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UP TO PULLMAN'S
TO DEFEND
RATES

Inter-State Commission
Asks For Statement—
Immunity From Rail-
road Laws is
Claimed.

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 4.—(Special.)—The interstate commerce commission is after the Pullman Sleeping Car Company.

Recalling the discomforts its members suffered thru the occupation of upper berths on numerous trips they have been compelled to take, the commission has halted with satisfaction the complaint of George S. Loftus of St. Paul, Minn., against the company, both an account of the upper berth nuisance and the excessive charges imposed.

The complaint, it developed today, was referred to the company instantly upon its receipt and the company answered by June 15. Whether the company replies or not, the commission will hold a hearing before its summer vacation, at which the evidence will be taken from persons who have suffered discomfort and inconvenience thru climbing into the upper berths, and the company itself will be allowed to submit a statement if it desires to do so.

It is intended to make a ruling in regard to whether the company is a common carrier, and therefore subject to the provisions of the interstate commerce laws, whether it has a right to provide upper berths without an upper berth must be raised in case only the lower berth is occupied; and finally, whether the charges for the sleeping car companies are just and reasonable, and if not, what the maximum of those charges should be.

Will be a comprehensive campaign which is being planned against the sleeping car companies. Mr. Loftus has raised the subject principally in behalf of the lower berth passenger, but it is unjust to charge the same for an upper berth as for a lower berth, and the charges for the lower berth are not as desirable as the lower and that the charge should be considerably less than that for the lower.

Mr. Loftus' opinion sleeping car charges, to use his own language, are "excessive, unreasonable, unjust, and in violation of the law." He submitted a charge of \$1.00 for an upper berth, instead of \$2 as now charged. The distance between St. Paul and Superior, 150 miles, is made up of 100 miles of upper berth when in Mr. Loftus' view it should be only \$1 for a lower and 50 cents for an upper berth.

Pullman's Gross Earnings. The commission in its report there is justification for Mr. Loftus' complaint in regard to discrimination and excessive charges, having personal knowledge of the fact that the sleeping car companies make their charges without reference to distance or anything else, save competition.

The last annual report of the Pullman company which the commission has received is it worth while noting that the company does not officially report gross earnings for 1906 to be \$24,783,730. This was almost three times as much as they were in 1895, ten years before, when they reported to be \$8,547,030.

Whole Country Interested. In accordance with the practically universal interest in the interstate commerce commission will take upon the Pullman company. Whether the company will make a detailed response to Mr. Loftus' allegations is a question. During the discussion of the railroad bill before the passage, the Pullman company made a futile effort to prevent the incorporation in the measure of the provision making sleeping car companies subject to the interstate commerce laws.

Only Traveling Hotels? Some months ago the commission, in accordance with the requirements of the law, called upon the sleeping car companies to file their tariff. This same requirement had been met by the railroads and by other common carriers. The Pullman company submitted its tariff but with a reservation of its right to ignore the law. The company then let it be known that it might consider itself subject to federal regulation for the reason that it was not engaged in transporting passengers, but merely in providing them with accommodations in the way of chairs, beds, and food. In other words, the company claimed it was engaged in a hotel business on wheels. It is likely this will be the same argument advanced by the company in the answer which it will make to the Loftus complaint.

This subject was before the last session of parliament upon consideration of a bill introduced by the member for South York (W. F. Maclean) to subject sleeping car companies to the railway acts, and it was then stated by the government that the railway commission already had full jurisdiction over sleeping car rates and accommodations.

With the commission has this jurisdiction, it has taken no steps to exercise it, and the companies are running the sleepers to suit themselves.

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RUNNING MATE FOR MR. FOY

Manager Solman of the Ferry Co.
Said to Be a Likely Candidate
in South Toronto.

The announcement made last night by a well-known Conservative worker, that Lawrence Solman, manager of the Toronto Ferry Co., would probably be chosen as a running mate for Hon. J. J. Foy in South Toronto in the next provincial election, strengthens the belief that the policy of the government will be that of doubling the representation for each of the four local ridings.

Mr. Solman, while he has not been prominent as a platform speaker, is known as a staunch Conservative, who has interested himself largely in the management of the ferry service. His friends believe that he would make a strong candidate.

Mr. Solman has lived all his life in Toronto, and he is well known and popular among business men. He is one of the promoters of the new Alexandra Theatre, and is interested in sports, being vice-president of the Toronto Baseball Club, and being at the helm of the Tecumseh Lacrosse Club.

Mr. Solman has been a member of the Toronto Board of Trade, and has been a member of the Toronto Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Toronto Athletic Club, and has been a member of the Toronto Golf Club.

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DEAD GOVERNOR'S SON ON THE STAND.

