

RAILWAYS SHOULDN'T HAVE RIGHT TO APPEAL

Interstate Commerce Commission Sits on Commerce Court—Check on Public Utilities.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Sharp issue is taken by the Interstate Commerce Commission with the Commerce Court in the 24th annual report of the commission transmitted to Congress today.

The issue is made principally upon what popularly is known as the "Transcontinental Rate Cases," involving freight rates from the Atlantic to Pacific coast terminals and to intermediate points.

Existing rates of the transcontinental lines from eastern points to inter-Rocky Mountain cities are materially higher than to Pacific coast terminals.

In a decision approving the long and short haul provision of the present law, the interstate commerce commission directed by order, that a relation of rates should be established between the traffic east and points of origin in western states into which the United States was divided.

Appeal Was Allowed. The effect of the order was to reduce freight rates to inter-Rocky Mountain cities and prevent the railroads from exacting from shippers the Pacific coast rate, plus the local rates from intermediate points.

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Chairman Englehart stated yesterday that he was not aware of any plans or proposals to extend the T. & N. O. Elk Lake branch line to Gowganda, yet. There was no foundation, he said, to the rumor being circulated to this effect.

The surveys for the Elk Lake line would not be completed, he said, till March. Many difficulties had been encountered, but the parties were making good progress.

WANTS PACKERS DISCHARGED. CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—(Can. Press.)—Formal notice that the defence will present a motion in the near future to have Judge Carpenter instruct the jury to return a verdict finding the ten Chicago meat packers, charged with criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, not guilty, for the reason that United States District Attorney James H. Wilkinson failed to make out a case in his opening statement to the jury, was given today by Attorney Levi Mayer at the opening of the afternoon session of the trial.

The action of the defence came as a surprise to the government and caused Judge Carpenter to adjourn court until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, when he will rule on the motions.

ANOTHER STEAMBOAT MERGER? MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—The Herald says: "It is understood this morning, upon good authority, that the directors of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co. are discussing with the directors of the Quebec Steamship Co. certain plans which may later be embodied in proposals looking towards the amalgamation of the two companies."

Brockville Rector Resigns. BROCKVILLE, Dec. 20.—Rev. E. B. Peterson, rector of the Anglican Church at Athens for the last seven years, has tendered his resignation, to accept a charge at St. Lawrence, N.S.

The death is reported from Edmonton, Alta., of Dr. J. J. Lane, a native of Williamsburg, Dundas County. Deceased was 55 years of age, and a graduate of Queen's University, Kingston. He also took a post-graduate course in Edinburgh.

MURPHY'S CONDITION SERIOUS. Joseph Murphy, the teamster whose wagon was demolished by a Bloor car in Spadina-avenue Tuesday evening, is still in a semi-conscious condition in Grace Hospital, as a result of the accident, and his recovery is still doubtful.

In yesterday morning's issue The World stated that Murphy was intoxicated at the time of the accident. His sister wishes to have this statement corrected, declaring that the doctor who attended him at the time says that he was not intoxicated.

TO SWITCH COLLEGE PHONES. Owing to the increased number of phones on the "College" exchange the Bell Telephone Co. has decided that a new switchboard will be necessary, and another building will be erected to accommodate the new exchange, for which no name has yet been chosen.

In the meantime the company intend to use the ground floor of the present "College" building, which will be fitted up to take care of 50% phones.

It is expected that the new exchange will be in operation in three or four months' time, and the new telephone directory issued with the necessary changes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Minor M. Davis, who was recently appointed superintendent of telephones of the Postal Telegraph Cable Co., announced today that his company has issued instructions to its construction department to proceed with the erection of additional heavy copper wires between all important points on the system of the company, for the purpose of extending the telephonic use of the same to independent telephone companies.

ONLY PURIFYING WATER. The alteration of ex-Controller Thos. F. ter, that the city was adulterating the water supplied to the citizens by chlorinating it, and that the city should be prosecuted for so doing, was not looked very seriously by the mayor yesterday.

"We are not adulterating it, simply purifying it," he said. "It is really strengthening the water."

His Illusions Shattered. NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—In broken English, with choking sob, Jacob Klenovic, Russian Jew, said in police court: "I never could believe they would do anything like this in America." Klenovic, his brother, was arrested by Officer Thomas, Canadian immigration department, coming to Niagara Falls and attempted to enter the country on the C.T.R. train passing over the 1 1/2 m. bridge. Magistrate Fraser fined him \$50 and costs, which was paid. He was then deported.

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Dr. Hastings, M.H.O., opened his little school for the inoculation of general knowledge on health problems, yesterday afternoon, in the city hall, delivering a lecture on the organization of a health department.

The schoolroom is committee room No. 1, and the school are the inspectors of the health department and others who wish to become inspectors.

The doctor used nautical terms when describing his department. The department is the life-saving station, the men are the crew, and he is the captain. He explained to the men the schematic plan of the department, giving the principles of organization, the objects of the different divisions, and the reason why such an organization was necessary.

In explaining the qualifications for a medical health inspector he declared that the men should have the qualities of observation, intelligence, integrity, and the capability of mingling with their acquired knowledge a liberal quantity of common sense. They must consider the rights of all citizens in doing their duty.

Miss Corinne De Forreel, with the Mouth Rouge at the Star Christmas week.

CANABIANS OUT OF DANGER. Rev. Dr. MacKay, moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, said to The World yesterday afternoon that his correspondence showed that the sending of a British man-of-war to the port of South China in which the Canadian Presbyterian missionaries were at work had been effective in allaying fears of their safety.

He returned from Montreal yesterday, where Miss Edith C. Reed of Toronto had just been dedicated to the work in South China. She will sail early in the New Year.

