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RAILWAYS WANT HIGHER RATES

MUCH MONEY WILL BE NEEDED TO CARRY ON WORK—FREIGHT MAY GO UP—PROPOSED TO LEAVE PASSENGER TARIFF AT PRESENT LEVEL

Washington, May 4.—The nation's railroads will need an additional \$1,017,000,000 to ring their income to the 6 per cent. basis provided in the transportation act.

Through the Association of Railway executives the roads proposed to the interstate commerce commission today that this sum be realized through increased freight charges, leaving the passenger rates at the present level.

The advances in freight rates proposed were:

Eastern roads 30.4 per cent to yield an advance in all revenues of 21.1 per cent of \$544,000,000.

Southern roads 30.9 per cent to provide a 20.7 per cent larger revenue.

Western roads 23.9 per cent to advance all revenues 17 per cent.

Presentation of the figures marked the formal opening of the railroad rate cases. While detailed statements submitted to the commission today covered only the Eastern lines, estimates of the needed increase of the Western and Southern groups accompanied the initial suggestions upon which the commission is to determine an entire new rate structure.

The rate figures of the Eastern lines embracing 144 systems, terminal and switching companies, were laid before the commission by Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio and chairman of the executive rate committee for the Eastern territory. Similar statements showing the requirements of the Western and Southern carriers will be supplied the commission in a few days. The analysis of conditions, the relationship of operating expenses and revenues and the questions of refinancing are largely the same in each case and the representations of the Eastern lines were said to indicate the questions with which the commission will deal in establishing the Western and Southern rates.

Net income of all of the country's railroads fell from \$1,056,000,000 in 1916 to \$510,000,000 last year, the railroads claim, while their investment was increased more than \$2,000,000,000. These figures were given to serve as a basis from which the commission could work in developing a scale of rates to meet the government guaranty.

An estimated valuation of \$20,016,000,000 was placed on the transportation system of the country by Mr. Willard. While there has been an increase in operating expenses of 99.1 per cent since 1916 the roads' basis of revenues for the same period has been increased only 36.37 per cent. The executive's statement declared and the operating expenses of the lines now are 99 per cent. of the revenues against 68 per cent in 1916.

POODLES AND PARROTS GIVEN AT PARIS PARTY

Paris, May 4.—Unusual presents were distributed at a party given by Mrs. Ralph Hickey, just back from Monte Carlo. The gifts included champion poodles and parrots able to "speak" three languages, also rare rugs which Mrs. Hickey herself brought back from the Orient last year.

WILL BRING BACK DODGES

Eakin McCord and Andrew Mabry of Hodges left this week for Detroit to bring back Dodge cars for E. H. Longshore.

J. L. McLwaine and T. A. Putnam of Due West, will leave Saturday for Detroit to bring back cars.

JOHNSON DEFEATS HERBERT HOOVER

Wood Holds Lead in Indiana Race—Lowden is Next—Governor of Ohio Third—Hoover Headquarters Concede Loss of California

San Francisco, May 4.—Ralph P. Merritt, campaign manager of the Hoover-Republican Club of California, tonight conceded the election of the Senator Johnson group of Republican delegates to the national convention.

"Like good sportsmen, we concede the victory and congratulate the winner," he said.

San Francisco, May 4.—The group of delegates pledged to support Senator Hiram Johnson for the presidency at the Republican national convention at Chicago led the Herbert Hoover group on the same ballot tonight from 762 completed precincts out of 5,729 in the state. The vote showed: Johnson group, 50,995; Hoover group, 34,917.

Indianapolis, May 4.—Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood has a lead of more than 4,000 votes in the contest for the Indiana Republican presidential preference vote when 1,001 out of 3,387 precincts in the state-wide primary had been tabulated tonight. These returns were gathered from 82 of the 92 counties in the state. Senator Johnson was running second with Governor Lowden third and Senator Harding of Ohio fourth. The vote for the 1,001 precincts was, Wood, 24,671; Johnson, 20,538; Lowden, 11,250; Harding, 3,172; showing Wood's plurality to be 4,133.

Unless one of the candidates obtains a majority of votes cast, Indiana's delegation to the Republican national convention in Chicago will go without instruction unless instructed by the state convention. There were no candidates for the Democratic presidential preference.

Herbert Carison, Indianapolis, apparently had a plurality in the race for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Warren T. McCray of Kentland had commanding lead for the Republican nomination for governor.

