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WAR COMPELS **I. 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 sea-

port warehouses or on cars on sid-ings in yards without paying in-creased rental charges.

Shippers are protesting against advanced rates on war products, but the commission will grant several increases on this sort of goods. The plea of railroads to switch shipments from big castern ports to gulf ports at the same rate is being considered by the commissions.

WASHINGTON, May 13,-Drastic remedles for the manifold ailments of the American transportation system, induced by the European war, are in process of reparation by the Interstate Commerce sizion, and the next few months will see the most complete readjustment of rate structures in every part of the United States which has taken place since dission was established.

the commission was established.

"We are working day and night on the publish before us," said Chairman B. H. Mays, of the commission, today, "but there is no let-up in sight."

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That to cure the condition of congestions of freight cars at eastern terminals, as mamission is permitting railroads smally to increase charges for storman and demurrage. This means that pers will not be permitted to allow you come to remain in eastern seaport shouses or in cars on signings and in mis without paying increased rental roas for the space occupied. The committen feels this will expedite movement pods, but shippers of the West are bitty protesting that they are being made bear a burden unfairly placed upon mis But this remedy, the commission larges, also will cure the western car atage, doing great ultimate good.

tage, doing great ultimate good... hippers are protesting against ad-sed rates on war products, but the mission is preparing to grant several sases on this sort of goods, holding profits will be fairly distributed beof the high prices being received by ufacturers. Also labor generally is f up and the railroads must have a with which to pay their men.

One of the greatest transportation resolutions now in process is the changing the great traveled routes of rail com-So congested are the ports of New lork, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore that they cannot squeeze through the vast int of goods offered for export at fore the commission propositions of the commission propositions of reads to put into effect rates from the real manufacturing States of the North be south Atlantic ports and gulf ports such shall be no higher than the rates these regions to the four eastern named in spite of greater distance s of the long and short haul clause of the act to regulate commerce

sil nave to be authorized by the comsistion to work this remedy.

The problem presented in the intersemplain rate case, involving the question

whether rates from the Eastern seabard to the Pacific soast should be
raised to remove discrimination against
less. Spokane and other cities on the
Continental Divide, now that the war has
withdrawn water and other cities on the sithdrawn water competition through the ranama Canal, is considered a grave one. It is stated in some quarters that the coast-to-coast rates may be allowed to sand and the rates to intermountain terdiory be reduced. This would entail treat loss of revenues to the transcontinual railroads.

The commission is working on new rate The commission is working on new rate structures to permit the free movement is low charges of the vast volume of trade saich has been thrown to rail lines paralleling the various coast lines because the withdrawal of the normal shipping satons for use on the ocean sea. The abonal fabric of railroad rates is undersing a vast convulsion, and whether shipper or railroads will win in the struggle it is final issue is the puzzle uppermost the minds of shippers and carriers.

THE WEATHER

Twas a terrible sky that gloomed down is as we rejuctantly slid out of the laifa" and took a look at the weather morning. There was not a bit of blue all the sky, but plenty in our spirit.

Ly appeared as if at any moment it all release a flood that would vie with waters of the Schuylkill, along the east which thousands of eyes and mabile wheels will be until dusk IF weather to good.

The American Henley, you know.

FORECAST

Philadelphia and vicinity— erally cloudy tonight and Sunday, no decided change in tempera-j moderate north and northwest

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BALES OF SPUN COTTON MAKE SPECTACULAR BLAZE



Several firemen were overcome today by the dense smoke of a \$75,000 blaze, which destroyed the ware-house 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, Ps., May 11. The American Henley races 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 200 marine athletes were entered 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 imeastern crews. The cup was offered as a perpetual challenge by George W. Childs in 1829. The other races brought out the cream of the rowers and scullers of the

rowing clubs. 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 eightoared Yale crew. The sycamores and willows that fringed the waters edge had

willows that fringed the waters edge had clothed themselves in green that was mirrored in the gray waters.

So lifeless was the air that the vernal haze purpling the distances hung listless over the water. A slight southerly breeze freshened the atmosphere shortly before the races began and the curtain of low clouds parted, sending a blaze of yellow sunshine over the course. Until then the setting was dingy enlivened only by the setting was dingy enlivened only by the fringe of green and the bright flash of women's gowns and hats.

The races are to start at 2 o'clock, with the first single sculis event, in which John B. Kelly, of the Vesper Boat Club, will row against Edward F. Hoffman, Jr., of

the University Barge Club.

The first of the feature events upon which the eyes of the rowing world are centred, will be started 19 minutes later, at 2:10, when the first heat of the junior at 2.10. when the first heat of the junior collegiate eight-coared race will be rowed. In which Pennsylvania will have the west shore course, Syracuse the No. 2 position and Harvard No. 3. Although Yale is entered, it was stated last night they will not row, as this Yale crew is entered in the first eight race for the Stewart's Cup at 5:50 c'elock.