Was Witness in Hay-
wood Murder Trial—
Orchard Will Likely
Testify at To-Mor-
row's Session.

BOISE, Idaho, June 4.—Thru Attorney James H. Hawley, the State of Idaho today made the opening statement against William D. Haywood, who is charged with the murder of ex-Governor Frank Steunenberg. Testimony by which it hopes to prove the indictment laid against him was then begun.

The opening statement was a swaying arrangement of the leaders of the Federation of Miners, who were charged with plotting wholesale murder and hiring assassins, all in a grand conspiracy of vengeance upon those who obstructed their way; to destroy opposition by terrorism; to control of the political destinies of the communities covered by their organization, and to perpetuate their own powers within the organization.

It charged a widespread conspiracy, dating from the North Idaho disturbance fifteen years ago down to the murder of Steunenberg, and whose murdered victims, by bullet and bomb, numbered scores. Hawley declared that wherever in the mining sections of the coast states the federation had been in control there had been left a trail of blood to mark its operations. Of the hired assassins, he cried: "To them murder became a trade, and assassination a means of living."

Hawley spoke for nearly an hour and a half. The defence. Counsel for the defence opened fire before the statement had proceeded five minutes, and the repetition of objections from them led to three or four sharp exchanges. They protested against the charge that the federation was guilty of "scores of murders," and the assertion that the conspiracy extended back to the first trouble in North Idaho, years before the accused was a member of the organization, and they insisted upon the necessity of arguing the case in an opening statement.

Judge Wood permitted the widest scope in the opening statement on the part of the prosecution. He said that the state could show the existence of the conspiracy which it charged, and make the necessary allegations, and that the necessary allegations were examined before adjournment.

C. F. Wayne, who passed outward through the gate at the Steunenberg murder, was blown up, told of the explosion and the shocking condition of the victim when he responded to Mrs. Steunenberg's Richard, at the railroad station at Caldwell, Idaho, and in direct John O. Rice, N. S. Ellis and A. Balentine, residents of Caldwell, traced Orchard about in town at various times before and after the murder.

Stuenberg's Son on Stand. Julian Steunenberg, son of the dead governor, did not meet Orchard, but then known as Richard, at the railroad station at Caldwell, three days before the crime, and telling him in answer to his enquiry, that his father would be home on the following Friday. He said that he was following his way home with his uncle, and was two blocks behind his father when the explosion occurred.

The defence objected to practically all of the day's testimony except that relating to the death of Steunenberg, in the ground that it was hearsay, and in no way connected with the defendant. Judge Wood, however, permitted all of the testimony to stand, on the understanding that the prosecution would undertake of the prosecution to later show the connection.

It is expected that Orchard will be brought from the penitentiary to take the stand to-morrow.

DISTILLERY FOR WINNIPEG.

It Will Be the Biggest One in North-western America.

WINNIPEG, Man., June 4.—The great distillers of Canada, Gooden and Worts of Toronto, Hiram Walker Co. of Walkerville, Seagram of Walkerville, and the Canadian Distillers Co. of Belleville, and the Hamilton Distilling Company, all of whom are interested in the General Distillery Company of Toronto, are completing arrangements to institute a great distillery plant in Winnipeg.

Thirty-five acres will be required for the enormous plant, one of the largest on the continent, and twenty-five acres of cattle sheds, capable of housing from 3000 to 4000 head of cattle, for fattening purposes for the British market.

INGERSOLL IN LINE TO OWN WATERWORKS

Council Accepts Proposition to Pay
\$95,000 For the
Plant.

INGERSOLL, June 4.—(Special.)—Municipal ownership of the waterworks plant was discussed at a session of the council, which was presided over by Mayor H. H. Holby. The company's offer to accept \$95,000 for the plant was taken and a bylaw will likely be submitted to the ratepayers in the near future. The council will also deal with the electric light and gas plants, as offers from both companies have been obtained.

The tax rate for the year was struck at 22 mills on the dollar.

POWDER CAR EXPLODES MEN BLOWN TO PIECES

While Watching Car of Matches
in Flames Five People
Are Killed.

KANKAKEE, Ill., June 4.—At least five persons are dead as the result of an explosion of a carload of giant powder on the Chicago, Indiana & Southern Railroad at Reddick, Ill., twenty miles west of here, this afternoon.

The car, loaded with matches, caught fire, and a crowd gathered. It is supposed that the burning matches set off the powder in the adjoining car.

The bodies of the dead were torn to fragments. The explosion was felt for twenty miles, and many windows were broken.

SUEZ CANAL IS SAFE.

Directors Are Reassured as to Competition.

