

EXPRESS RATES TO COME DOWN

Order Made That Will Make a Big Slash

Inter-State Commerce Commission Orders Reductions That Will Cut Off Millions From the Express Companies—Effective in October—Companies May Fight Constitutionality of the Action.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Reduced express rates, which will cost the express companies fully twenty-six million dollars per year, approximately, will be in effect on or before October 15th. Notable reforms in practices also were ordered.

The most important change prescribed is by way of modification of the present graduated scale of parcel rates. One hundred pound rates for short distances either have been left unchanged or slightly reduced; for longer distances they have been lowered, for fifty pounds or less. Practically all rates have been reduced. Packages of more than four pounds, going more than two hundred miles and less than two thousand, carry lower rates generally lower than parcel post rates. For more than three thousand miles the rates are practically unchanged. The report and order of the Commission, prepared by Commissioner Marble, are virtually an affirmation of the findings of former Commissioner Lane, now Secretary of the Interior. By prescribing the so-called block system, dividing the country into 950 blocks, an average of twenty-five hundred square miles, as originally proposed by Lane, nine hundred million different rates, now published by Express Companies, will be reduced to less than six hundred and fifty thousand and the Interstate Commission believes the system points the way to a solution of the existing maze of freight rates. The general impression, in official quarters, is that the express companies will attempt to test, by legal means, the Constitutionality of the Commission's order.

BULLETS WHIZ IN THE STRIKE ZONE

Columet, Mich., Aug. 4.—Practically the entire strike zone in the copper country echoed to rifle and revolver shots this morning. There were more than the usual number of shots this morning by sentries. Despite promiscuous firing no one was shot. President Taylor, of the Michigan Federation of Labor, said that every affiliated union in the American Federation of Labor in the country was behind the copper miners and that the strike would take on National proportions. Additional Union leaders arrived today. With "Mether" Jones due tomorrow and other Unionists en route there was every indication that the Western Federation is rallying its forces for one of the most determined struggles in Union labor history.

Eagles Flock to Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 4.—Two thousand delegates and many times that number of visitors are in Baltimore for the annual convention of the Grand Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles. The city is profusely decorated in honor of the visitors, who come from all parts of the United States and Canada. The business sessions will continue through the greater part of the week and will be interspersed with a great street parade, a Mardi Gras pageant, an excursion down Chesapeake Bay and a variety of other entertainment.

Carnival Opens at Victoria.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 4.—Victoria's first annual carnival opened today with a large number of visitors in the city. A program of festivities to last the entire week has been arranged. A naval and military tournament, historical parades and pageants, athletic sports and yachting, rowing, motorboat and swimming contests will be among the features.

Ladies' \$100 White Nubuck Colonial Pumps, \$25.88, Sacrifice Sale Wilmington Shoe Co. Advertisement. It.

The White Albo for Canvas Pumps, \$5.00, Sacrifice Sale Wilmington Shoe Co. Advertisement. It.

HELPED FRANK WITH THE BODY

Eye Witness Takes The Stand Today

Negro Sweeper at Pencil Factory Testified Against Leo Frank and Tells of Helping Dispose of the Body—Women Given Preference Over Men for Admission to the Court Room.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 4.—James Conley, the negro pencil factory sweeper, testified today that he helped Leo Frank dispose of Mary Phagan's body, or Frank killed her. "I wanted her," he resisted me," exclaimed Frank, according to Conley.

"You know I'm not like other men. I hit her too hard." Exclaiming meaning "not like other men," Conley described incidents which led him to believe Frank a degenerate.

Although men began to assemble at 6 o'clock this morning to attend the trial of Leo Frank, for the murder of Mary Phagan, none was admitted to the court room, until one hundred women or more had obtained seats. This is the largest number of women present at the trial. Police Sergeant Dobbs, recalled to the stand, testified to finding a bloody handkerchief, later identified as Mary Phagan's, by the girl's body, shortly after the murder was discovered.

Undertaker Greesling, who embalmed the girl's body, testified that the fluid used had removed from the girl's lungs evidence that she died from strangulation. He declared the formaldehyde in the solution had done this, but refused to make public the whole formula.

Mel Sanford, a factory sweeper, testified regarding certain stairways and passages in the factory.

REVOLUTION IN CHINA HAS BEEN CRUSHED

Canton, China, Aug. 4.—A battle was fought yesterday near Shuihing between ten thousand Cantonese revolutionists and the Northern Army, under General Chi Kuang, commander of the Government forces at Kwang-Su. The result was unknown here this morning.

ARMISTICE EXTENDED FOR THREE DAYS

Bucharest, Aug. 4.—A three days' extension of the armistice between the Balkan States was agreed on today by the peace delegates of Roumania, Servia, Greece, Montenegro, and Bulgaria. This action was taken to enable the plenipotentiaries to endeavor to reconcile the differences and claims of the various States.

