

MEETS WITH FAVOR

International Railway Commission Seems Assured.

CONFERENCE AT AN END

Chairman Knapp and Judge Mabey Finish Their Session and Present a Report to the State Department at Washington—New Board Would Have Wide Powers Over International Rates.

Washington, Dec. 31.—An international railway commission, with supervisory authority over the railroads operating between Canada and the United States, is practically assured. After many months of negotiations between the two Governments a conclusion was reached yesterday which means that probably within a few months regulatory authority will be extended over railway operations between the two countries.

For several days J. P. Mabey, chief commissioner of the Railway Commission of Canada, and Chairman Martin A. Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission, have been in conference on the subject. They reached an agreement last Wednesday. Since that time they have been working out the details of the report. Yesterday Chairman Knapp and Judge Mabey called at the Department of State and presented their joint report. As it is a diplomatic matter, the commissioners were directed by the State Department not to make public at present the result of their negotiations. The text of the report, therefore, is not available.

It is known, however, that the commissioners have agreed to the advisability of the creation of an international railway commission, which shall have supervisory authority over the railway lines doing an international business between the two countries. This authority is to extend to the regulation of international rates, both freight and passenger, and to the prescribing of through routes and joint rates and through bill of lading between points in one country to points in the other.

The commission will have authority over all international transportation, and may be appealed to by shippers or carriers in either country for relief from what they deem oppressive methods or regulations, or excessive or unreasonable rates.

The principal subject under consideration by the designated representatives of the two Governments was the method by which the commission should be created. It finally was decided to recommend that the arrangement between the two countries should be concluded by treaty, rather than by joint legislation.

Drank Her Blood.

Calgary, Dec. 31.—The Italian Blanco, who is held on charges of vagrancy, procreation and abduction, appeared before the magistrate yesterday. Mrs. Gasbari, a compatriot, who testified that she was forced, under fear of a revolver, to leave her husband and to live with Blanco. Mrs. Gasbari, in cross-examination, again told of Blanco drinking her blood, and of her refusing to reciprocate.

A young Italian named Philippo, said to be a son of the accused, admitted taking her clothes to the station at the time of her flight to Nelson. The woman said she had lived with Gasbari for fourteen years without a wedding ceremony. A marriage had only taken place since information was laid against Blanco.

Four Days Without Food.

Port Arthur, Dec. 31.—After having lived for four days without food in a grease barrel, protecting himself from the wind by turning round from time to time, his head covered only with an old bag, Richard Manning, an Englishman, arrived in Port Arthur from White River, in charge of Constable Phelan, to serve three months in jail, being committed by Magistrate Depey for vagrancy.

Manning was overcome on a tramp out from the Michipicoten mines, taken to a shelter by the police and constable, after sectionmen had found him. His fingers and feet were badly frozen, and he was committed to jail for care, because there was nothing else to do with him.

City Will Take Up Fight.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The City Council is in grips with the turnpike trust, and the citizens have been told to take no more notice of the toll gates in the suburbs after Dec. 31. "We will say to the public," said Ald. L. A. Lapointe, "the roads are free, and the city will look after your free passage over them. What ever fighting is to be done for your rights will be done by the city for you. The city will hold herself responsible for any tax that the trust may seek to impose."

Army Aviator Killed.

Versailles, France, Dec. 31.—Lieutenant Caumont of the army aviation corps, while testing a new monoplane yesterday, fell from a height of 80 feet. Both arms and both legs were broken. The injured man was taken immediately to the military hospital, where he died soon as he learned of the accident. Gen. Brunn, Minister of War, nominated Lieut. Caumont for the Legion of Honor, but death occurred before the cross could be taken to him.

Shot Her Husband.

Boston, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Lillian M. Green shot her husband, Joseph M. Green, janitor, early yesterday morning. The woman told the first policeman who appeared that she had shot her husband because he left her two months ago for another woman.

Skating Rink Roof Collapsed.

Kirkfield, Dec. 31.—The skating rink here, belonging to James Danes, collapsed Thursday, owing to the great weight of snow on the roof. Fortunately no one was injured.

FIRST YEAR GOOD

Provincial Police Report Shows Successful Work.

