

### The Daily Herald

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**EXPRESS RATES REDUCED.**  
Business men, in fact everyone, will be glad to hear that by the judgment of the Railway Commission express rates to Western Canada are to be cut 20 per cent. The new rates will come into effect on or before July 15 of this year. Express rates to Western Canada have been very high. High express rates make for the increased cost of living, for in establishing the selling price of his wares the merchant must figure in the cost price the express charges. Lower express rates will mean that cost charges will not be so high with a proportionate reduction in the selling price.

Situated as we are in the extreme west it is not always possible to procure goods by freight. It is a long haul and between waiting for shipments to be made up by the railway companies, allowing for delays along the road, and the actual time consumed in hauling, the demand has oftentimes gone by for the goods by the time they have been received. Consequently the express companies are well patronized. The reduction in rates then will be received with general satisfaction.

**FOR PEACE.**  
William Jennings Bryan, secretary of state in President Wilson's cabinet in the United States government, is tackling the universal peace problem. The preliminary outline of his proposed international agreement has been laid before the senate. It is understood that with the endorsement of President Wilson Bryan will soon undertake to open negotiations with leading powers for such a treaty as his proposal contemplates.

Briefly, Secretary Bryan's plan, as he outlined it, is that the United States should make treaties under which disputes, even those involving national honor or vital interests, would be submitted to an international board of inquiry and that the disputing countries should agree to take no steps whatever toward preparation for war within a specified time, of six months or a year.

The extent to which other nations may have been "sounded" on the proposition was not fully disclosed. It is intimated, however, that one or two foreign powers viewed the plan with favor.

The majority of the committee expressed general approval of the idea of making some form of agreement with other countries for further development of peace relations. The final settlement of the wars of the last few years have been to a large extent settled by arbitration. Why should disputes between nations not be settled by arbitration? Bryan will not be the first man who has thought of this way of eradicating war. It is to be hoped that he will be more successful than his predecessors.

### Communication

Editor Daily Herald:  
Dear Sir,—In last night's issue of the Free Press there is a letter from Mr. Jordan, re my letter of some days ago. If Mr. Jordan will take the trouble to look up that letter again, I distinctly stated that I had seen it in the local papers that Mr. Pettigrew and Mr. Foster had made these statements, which were never contradicted. If these statements had been denied, as they should have been, if not correct, my letter never would have been written. Mr. Jordan further states that of late I have been currying favor with the boss and some one else smaller. Any person who knows will tell you Mr. Jordan that for the last eight or nine months straight I have been working in the worst kind of delicate work, five feet of rock and one foot of coal. If there is any favor attached to that, Mr. Jordan is welcome to it, but I don't think he is any too anxious for any hard work. As for May 1, you can rely on one thing, Jonathan will not be working on that day whether the mines work or not. As for the statement that I made that these mines are not supplying Ladysmith and Cumberland trade I still think it absolutely true and I cannot yet see where Mr. Stockett's statement as he uses for proof has any bearing on this trouble in any shape or form.

In closing I wish to say that I am simply a workman and cannot peddle the Bull on the platform like some of the bunch that does nothing else and don't intend to if they can avoid it.

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