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Levy on Personal Property Exceeds \$1,500,000 for Month of July

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Personal property payments paid to the treasury during July total \$1,500,000, which is the largest amount collected on that account in any month since the law imposing it went into effect.

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STATES RAILRATE LAWS  
CONFLICT WITH FEDERAL

Legislative Control Interferes With Interstate Commerce Commission and Some Changes Are Imperative

Washington, Aug. 5.—Increase in intrastate railroad rates, in accord with the increase in interstate rates granted last week by the Interstate Commerce Commission, may result in the repeal of state laws and, in some cases, the interference of the federal commission.

It was pointed out that in several states laws have been passed fixing the passenger rates at two cents a mile. In this manner, it was said, the state government has taken this matter out of the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Any change in intrastate rates will in many cases necessitate extensive and involved litigation. The state government, if it is not in session, or waiting until it comes into session.

There has already arisen in the state of New York one important question involving the change of intrastate rates. A statute that state fixes the passenger rates at two cents a mile. This, however, was not enforced during the time when the federal government controlled the railroads.

On June 15, of this year, when the railroads were again in the hands of the private owners, the Public Utility Commission of New York ordered the railroads engaged in intrastate transportation to restore the two-cent fare on September 1. The railroads sought to have the order set aside on the ground that the order, but the court refused to grant the injunction.

The railroads have now appealed to the Interstate Commerce Commission to interfere on the grounds that action is discriminatory. The federal commission will hear the case.

The basis upon which the Interstate Commerce Commission has acted in fixing of intrastate rates, it was pointed out, is their power to change intrastate rates, which are discriminatory. There is still some question as to how extensive this power is, but it is expected that it will be definitely settled.

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States Urged to Act  
Three members of state public utility commissions who sat with the federal commission while the latter fixed the new intrastate rates made a general recommendation to all states that they increase their rates to correspond with the increases granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

It was pointed out that the need of the railroads for greater revenue in order to rehabilitate their service was made plain before the federal body.

Upon this recommendation the state public utility commissions are expected to act, and in some instances the state legislatures are likewise looked to for definite steps on the rate question. There seems little doubt that the federal commission will interfere in some cases, but to what extent will largely depend on how far it finds it can go under the provisions enabling it to change intrastate rates which are discriminatory.

Return tickets and mileage books bought before the higher fares allowed railroads last Saturday became effective will not be valid when the new schedules go into effect, it was said yesterday at the Interstate Commerce Commission.

How the commission will handle the problem of tickets purchased before the new fares are made operative for use after their effective date is now being worked out, it was said. Commission officials emphasized, however, that travel for the present would not be permitted after the effective date of the new levels.

It is expected that an order will be issued permitting the railroads to refund the amount paid for return coupons or unused mileage and commission books or that passengers will be allowed to use them upon payment of the additional charges authorized.

Harrisburg, Aug. 5.—Application was made to the Public Service Commission yesterday by J. L. Eysmans, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., for various railroads in Pennsylvania, asking authority to file the new railroad rates announced by the Interstate Commerce Commission, so that they can be made effective in five days for intrastate traffic. The petition will be laid before the commission on August 9.

Easton and the Water Gap, but in general the road is fair.

Squaring a Vicious Circle  
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—I read your note about the vicious circle of 'lack of coal delays manufacture of steel cars, lack of steel cars delays transportation of coal. Transportation of coal is to a certain extent unnecessary. Burn the coal in the neighborhood of the mine and transport the heat and energy in other forms to a distance through medium of electricity.

Simon I. Kohn's Will  
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—We have noticed that in a paragraph in your issue of last evening, concerning the will of Simon I. Kohn, deceased, an error has been made.

Why Grudge Him Publicity?  
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—I have just read in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER dated July 28, a clipping from the New Republic headed 'Sir Thomas Lipton'.

Unionism and the Teachers  
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—Sir—Your editorial in regard to the proposed merger of the A. P. T. U. in the city, even some of the 500 who, about a year ago when the Woodruff bill was being held up at Harrisburg, hastily ventured into the American Federation of Teachers.

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CANAL TRAFFIC SETS RECORD

Total of 2478 Commercial Craft Pay \$8,800,000 in Tolls  
Washington, Aug. 5.—Commercial traffic through the Panama Canal set a new record in the fiscal year ending June 30, last, according to official reports received here.

Better Movement of Steel

Pittsburgh, Aug. 5.—Movement of pig iron and steel by the railroads has increased in both the Pittsburgh and the Washington districts. The amount of steel shipped is less than that amount produced, but the disparity is not as large as a fortnight ago.

Bank of England Statement

London, Aug. 5.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve decreased, £1,240,000; circulation increased, £1,120,000; bullion decreased, £126,200; other securities decreased, £1,023,000; public deposits increased, £1,117,000; currency increased, £12,000; gold reserve decreased, £12,000; government securities increased, £1,000,000; the proportion of the bank's reserve to liability is 10.20 per cent; last week it was 12.20. Rate of discount is 7 per cent.

READERS' VIEWPOINT

Letters to the Editor on Current Topics

Liquor and Auto Accidents

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