GOVERN SALE OF WEAPONS

Superintendent Rogers' Report of the Year's Work By the New Force Shows a High Percentage of Convictions—He Recommends That Carrying Concealed Guns Be Punished by Imprisonment.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Since the organization of the provincial police force, ten months ago, the cases in which the force has been called upon to act have numbered 1,377, according to the annual report of Supt. J. E. Rogers, issued yesterday. In 1,069 instances convictions were secured, 200 persons were discharged, 45 cases were withdrawn, 44 were awaiting trial at the end of the financial year, while in 17 cases the alleged offenders have not been arrested.

The report comments favorably upon the new system established, under which all cases handled now find a place in the official records of the Department, and considerable overlapping in the work of the officers has been done away with.

Dealing with specific crimes, the report points out that the provincial police were called upon to act in sixteen murder cases, of which five resulted in convictions, three in acquittals, two are awaiting trial, and in six instances no arrest has been made.

Seven cases of crimes of violence, practically all being committed by foreigners, are reported, and commenting upon them, the report says: "It was only by lucky chance that the roll of murders was not added to."

In view of the fact that the penalty inflicted in two of these cases was a fine, the report says: "Having regard for the importance of the protection of the police, and for the further fact that the offenders were drawn from an element whose regard for human life is not so high as that demanded by Canadians, and also bearing in mind that 15 foreigners were convicted for carrying concealed weapons, it cannot be too strongly urged that offences of this character should be punished by the imposition of severe terms of imprisonment. It is also desirable that the sale of firearms, and as far as possible, all weapons, should be strictly governed. The indiscriminate marketing of cheap firearms is a menace to the safety of the public, and their unlicensed sale should be prohibited."

Dealing with the deportation of undesirable, the report chronicles the fact that 547 have been arrested at frontier points, and, being aliens, were turned over to the Federal authorities and deported. "Ontario," it says, "has ceased to be attractive to a very large number of persons, and a marked contrast to at least one other province, where crime committed by the hobo and Yegg have been prevalent."

In enforcing the Liquor License Act, the provincial police have acted in 257 cases, with the result that 213 persons were convicted, 36 discharged, five awaiting trial. In addition to sentences of imprisonment, fines aggregating \$12,934, were imposed. During the ten months the force has seized 5,915 bottles of whisky, 108 gallons of whisky, 216 cases, 18 barrels of whisky, one barrel of stout, two gallons of gin, 224 bottles of wine, and 66 gallons of high wines.

Enforcement of the fish and game laws resulted in the prosecution of 139 persons, of whom 120 were convicted, ten discharged, and three are awaiting trial. The fines amounted to \$12,912.

The fines imposed in cases in which members of the force acted, amounted to \$43,775, and constables' fees which for the first time were paid in to the Provincial Treasury, \$2,755. Constables' traveling expenses amounted to \$5,063. Salaries amounted to \$37,236, uniforms \$2,616, contingencies \$1,333.

Reply to Mr. Russell.

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—R. Mackenzie, secretary of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, replied yesterday to the criticisms of T. A. Russell before the Canadian Club of Toronto, regarding the representative character of the big delegation which recently interviewed Premier Laurier. As an automobile manufacturer, protected by a 35 per cent. tariff, Mackenzie says Russell is taking \$350 out of the farmer for every thousand dollars the latter spends in his line, and, as long as such conditions obtain, it is little use for the manufacturer trying to "take for the farmer by the arm and dispel his erroneous impression that he is paying tribute to any class."

BRIEFS FROM THE WIRES.

The affairs of the Northern Bank of New York have been taken over by the State Superintendent in the interest of the depositors.

The White Star-Dominion Line will run the steamer Teutonic to Montreal next season, and may also put the Majestic on the St. Lawrence route.

Wilson Ford of Milton, N.S., woke up and found his house in flames. He had just time to seize his wife and child and jump from the bedroom window.

President Taft has at present under consideration the pro-British speech at the Guildhall, London, of Commander Stuns, which gave offence in many quarters.

On Dec. 19, 1910, Judge Collier of Cleveland, O., granted Mrs. Will Smith of Owen Sound her divorce. She will assume her maiden name, Alice Ashdown.

The brother of Dolphus Drouillard, the Sandwich farmer, who was thought to be the victim of the "log cabin murder mystery," came to Detroit yesterday and was unable to identify the murdered man as his brother.

BRIEFS FROM THE WIRES.

The Swiss National Assembly elected Marc Ruchet president and Ludwig Forrer vice-president of Switzerland for the year 1911.

