Mr. J. B. Johnson and Mr. L. W. Wingate, the latter the alderman from Ward 11, during the past administration. Mr. Johnson won by the margin of "one run in the 9th inning."

Mayor Bland had no opposition. The only contest for school commissioners was in ward 11.

A Word to the Storekeeper.

What kind of advertising are the manufacturers whose goods you handle doing for you? Are they advertising merely to create a DESIRE for their products? Or are they really trying to create a DEMAND?

TARIFF BILL STILL UNDER DISCUSSION

They Give Every Indication of Fighting The Schedules all Along The Line—Democrats Plan To Hold Night Sessions.

Consideration of The Earthenware And Glassware Schedules Was Resumed at Outset of Today's Session—The Day's Proceedings.

By Associated Press. Washington April 30.—When consideration of the Underwood bill was resumed at the opening of the house today, Republican Leader Mann and his lieutenants, particularly Representatives Payne, of New York; Moore of Pennsylvania; Gardner, of Massachusetts, and Green, of Iowa, resumed the "heckling" of the democrats who framed the measure.

The republicans have given every indication of fighting the schedules all along the line, avoiding, however, the useless delays that would be occasioned by demanding record votes.

The democrats propose to have night sessions continuously until the bill is voted upon and sped upon its way to the greater battle in the senate.

Democratic Leader Underwood, guiding the measure through the house, is putting in direct charge, as each schedule of the bill is read, the member of the committee who had charge of that schedule during the committee deliberations. Representative Mann, as leader of the opposition, and former Chairman Payne, of the ways and means committee, have moved down to the front of the house on the republican side.

Consideration of the earthenware and glassware schedule was resumed at the outset of today's session.

An attempt to amend the duties on glass, during which Representative Murdock declared Representative Moore of Pennsylvania, "out-Payked" the representative from New York as a protectionist, was lost after a sharp skirmish.

A lively fight was vainly waged by the republicans against the increase of duty on ferro-manganese in the metal schedule, as being in the interest of the United States Steel Corporation.

"It is sole purpose," said Representative Mann, "to aid and comfort the monopoly in competition with the independents."

Representative Palmer, of Pennsylvania, in charge of the schedule, emphatically denied that contention.

CARS RUN IN ASHEVILLE BY STRIKE BREAKERS

By Associated Press. Asheville, N. C., April 30.—Four cars, manned by the so-called strike breakers are running in Asheville and so far there has been no demonstration on the part of the people against them. About 40 of the strangers arrived this morning and are quartered in the cars.

Plummer of the Asheville Power and Light Company, states that he expects to gradually resume the regular schedule. When the first cars left the barn this morning at 11 o'clock about 100 people had gathered at the entrance but they did not attempt to molest the men or interfere with the operation of the cars. No cars will be operated until the present. Two dozen special policemen and deputy sheriffs have been sworn in and there have been instructions issued to let no crowds gather at any place in the city.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

Not in session; meets Thursday. Joint congressional committee continued its hearing in investigation of foreign buying of American tobacco.

HOUSE. Met at 11 a. m. and resumed reading of tariff bill for amendment under five minute rule.

Representative Neely introduced resolution to direct attorney general to proceed against Missouri Pacific Railway to collect \$8,630,000 growing out of financing original line.

California Legislators Disregard Wishes Of The President

State Banks In Fine Shape. Sacramento, Cal., April 30.—California's first step towards the enactment of an alien land law contrary to the advice of Secretary of State Bryan and President Wilson, was taken late last night almost immediately after Secretary Bryan told the legislative conference that his official message had been spoken. The senate, before which the Birdsall-Thompson bill was pending, met in a hurried session and within three months voted to substitute for that measure the new draft known as the Webb act, which was completed by Attorney General Webb yesterday. The substitute was adopted as an amendment and the bill sent to the printer with a rush order.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Bryan in San Francisco, whether he went today as the guest of the Panama Pacific Exposition Company it is the plan of the senate leaders to take no further action on the bill until Thursday when it will come up in the regular course of business and undoubtedly will be passed, it is said.

