

RAILWAY COMMISSION ON WESTERN FREIGHT RATES

Report of J. P. Muller Taken Up in Much Detail.

HE SUGGESTS THREE GROUPS AS REMEDY

Different Rates for Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia—Two Lines in District Able to Support But One.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 25.—The Railway Commission this afternoon resumed consideration of the western rate case and took up the exhibit filed by J. P. Muller, a government expert. The sitting was occupied chiefly with the examination of Mr. Muller to further explain the statements he made in the exhibit. Mr. Muller said the earnings of a road should be such as to provide operating costs plus the interest on the cost of roadbed and equipment, etc., which he figured at four per cent., and an additional two per cent. should be allowed for a guarantee fund and above this sum profit. He believed that in basing the rates in the west on the Canadian Pacific Railway line, should be taken as a standard because it being longer in the country, had when all things were taken into consideration, the most satisfactory conditions, with regard to roadbed, equipment, districts, amount of traffic, etc. He explained that some other roads with poorer roadbed, etc., might be in a position to haul freight more cheaply because of the less capital invested in road and equipment, yet it would be better to give them the same rate in order to improve their lines and make them as good as the C. P. R., in order to give the better service which such would make possible.

Favors Three Groups
He favored dividing the west for freight rates into three groups, the Manitoba group, which would have the lowest rates, the Saskatchewan and Alberta group, which would have higher rates, and the British Columbia group, which would have higher rates still. He would have no variation within each group.

HUERTA HAS CONFIDENCE

Declares Situation is Improving Rapidly Since Federal Victories Over Rebels in the North.

Paris, Nov. 25.—President Huerta has sent the following cablegram from Mexico City to the Matin:

"The situation of the country from an economical and military point of view has improved, because the government of the republic possesses the funds necessary to supply its needs, and, moreover, because the national army came out victorious in the recent serious engagements fought against the rebels of the north.

"So far as our international relations are concerned, we are in complete harmony with all the powers except with the government of the United States, but the republic looks to the latter to do complete justice to the national cause.

"To sum up, the situation is notably improved. The two chambers and the two other departments of the Union are carrying out their functions in all regularity."

DUBLIN MEN ORGANISE GIVE BATTLE TO ULSTER

Violent Speeches and Actions Mark Meeting to Enroll Volunteers—Free Fights Between Transport Workers and New Soldiers—Declare Eight Thousand in Line.

Dublin, Nov. 25.—An Irish national volunteer force to uphold the authority of the crown and government of Ireland on the same lines as the Ulster force, of which Sir Edward Carson is the sponsor, was organized tonight, but the enrollment of volunteers was attended by scenes of violence.

AMBASSADOR LOOKS INTO CONDITIONS

John Lind to Examine Situation in Mexican Oil Fields.

MAY BE NECESSARY TO LAND MARINES

Rear Admiral Fletcher on Same Mission to Use His Own Discretion—British Interests in Danger.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—President Wilson and members of the cabinet discussed the Mexican situation briefly today, and assurances later were given that no change in the attitude of the United States toward the Huerta government had taken place. Most important of the day's developments from the American standpoint was the departure of President Wilson's special envoy, John Lind, on the battleship Rhode Island with Rear Admiral Fletcher for Tampico to investigate conditions where the British oil interests have been regarded as in grave danger.

The sending of Mr. Lind is generally regarded here as an indication that the United States is extremely desirous to avert any hostile move, and that a thorough examination of the situation would be made before any marines from an American warship were landed on Mexican soil.

Secretary Bryan stated today that Mr. Lind had been authorized to see the British and Texan with Admiral Fletcher, but that he had been given no special instructions. It was pointed out that Mr. Lind was free to go and come in Mexico as the developments there seemed to demand. When the Rhode Island left Vera Cruz her first destination was Tampico, where she was expected to arrive tomorrow.

ATTEMPTED TO ROB THE BASILICA IN QUEBEC

Quebec, Nov. 25.—An attempt to rob the Basilica here on Monday night was frustrated by John Mercier, the furnace man, who entered the building to attend to the fire. On going towards the vault, when the furnace man turned on the electric light a man rushed out of the vault, ran up a stairs and out of the church. Mercier summoned the police, who found that an attempt had been made to force open a box which contained the money taken from the alms boxes in the church.

ed in great disorder, and glass doors and windows were broken. From the first it was evident that the transport workers, who were present in large force, opposed the movement. They maintained constant interruptions of the speakers, which culminated in free fights. Sticks were used as weapons, and a number of blank cartridges were exploded. The meeting was so disorderly that it was impossible to judge of the success of the movement, but the promoters asserted that several thousand men enrolled.

