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STATES GIVEN POWER TO FIX RATES CHARGED BY RAILWAYS WHEN TRAFFIC IS INTERSTATE

Decision of United States Supreme Court in Famous Minnesota Test Case is of Far-Reaching Importance—Two Cents a Mile Passenger Rate and Maximum Freight Rate Valid.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—(Can. Press.)—The State of Minnesota won a substantial victory in the supreme court today, when in the Minnesota State rate case, Justice Hughes, for the court, held that the rates of the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad were confiscatory and unconstitutional, but that the rates of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern were valid. The decision was a victory for the state on the interstate commerce clauses of the constitution and on the confiscatory features, with the exception of the portion affecting the Minneapolis and St. Louis.

In effect, the supreme court's decision upholds the right of the Minnesota Commission and the legislature to prescribe a passenger rate of two cents a mile and a maximum freight rate, provided always those rates are not confiscatory.

State Rights.
Justice Hughes said: "The commerce that is confined within one state and does not affect other states is reserved to the state. This reservation is only of that power which is consistent with the grant to congress. The authority of congress extended to every part of interstate commerce and to every instrumentality or agency by which it is carried on, and the full control by congress over the subjects committed to its regulation is not to be denuded or thwarted by the interstate operations."

"Even without action of commerce, the clause necessarily excludes the state, that if regulated at all, the regulation should be prescribed by a single authority. There is thus secured the essential immunity of interstate commerce from the imposition by the state of direct burdens and restraints."

Congress Paramount.
"But there remains to the state to exercise the power appropriate to their territorial jurisdiction in making suitable provision for local needs. The state may provide local improvements, create and regulate local facilities, and adopt protective measures of a reasonable character in the interest of health, safety and morals and welfare of its people, although interstate commerce may incidentally or indirectly be involved. Where matters falling within the state power, as above described, are also by reason of their relation to interstate commerce, within the right of the federal power, congress acts, the state may act. The paramount authority of congress enables it to intervene at its discretion for the complete and effective government."

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Great Victory for State

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 9.—State officials and others connected with the long-drawn-out Minnesota rate case, tonight were elated over the decision of the United States Supreme Court and were unanimous in declaring it a great victory for the state. As a result of the decision several railroads operating in Minnesota will pay into the state treasury approximately \$2,000,000, in the shape of overcharges.

REV. DR. GRANT AS NEW CHIEF

General Assembly Wants Him to Become Head of New Board of Finance.

Rev. Dr. A. S. Grant is the man of the hour at the general assembly. This morning a special committee will report upon the question of transferring him from the superintendency of home missions to take the new position of chief executive officer of the board of finance.

Rev. Dr. Grant became prominent as the pioneer Presbyterian missionary to the Yukon. The position of chief executive officer of the board of finance was offered to Dr. Grant last June, but he declined. The board has now called upon the general assembly thru a special committee, to, if possible, secure his acceptance of the position, "believing that in a very special way he possesses those qualities necessary to make the work of the board a success."

WELL KNOWN DOCTOR HAS PASSED AWAY

Dr. T. H. Stark Succumbs to Angina Pectoris After Short Illness.

In the death of Dr. T. H. Stark, which took place at his residence, 21 Carlton street, last evening, Toronto has lost one of the best known of the older school of physicians. He was in his 88th year. The doctor had been suffering for some time with angina pectoris, but had been able to attend to his practice until yesterday morning, when he complained of feeling unwell. Medical assistance was summoned, but death took place at 7.30, after which he went into private practice. He spoke French fluently, and numbered many persons of that nationality amongst his patients. One son and two daughters survive. The funeral, which will be private, will take place from his late residence to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, tomorrow afternoon.

BALKAN STATES PREPARING FOR WAR

Tension Between Bulgaria and Serbia is Such That Early Break Now Seems Inevitable—Both Sides Appear Absolutely Fixed in Determination Not to Yield.

LONDON, June 9.—(Can. Press.)—With both sides stubbornly refusing to make the slightest concession, war between the Balkan States is hourly becoming more imminent. If Bulgaria sends a negative reply to the Serbian note—and nothing indicates that she will answer otherwise—Serbia and Greece will proclaim the annexation of the occupied Macedonian territories, thereby establishing a definite casus belli.

