

WAR COMPELS U.S. TO CHANGE FREIGHT RATES

Interstate Commission Plans Big Readjustment of Shipping Charges MAY STOP CONGESTION Western Firms Complain They Are Bearing Burden Unfairly Put on Them

"Surgical Operations" to "Cure" Freight Rates

Remedies to be applied by the Interstate Commerce Commission to readjust freight rates because of war shipments will be comparable to surgical operations—the ultimate good cannot be accomplished without considerable pain.

The commission, when the changes go into effect, will not allow goods to remain in eastern seaport warehouses or on cars on sidings in yards without paying increased rental charges.

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WASHINGTON, May 13.—Drastic remedies for the manifold ailments of the American transportation system, induced by the European war, are in process of preparation by the Interstate Commerce Commission and the next few months will see the most complete readjustment of rates structures in every part of the United States which has taken place since the commission was established.

"We are working day and night on the problems before us," said Chairman B. H. Meyer, of the commission, today. "But this is no let-up in sight."

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Also labor generally in the railroads and the railroads must have funds with which to pay their men.

One of the greatest transportation revolutions now in process is the changing of the great traveled routes of rail commerce. So congested are the ports of New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore that they cannot squeeze through the vast amount of goods offered for export at these gateways.

BALES OF SPUN COTTON MAKE SPECTACULAR BLAZE



Several firemen were overcome today by the dense smoke of a \$75,000 blaze, which destroyed the warehouse of F. B. Woll & Co., Church and Stiles streets, Frankford.

HENLEY REGATTA IS BIGGEST CREW EVENT ON TODAY

Four College Entries in Childs Cup Race, the Feature Number SEVEN JUNIOR EIGHTS

FALLS OF SCHUYLKILL, Pa., May 13.—The American Henley regatta today drew 10,000 persons to the banks of the Schuylkill River in Fairmount Park. Every large Eastern university with pretensions to rowing fame except Cornell sent crews to compete in this, the most important aquatic gathering of the year.

More than 300 marine athletes were entered in the regatta, the 14th annual American Rowing Association races. The eight-oared crews of the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, Columbia and the United States Naval Academy competed for the Childs cup in a race important in determining the status of the eastern crews. The cup was offered as a perpetual challenge by George W. Childs in 1829.

It was a wonderful day for the regatta. The banks of the placid river from the starting point near the Falls bridge to the finish line above the Columbia avenue bridge were greener than last month, when Penn took the measure of the eight-oared Yale crew. The sky was blue and willows that fringed the waters edge had clothed themselves in green that was mirrored in the gray waters.

The most important event of the day, the Childs Cup race, between four "varsity" crews, promises to be a battle worth witnessing. The Columbia University eight, which has not been tested this year, will row against the U. S. Naval Academy, Princeton, Yale and Harvard.

The first and second crews to finish in each of the heats will qualify for the final heat, scheduled to be rowed at 4:15. The special four-oared shells race will be brought together by the U. S. Naval Academy, Vesper Boat Club and University Boat Club.

The second heat of the junior collegiate race will be rowed immediately following the finish of the first heat, at 2:30. The competing crews will be U. S. Naval Academy, Princeton, Yale and Harvard.

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FIREMEN HURT IN \$75,000 BLAZE IN COTTON WAREHOUSE

2000 Bales Destroyed by Flames. Adjoining House Mined

Two thousand bales of spun cotton stored in a corrugated iron warehouse at the mill of F. B. Woll, Church and Stiles streets, Frankford, furnished fuel for a furious fire this morning, during which several firemen were overcome by smoke and property loss estimated at \$75,000 was suffered. A dwelling house in the rear of the mill was damaged to the extent of \$1000 and other buildings were endangered.

Adam Goeres, 65 years old, of 2437 North Reese street, captain of Engine Company 23, Richmond and Kirkby streets, was caught under a falling wall. He was dug out by his men and taken to the Frankford Hospital. His back is sprained and he has burns of the head and face.

Joseph Wilda and his wife, Frances, who live at 4274 Minor street, discovered the blaze about 7 o'clock. Their house stands in the rear of the warehouse. They gave the alarm and had barely time to carry out some of their furniture when their own home was set ablaze by flying sparks.