The strike of 12,000 dockmen and coal heavers has tied up completely the business of Barcelona, Spain. No ships are being loaded or discharged. At a special meeting of the Montreal City Council yesterday, a motion to dismiss Dr. Leberge, health officer, because of his Masonic intentions, was defeated by 15 to 13.

The Montreal Board of Trade and other public bodies will send a deputation to Washington to oppose the Long Sault Rapids power bill, introduced in the U. S. Congress. The projected trip for Canadian business men to the West Indies, which was arranged to commence on Jan. 14, from St. John, N.B., and to last for some six weeks, has been finally abandoned.

J. E. Connors of Moosejaw was convicted in that city of having wrongfully assumed the title of M.D., and of having led people to infer that he was a qualified medical practitioner. He was fined \$45.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley heard the complaint regarding the erection of Hydro-electric towers in the lake, and it is stated he will not delay the work, but will have it done to the satisfaction of the Department's engineers.

Two preachers and many women have been drawn into the Adams County, Ohio, ballot scandal, the ministers confessing that they had sold their votes for \$5 each and the women asserting that they had put a price on the votes of their husbands, sons and sweethearts.

Four Hundred Boys In Convention.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Four hundred boys from all parts of Ontario and Quebec are in attendance at a conference which opened yesterday afternoon in the Y.M.C.A.

This is not merely a Y.M.C.A. conference. It is the fifth annual Y.M.C.A. boys work conference with which are affiliated conferences of collegiate institute and high school students, conference on Sunday school work for boys, and the conference of the Canadian Baden-Powell boy scouts. The convention is being conducted under the joint auspices of the Ontario and Quebec provincial committee of the Y.M.C.A. and the Ontario Sunday School Association. As the first such united convention it is by far the greatest ever of its kind witnessed in Canada.

Some of the finest speakers to boys on the continent are in attendance, including C. K. Calhoun of Montreal, general secretary of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. committee; Eugene C. Foster, boys' work secretary of the Detroit Y.M.C.A.; Hubert Carleton, M.A., D.C.L., Boston, general secretary of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew; R. A. Waite, Jr., boys' work secretary, international committee Y.M.C.A., New York; C. M. Copeland, Toronto, general secretary Ontario committee Y.M.C.A.; Frank H. T. Ritchie, Canadian boys' work secretary Y.M.C.A.; C. J. Atkinson, superintendent, Broadway Boys' Club, Toronto; W. W. Halpin, B.D., general secretary Sunday School Association of Ontario.

In Memory of Tolstoi.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—With the hope of interesting American millionaires in a project to purchase Yasnyaya Polyana, the estate of the late Count Tolstoi, Michael Alexandrovitch Kustinsky, a Russian, has sailed for New York, and will arrive there this week.

Mr. Kustinsky says he is acting as the agent of the sons of Count Tolstoi, who desire to perpetuate the doctrines and teachings of their father by means of a great educational establishment, to be named for the famous author, and to be devoted to the study of his philosophy, especially that regarding peace.

It is likely that the first Americans to be interviewed by Mr. Kustinsky will be John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie.

Printing Bureau Changes.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Numerous changes are being made in internal arrangements at the Government Printing Bureau, and the work of officials so assigned is calculated to prevent a recurrence of charges of extravagance and dishonesty which have been established. Structural alterations will be made, so as to permit of the printing staff being under the view of the superintendent. It is understood also that employees will be put under the provisions of the act as regards the outside service.

The new superintendent, Mr. Boardman, leaves for New York and Washington on Saturday, to get pointers respecting the operation of the bureau in those cities.

A Centenarian Dead.

Kingston, Dec. 29.—John Barton, aged 101, died yesterday. He was only ill a short time, and had the use of his faculties to the last. He was a carpenter by trade and had lived here all his life. One son, Alexander, a marine engineer, living in Toronto, survives. At ninety years the deceased was a long distance trotter, and took great delight in taking a few belongings tied in a handkerchief and going on a long tramp.

Jailbird Recaptured.

Cornwall, Dec. 31.—Albert Carter, who was serving a term in the county jail, and who made his escape on two occasions, the last time in the summer of 1909, was recaptured at Moulinette Thursday and brought to Cornwall to finish the unexpired ten months. A short time ago Chief Smith received an anonymous letter from Toronto, informing him that Carter was in the vicinity of Moulinette.