The only hopeful feature of the situation consists in the belief that Bulgaria is lacking the sinews of war. Serbia and Greece are not only better situated in this respect, but also occupy superior strategical positions. These facts probably account for the calmness with which Serbia apparently regards the prospects of war.

BELGRADE, Serbia, June 9.—(Can. Press.)—Gen. Radomir Putnik, chief of the general staff of the Serbian army, arrived here today by special train to attend the war council, which will be held under the presidency of the king.

The Bulgarian reply to the Serbian note respecting a revision of the treaty of alliance, which, it is believed, will be in the negative, is expected at an early date. Preparations for war continue and the hospitals are being reopened.

TURKS WOULD SERVE BULGARIA

SOPIA, June 9.—(Can. Press.)—The president of the volunteer societies has received a telegram from Shumla, stating that 1000 Turks, exempt from military service, desire to form a corps to serve Bulgaria in the event of war.

NEW FIREHALL ON MAITLAND STREET

Will Replace Present Fire Quarters on Yonge Street.

Chief Thompson recommended to the property committee the purchase of a lot on Maitland street for a firehall to replace the one on Yonge street, and it was concurred in. The lot will cost \$33,000, or \$384 per front foot. Adding the cost of building and equipment, the total amount will be \$40,000. The old firehall is expected to be sold for \$180,000. Instead of three motorcycles for additional fire equipment for the island, 50 extra hydrants will be put in, to cost \$875. Aid, McEwen's motion that fees charged builders for water supply can be paid in the city architect's department, was adopted.

Result in Australia Doubtful

MELBOURNE, Australia, June 9.—(Can. Press.)—The result of the federal election is still hanging in the balance, and the result may not be definitely known for some weeks. Returns from the interior are slow, as many districts get only one mail a fortnight, and some less than that.

Present figures indicate the defeat of the Labor government by a close vote.

EXPLORERS WILL SAIL NEXT WEEK

Wife of Zoologist Anderson Will Accompany Party to Nome—Karluk Practically Ready.

VICTORIA, B.C., June 9.—(Can. Press.)—When the Stefansson exploration party sails north next week, one woman will be on board, the wife of Dr. Anderson, zoologist for the expedition. Mrs. Anderson will accompany the party Nome, where she will say good-bye to her husband for three years. She and her husband were schoolmates at the State University of Iowa, she being a freshman in the year he was junior.

Stefansson said the Karluk would be ready to sail Saturday, but he did not expect to sail until the following week.

PANAMA CANAL SOON TO OPEN

Any Vessel Can Make Trip by Jan. 1, 1915, Says the Chief Engineer.

NEW YORK, June 9.—(Can. Press.)—"By Jan. 1, 1915, anything that floats can pass thru the Panama Canal between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans," declared Col. George W. Goethals, chief engineer of the canal zone, who arrived here tonight on the steamer Pastores, from Colon.

"I shall send a vessel thru the canal just as soon as we get water into it," continued the chief engineer. "I promised that the Fram, used by Amundsen in discovering the south pole, should go first, but the initial passage probably will be made by a smaller craft."

Of the frequent landslides reported along the canal, Col. Goethals said such slips are to be expected until the high banks become eroded to a gradient sufficient to overcome gravity.

HUBERT M'KENDRY DIED AT WINNIPEG

Was Member of Queen's Own Band and Expert Cornetist.

Last night a message from Winnipeg brought news of the death of Hubert McKendry, an old Toronto boy. He was a member of the Queen's Own Band and an expert cornet player, very popular amongst his comrades and loved and respected by all who knew him. His good nature, coupled with his Irish humor, appealed to everyone with whom he came in contact. He was a brother of the late J. N. McKendry. The brothers living are Charles D. and W. N. of Toronto, and Robert McKendry of Chicago. He leaves a wife and one son.

OUTLET FOR SERBIA

LONDON, June 9.—(Can. Press.)—The ambassadorial conference today discussed the question of providing Serbia with a commercial outlet to the sea. A tentative plan was adopted and will be submitted to the home governments for further consideration.

