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FREIGHT RATE HEARING BEFORE COMMISSIONER

Virginia Cities Oppose Equal Rates for North Carolina Towns

MANY BUSINESS MEN IN COURT ROOM TODAY

Much interest being taken in case of Corporation Commission Against the Norfolk & Western Railway for Alleged Freight Rate Discriminations — Roanoke, Petersburg, Norfolk, Richmond and Suffolk Parties with Railway to Suit—Do Not Desire That Winston-Salem and Durham Shall Enjoy Same Rates As Those Cities Do—Mr. H. C. Brown First Witness.

The principal things brought out in the hearing today were the attitude of the Virginia towns and the fact that Durham and Winston-Salem had higher freight rates than the Virginia points. The counsel for Virginia points stated that they were opposed to Durham and Winston-Salem having the same rates as those towns. The commission put on the stand two merchants from Winston-Salem. The state's side of the case, it is stated, will probably be concluded by night.

After settling the preliminaries, the taking of testimony in the case of the North Carolina corporation commission against the Norfolk & Western Railway for alleged discriminatory freight rates was begun at 11 o'clock today before Judge Judson C. Clements of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the court room of the federal building. Mr. H. C. Brown, clerk of the corporation commission, was the first witness and he submitted testimony in regard to the earnings, etc., of the Norfolk & Western, as filed with the corporation commission.

The commercial bodies of Roanoke, Richmond, Petersburg, Norfolk and Suffolk, the Virginia cities which became parties with the railway to the suit, were represented by counsel, Charles H. Davis and Richard B. Davis of the firm of Davis & Davis, and Paul Pettit represented Petersburg, while A. R. Thompson of the firm of Douglas, Lackie & Thompson, of Washington, represented the other commercial bodies of the Virginia cities. T. C. Guthrie, E. J. Justice, H. A. Foushee, and H. E. Norris appeared for the commission and Norman H. Johnson for the Merchants' Association. The attorneys for the Norfolk & Western are R. Walton Moore, S. F. Andrews, and Lucian H. Cocke.

Mr. Guthrie at the outset wanted to know the status of the Virginia cities that are parties to the suit. He desired to know whether it was hostile and antagonistic, and Mr. Thompson replied that it was not antagonistic, but these cities had entered merely to preserve their rights.

"Do you oppose reduction in rates to North Carolina points," asked Mr. Justice of Mr. Davis, "if it does not change the rates to Roanoke?"

Mr. Davis answered by stating that the attorneys for Richmond, Roanoke, Norfolk, Suffolk and Petersburg intended to protect those cities and not to oppose the North Carolina towns.

Where Virginia Cities Stand.

Mr. Justice: In looking after the interests of the Virginia cities, do you oppose the position of the North Carolina Corporation Commission in this proceeding that the rates to North Carolina points were in and of themselves excessive? Do you oppose the reduction of the rates to North Carolina points upon the Norfolk & Western's line to the basis enjoyed by the Virginia cities, if it did not change the present rates to Virginia cities?"

Mr. Davis replied that counsel did oppose such effort to reduce rates to North Carolina points.

Mr. Guthrie informed the commission that he had written a letter to Mr. De Vant, of the Norfolk & Western, requesting him to furnish information as to the division of rates on shipments of freight. By that information he hoped to show that the Norfolk & Western hauls freight through Winston-Salem for less than it hauls freight to that point. If the road carries traffic at a profit at those rates, he believed it could be proved that it could haul traffic cheaper to Winston-Salem. Judge Clements admitted the divisions as testimony and the attorney for the road stated that he was willing to respond to the request, though he wanted the points specified. Mr. Guthrie agreed on Mount Atry, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, and Greensboro.

Mr. Brown, clerk of the Corporation Commission, was then put on the stand and asked all sorts of questions as to what the Norfolk & Western reports to the Corporation Commission showed. His evidence was technical and dealt with the details of the freight rates.

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BLOODY BATTLE ABOUT A CARPET

Bedouins and Egyptians Fight for the Holy Cloth

10 KILLED, MANY INJURED

A Gorgeous Piece of Red Velvet Embroidered With Gold and Known As the "Holy Carpet" Causes a Sanguinary Encounter. The Battle Fought With the Clumsy Weapons of the Far East.