WHITE HOUSE WEDDING A BRILLIANT FUNCTION

Francis Bowes Sayre and Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson Married Yesterday.

COUPLE UNITED WITH DOUBLE RING SERVICE

Distinguished Company Witnessed Nuptials—Young Couple Will Spend Honeymoon in Europe—To Live in Massachusetts.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—Francis Bowes Sayre and Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson, second daughter of the President and Mrs. Wilson, were joined in marriage late today at the White House, before a company of distinguished officials of the United States government, members of the diplomatic corps, close friends and relatives.

It was a scene of rare brilliancy, touched through the ten minutes of ceremony with a grave solemnity as the President of the United States stood beside his wife, their faces a study in deep emotion as they gave in marriage the first of their children. It was an intensely human sight as the meaningful words of the service were softly spoken before an altar of palms, ferns and white lilies. With a pretty double ring service, the couple were united, the assemblage spoke the Lord's Prayer in fervent monotone, the Marine Band struck up the wedding march of Mendelssohn, and from that moment the whole was transformed into a scene of gay animation and joyfulness.

A reception for the guests by the President, Mrs. Wilson, and the wedded couple followed. Then there was a merry dinner, an affectionate good-bye by the couple whirled away in a White House automobile on their honeymoon.

Their destination was kept secret, but in a few days they will go to Europe to return early in January to Hampton, Mass., where Mr. Sayre will be assistant to President Garfield, of Williams College.

FREIGHT RATES LIVE SUBJECT TO RAILROADS

U. S. Inter-State Commerce Commission Hears Evidence Tending to Show Necessity of Action.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Preliminary hearings before the Inter-State Commerce Commission on the application of the railroads in eastern "classification territory," for an advance of five per cent. in freight rates, were concluded late today. An adjournment was taken until Wednesday, December 10, in order to afford the commission and the opposing counsel time to analyze the mass of statements, testimony, and statistics submitted by the attorneys for the roads.

The evidence submitted today was designed to demonstrate in concrete and analytical form, the declared necessity for the proposed increase in freight rates. Accounting experts, statisticians, rate makers, and experienced traffic officers, submitted to the commission a wilderness of tables, showing the financial operations of the eastern roads, separately and combined.

Many months have been spent in their preparation. They are to be made the basis of the testimony subsequently to be offered in support of the proposed increase.

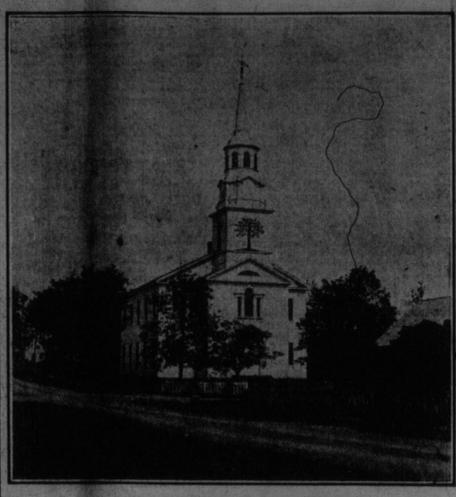
The figures offered today tended to prove that while the roads, generally, are enjoying an increased business, the returns from operations continue to decrease, until, as Vice-President Maxwell, of the Wabash, declared: "the situation is becoming daily more serious. We are suffering from slow starvation."

It was stated that the demands of the traveling and the shipping public for improvement and extension of road facilities could be met by the roads only as they were enabled to obtain more money. The margin of profit, it was asserted, was so constantly narrowing that it was becoming increasingly difficult to obtain the necessary additional capital with which adequately to maintain, equip and operate the roads.

WELSH THE WINNER

New York, Nov. 25.—Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion of England, fought and outboxed Phil Bloom, of Brooklyn, in a ten round bout here tonight.

Picturesque and Beautiful New Brunswick



GREENOCK CHURCH, ST. ANDREWS.

