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CHAIRMAN WAGGONSTEIL CANCELS NEW EXPRESS RATES

Says Undertaking Was Given
That Classification Would
Effect Reduction and it
Was Surprise When
Shown That Re-
verse Was Case.

OTTAWA, Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Chairman Maboe of the board of railway commissioners gave a decision to-day cancelling the express companies' classification of Jan. 1, 1909, and ordering the companies to revert to the tariff and rules in existence prior to that date.

This decision, also foreshadowed by the chairman's remarks made in Montreal on Friday, has created consternation in the ranks of the express officials, who say that business must for a time be paralyzed, as it will be impossible to supply their agents all over the country with copies of the old schedule of rates, as the latter were destroyed in most cases upon the inauguration of the schedule of 1909.

The Canadian Northern has appealed to the governor-in-council against the decision, the other companies awaiting the result of the appeal and remaining quiescent meanwhile.

The Decision.
Judge Maboe's decision is as follows: "It is not denied that this classification, which came into effect on Jan. 1, 1909, will materially increase the receipts of the express companies. It is not on an inconsiderable volume of traffic that the rates have been increased thru the charges on returned empty and the adoption of rigid and measurement rule. It has been shown that the movement under these heads is large and considerable. The increase, it is said, will run up to nearly 100 per cent. When this enquiry began, before I became a member of the board, an understanding was given on behalf of the express companies that pending the enquiry no increase of tolls should be made by them. I think it is the duty of the board to see that this understanding is carried out. When this classification was approved, I understood that such changes as were made were small and that upon the whole there was a reduction and not an increase. There was therefore some surprise when it was found that these changes and no opportunity to shippers to adapt their business to such changes as might be reasonable. I only repeat that I would not have signed the order approving of this classification upon an ex-parte application of the express companies had I been in possession of the facts now before us, but would have requested public notice to be given in order that those who have to pay tolls should have an opportunity to present their views. Many and important rules have been changed. Those that I have carefully considered are mostly changes in favor of the companies. These have not yet had sufficient investigation, nor is the full import of them yet understood by either the public or the board.

"I am free to confess that this matter was not given the consideration it was entitled to when the order of October was made, my understanding being that it was for the convenience and not for the profit of the express company and the tolls were not, upon the whole, being increased."

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**FAVORS MUNICIPAL POWER
IN INAUGURAL TO COUNCIL**
Brantford Mayor Wants More Definite Information From Hydro Commission.



TAKING A RISE OUT OF HIM
TEDDY: I like to put the Old Man in the air.

**FACTS OF CALIFORNIANS
INFLAME THE JAPANESE
MAY DISRUPT ENTENTE**
Newspapers Say U.S. While Extending Hand of Friendship is Really an Enemy of Country.

TOKYO, Jan. 12.—Following cable news from San Francisco, relating to bills now pending before the California Legislature, Japanese newspapers today elaborate on the strained relations that might arise thru the enactment of laws forbidding the ownership of land and the attendance at public schools by Japanese residents of California.

**Vancouver is Shaken
People Flee Homes**
Earth Tremor Felt on Pacific Coast Knocks Plaster Off Walls of Houses.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—A slight earthquake was felt here this afternoon, about 3.42. In Fairview, Grandview and other high altitudes around the city, people rushed from their houses into the streets.

**SEN. TILLMAN TO PAINT
REAL ROOSEVELT LATER
THE MAN IN GLASS HOUSE**
Southern States Man Answers President's Allegations, But Ill-Health Restrains Vigorous Speech.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Being greeted by applause from the galleries when he entered the senate chamber today to reply to President Roosevelt's strictures in respect to his connection with Oregon timber land transactions, Senator Tillman of South Carolina proceeded to read his prepared remarks with little attempt at oratorical effort.

**AGETYLENE GAS PLANT
SHATTERS RINK FRONT
CARETAKER INJURED**
Anthony Morris Terribly Burned About Face and Hands—Three Have Narrow Escape.

SPRATFORD, Jan. 11.—(Special.)—As the result of an explosion at the acetylene gas plant in the curling rink here at 8.15 to-night, Anthony Morris, the caretaker, lies in the city hospital terribly burned about the face and hands, and the east end of the new rink is a total wreck.