While contraction of the lines south of Columbus is virtually accomplished, Major Langhorne's men apparently are on a hot trail after the Hopulians raiders and Carranzas are heading toward the Big Bend, avowedly to co-operate in running down the bandits.

If nothing untoward occurs the American punitive expedition hopes to make a "clean-up" in policing Northern Chihuahua. Meantime Carranza forces are expected in the Parral district. Hope of catching Villa is not high.

New light on conditions is expected from General Scott, United States Army Chief of Staff, now on the way here following failure to reach an agreement with General Obregon. His information will be used for guidance, but for the present will not swerve from the course of staying in Northern Mexico until it is certain that no more border raids will occur.

As matters now stand, officials charged with handling the Mexican problem cannot be said to be pessimistic. They are merely keeping a watchful eye on developments with the realization that while the situation has unpleasant possibilities the American work may go on without hindrance.

BILL HOLLENBACK AND FAIR DANCER PREY OF GUNMAN

With Mrs. W. L. Ziegler He Is Robbed on Club's Tennis Grounds WERE OUT FOR STROLL



WILLIAM H. HOLLENBACK

"Big Bill" Hollenback, former Penn varsity football star and All-American fullback selection, strolled the grounds of the Whitehorse Country Club during an interlude in the dinner-dance given last night by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wright to the members of their dancing class.

With reminiscence of feats upon the gridiron arena of football battle, Hollenback stirred the admiring enthusiasm of his fair companion. Oblivious to all save their conversation and the invigorating night breeze, they approached the tennis courts of the club.

Out of the gloom and immediately in front of their path bulled a man, whose dark suit and derby but contrasted shabbily with the evening attire of the persons he interrupted. The stranger appeared to be about 27 years old, and in height was a couple of inches under Hollenback's six feet.

"Good evening," he began. Then, awaiting no response, he continued to address Hollenback and Mrs. Ziegler without further formalities.

"You are a big chap, but you don't bother me. I am desperate."

"What is this, a joke?" queried Hollenback, uncertain in the darkness whether the seeming hold-up was genuine or a hoax. As he spoke "Bill" attempted to get a nearer view of the stranger. He drew back precipitately as a flashlight in the newcomer's left hand revealed a steel revolver barrel gleaming from the man's other hand.

"BACK LOANS," DEMAND MADE UPON PENROSE

Edwin M. Abbott Urges Senator to Approve Rapid Transit Bill

"END FACTIONAL FIGHT" "Stand for Greater City," Says Oak Lane Park Association Head

McNichol Says It's Wisdom to Support Transit Loan

David T. Hart, at a meeting held at United Republican Club, 4625 Frankford avenue last night, said: "Senator McNichol told me it was a wise thing to support the loans."

"Transit loan will give Frankford elevated road for which it has been agitating for 30 years."

"Defeat of the loans would be a municipal calamity."

"City, if measures were lost, would be a laughing stock for the nation."

A strong appeal to Senator Penrose to submerge factional politics in the interests of a "Greater Philadelphia" and to come forth publicly in support of the \$67,100,000 transit and port loan bill and the general improvement loan was made today in a letter to the Senator from Edwin M. Abbott, president of the Oak Lane Park Improvement Association. The letter called upon Penrose to come out personally for passage of the loan bills on Tuesday and to urge his political friends to do the same.

"My dear Senator Penrose: I am writing you on behalf of the Oak Lane community as well as voicing the sentiments of hundreds of thousands of citizens of our beloved city of Philadelphia to ask for your public approval of the passage of the loan bills for transit, port and other purposes which will come before the people at the election on Tuesday next."

"Knowing your heretofore great pride in the City of Philadelphia, and your patriotic interest in everything pertaining to its advancement, we are appealing to you to discard all of factional and political considerations at this time, and by your public declaration assist the municipality in taking a step forward along the lines along where it has been so greatly retarded in the past."

"The outlying sections of the city are suffering not only from lack of proper transit facilities, but from exorbitant railroad rates as well."

"The natural development of the city must be toward the suburbs."

"The loan for transit purposes will assure all of our citizens of rapid transportation within a reasonable time."

"The development of the port is most vital to the entire community."

"The provisions of the other loan bill for public improvements affecting every one are so vital that it is not necessary for me to lay stress upon them. It is greatly to be deprecated that any factional politics should be allowed to interfere with the passage of these bills."