Will Fight Extradition.

Braddock, Pa., Dec. 31.—W. H. Goodman, 50 years old, of Toronto, will fight extradition, proceedings against returning to Canada, to stand trial for forgery, charged against him for forging a check on the Bank of Montreal last summer. Goodman was employed as manager of the Bell Telephone Co.'s office at Newmarket, Ont., during the summer.

ASK MORE POWERS

Railway Commissions Want International Body.

FOR STATES AND CANADA

Chairman Mabey and Judge Knapp Have Concluded Their Conference at Washington and Decide That Solution to Rate Problem Lies in an International Board to Fix Charges on Both Sides.

Washington, Dec. 29.—As a result of conferences between Judge Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and J. P. Mabey, chief of the Railway Commission of Canada, an agreement has been reached to recommend to the Governments of the United States and Canada, the creation of an international railway commission, which shall have supervisory authority over the railway rates between the two countries.

Mr. Mabey arrived in Washington from Ottawa Tuesday night, to discuss the details of an agreement he had reached with Judge Knapp last August, and yesterday the two officials, who were designated by their respective Governments to consider the subject and make a report upon it, were in conference. Their report has not been completed, but will be in a day or two.

No details of the report are yet available, beyond the fact that it recommends the establishment of the international commission, upon which shall be conferred certain defined regulatory powers. Whether the commission is to be created by treaty between the two Governments or by joint legislation cannot be announced at this time.

For a considerable period it has been realized that the increasing traffic, both passenger and freight, between the United States and Canada, was likely to render control over rates in the future difficult, unless some international action was taken.

The acquisition by American railroads of Canadian terminals, and by Canadian railroads of American terminals and lines, present increasing difficulties. In the existing circumstances, it is not possible to compel either railways or express companies to establish joint through routes and rates to and from points in the two countries. In other words, neither an American or a Canadian carrier may be required to furnish to a shipper a through bill of lading to any point in one country from any point in the other.

The reasonableness of the international rates, which ordinarily are a combination of the rates local to each country, can be determined only by a circuitous proceeding, instituted before the commission of both countries. No power at present exists that can require carriers engaged in international transportation to establish what may be regarded officially as reasonable, through joint rates, and to apportion those rates among the participating carriers, in the event they cannot reach an agreement among themselves.

Rushing N.T.R.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—The Macdonnell and O'Brien contracts on the Trans-continental from the City of Quebec to the Ontario boundary line, 418 miles long, are being pushed ahead. Some 227 miles of steel have been laid, and on this distance all the ballasting has been done, save fifteen miles, while the concrete and steel bridges over the Batiscan and the three crossings of the St. Maurice and the Vermilion, have all been completed. The entire length of these contracts are to be completed in 1912.

Blasting Powder Exploded.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 29.—Five persons were killed, a score injured and an extensive property damage resulted yesterday when workmen at the plant of the American Smelter & Refining Co., endeavoring to destroy a slag pile, accidentally exploded 240 pounds of blasting powder. The explosion partially wrecked the plant and many small houses in the vicinity, while windows three miles distant were broken.

A Peaceful Solution.

Washington, Dec. 29.—In order to avoid hostilities, Hays has approved the appointment of committees, representing that country and Santo Domingo, to decide the boundary dispute between the two countries. This information reached the United States War Department yesterday. It is probable, the dispatch adds, that this plan will succeed, unless the troops facing each other get beyond control.

Thirty Years With G.T.R.

Detroit, Dec. 30.—Thomas Grose, for more than thirty years an employee of the Grand Trunk Railway, died very suddenly Tuesday night of pneumonia. Mr. Grose was about 50 years of age. He leaves a widow and two sons in Detroit, and a daughter, Mrs. Watson of Montreal. Interment will be in Montreal.

A Fatal Mistake.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.—Three communicants have died and 29 others are seriously ill as a consequence of a mistake made by an elder of the Lutheran Church in the Peterhof district, who Wednesday evening filled the communion cup with a mixture of sulphurated chromate instead of wine.

New Boats For Allans.

London, Dec. 29.—It is stated that the Allans have entered into an arrangement with a large shipbuilding company for two new monster steamers of the fastest type.

New Factory For Falls.

Niagara Falls, Dec. 29.—The Waters Garment Co. of New York will locate a Canadian factory here for manufacturing petticoats.