Special Discount to Delegates.
Visitors to Toronto who are attending the Presbyterian Congress will be granted a ten per cent discount off purchases of men's hats, dress suits, cases, club bags, hat boxes, umbrellas and raincoats and ladies' furs and millinery by W. & D. Dineen Company. Show your badge and you are entitled to this 10 per cent. reduction. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, corner Temperance. Established 1864.

WESTERN CANADA HAS DEVELOPED TOO RAPIDLY

Sir Max Aitken Thinks Alberta's Financing Has Been Particularly Unwise, But That Present Money Tightness Will Be Overcome in Near Future.

MONTREAL, June 9.—(Can. Press.)—While Sir Maxwell Aitken, British M.P., who arrived here today from England, is as optimistic as ever regarding the future of Canada, he regards the imminent outlook in the money market as anything but reassuring.

"Canada has been over-borrowing," he remarked in the course of an interview. "There can be no question about that. The provinces and municipalities have been getting too much money, and now we will have to wait till the effect of this has worn off."

"Do you refer to Quebec or Ontario with regard to over-borrowing?" He was asked.

"No, I am not referring to old Canada, neither can anything be said against the financial methods of the lower provinces. The west, however, has been going too fast in a great many ways."

"Have you Alberta in mind?" he was asked.

"Yes," he replied, "that is where the shoe pinches. Alberta's financing has been anything but wise. The western municipalities generally have been going it at a rapid pace, but, of course, the wonderful development and rapidly increasing population will help them out in the end."

Sir Maxwell is of the opinion, however, that Canada will meet no serious setback, but she will have to halt for a time.

SOON TO START ON NEW STATION

Work Will Commence on July First, and Leaseholders Have Been Notified.

It is understood that work on the new Union Station will begin on July 1. G. A. Mitchell, G. T. R. superintendent of bridges and buildings, was interviewed by The World last night in connection with the rumor, but he refused either to confirm or deny it. "Our engineers have not yet returned from Montreal," he stated, "and I cannot say what will be done until they reach the city."

Mr. Mitchell, however, confirmed the rumor that, business men holding leases on property on the site of the new station had been given notice that they would have to vacate before July 1. There are about six business men who hold leases on this property, and some of them have already removed their stock to other premises.

RUNAWAY HORSE RAN HIM DOWN

A. Spellman Was Badly Injured While Riding His Bicycle.

Pursued by a runaway horse along St. Patrick street last yesterday afternoon A. Spellman, 125 D'Arcy street, was at length trampled down by the animal near the corner of Spadina and St. Patrick and seriously injured. The horse, galloping at a furious pace, disappeared and the owner cannot be found. Very few people witnessed the accident, and it was supposed that Spellman had fallen off the bicycle he was riding. A man who saw the whole occurrence stated that Spellman attempted to get out of the way of the runaway beast by going to one side of the road. The horse seemed to divine his intention, and turned in also. The man then sped to the other side and the horse followed. Spellman became excited and rode into the centre of the road with the result that he was run down. He was taken to the Western Hospital and is in a serious condition.

FEW REDUCTIONS MADE

Appeals against the assessment in ward 7 before the court of revision resulted in a number of small reductions, totalling less than \$6000. The members of the court are adhering persistently to their policy of looking after the interests of the owners of small homes.

LIBERAL PARTY FUNDS USED TO PURCHASE MARCONI STOCK GOVERNMENT IS COMPROMISED

Conspirators Executed

PEKIN, June 9.—(Can. Press.)—Some women of modern education were among the alleged anti-government conspirators who were placed under arrest at Tientsin and at Pekin in the past few weeks. It is reported that 200 of the conspirators already have been executed after only a summary examination.

PRESS WOMEN AT EDMONTON

Warm Welcome Given to Eastern Visitors by Prominent Women Writers of the West.

By a Staff Reporter.
EDMONTON, June 9.—The triennial meeting of the Canadian Women's Press Club opened this morning at 11 o'clock, when a meeting of the executive was held, most of the delegates arriving on early trains, the Toronto contingent, and those accompanying them getting to their destination at 7.45 o'clock.

Miss Marjory MacMurphy, president, was in the chair at all the meetings of the day. The keynote of the president's address was *summa corda*. Miss MacMurphy thought that the press club gave promise of being a wonderful organization.