(Special Cable to The Times.)
Suaikim, (via London) March 27.—News has reached here that a bloody battle was fought between Bedouins and a caravan of Egyptians. The battle arose over the desire of the Bedouins to capture "the holy carpet," a gorgeous piece of red velvet embroidered with gold which costs a year's time to construct. At least ten men were killed, many wounded and one captured. The carpet is made under the supervision of the sultan and when completed is turned over to the Egyptian pilgrims to place upon the tomb of prophet at Mecca. The journey to Mecca is a sacred one, but the pilgrims take precautions to protect themselves for the trip is always hazardous.

At the expiration of a year another carpet has been woven and the old one is replaced with a new one. The carrying of the carpet from the tomb back to Cairo is attended with solemn rites and the celebration at the end of the journey is an imposing and spectacular one.

Arabs, Turks, Persians, Syrians, Christians, Nubians, Negroes and British Indians join in the pilgrimage. The fierce guardians of the caravan are the Bashi-Bazouks, mounted and armed to the teeth with the clumsy weapons of the east. The right to carry the carpet has been handed down from camel to camel for centuries and centuries.

POLICE CHIEF SLAYER TO HANG ON APRIL 16

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Fayetteville, N. C., March 27.—Sam Murchison, alias Sam Melvin, the negro who on February 23rd shot and killed Chief of Police J. H. Benton while the latter was in the discharge of his duty, was sentenced this morning by Judge Long to be hanged between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m., April 16th.

No attempt was made for appeal by counsel for defense, as the prisoner declared through his counsel that he believed that his trial had been fair and impartial.

Before sentencing Murchison Judge Long commended the people of Cumberland county for their conduct in allowing the law to take its course under such trying circumstances.

Messrs. Davis and Brothers, counsels for defense, carried out their duty in such a manner that all the citizens have highly congratulated them for their strong fight against such hopeless grounds.

JOHN SHARPS LATEST RESO.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, March 27.—John Sharp Williams, minority leader in the house, announced today that in the near future he will introduce a resolution which by its terms will bring out the information whether or not President Roosevelt has been unduly active in regard to the Wilfley impeachment charges had not been sustained or whether it should embody in its report the severe censure of the judge contained in the sub-committee's report on the case.

VALUATION OF ALL RAILROADS

LaFollette Plan to Make Full Estimate Indorsed

COST 3,000,000 TO DO IT

The Interstate Commerce Commission Has Sent a Letter to Senate Committee Approving the Project to Make a Complete, Scientific, Physical Valuation of the Entire Railroad Systems of the United States—Will Take Three Years to Complete the Work.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, March 27.—The senate committee on interstate commerce has received from the interstate commerce commission a letter strongly indorsing the project of making a complete, scientific physical valuation of the entire railroad systems of the nation.

The commission's letter was written in response to a request of the senate committee, which for fifteen months or thereabouts has had before it the bill by Senator LaFollette requiring that such a valuation be made.

Of the latter it is explained that it is not impossible that a proper valuation would cost as high as \$3,000,000.

The commission considers that it ought not to be required to complete the task in less than three years.

It is pointed out by the commission that the legislation should be carefully drawn and especially that the words "fair valuation" or "reasonable valuation" or "fair and reasonable valuation" ought not to be used because these words have come to be the subjects of so much judicial construction and involve consideration of so many elements, that it is difficult to be assured what the courts would consider a valuation complying with such a description.

Therefore the commission favors a simple appraisal of strictly physical elements of value. If there is to be considered, in connection with the administrative supervisions of the roads, any other elements of value, such as franchise and good will, these should be left in an entirely different category, and made subject of independent consideration.

RUBIO WINS GREAT NAT'L STEEPLE CASE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Liverpool, March 27.—The Grand National steeplechase, a handicap of 2,000 sovereigns, at about four miles and 856 yards, for five year olds and upward, was run today and won by Major F. Douglas-Pennant's Rubio. William Cooper's Mattie McGregor was second and P. Whitaker's The Lawyer III was third.