Indianapolis, May 4.—The returns from 1,532 precincts out of 3,387 in Indiana for Republican presidential preference give: Wood 37,248; Johnson 30,467; Lowden 17,302; Harding 9,225.

NINE STOWAWAYS ARE BROUGHT IN BY LINER

New York, May 4.—All records for trans-Atlantic stowaways were broken here Tuesday when the French line steamship Leopoldina arrived from Havre with nine aboard—two Armenians, two Maltese, one French, one Polish, one German, one Spanish and one Portuguese. They were sent to Ellis Island.

HEAD OF CHESTER SCHOOLS

Chester, May 4.—Prof. M. E. Brockman, at present and for the past seven years, principal of the Greenville High School, has been elected superintendent of the Chester public schools to succeed Prof. W. H. McNairy, resigned.

ATTENDING THE REUNION

Mr. R. M. Haddon went down to Sumter Tuesday and will attend the reunion of Confederate veterans now in session. Mrs. J. D. Fulp accompanied Mr. Haddon and will visit her brother during the reunion.

THE RICH THEY RIDE

Col. T. G. White and Col. W. M. Barnwell have invested in Buick cars and ordinary people are having to take considerable dust now as they ride by.

INTEREST ON PAVING LIENS DUE, MAY 5

The semi-annual interest on the deferred installment paving liens is due Thursday. About \$2500 will be collected by the city at this time.

PROGRAM OF THE MAY DAY FESTIVAL

TO BE HELD FRIDAY AND SATURDAY—SPECIAL FEATURES TO BE ATHLETIC STUNTS, BASEBALL, FORTUNE TELLING, DISPLAY OF HOME TALENT WORK, MAY POLE DANCE, BABY CONTEST, MINSTREL AND ANIMAL SHOW

The program for the May Day Festival to be held at the Cotton Mill Friday and Saturday, May 7-8, appears below. The features of the program will be athletic stunts, baseball, May Pole Dance, baby contest display of Home Talent Work, fortune telling and animal show.

There is a race for queen on, in which fifty of the Abbeville Cotton Mill's prettiest girls have entered. The athletic stunts will begin at 9 a. m. Saturday morning and continue until noon. A big parade will be held at 2 o'clock and will go thru all the main streets of the city.

The Cotton Mill band will furnish music for all the events.

The program follows:

Friday Afternoon—2:30.

BABY CONTEST

- I Introduction—Miss Gossett
- II Contest—Examining Babies—By Dr. Hayne and his assisting Nurse.
- III Free Picture—On "Health"
- IV Lecture—Dr. Hayne.
- V Talk—Nurse

Friday Night

- 7:30—Band Concert
- 8:00—Exercise.

QUEEN CONTEST

- I Crowning of "May Queen"—Mr. J. Foster Barnwell
- II Announcing the Baby Winner and awarding of prizes—Mr. J. Foster Barnwell.
- III Special Program—
 1. "Two Very Similar Twins"—Hazel Mullen and Dora Campbell.
 2. "The Wild Rose"—Harold Bell, James Able, LeRoy Goins, Harry Stalnaker, Arthur McAble.
 3. "Flower Queen Play"—Florence Powell, Davis Shell, Ida Powell, Edna Boyd, Grace Link, Mazell Taylor.
 4. Dance—Davis Shell—4 yrs old.
 5. Scene from "Uncle Tom's Log Cabin."
 6. Duet—"The Quarrel"—Florence Powell and Edgar Clark.
 7. "Between the Bars"—Austin

Roche, Lelia Young, Gladys Bratzke, Lillian Grubb, Nellie Grubb.

- 8. Selections—Band.

Saturday—10 A. M.

ATHLETIC FIELD

- 200 yard dash—Boys
- Sack Race—Boys
- High Jump—Boys
- Peanut Race—Girls
- Tug of War—Girls
- Broad Jump—Boys
- Hammer Throwing—Men
- Fat and Lean Race—Men
- 100 yard dash—Girls
- Horse Shoe Throwing—Men

Saturday—2:00 O'clock

PARADE.