The members were neither easterners nor westerners, but Canadians. She thanked Edmonton and the people generally for their kindness. The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. Murphy, "Janey Canuck," president of the local branch.

"Dear girls, you can never believe how glad we are to see you," was her warm introduction. Speaking through the *Microphon*, Mrs. Murphy said the question involved was not one of sex, but of capacity. Mrs. McClung, author of "Glowing Sands in Danny," and other books, replied to the words of welcome in sentences of appreciation. The historian's report was given by Miss Katharine Hughes of Edmonton.

Miss Fraser of Toronto showed that a balance of \$142.77 was on hand. Mrs. Fairbairn, secretary, spoke. Her report shows a membership of 219; also that there are branches in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, Fort William, Fort Arthur and Toronto. Report of credentials committee, voting on new members and a short address from Mr. George Ham (the only man member in the world of a woman's press club), too, up the remainder of the opening session. A civic reception and dinner were given this evening in the Empire Auditorium.

M. L. Hart.

Impressions of the General Assembly

By DR. QUILL

Dr. R. Campbell, Montreal, senior clerk of assembly, brother-in-law of the late Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, is a representative man in the Presbyterian Church. One of his recent utterances will indicate his position more than a chapter of prose. "My voice," he said, rising to a point of order, "will not permit me to speak on church union at this assembly. Neither will my Highland temper."

That was on Saturday, and we have had a Sabbath day's worship since, but still the words echo in one's soul. The man who spoke would be counted in any list of six great Presbyterians, whether listed for their scholarship, service to the church, or character. For eight consecutive years he has come before the assembly with both voice—a rare one for rhetoric and temper. This latter quality is also well known. He can boil over and cool off without bitterness. What has made him afraid of his Highland temper?

Dr. Campbell, as has been said, is a representative Presbyterian. What we are troubled about is: How representative also is his temper? In many a kirk session there are grand old men of his type who are, we know, of his present frame of mind. Because they belong to the minority in congregations has little bearing on the matter. On the contrary, with everything in view, would it be either "grace or gumption" to spill such blood on behalf of an immediate church union?

Dr. W. J. Clark is also a representative Presbyterian in Canada. In any list of the half-dozen most prominent of the younger "brethren" he would find a place. And we have heard already his voice and felt his temper. Both of which are excellent. He is

Doubt, Disgust and Discouragement Has Been Aroused in England and the Government May Find Itself in the Minority Any Day as a Result.

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LONDON, June 9.—The position of the Liberal government has been seriously compromised by the revelation that Lord Murray, lately the chief whip of the Liberal party, bought 3000 shares of the American Marconi Co. as an investment of the Liberal party funds, at about the time he and Lloyd George made their personal purchases of American Marconi from Attorney-General Isaacs.

The present chief whip, Percy Illingworth, had added further mystery to the matter by stating that when Murray handed over to him the securities in which the Liberal party funds were invested, these Marconi shares were not among them, and he did not know where they were.

Broker Ponner, thru whom the shares were purchased, absconded with a million dollars' worth of his clients' securities, including \$150,000 worth of the Liberal party funds, and Illingworth suggested that the Marconis are among them, but the receiver of the brokers' estate swears that, judging from letters he has seen the scrip seems to have been handed to Murray.

This matter remains to be cleared up, and there is a strong demand that Murray, who is now in South America on business for the Cowdray firm, and says he cannot return before the end of July, and should come home at once and submit himself to examination by the committee.

A Slandered Man.
Illingworth was fiercely indignant today at insinuation against Murray in questions asked by the Unionist members of the Marconi committee, and says he is the most basely slandered man living.

The whole situation has now become extremely serious for the Asquith government. Both Liberals and Radicals declared in the house of commons today this evening that Lloyd George and Attorney-General Isaacs should resign. Lloyd George has no intention of doing anything of the kind. It would be the finishing blow to the government if he did. He takes the position that no suggestion of corruption has been made against him; that the worst that has been urged is that he and Isaacs acted indiscreetly in buying any kind of Marconi shares. He is prepared to defend in the house his own character and these transactions when he is challenged to do so.

The whole affair has roused doubt.

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