The betting was 66 to 1 against Rubio, 25 to 1 against Mattie McGregor and 100 to 7 against Lawyer III. Twenty-four horses ran.

Rubio is the first American-bred horse ever to finish in front in the Grand National, the world's greatest steeplechase.

GREAT BILLIARD MATCH TONIGHT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, March 27.—Willie Hoppe, the youthful billiardist, who forfeited the 18.1 balk-line title when he went to Europe last year, will play George Sutton, the 18.2 champion, for the title tonight at the Madison Square Garden concert hall.

The game will be a 500 point match and the prize will be the world's 18.2 balk-line trophy and a \$500 side bet.

A PEEPING TOM DONE UP IN OIL

Unlucky Chauffeur Caught, Appropriately Punished

MADE A LIVING PICTURE

The Artist Students Who Caught The Peeping Gazing At the Pretty Female Models Put Him Upon the Stand and Finished Him Off, Naked, in Great Style—Departed With Snakes On Ankles and a Cow On His Back.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, March 27.—A "peeping Tom" in the person of a luckless chauffeur was forced to submit to a unique hazing by the students of the New York School of Arts at No. 237 Broadway. For weeks they had been annoyed by persons in the neighborhood who peeped at the young women models from a place of vantage through the skylight. Finally thirty novice artists mapped out a plan of campaign. No guard was placed on the roof, and when they heard the cautious footsteps of the peepers they made a concerted rush, capturing one. He was a chauffeur from a nearby garage.

He was placed on the models' stand and his shrinking person was blocked off into sections, a space being allotted to each student for a demonstration of his skill in oils.

All but the face was decorated with replicas of Rubens, Landseers, Bouhours and other old masters. When, after an hour, the work was concluded, the luckless auto driver was a walking academy exhibition.

Around his ankles were snakes. On his back a cow peacefully chewed the end of reflection in a sordid pool. His ribs were followed with forga-me-nots conveniently arranged.

On his broad chest was a bird's-eye view of the United States navy. The right leg was given over to a three-quarter length portrait of Vice-President Fairbanks and the left to a full length of Simeon Ford, standing on Pat McCarrren's shoulders—the latter mounted on a pedestal. When the entire surface was covered some one signed the composite picture with the name of Mr. Comstock to add a touch of moral tone to the effect.

The arrival of Prof. Robert Henri stopped the sport.

COMPTROLLER RIDGELY HANDS IN RESIGNATION

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, March 27.—As was forecasted by the Hearst News Service, Wednesday, William Barrett Ridgely, comptroller of the currency, today presented his resignation to the president, to take effect upon his acceptance of the presidency of the re-organized National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City.

It is regarded as certain that Lawrence O. Murray, assistant secretary of commerce and labor, is to succeed Mr. Ridgely.

Mr. Murray, who has been seriously ill for several weeks with the grippe, is now at Atlantic City.

450 BALLOTS FOR A CHOICE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Anderson, Ind., March 27.—Since yesterday the eighth district republican convention has been in a deadlock. At 9 o'clock this morning the 450th ballot resulted: For George W. Cromer, Delaware county, 31; Wells county, 5; Adams county, 7; For Albert H. Vestal, Madison county, 32; for Theodore Shockney, Randolph county, 20; wells county, 5. For N. B. Hawkins, Jay county 15.

GOV. GLENN PROTESTS IN LETTER TO FINLEY

Dissecting the Body of Parker

Colored Man Who Captured and Beat Louis Czolgosz

PRES. M'KINLY'S SLAYER

James B. Parker, Who Recently Lost His Mind and Died in Philadelphia Hospital Was Penniless—His Body Placed on the Dissecting Table Before Class of Students of Jefferson Medical College.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Philadelphia, Pa., March 27.—Before a class of students at the Jefferson Medical College here the body of James B. Parker, colored, has been placed upon the dissecting table. Parker was the man who beat Louis Czolgosz, the latter had fired two shots into the body of President McKinley at Buffalo on September 6, 1901.

At the time of Mr. McKinley's assassination Parker was a Pullman car porter, but public praise soon turned his head, and he gave up his position on the railroad.

Parker died penniless at the Philadelphia hospital where he was a patient in the insane department.