QUEBEC PROVINCE MAKES GOOD FINANCIAL SHOWING

Quebec, Nov. 25.—A total ordinary revenue of \$8,282,727.13; a total ordinary expenditure of \$7,612,181.66; a total extraordinary expenditure of \$241,223.35, and a surplus of \$429,322.14 of ordinary revenue over both ordinary and extraordinary expenditures, were the announcements with which the provincial treasurer, Hon. Mr. MacKenzie, opened his budget speech this afternoon, in which he summed up the results of the financial operations of the province during the fiscal year ended on 30th June last.

After moving the House into committee of supply, Mr. MacKenzie presented his statement with a reference to the financial depression in the money markets of the world, recalling that it had begun to manifest itself some months previously to his last year, when he had alluded to it and its causes.

These he described as the struggle between the Balkan provinces; the abnormal and wasteful expenditure in armaments together with other disturbing factors—domestic questions in Europe, the Mexican-American difficulty, tariff changes in the United States and its banking and currency bill, over-speculation throughout the world. All of which had brought about a feeling of unrest and a financial stringency the like of which had not been seen or felt for several generations. The supply of money in the market had declined in value, and the rate of interest had been increased.

Canada had escaped from the effects of this universal depression, the conditions of which everyone had seen and felt. But we owed it to the soundness of our banking and financial institutions that the country had been able so far to stand the pressure through the stability that had been displayed, which would go a long way to dispel the ungrounded fears entertained by investors abroad that there was some weakness in our financial and commercial system.

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No one, however, need lose faith in our financial stability in face of our tremendous resources and great future. At the same time he pointed out that notwithstanding all the untoward financial conditions he had just mentioned, we had every reason to rejoice that the financial operations of the years 1912-13 had produced results just as satisfactory as those which had distinguished the succession of eminently satisfactory years that had preceded it, and that the revenue had reached the "high water mark" in our financial history.

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CANADA'S FARM PRODUCE EXPORTED IN OCTOBER

VANCOUVER IN FOR A MORAL CLEANING OUT

Police Receive Orders to See Women Leave District.

RESCUE HOMES TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST

Ladies Attempt to Get Inmates to Live Decent Lives But Doors Are Kept Locked Against Them.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 25.—Mayor Baxter this morning issued an order to the police to clean out the restricted district of Alexander Street. Two years ago the women located in this section which starts within a couple of blocks from the main police station in the east end. This afternoon the police accordingly notified the residents of the section that they would have until Sunday in which to pack and get out.

On the heels of the police went a large party of women, representing the various rescue homes of the city. They sought to call on as many of the girls as would see them, offering assistance in getting them to start in the right path and offering them homes in which to begin reformation. The work of notification and moral salvage was hampered, however, by the fact that all doors were closed against the visitors, who merely left cards of the mission homes and then came away.

A MURDERER SAYS UNION RESPONSIBLE

Lewis Zanconelli Implicates United Mine Workers of America in Killing of Detective.

Trinidad, Colo., Nov. 25.—Lewis Zanconelli, on the charge of assassinating George W. Belcher, a detective, who was shot to death on the street here on November 20, has made a confession according to Adjutant General John Chase. He implicates three organizers of the United Mine Workers of America, who Zanconelli says, gave him \$25 and promised him \$1,000 more to kill Belcher.

Robert Ulrich, organizer of District No. 15, of the United Mine Workers of America, and president of the Trinidad union, was arrested tonight by the military authorities. They refused to divulge the nature of the charges on which he is held.

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE OF A FAIRFIELD, MAINE, GIRL

Lois Piper, Daughter of Vice-Chairman of Democratic State Committee, Kidnapped by White Slavers—Was Released When Chase Grew Too Hot.

Fairfield, Maine, Nov. 25.—Lois Piper, the pretty 15 year old daughter of Kingsbury B. Piper, vice-chairman of the Democratic State Committee, who mysteriously disappeared from her home here on the night of November 17, was found by her distracted father in Portland this morning, having arrived on the steamer Governor Dingley from Boston.

The girl told an amazing story of having been drugged and held prisoner in Boston by white slavers, who Monday night were frightened by the hue and cry, which had been raised, into setting her at liberty.

Great Britain Premier Market for Canadian Cheese.