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QUICK NEWS

ST. LOUIS... 0 ATHLETICS... 0 Groom and Hartley; Myers and Schang. PHILLIES... 0 CINCINNATI... 0 PRINCETON... 0 PENN... 0

METHODISTS BALK AT ORGANIZED LABOR

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., May 13.—The Methodist Episcopal General Conference today by a vote of 447 to 280 refused to indorse that portion of the Methodist Federation of Social Service which made it mandatory that organized labor be employed in Methodist book publishing concerns. The remainder of the report was adopted.

TWENTY-SEVEN INDICTED FOR NIGHT RIDERS' RAID

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 13.—Twenty-seven residents of Hopkins County were indicted today for alleged participation in the shooting up of Carbondale by night riders, when one child was killed.

NO PEACE MOVE BY THE POPE, UNLESS ASKED

ROME, May 13.—Pope Benedict will initiate no positive movement for peace until he is formally invited to act, either by a neutral Power or one of the belligerents. This much may be said authoritatively. If Monsignor Bonzano, apostolic delegate at Washington, delivered a peace message on his recent visit to the White House, as is persistently reported here, he was merely sounding out the views of the President.

BRITISH ANTI-DRAFT SPEAKERS MENACED

LONDON, May 13.—Police were called out this afternoon to protect George Lansbury, Labor member of Parliament; Mrs. Delpard and other anti-conscriptionists, who were addressing a meeting in the Ethical Society building. Crowds gathered around the place hissing all persons who came to the meeting and shouting threats of violence.

ARMY OF 654,000 MEN PLANNED IN CONFEREES' BILL

Measure Reported to Both Branches of Congress Asks 206,000 Regulars 448,000 NATIONAL GUARD

Provisions of New Plan to End Army Deadlock

A standing army totaling 206,000 enlisted men, peace strength. A Federalized National Guard of 448,000 men. Elimination of the Federal volunteer army plan. A \$20,000,000 nitrate plant. A seven-year enlistment term in the regular army. Military training camps organized on the Plattsburg plan. An investigation of the advisability of Government manufacture of all war munitions.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—A defense force in time of peace of 654,000 men was proposed today in the army bill which the Senate and House conferees reported to both branches of Congress after several weeks' close conference.

Through a compromise, the measure includes all the provisions urged by "big army" men, except the Federal reserve. With both chairmen urging its passage, action is expected Monday.

The defense force will consist of an army of regulars totaling in all its branches 296,000 men in time of peace and 448,000 National Guardsmen—400 for each Senator and Representative.

There will also be specific power reserved to the Government in time of war to take over any manufacturing plant in the country to make munitions and a board of two civilians and three officers appointed by the President to investigate the proposition of the Government making all its war supplies. This board must report by January 1, 1917.

PLAN FOR NITRATE PLANT Twenty million dollars is appropriated for a Government nitrate plant for the extraction of nitrates from the air as a basis for munitions making. The surplus may be sold for fertilizer. This plant is to be operated exclusively by the Government, on a site to be selected by the President. Private soldiers are to be given training in trades by officers while in service.

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THE WEATHER

"Twas a terrible sky that gloomed down on us, as we reluctantly slid out of the clouds and took a look at the weather this morning. There was not a cloud in all the sky, but plenty in our spirit. It appeared as if at any moment it would release a flood that would vie with the waters of the Schuylkill, along the shores of which thousands of eyes and mobile wheels will be until dusk if the sun is of good.

FORECAST

Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally cloudy tonight and Sunday, with a decided change in temperature moderate north and northwest winds.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost, a black and white dog, name, "Buddy," returned to Mrs. O. H. Morris, 1077 Locust street, Philadelphia.

BRUMBAUGH INDORSED BY RAILWAY CONDUCTORS

Order Commends Him as Champion of Human Rights

HARRISBURG, May 13.—Governor Brumbaugh today was notified by A. B. Garretson, grand president of the order of Railway Conductors, that the grand session of the order at St. Louis yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution "in endorsing and commending him for having demonstrated as Governor that human personal right and interest should take precedence over property right and interest."

The resolution was presented by Senator William F. Borah, of Pittsburgh, general chairman of the conductors on the Baltimore and Ohio and Southwestern systems.