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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. The first and second crews to finish in each of the heats will qualify for the final heat, scheduled to be rowed at 4:10. The special four-oared shells race will bring together the U. S. Naval Academy, Vesper Boat Club and University Boat Club.

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, Pennsylvania's 'varsity and Princeton's

Pennsylvania's 'varsity and Princeton's

Continued on Page Eleven, Column Three BRUMBAUGH INDORSED

BY RAILWAY CONDUCTORS Order Commends Him as Champion of

Human Rights

HARRISBURG. May \$5.—Governor Brumbaugh today was notified by A. B. Garrettson, grand president of the Greer of Rallway Conductors that the grand session of the order at St. Louis yesterday unauthously adopted a possibilian "Incontinued adopted a resolution "in-torsing and commending him for baving ismonstrated as Governor that human personal right and interest should take precedence over property right and in-

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

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

2000 Bales Destroyed by Flames. Adjoining House Mined

Two thousand bales of spun cotton stored in a corrugated ron warehouse at the mill of F. B. Woll, Church and Stiles 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 vas suffered. A dwelling house in the rear of the mill was damaged to the extent of \$1000 and other buildings were endangered.

gered.

Adam Goeres, 65' years old, of 2437

North Reese street, captain of Engine
Company 33, Richmond and Kirkbride
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, Goorge Holmes, 52 years old,
of Wissinoming, a hoseman of Engine
Company 52, Jackson and Van Kirk
streets, was cut on the right hand by a
balling hook. He and the other injuredfiremen were attended at the scene of the
free.

Joseph Wilda and his wife, Frances, who live at 4310 Milnor street, discovered the blaze about 7 o'clock. Their house atands 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

MEXICANS RAID RANCH AND SET FIRE TO SCHOOL

Border Bandits, Trying to Take Horses, Repelled by Farmer

FLEE OVER RIO GRANDE

LAREDO, Tex., May 13 .- Mexican bandits today raided the farm of Ambrose Johnson, on the American side of the Rio Grande, about 25 miles northwest of Laredo, after setting fire to a schoolhouse at Leyandecker. Johnson discovered the bandits driving away his horses and opened fire with a rifle. The bandits fled, crossing the river into Mexico.

WILSON WAITS FOR SCOTT TO REPORT ON CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The Mexican situation simmered down again today to watchful waiting.

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

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If nothing untoward occurs the American punitive expedition hopes to make a "clean-up" in policing Northern Chihuahua Meantime Carransa forces are expected in the Parral district. Hope of catching Villa is not high. The one great question for army men is whether Carransa garrisons can be kept in check after it is known the punitive expedition refuses to quit Mexico. Privately officials say that conditions below the Rio Grande are such that there may be real trouble ch that there may be real trouble

New light on conditions is expected from General Scott. United States Army Chief of Staff, now on the way here fol-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 pot swerve from the course of staying in Northern Mexico until it is certain that no unce border raids will occur.

As matthers now stand, officials charged with handling the Mexican problem cannot be said to be pensimistic. They are mersly keeping a whichful eye on developments with the realisation that while the situation has unpleasant possibilities the American work may go on without hindrance. hindrance.

Mexican Ambassador Arredondo is ex-ected to undertake soon negotiations Continued on Page Two. Column Four

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 Penr varsity football star and All-American fullback selection, strolled the grounds of the Whitemarsh 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. Itis muscular right arm supported Mrs. Walter L. Ziegier, one of the guests, who, like himself, had sought a momentary respite from the hearted dancing floor to enjoy the freshening night air.

With reminiscence of feats upon the gridiron arenas 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.

From the clubhouse, where some 70 members of the class were assembled. floated the dreamy strains of a waltz. The jeweis in Mrs. Ziegier's costume flashed brilliantly amid the surrounding darkness. Rapt in their conversation, the strolling pair had wandered several yards from the lighted clubhouse, when their further pas-sage was rudely and suddenly halted. Out of the gloom and immediately in front of their path bulked a man, whose dark sack suit and derby hat contrast-ed 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 Hol-lenback's six feet.

lenback's six feet.

"Good evening," he began. Then, awaiting no response, he continued to address Hollenback and Mra. Zeigler 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 newcomar's left hand revealed a steel revolver barrel gleaming

a flashlight in the newcomer's left hand revealed a steel revolver barrel gleaming from the man's other hand.

"You don't bother me, even if you are a big fellow," repeated the armed personage. "Just walk in front of me, both of you, and don't way to make an outery. This is a case of extreme necessity. You had better 'shell out.' Throw your valuables on the ground here and I can pick them up afterwards." them up afterwards.

them up afterwards."

Realizing that resistance was useless. Hollenback complied with the request He abstracted \$6 in cash from his wailet and dropped the notes onto the ground. He fumbled somewhat in removing his watch and fob. Mrs Ejegler, in the meantime, was unfastening several pieces of gold and diamond jowelry which formed part of her tollette.