After the shooting at Buffalo Parker was praised by everybody, as it was thought for a time that his act had saved the president's life. Senator Mark Hanna, of Ohio, presented Parker with a check for \$1,000 in appreciation of his bravery.

From that time Parker began to wander around. He was a hard drinker and finally wound up in the insane asylum.

JOHN D. CHARMED WITH SOUTH AND SOUTHERN FOLKS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Hot Springs, Va., March 27.—John D. Rockefeller, who is here for a visit, is greatly pleased with his southern trip. He says he is impressed especially with the democratic spirit of the south. Since he has been here he has mingled freely with the people, chatting pleasantly with all who approach him. He says it is a novelty to be treated like a human being and that he is fond of novelties.

Mr. Rockefeller did not forget to pay tribute to the womanhood of the section. The southern women, he said, are the most beautiful in the entire world.

TODAY'S WORK IN CONGRESS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Mar. 27.—The house today considered the urgent relief bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for the navy department.

The committee on naval affairs reported the bill removing loss of citizenship as a penalty for desertion from the navy in time of peace.

Announcement was made by the judiciary committee that public hearings on the Hepburn bill to amend the Sherman anti-trust law will begin April 4th.

The committee on commerce gave a hearing on the pending bill to prevent car famines.

Minority leader Williams announced that he will introduce a resolution to ascertain whether the president has interfered unduly in the Wilfley impeachment proceedings.

In the senate the bill to abolish race track gambling was referred to a sub-committee on the senate district committee but no final action was taken upon it.

His Excellency Addresses Spirited Letter to Ppresd't of the Southern

IN INTEREST OF HOLDERS OF THE MILEAGE BOOKS

Chief Executive Says Order of Railways Requiring Purchasers of Mileage to Exchange For Tickets May be Conforming to Letter of Compromise, but is Not to Spirit. Asks Mr. Finley to Act—Governor Wants the Order Revoked, and Calls On Mr. Finley to Rescind It In Very Positive Terms.

Governor Glenn today wrote a letter to President Finley of the Southern Railway, protesting against requiring purchasers of mileage books to present them at ticket offices in exchange for tickets and urging the president to have the order rescinded. After reviewing briefly the history of the famous rate case Governor Glenn, who believes this order contrary to the spirit of the compromise, says:

"Now, if I had known that such an order as the one you have made was contemplated, I would not have submitted the proposition to the legislature; neither would the legislature have passed the act, but would have passed a different bill. Mileage books have never before been used in this way, and while you may say you are carrying out the letter of your contract, you are not carrying out its spirit, and I therefore urge that the Southern Railway at least, having directly made this contract with me representing the state, shall rescind this order and put these mileage books on as heretofore."

Governor Glenn in his letter says that this action makes the traveling public hostile to the railroads, and that the only "result of your action is to dissatisfy the traveling public with the rate law, and if you enter into the spirit of our agreement you cannot desire to do this. I therefore urge that you have this order changed yourself, and try and induce the other railroads to do the same, for such action as you are now taking will certainly bring about further friction between the legislature and the railroads, which will be of no benefit to the roads. Notwithstanding the decision in the North Carolina and Minnesota case, you know as well as I, that the state is not without its remedy (which can be effected by the legislature) and neither the railroads nor the state can gain anything by having a spirit of hostility existing between them.

"Believing that after thinking the matter over and seeing that this order is not in the spirit of the contract made with the state, you will remedy this wrong by changing this order, I am, with respect,

"Yours very truly,
"R. B. GLENN,
"Governor."

BROTHER HORACE SURE IT WILL BE WILLIAM.

Asheville, N. C., March 27.—Horace D. Taft, the brother of Secretary W. H. Taft, who is a guest at a hotel here, says all indications point to a victory for his brother on the first ballot. Mr. Taft is president of the Taft School, at Watertown, Conn. He has been in the south studying educational conditions.

"Of course," said he, "New York will go for Hughes, Indiana for Fairbanks, Illinois for Cannon, and Pennsylvania for Knox, but nevertheless my brother is far in the lead. In New England my brother's chances seem very favorable, and unless something happens he will win on the first ballot."

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