It will then go to the assembly and finally to the governor, who has stated that he will sign the measure at once. Bryan Gratified.

"I shall take back to Washington to President Wilson a message of how California has treated his representative," said Secretary of State Bryan last night to members of the assembly and Governor Hiram W. Johnson, who were the guests of Speaker Young at a dinner.

"What a delightful message it will be, too. I will tell him how the legislature and the governor greeted his envoy in the same spirit in which he was sent. I cannot help but feel gratified at his reception."

Newspaper Men Protest. San Francisco, April 30.—The Associated Newspaper Men of Japan believe that their countrymen in California are being discriminated against according to cablegrams received last night by the Japanese American, a local Japanese newspaper, and are going to appeal to the newspaper men of the United States for fair treatment.

What Will Be Next Step? Washington, April 30.—Probably not until the legislative status of the substitute alien land owning bill adopted by the California senate last night clarifies will it be possible for the administration here to determine upon its next step. There is little expectation here that the senate will reverse its action of the senate in view of the reported breaking down of party lines in the legislature, but it is believed that the delay may improve the chances for the introduction of some amendment on the lines of the Webb bill, which presumably would have received the approval of the national government.

In explanation of the reluctance shown by Secretary Bryan to commit himself to the unqualified approval of any specific measure, it is pointed out by officials here that the administration desires to be quite free of the charge of attempting to control the proceedings of the legislature, confining itself to the effort to limit the legislation within treaty rights and sound national policy.

Also, it is said, the state department should be left unembarrassed by any commitment in advance of negotiations with the Japanese government, which now seem certain to follow instead of the rather informal exchanges that have been taking place.

Sacramento, Cal., April 30.—The alien land ownership bill adopted by the senate last night is known as the Webb bill, but it is in reality the old Birdsall bill with several provisions passed upon by Attorney General Webb inserted. Such portions of the Birdsall bill as were not in conflict with the new draft submitted by the attorney general were allowed to stand.

Jules Verdrines On Long Flight

By Associated Press. Lyons, France, April 30.—Jules Verdrines, the French aviator, started at 4:37 this morning on his monoplane on a flight to Edinburgh, Scotland, a distance of approximately 930 miles, in an air line to the north.

Villacoublay, France, April 30.—Verdrines alighted here with his aeroplane at 8:10 a. m. to refill his tanks. He took wing again at 8:25 toward the north.

PHAGAN MURDER MYSTERY HOLDS ATLANTA IN SPELL

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., April 30.—Newt Lee, negro night watchman at the National Pencil factory, was the principal witness today at the coroner's inquest into the death of Mary Phagan, 14, and exhausted by hours of questioning by the police putting him through the "third degree," the negro told again his story of the finding of the murdered girl's body in the cellar of the pencil factory early Sunday morning.

Fully conscious that the finger of suspicion pointed to him as the girl's slayer, Lee reiterated his protestations of innocence.

Eleven witnesses were called when Coroner Donehoo resumed the inquest begun Monday.

W. F. Anderson, call officer at the police station, told of getting a telephone call from Lee at three o'clock Sunday morning. He said the watchman told him he had found the body of a white girl in the basement of the pencil factory. Accompanied by other officers he said he went to the factory and was led into the cellar through a trap door. The girl's body was lying face downward in a corner. The head was bloody and the eyes bloodshot. Around the neck was a small rope, tied so tightly that it cut into the flesh. The whole face, he said, was so discolored with grime that he was not sure at first that the girl was white.

Questioned as to the light he used, the officer said he had the usual policeman's flash light. He said the watchman carried a lantern very much smoked, giving forth a very dim light.

Sergeant R. J. Brown, who accompanied the call officer to the factory, testified that he found it impossible in the dim light to tell whether the girl was white until they had made a close examination. He said the watchman gave them little information on their arrival at the factory.

Sergeant L. S. Dobbs identified two notes which he picked up near the body. He also testified that he had difficulty in ascertaining that the girl was white.