- I Horseback Riders—Mr. Barnwell and Mr. Langley.
- II May Day Festival—White Float.
- III Band—Abbe. Cotton Mill Band.
- IV Domestic Science Float—Club Girls.
- V. Pink Sunbonnet Babies—Float.
- VI Chorus Float—Glee Club Girls.
- VII Tennis Float—Athletic Girls.
- VIII Minstrel Boys—Boy Scouts.
- IX Tomato Club—Club Girls.
- X "Queen's Float"—"?"
- XI Baby Car—Winners in Baby Contest.
- XIII "ACME"—Mill Newspaper float
- XIII Surgeon's Float—Miss Gossett and Dr. Gambrell.
- XIV Boys Bird Club-Bird Club Boys
- XV Scene "Uncle Tom's Cabin"—Pickaninnies.
- XVI Prize Wagon—Prizes from the Stoers.
- XVII Board of Selection—A. C. M. Representatives.
- XVIII Bicycle Riders—Boys.
- XIX Mother's Club—Mothers.

4:00 P. M.

- I Fortune Telling—"Gypsy"
- II Band Concert—Abbe. Mill Band.
- III May Pole—Tird Grade Girls (Mrs. Shelley.)

8:00 P. M.

Big Minstrel Show—Boy Scouts

CAMPAIGN AGAINST MEXICO CITY NEXT

Rebels Will Advance to Torreon And There Launch Drive.—Victory Was Bloodless.

Juraz, Mexico, May 4.—Through the bloodless revolution of Juraz and capitulation of General Francisco Urbalejo and his Yaqui Indians at Casas Grandes, the Sonora revolutionists today claimed virtual control of the state of Chihuahua and that the way was paved for an unobstructed advance against Torreon from where a campaign is to be launched against Mexico City.

Events moved rapidly here yesterday. At 2 o'clock the garrison revolted and a popular celebration followed. Federal officers unfavorable to the revolution were superceded. Abel S. Rodriguez, former national senator, was named provisional governor.

General Urbalejo, commanding the last large body of Carranza troops in the state, joined the revolt and plans were made for an immediate advance through Chihuahua upon the interior strongholds the Carranza government still holds.

With the capitulation of Juraz, the revolutionists obtained control of the majority of customs houses through which hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue has been developed for the Mexican government.

Comparatively small bodies of troops remained loyal to Carranza at other border towns east of here.

50 MILLIONS FARM LOANS ARE TIED UP

Litigation Over Validity of Act Clogs Machinery—Banks Are Making Time

Washington, May 4.—Farm loans aggregating more than \$50,000,000 have been held up by the litigation over the validity of the farm loan act, it developed today at the conference of farm loan officials here.

A majority of the applications for government aid had reached the stage where only final approval was needed to complete the transactions when it became necessary for the farm loan banks to suspend loan operations. Other applications had been handled by the appraisers and purchasers of land thereby negotiated, when funds available to the system were exhausted, Commissioner Lodbell said.

The general situation confronting the loan banks and county associations was described as "exceedingly regrettable," but Mr. Lodbell said the boards hands were tied. As a result of the forced inactivity, most of the banks are skeletonizing their organizations and marking time until a court decision will permit the flotation of a new issue of bonds, which are "not clouded by litigation" to supply funds.

The conference probably will conclude its session tomorrow. A review of the farm labor situation was scheduled to be among the subjects taken up before discussions end.

DRY ENFORCEMENT COSTS 88 MILLION

Congressman Cites Figures As To Number of Stills Captured—Every Tree Violates Law In Flow of Sap, He Says.

Washington, May 4.—Prohibition enforcement will cost \$88,000,000 annually Representative Gallivan, democrat, Massachusetts, declared today in the house.

There are more illicit stills now than before prohibition became effective, he said, adding that the bulk of Anti-Saloon League funds are used to hire special agents to locate stills.

"There were 2,006 stills found in Georgia in 1918," he declared.

"Blind tigers are now surrounded by romance, if not respectability. Members of congress could tell interesting interviews with bootleggers who have been respectable citizens of the communities in which they live.

"During the year when prohibition was young over 6,000 stills were captured by prohibition inspectors and 300,000 gallons of moonshine confiscated."

Besides the stills raided in Georgia, North Carolina and Nebraska, Mr. Gallivan said, 752 had been found in Alabama, 488 in South Carolina, 386 in Tennessee, 546 in Virginia, 121 in Kentucky, 191 in Florida; 40 in Michigan; 41 in Texas and 40 in West Virginia.