Paris, June 4.—Prince Augustus von Arenberg, at the annual meeting today of the directors of the Suez Canal Co., of which he is president, predicted that the canal had nothing to fear from any projected competition. He said the company held the monopoly of the Suez Isthmus route, and any competitive canal, like the proposed German waterway, would have to pass thru the valley of the Jordan, where the engineering obstacles were insurmountable.

The prince further declared that the Suez Canal had nothing to fear from the completion of the Panama Canal, as little American tonnage passed thru the former. Besides, he believed, that every new trade route so far east would only serve to augment the traffic thru the Suez Canal.

TRAIN CREW ARRESTED.

May Be Held Responsible For Loss of Brakeman's Life.

OTTAWA, June 4.—In connection with the freight train wreck at Beatty's station, wherein Alex. Roche of Hull was killed, the whole train crew of No. 1363, G. T. R., are under arrest excepting Engineer Champeaux, who cannot be located.

DUKE TO LEARN RAILROADING.

DETROIT, June 4.—(Special.)—The young Duke of Manchester is coming to Detroit to learn the railroad business shortly. He will work in the railroad shops.

He is son-in-law of Millionaire Zimmerman of Cincinnati, the railway magnate.

Your Wedding Flowers. See Jennings' roses; beautiful blooms on long stiff stems. 123 West King-street. Phones Main 7210 and Park 1657.

Old St. Andrew's. The Thornton-Smith Company, interior decorators and designers, have been awarded the contract for the interior decoration of this fine old church.

ARREST 11 MEN FOR THEFTS OF SILVER

Sensational Round-Up at
Cobalt—Workmen
Stealing Specimens
to Salt Wildcat
Mines.

COBALT, June 4.—(Special.)—Detectives Kirkwood and McDonald of the Canadian Detective Bureau of Toronto rounded up, in arrests made last night and this morning, what is supposed to be a gang of thieves who, since Cobalt has been known as a mining centre, have committed thefts aggregating to about \$100,000.

Each theft was what might be called a petty one, but before their operations were stopped mine owners lost large sums.

Detectives have been trying to locate the thieves for some time past, but could not prove anything against the many suspects, as it was difficult for any mine owner to swear that a particular piece of ore found on a suspect belonged to any particular person or mine.

Wild Cat Promoters. Men have been known to remain in town without any visible means of support who were suspected of living on the sales of stolen silver. Wild-cat promoters have been known to pay as much as \$100 for an extra fine sample. Certain returns in Cobalt have long been watched and an occasional example has been made. Frequently samples are openly sold on the streets of Cobalt, and the purchasers must be well aware they were buying stolen samples.

The Capture. Last night, however, Detectives Kirkwood and McDonald, disguising themselves as workmen, made the acquaintance and got the confidence of suspected parties, and as a result three men were arrested during the night, and eight this morning. Two of the men taken last night had twenty-seven pounds of stolen silver, and the third one had about one hundred pounds of rock and ore.

Four houses were raided, including a boarding-house kept by one Phillips, where ore and rock were found to the extent of about four hundred pounds hidden in sacks and boxes under a stairway.

The Misinging bunkhouses were raided at 5 o'clock this morning. Every bunk and every trunk was searched and over one hundred and fifty pounds were found stowed away in trunks, mattresses and old socks. Eight men were arrested at the Misinging mines.

Eleven men appeared this afternoon for trial before Magistrate Brown. John A. Walsh got one year in Central Jail, and Alexander MacRae a similar case. Two more were remanded until to-morrow, and six were discharged. Barrister Rowland acted for the prosecution.

MISSIONARY ATTACKED.

Rev. Mr. Pollard Mercilessly Beaten
by Chinese at Chao-Tung.

LONDON, June 5.—A special despatch received here from Hongkong says that Rev. Mr. Pollard, a Methodist missionary at Chao-tung, has been mercilessly beaten by the Chinese. His lungs were pierced by a weapon, and the missionaries are flocking into Hongkong from the Swatow and Pak-hoi districts.

TO FORCE HARRIMAN.

Roosevelt Agrees That He Must Answer
Certain Questions

WASHINGTON, June 4.—After a conference with President Roosevelt last night, Commissioner Lane of the interstate commerce commission announced that before July 1 legal proceedings will be instituted to compel E. H. Harriman to answer certain questions propounded to him by members of the commission already had in New York, when the merger of the Harriman lines was under investigation.

DUNLAPS AT DINEEN'S.

The Dunlap straws were opened up at Dineen's yesterday. They are the nastiest line of straw hats in the city. Drop in at Yonge and Temperance street and see them. They cost \$5 each. The Dineen Special is also a popular hat, in all the reasonable styles.

STRUCK A WRECK. FORT WILLIAM, Ont., June 4.—The steamer Algonquin, on its way up, struck a submerged wreck or water-logged scow, off Whitefish Point. The steamer was not damaged.

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