Virginia State Primaries.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 4.—Following a rather dull campaign in which the only interest has centered in the contests between the candidates for Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General, Democrats of Virginia will go to the polls tomorrow to express their preferences for State and county officers to be voted for at the fall election. Henry C. Stuart, of Russell county, will be nominated for Governor without opposition. For Lieutenant Governor, J. Taylor Ellyson, the incumbent, is opposed by Lewis H. Machen and Alexander J. Wedderburn, both of Alexandria. Candidates for Attorney General are S. Gordon Cumming of Hampton; John G. Pollard, of Henrico, and Samuel W. Williams of Wythe county.

Kansas Lands Opened to Public.

Dodge City, Kas., Aug. 4.—Ten thousand acres of "short grass" land in Hamilton county, south of the Arkansas River, was thrown open to public settlement today. The land is included in what hitherto has been held under Government forest reserve. The greater part of the tract is valuable as grazing and wheat land.

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GOMEZ TO LEAD THE FIGHT

Takes Field Against Old Cip. Castro

Powerful Move Made Directly on the Start to Crush Out Rebellion—Citizens Not Apprehensive. That the Revolt Will in Anyway be Successful.

Caracas, Aug. 4.—President Gomez intends to take personal lead of the Venezuelan troops against Castro, whose followers have arisen in the states of Falcon and Tachiera, and also in Eastern districts of Venezuela. Gomez, in a proclamation today said: "Castro, former dictator, having disturbed the peace of the country, I myself will take the field and will re-establish order. I know that every general, officer and soldier will fulfill his duty."

An army of veterans and some thousands of recruits is being mobilized at Maracay. These forces expect to attack Castro and drive him out. Another army, assembling at Barquisimeto, will endeavor to cut off Castro's escape in the interior. Although business here has come to a standstill and stock values have decreased, the people express confidence that the Government will be able to suppress the rebellion.

CATTLE TICK MENACE IN THE SOUTH

Washington, Aug. 4.—The presence of tick among cattle in the Southern States not only lessens the value of cattle on the hoof, Government experts say, but causes a lower grading of hides, which means many thousand dollars' loss to producers. Experts claim that Southern cattle raisers lose one dollar and twenty-six cents on every hide infested with tick. Campaigns for eradication of the pest have been waged with considerable success by Government veterinarians.

EAGLES GATHERING IN BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 4.—Delegates to the fifteenth annual convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, which opens here tonight, arrived in large numbers today. Many important matters of legislation are expected during the sessions, which will end Friday. Grand Worthy President Wm. J. Brennan will show in his annual report, that seventy thousand members have been added during the year and the present membership is three hundred and fifty thousand.

MEXICO WANTS HIM BROUGHT BACK

Mexico City, Aug. 4.—Extradition papers in connection with the arrest of Emmanuel Brito, former Provisional Governor of Campeche, are being prepared by the Mexican Government for immediate dispatch to the United States. The documents deal chiefly with the charge against Brito, who is under arrest at New Orleans for robbing the State Treasury and local banks before joining the rebellion. Evidence bearing on the murder charge against Brito is on the way here from Campeche.

Revenue Cutters Celebrate.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Aboard all craft in the Revenue Cutter Service—wherever stationed—from Bering Sea to the Maine coast, the officers and crews today formally celebrated the 123rd anniversary of the establishment of the service. The character of the celebration is substantially the same on all vessels. The ships are "full dressed," the officers and crews, in full uniform, are mustered on the main deck and the executive officers read a brief history of the revenue cutter service.

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Washington, Aug. 4.—Senator Bacon of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and Representative Flood of the House (Committee on Foreign Affairs) are in daily conference with the President and the State Department over the Mexican situation. They have talked over all phases of present conditions in Mexico and have considered many solutions. Secretary Bryan has asked Congress to appropriate \$100,000 to pay the way of destitute Americans in Mexico out of the country. Reports from the Rebel States show that Carranza, leader of the Constitutionalists, resents American mediation. The seat of the Rebel district is in a turmoil over steps it fears the United States may take.

REPORT FINISHED

Corporation Commission Ready to Report to Governor on Railroad Conference—Queer Prank Played by Lightning.

Special to The Dispatch. Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 4.—A charter was issued today to the National Mica Company, of Franklin, Macon county, with authorized capital of one hundred thousand dollars, with sixty thousand subscribed by Edwin S. Shepherd, of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Henry G. Robertson, and Frank B. Benbow, of Franklin.

The Corporation Commission today finished its report on the result of the railroad conference and will present it tomorrow to the Governor.

Lightning Sunday drove three holes through a tin-pail, held by a girl at B. Hodgson's farm, near Raleigh, knocked off a large section of wood work in the house, burned five feet of bell rope, jumped from the bell to a tree and otherwise disported itself. Nobody was hurt.