HAS CANAL SCHEME

Gillies Proposes Waterway From Goderich to Hamilton.

HAS BACKING HE DECLARES

The Canadian Who Has Projected a Huge Terminal For Toronto, Says a Canal From Georgian Bay to Lake Ontario With Cheap Power Would Make Ontario the Hub of British North America.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—A. P. Gillies, the man who appeared before the Board of Control with an army of New York financiers last summer and presented a scheme for the building of a subway terminal in Toronto, is here again with another scheme which he proposes to work in conjunction with his subway terminal idea and one, which according to Mr. Gillies, will, if operated successfully, make Toronto the hub of the continent, double Hamilton's population and make Ontario one of the greatest manufacturing provinces in the world. In looking for a source of power to operate the proposed subway terminal, the idea of digging a canal from Goderich to Hamilton, which would effect a fall of 200 feet between the two lakes, occurred to Mr. Gillies, and he claims he has now the backing of sufficient capital to see the scheme completed.

Early in January he will present his project to the Federal and Provincial Governments, asking their co-operation in the undertaking, which he believes is truly a national one and also to ask them to guarantee bonds for construction of the canal.

The proposed canal will be 35 feet deep and 300 feet wide, and by deepening the canals on the St. Lawrence River, ocean liners will be able to sail from Chicago and Fort William direct to Liverpool, making a saving of 1,700 miles of marine transportation. The benefit the New England States have been reaping in consequence of the prosperity of the West will now be directed to the provinces of Eastern Canada.

The scheme has been assured the backing of the financial world, including banks in Belgium and Holland. F. M. Andrews & Co. of New York, of which Charles B. Taft, brother of President Taft, is a director, will be the engineers and architects in charge.

Wireless Case.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Demands will be made upon Congress, it is said, for an investigation of the wireless telegraph situation throughout the United States.

Letters are being sent to members asking that the matter be taken up. These letters charge that a conspiracy was set on foot to destroy the United Wireless Telegraph Co. because its present officers would not surrender \$5,000,000 worth of stock. When Congress reassembles next week formal request will be made for the appointment of a committee in each branch with authority to summon witnesses and inspect the books of all wireless companies.

Taft Will Run Again.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Word has gone out definitely among close friends of President Taft that he will be an active candidate for re-nomination in 1912. Not only that, but steps are being taken to clear the way for Mr. Taft's re-nomination. The rough edges are being smoothed over where it is possible and friendships are being sought rather than enemies.

Entire Family Wiped Out.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 29.—An entire family of three persons was wiped out by asphyxiation yesterday morning. The victims were: Mrs. John Rucker, aged 60; Joseph Rucker, a son, 17 years old; Mathilda Rucker, a daughter, 20 years old.

Discharged From Bankruptcy.

Pittsburg, Dec. 30.—Harry Kendall Thaw, who killed Stanford White, the New York architect, in that city, was discharged from bankruptcy by Judge Orr in the U. S. District Court here yesterday. James C. Graham, who had filed exceptions on the ground that Thaw was insane when this bankruptcy petition was filed, withdrew his objections. Attorneys declared Thaw's recognized creditors would receive 20 per cent. of their accounts. According to the bankruptcy petition, Thaw's liabilities were \$433,140, with assets of \$128,017.

A Kidnapping Case.

New York, Dec. 30.—On the identification of six-year-old Giuseppe di Stefano, Giacomo Crimi was formally charged with kidnapping yesterday, and held to answer before the grand jury.

Crimi was taken by the police on Wednesday night in a raid on the Sicilian quarter, in which 18 men were arrested. The Stefano boy picked him out of the line of suspects, and the others were allowed to go.

Two Extradition Cases.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The Dominion police have two more extradition cases on their hands, the arrests having been made at the instance of the Belgian and French Governments.

E. O. Peugnet was taken into custody by the Mounted Police at Willow Bunch, Sask., on a charge of murder committed in Belgium. C. T. Popp was arrested in Montreal on a charge of theft in France.

Orillia Grocery Burned.

Orillia, Dec. 30.—Early yesterday morning fire broke out in the grocery store occupied by B. E. Kean. The cellar was completely gutted and the grocery department was also burned considerably and damaged by smoke and water. The loss is pretty well covered by insurance. Considerable damage was done to the buildings, which is owned by Mrs. Todd.

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