She had previously cast upon the award Continues on Page Two. Column Three

"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

"Transit loan will give Frank-ford 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 inter-ests 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 Tues-day 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. day next.

"Knowing your heretofore great pride in the City of Philadelphia, and your patriotic interest in everything pepsaining to its advancement, we are appealing to you to discard all factional and political consideration 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 as-sure all of our citizens of rapid transporta-tion within a reasonable time.

"The development of the port is most vital to the entire community.
"The provisions in the other loan bill for public improvements affecting every one are so vital that it is not necessary

for me to my stress upon them. It is greatly to be deprecated that any fac-Continued on Page Four, Column Two

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 nate and House conferees reported to

both branches of Congress after several weeks' close conference. Though a compromise, the measure in-

cludes 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 205,000 men in time of peace

and 448,000 National Guardsmen-800 for each Senator and Representative.

There will also be specific power re served to the Government in time of war served 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 re-port by January 1, 1917.

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

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QUICK NEWS

ST. LOUIS: .. 0 ATHLETICS.0

Groom and Hartley; Myers and Schang.

PHILLIES ... CINCINNATI

PRINCETON PENN.....

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 18 .- 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 th 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. Despard 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.

186 SIOUX INDIANS BECOME UNITED STATES CITIZENS YANKTON, S. D., May 13 .- One hundred and eighty-six Sioux Indians today forsook the faith of their fathers and became American citizens. Secretary of the Interior Lane and his staff on behalf of President Wilson conducted the services. Each Indian upon being called his white name was handed an arrow and directed to shoot it, indicating his abandonment of the primal mode of living. He then grasped the handle of a plow-the white man's burden. Secretary Lane

"An American citizen" upon it. A great crowd viewed the ceremonies. POLICE SEARCH FOR ESCAPED HOSPITAL INMATES

then presented each with a leather purse and a gold badge with the inscription

Police and detectives today are searching for two men, patients of the Philadelphia Hospital, who executed one of the most cleverly planned escapes in the history of the institution. The men are Alexander Frame, 52 years old, and Edward Meyers, 44 years old. Both were "trustles," Meyers is not insane. They put pillows in their beds to simulate sleeping forms and unlocked five doors with a pass key they had fashioned. They got over a 10-foot wall to the street. Their absence was discovered when they were called this morning. They are dressed in corduroy trousers and dark shirts.

5000 FISH IN DELAWARE KILLED BY POISON

Guards and other officials at the House of Correction estimate that more than 5000 fish were killed as the result of the giving way of the breast of the ice pond on the grounds of that institution yesterday. Poisonous acid drippings flowed into the dam where the fish were imprisoned in shallow water. Examination showed more than two-thirds of the fish to be of the rock species, supposed to be extinct in the Delaware River. The poisons are attributed to the chemical plants along the city's upper water front.

NORWAY FREES INTERNED GERMAN AIRMEN

BERLIN, May 13,-"According to a dispatch from Christiania," says the Overseas News Agency, "six men of the wrecked Zeppelin L-20 have been released, in view of the lack of international regulations regarding airships. When returning, it is presumed, from a raid on Great Britain, the Zeppelin L-20 was wrecked on the Norwegian coast. All 16 of the crew were rescued and interned."

ALLIES DETERMINE ON FORCE WITH GREECE

BERLIN, May 13.—The Entente Powers have decided to resort to force, if essary, to transport the Serbian troops at Corfu across Greek territory to the Salonica front, according to the Overseas News Agency. "The official Russian Press Eureau, as quoted by Petrograd newspapers," says the agency, "announces that the Greek Government is adhering to its decision to refuse permission for passage of the Serblan troops. The Russians believe Greece is actuated by fear of Germany. The Entente Powers have decided to employ force, being prompted by desire to determine definitely the policy of Greece. The Entente Ministers have received orders to act in conformity with the allied military authorities."

BERLIN REPORTS FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH DUTCH

BERLIN, May 13.—The evening edition of the National Zeitung publishes an interview with Baron Gevers, the Dutch Minister to Berlin, concerning the Tubantia case, says the Overseas News Agency. The Minister said that he will leave Monday for home, not to report to his Government, but merely on private business. The Minister authorized his interviewer to declare that the relations between the Dutch and German Governments are absolutely full of confidence and friendliness, and even cordial.

MRS. THOMAS B, SMITH, WIFE OF MAYOR, ILL

Mrs. Thomas B. Smith, wife of the Mayor, is seriously iil at her home in Gienside. A physician is in constant attendance. She was stricken while attending the opera Thursday night and was forced to leave during the performance.

"The Son of Tarzan," Best of the Tarzan Stories, Begins in the Amusement Section of Today's Evening Ledger