REFORM TICKET WINS
MONTREAL, Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Mayor W. H. Trench and Ald. F. S. MacLennan, W. Rutherford, Jr., James Hyde, W. K. Gaffney, J. J. Roberts, Hugh Gilchrist, Andrew Gall and Arthur Jones were elected to-day in Westmount by acclamation, all being on the Reform ticket.

JAMES P. WATSON
New President of the Toronto Board of Trade.



James P. Watson, New President of the Toronto Board of Trade.

Confession of Rev. J. H. Carmichael.

"Guilty Because I am a Coward—I Felt Ashamed That a Man Should Be Able to Compel Me to Yield to His Will," Says Murderer-Suicide.

CARTHAGE, Ills., Jan. 11.—The confession of Rev. J. H. Carmichael, the Adair murderer, given out this afternoon, follows: Carthage, Ills., Jan. 9, 1909.

To Mr. Waggonsteil, Port Huron, Mich.
Honored Sir: I write this letter to explain some things in connection with the Columbus church tragedy. I am guilty only because I am a coward. The man had such a hypnotic influence over me that I felt that something must be done. I felt greatly ashamed that a man said to be short-minded should be able to compel me to yield to his will, but I said nothing about it.

"Then after we had been at the restaurant for which he paid, also for the horse, he gave me half a dollar and he wanted me to go across there and buy a small hatchet for his boy to play with. I began to tell him to go and do his own buying when he set his eyes upon me in the queerest sort of a look, something like the look of a snake's eyes.

"Then I felt his influence tightening his grip on my mind, so I went, intending to go into the store and out the back way to get the horse and rush off for home. When I turned to close the door he stood looking upon me thru the window and I just thought of the hatchet and came out again, but by that time he had disappeared, so I went to the barn, got my rig and started for home. When I made the turn into Military-street, he was at the corner to get in. He rode as far as South Park, where he got out to take the car. He took the hatchet with him and said nothing nor did I think anything at the time about the change.

"Once at the depot at Adair he came out of the house in his shirt sleeves and exercised me by compelling me to walk the rails. All the while I felt as small as a bantam chicken.

**"TAXICAB SIR?" WATERWAYS PACT
TORONTO WILL
HAVE 'EM**
Twenty Century Utility Will be Serving the People of This City in About Two Weeks' Time.

Letters Patent have just been granted incorporating Berns Motors and Taxicabs, Limited, with an authorized capital of \$500,000. The incorporators are connected with the law office of Parker, Clark & McEvoy.

REV. CARMICHAEL CONFESSES AND SUICIDES

Leaves Letters to Wife and Sheriff, Attributing Murder of Browning to Self Defence and Cowardice.

CARTHAGE, Ills., Jan. 11.—Rev. John H. Carmichael, pastor of three Methodist Churches in and near Adair, Mich., confessed slaying of Gideon Browning, a neighbor, whom he slew with a hatchet and cremated last Tuesday night in Rattle Run Church, committed suicide to-day in the toilet room of Miss Miranda Hughes' boarding house by cutting his throat with a pocket knife.

Nothing more than Rev. Mr. Carmichael's letter to the Michigan sheriff has thus far been discovered in Carthage tending to explain the mysterious tragedy. Carmichael died without remaining consciousness. His last preparation to leave Carthage this morning and went to the toilet room in the yard before starting for the railway station. There he was met by Miss Hughes, who discovered him bleeding and frozen. He had cut his throat, but the wound was not fatal, except that long bleeding and the low temperature had sapped his life.

"When he arranged with me about his wedding he said he would go to Port Huron and meet me on the road between that place and the church. I thought he fully meant to get married when he engaged my services, but when we met on the road and he was alone I began to feel uneasy, but he said it was all right, the others would come in a carriage.

**Canada-U. S. Treaty Provides
for Amount of Water Taken
at Niagara Falls for
Power Purposes and
Use of Streams.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—After a long period of hard, patient work, some features of which ran into years, United States Secretary of State Root and Ambassador James Bryce of Great Britain to-night signed a treaty for the settlement of international differences between Canada and the United States.

**Tom Johnson Quits
Euclid Av. Mansion**
Cleveland Mayor Down to Nine Rooms and One Auto Thru Loss of Fortune.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Mayor Tom L. Johnson, suffering a financial depression, will move out of his fine mansion in "Millionaire's Row" and take a suite at \$35 a month in the Knickerbocker Apartments on Euclid-avenue. Mayor Johnson has three autos, but will keep one and sell the others.