The dedication was held at Montreal because the Presbyterian ladies there had undertaken Miss Reed's support as a missionary.

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James L. Hughes at Empire Club. The last luncheon of the Empire Club before Christmas holidays takes place today, at the St. Charles restaurant at 1 p.m.

The speaker of the day will be James L. Hughes, chief inspector of public schools, and his subject, "The National and Ethical Value of Cadet Training." A most interesting address may be expected and many prominent gentlemen in education and military matters will be present.

The membership campaign of the club will end today. It has been most successful.

FOLK LORE SOCIETY. The regular meeting of the Canadian Folk-lore Society will be held in Room 17, Victoria College, this evening, at 8 o'clock.

Dr. W. H. Clawson, M.A., will read a paper on "Robin Hood and Maid Marian."

LUESHNER WOULD HAVE REIMBURSED RELATIVES

If Screen Company Had Failed—Witnesses Testify to Manzell's Character.

The most important evidence adduced yesterday by the defence at the trial in general sessions court, of F. E. Lueshner and Ford A. Manzell, jointly charged, before Judge Winchester, with fraud and false pretences in the sale of Canadian wire-screen stock, was that given by F. E. Lueshner, on the stand in his own behalf.

"The company can yet be made a success," he declared. "If the company failed to make good," he told Crown Attorney Greer, "I intend to recompense my father-in-law and my three brothers out of my own pocket for the money they have put into the company."

Lueshner's father-in-law is Mr. Farrell, and his three sons, of Petrolia, with Lueshner, held joint interest in property at Petrolia, which they sold and turned the proceeds into the company.

Cross-examined at the afternoon session by Crown Attorney Greer, Lueshner told of his correspondence with A. D. Hayman, who wrote from the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York, asking for information regarding the screen company, which Lueshner was promoting.

Lueshner could not remember whether he had written the letter or not. The answer to the letter stated there was a prospect in sight for the company of a \$50,000 a year business. "The company has assets in machinery of \$45,000 and in patent rights of \$120,000," said the letter. "The company is just getting fairly started."

Crown Attorney Greer next produced a copy of the company's prospectus. The prospectus, however, had never been printed and distributed to prospective investors.

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Lueshner was then grilled by the crown as to how such a statement of fact could be made without a contract to substantiate it.

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AMEND POWERS OF ONTARIO RAILWAY BOARD

Corporation Counsel Instructed to Recommend Legislation—Ask Other Municipalities to Help.

"That the question of changing the act under which the Ontario Municipal and Railway Board operates be referred to Corporation Counsel Drayton so that he may recommend any amendments requisite to the public interest."

"And that the board of control and the city council be requested to take this subject up and secure legislation to carry out the objects of the resolution and that other Ontario municipalities and affiliated boards of trade be asked to assist in the carrying out of the resolution."

The foregoing motion was passed at a conference of representatives of the act under which the Ontario Municipal and Railway Board operates, held in the city hall yesterday afternoon.

The object of the meeting was to discuss the proposed reconstruction and increase of power Mr. Gibbons said he would like to see the board using the power they had before it was increased.

Mr. Price, who moved the motion that was adopted, thought that the corporation counsel should make the recommendations, they should be presented to the city council, and that body should be requested to memorialize the government on the subject.

SCHOOLS SAFEGUARDED. Dr. Struthers, medical inspector, says that the supervision is so close in the Toronto schools that there is now no danger of epidemics of disease.

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LEFT GOLD ON COUNTER. A boy who gave his name as William Ross, 142 Arthur-street, entered the office of a brokerage firm yesterday morning with \$30 worth of gold coins. When the clerk went to consult a principal, the boy disappeared, leaving the coins on the counter. The matter has been reported to the police, who are looking for an owner.

NEW YORK'S BUSY SURWAY. NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(Can. Press.)—Figures available to-day show that last Monday's travel on the subway and elevated railroads of Manhattan set a new high record. The number of tickets sold was 2,460,000, the subway carrying 1,400,000 and the elevated 1,060,000. The total exceeds even the tremendously heavy traffic recorded during the Hudson-Fulton celebration. The great increase in travel was due to Christmas shopping.
ALL-CANADA TIME TABLE. The Canadian Northern Railway has for the first time issued a combined timetable of its eastern and western lines. The new folder includes a number of new lines just recently opened in Western Canada. The service from Toronto to Ruel is also shown.
MADE MANAGER AT JORDAN. H. C. Wright, formerly of a Toronto branch of the Sterling Bank of Canada, has been appointed manager of the Jordan Station branch.
Bookkeeper Gets Money Back. C. W. Abrey, a bookkeeper of Toronto, was yesterday awarded \$2000 by Chief Justice Mulock in the non-jury assize court. Abrey had filed suit against the Victoria Printing Co. of this city, to recover the \$2000 he advanced in the company's stock, alleging misrepresentation. Chief Justice Mulock ruled the officers of the printing company had misrepresented the liabilities of the company to be some \$2500, when they really were \$4000.

Advertisement for Reinhardt's Salvador beer, featuring a logo and text: "The Germans certainly do know good beer, and all the Germans in Europe would drink 'Salvador' if the output were large enough. Reinhardt's (The Famous National Drink) is the only beer brewed on this side of the Atlantic that equals the famous Bavarian 'Salvador' in purity and tonic qualities. Mated in wood and bottled at the brewery by REINHARDT'S TORONTO 2623"

Advertisement for White Label Ale, featuring a logo and text: "AIN S guarantain address Optician Toronto TELS ROYAL 1917 American Plan 67 PRIM? r. Ren. lived st. 13 years, engineer and stars, all of one sister is being H. M. Eaton store"