England's Aged Peers.

London, Aug. 4.—The Earl of Wemyss, the oldest member of the British peerage, celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday anniversary today. Besides Lord Wemyss there are two other nonagenarian peers. They are Lord Straithorn, who at ninety-three is still devoted to his duties as High Commissioner for Canada, and the Duke of Grafton, who was born in 1822, and who succeeded his brother, the sixth duke, in 1882.

Locomotive Engineers in Session.

Montreal, Aug. 4.—For the first time in ten years Montreal is entertaining the annual convention of the Canadian division of the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. The meeting assembled today and will continue in session until Thursday. Prominent among those in attendance is Warren S. Stone of Cleveland, the Grand Chief of the Brotherhood.

Metal Workers in Convention.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 4.—The seventh annual convention of the Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers' International Alliance met in this city today with delegates present from 421 local unions in the United States, Canada and Cuba. The gathering was called to order by President Michael O'Sullivan of Kansas City. A large amount of routine business is to be taken up by the convention and it will probably be ten days before final adjournment.

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DOESN'T FEAR NEW TARIFF

Declares Senator Myers About The West

Montana Senator Thinks New Tariff Measure a Good Thing—If Country Can't Compete With World on Wool Growing It Should Go Out of Business.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Senator Myers, Democrat, of Montana, contributed his share of assurance in the Senate today that the west doesn't fear the new tariff.

"Amidst the hue and cry we have here about discrimination in this bill against the West, I wish to have heard one Western State, which feels self-reliant and isn't complaining about discrimination. This discrimination against home interests, when translated into English, in my opinion, often means: 'We are not getting our share of the graft. We are being overlooked in distribution of the plunder.'"

It was his opinion that if the country couldn't compete with the world on wool growing, after nearly a century of protection, "then it had better get out of the business, but I claim it can." Of the tariff bill as a whole, Myers said it would be one of the greatest triumphs of the Democratic party on its long and unending fight for the masses of people against class distinction.

TO LOWER COST OF FOOD TO CONSUMERS

Washington, Aug. 4.—A nation wide movement to interest the American rural population along financial, business and social lines, as a means to strengthen the position of the farmers, increase their income and their production and to lower the cost of food-stuffs to the consumers, was announced here today in a letter to the governors of the States, to the farmers organizations, agricultural institutions and farmers of America from the American Commission on Agricultural Co-operation which arrived from Europe on the S. S. Cedric.

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Prevention of Infant Mortality.

London, Aug. 4.—Under the patronage of King George an international conference on the welfare of infancy and the prevention of infant mortality was opened in Caxton Hall today and will continue in session over tomorrow. Among the participants are many noted leaders in medical science who have already arrived in London to attend the International Medical Congress which begins its sessions next Thursday.

Trial in Caminetti Case.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 4.—The Caminetti-Diggs white slave case, which has attracted wide attention because of the allegations that political influence had been employed to have the Department of Justice at Washington delay the prosecution, will be called for trial tomorrow before Judge William C. Van Fleet in the United States District Court.

Horses at Kalamazoo.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 4.—All the best known stables in the country are at Recreation Park for the five-day Grand Circuit race meeting, which had its opening this afternoon. The track is in excellent condition and with favorable weather the meet promises to be highly successful. The feature of the week, the \$12,000 Paper Mills Stake, for 2:14 class trotters, will be raced on Wednesday.

Northwest Tennis Championships.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 4.—Some of the foremost tennis experts of the country are entered in the annual tournament for the championships of the Northwest, which opened today on the courts of Minnetonka Yacht Club at Deephaven. The tournament will continue through the week and will embrace play for the titles in men's singles, men's doubles, women's singles and mixed doubles.

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UNCLE SAM NOT TO INTERVENE

Situation Growing Better, Thinks President

Peaceful Solution of the Mexican Problem is Becoming More Practicable. President Intends to Issue Statement Today About First Steps of Policy of the United States.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Armed intervention in Mexico neither is a probability, nor a possibility, for a peaceable solution of the situation is becoming practicable. This is the view that President Wilson took today of the situation. He let it be known, too, that before the end of the day he would make a brief statement of the first step in the policy of the United States toward Mexico. While no inkling of what it would be came from the White House, it was expected that the President would formally announce his decision not to recognize the Huerta Government. A sudden call to Washington from New York of Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson, for conference, led to the report that his status might be announced. The Ambassador visited at the White House and was told there was a misunderstanding about his engagement; that instead of a conference with the President, he was to call on Secretary Bryan. The Ambassador said the telegram received in New York stated the conference would be at the White House. An observer of the diplomatic situation freely predicted the Ambassador's resignation would be accepted soon.

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