Control of congress and the presidential election may be decided by the prohibition question, Mr. Gallivan declared.

"You can no more settle the prohibition question or keep it out of politics than you can sweep back the ocean," said he.

"Every tea kettle and stew pan is placed under suspicion since the Volstead act has become effective. It prohibits everything with more than a half of one per cent alcohol and yet the sap of every tree flows in violation of that law."

ROYAL ARCH BANQUET

A banquet in honor of the conferring of the Royal Arch degree of twelve candidates was held Tuesday night in the Odd Fellows Hall by Hesperian Chapter No. 17, R. A. M. About 75 Masons attended. There were a number of distinguished visitors present, among whom were: J. L. Mickie, of Darlington; Geo. T. Bryan, of Greenville; Dr. W. E. McCord, Thomas Cothran, Kenneth Baker and D. A. G. Outz, of Greenwood.

The banquet was served by the Working Society of the Methodist Church.

ANOTHER AMERICAN SLAIN

El Paso, May 4.—Ralph Greenlaw son of Eben Francis Greenlaw, of Flagstaff, Ariz., who with another son was killed by Mexicans near El Oro, 125 miles from Mexico City Sunday, was murdered Monday at the same place, also by Mexicans, according to advices received here tonight.

The information was received tonight by Joe Greenlaw of Flagstaff, a third son of Eben Greenlaw, in a telegram from his sister in the Arizona town. Further details were lacking. The American consulate here had received no advices regarding the affair.

ABBEVILLE LOSES

The Due West High School baseball team defeated the Abbeville High School team Tuesday on the Due West grounds by the score of 12 to 0. Errors on the part of the local team was partly responsible for the one-sided score.

ATTEND REUNION.

The following veterans left this week for Sumter to attend the State Reunion U. C. V.: J. M. Gambrell, C. A. Botts, T. C. Seal, I. J. Keller, H. W. Gordon and W. H. Howard.

WILSON WILL VETO KNOX RESOLUTION

OFFICIAL WORD FROM WHITE HOUSE SAYS PEACE PLAN IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO PRESIDENT—WILL MAKE QUESTION CAMPAIGN ISSUE THIS FALL

Washington, May 4.—President Wilson has definitely decided to veto the Knox resolution terminating the war with Germany and Austria.

This was learned officially at the White House Tuesday.

The President will probably send the treaty of Versailles back to the Senate with his veto message.

Democratic leaders made a sudden change last night in their plans for action on the Knox peace resolution when it is called up in the Senate Wednesday.

Instead of instituting a filibuster to delay action indefinitely, administration supporters will make no serious effort to prevent passage. With this change it is believed the resolution can be passed with very little delay.

Senator Underwood intimated it is the President's wish to have the resolution passed. The President is entirely willing, it is said, to face the responsibility of vetoing.

The effect of this will be to permit the President to make an issue in the campaign of the peace resolution as against the treaty. It is understood he is confident of the result if the issue is presented to the voters in this form.

The President's followers in the Senate believe his attitude will tend to simplify the treaty issue in the campaign, inasmuch as passage of the resolution by the Republicans will practically commit the party to straightout opposition to the treaty and the league of nations and destroy all chance of the Republicans falling back upon an issue of the treaty with reservations.

CARRANZA LOSES STAUNCH SUPPORT

Washington, May 4.—Gen. Pablo Gonzales, long regarded by Carranza as his staunchest supporter, has joined in the revolution according to advices today through official channels. He was a few miles east of the Mexican capital yesterday in command of two regiments of federal troops and had severed both railway lines extending to Vera Cruz.

Another report received here thru unofficial channels was that the high military officers whom Carranza summoned in council a few days ago, had supplemented their advice to him to resign, with an ultimatum fixing May 15 as the limit for his tenure of office.

The reported determination of the military group to force him out of office would, so far, officials here believed, to account for the failure that has been met by Carranza in getting under way any offensive campaign. To date the revolution has moved forward without a battle and the report mentioning the ultimatum added that his military advisers were determined not to follow a course that would inevitably involve the country in a long struggle filled with danger of foreign complications.

Mr. L. C. Parker, of Abbeville, was a guest of Mr. S. R. Parker yesterday.—Anderson Mail.

COTTON MARKET.

Spot	43.00
May	40.75
July	38.47
Oct.	36.35
Dec.	35.60
Jan.	35.10