NEWFOUNDLAND IS BIG BUTTER BUYER

United States Best Poultry Customer—"Uncle Sam" Also Bought Many Heads of Cattle and Horses—The Fur Trade.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—According to statistics prepared by the department of customs and issued today, Great Britain is still the premier market for Canadian cheese. During the month of October last Canada exported 21,120,000 pounds of cheese valued at \$2,802,000. Of this Great Britain took 20,841,000 pounds valued at \$2,776,000, Newfoundland was next in order with 74,847 pounds valued at \$10,433. United States was a poor third with 46,059 pounds valued at \$5,286. The balance of the cheese exports was distributed among British West Indies, Bermuda, British South Africa, China, Japan and Hong Kong.

Curiously enough, Newfoundland with its scanty population, was Canada's best market for butter during October last. Newfoundland took 60,370 pounds valued at \$15,299. Great Britain took only 225 pounds valued at \$65, and United States 14,000 pounds valued at \$4,900. The total exports of butter from Canada during October were valued at \$30,000 so the little colony of Newfoundland took over half our exports of butter during that month. United States was our best customer for poultry. During October that country took \$21,000 worth and the smallest customer was Newfoundland with \$8 worth.

The exports of cattle over one year old during October was 54,153 head valued at \$1,851,000. Of these United States took 53,339 head valued at \$1,817,000. Of cattle under one year old United States took 5,251 head valued at \$59,254. United States also imported from Canada during October 228 horses over one year old valued at \$77,250.

Great Britain is still our premier market for undressed furs. We exported to the United Kingdom \$126,314 worth and to the United States \$51,251 worth.

KILLED BY A STRAY BULLET

John Wait of Brattleboro, Vermont Found Dead in Lumber Woods With Bullet in His Brain.

Brattleboro, Vermont, Nov. 25.—A stray bullet from an unknown hunter's rifle probably killed John Wait, a farmer and lumberman, whose body was found yesterday in the woods in Peru. That was the conclusion to which State Attorney W. J. Meagher and Deputy Sheriff Coffey came today after an investigation.

Wait had gone to the woods after a load of lumber, and when his horses returned home without him his father, Ira Wait, started a search and found him lying dead beside a wood pile on which he had been working. A bullet had pierced his brain. Wait was forty years old and leaves a family.

ICE FLOES WHICH HELD HIM UP

This Fall Have Cleared Northern Waters—He is Safe.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—The ice floes which have come down from Beaufort Sea and prevented the Steffansson expedition from reaching its proposed winter quarters at Herschel Island, are quite likely to have cleared the northern waters sufficiently to enable the party to go north even earlier than had been planned. This is the view expressed here at the naval service department which had much to do in fitting out the expedition.

It was Steffansson's intention to winter at Herschel Island and go north to the unexplored waters early in the spring. The coast being frigid with ice he could not make his destination and it is thought he may have put out straight for the open sea. In any case there are no fears as to his safety. His ships were specially constructed and in case of an ice jam would go up rather than down thus permitting escape to the land.

SENT BULLET THROUGH HEAD BY ACCIDENT

Herbert N. Howard of Deseronto, Ont., Victim of Peculiar Accident—Body Found by Father.

Deseronto, Ont., Nov. 25.—Herbert N. Howard accidentally shot and killed himself on the Main street here today. He had been in the Standard Bank a few minutes before, and had just left the bank when he met two young men with whom he stopped to talk. He drew a loaded revolver from his pocket, and while in the act of replacing it the weapon discharged, the shot entering his right temple.

A pathetic scene occurred when the young man's father, Herbert Howard, accountant of the Bank of Montreal, hearing the shot, came up to the place, only to find the victim his eldest son. The dead man was twenty years old, and was a ledgerkeeper in the Bank of Montreal.

BRILLIANT GATHERING AT BAL IN QUEBEC

Quebec, Nov. 25.—The annual ball in aid of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was held at the Chateau Frontenac this evening and was a great success.

The ball was under the patronage of Her Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, and Sir Francis Langens, lieutenant-governor of the province.

STEFFANSSON MAY GO NORTH MUCH EARLIER

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FOUND DEAD IN BED

Quebec, Nov. 25.—Napoleon Dubéau, a wealthy resident of Beausport, was found dead in bed today. He was to have celebrated the 25th anniversary of his marriage today.