

RAILWAY RATE CASE MAY LAND IN HIGH COURT

Seven States Balking at I. C. C.
Power Decide on Eventual Action.

INDIANA IS INVOLVED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The administrative powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission to fix interstate passenger and freight rates which supplant the lower intra-state rates established by the States will be carried to the United States Supreme Court in event of an adverse decision in the present controversy between the Interstate Commerce Commission and the States which refuse to make the rate advances operative. This was determined today in a conference between counsel for the railroad commissions for the States which are defying the authority of the interstate body, together with representatives of large shippers whose rights are affected vitally.

Involved in the dispute is the entire system of the great rail systems of the country, for if the State authority is upheld by the highest court some of the emergency clauses adopted in the transportation law to give the roads "emergency revenue" are due to fall, and the regulatory powers of the States again will take the ascendancy in matters of railroading.

ARE DETERMINED TO RESIST.

Actions have been concluded today by the seven commonwealths and their summing up showed a determination to resist the Federal authority until they are overruled by the highest court. The States which have refused to raise intrastate rates to a level to meet the higher interstate schedules ordered by the Interstate Commission are Utah, Illinois, Florida, Nebraska, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

Indiana got into the controversy over the right of States to control intrastate railroad rates when the Public Service Commission refused to put into effect in Indiana certain increases ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

COMMISSION ORDERED BOOST.

The interstate commission ordered an increase of 40 per cent in freight rates, 20 per cent in passenger rates, and 50 per cent in Pullman rates. In intrastate traffic, it said the Interstate Commission put these rates into effect intrastate.

The Indiana commission refused to increase passenger rates and increased freight rates only 33.1 per cent, with deductions on certain commodities to bring them to parity with similar rates in Illinois.

EXCHANGE CLUB TO PLAN EVENTS.—Plans for the Christmas dinner and the New Year's meeting of the Exchange Club of Indianapolis will form interesting features of the weekly luncheon of the club tomorrow at the Hotel Lincoln.

Council Plans for Banquet Feb. 22

Officers for 1921 have been elected and plans outlined for the annual Washington's birthday banquet by the Capital Council, Young Men's Institute.

The following newly-elected officers will be installed at an early date: Edward J. Sexton, president; Bartholomew O'Keefe, first vice president; Daniel T. Moran, second vice president; Harold C. Watson, recording secretary; Jacob L. Smith, corresponding secretary; George M. Duffy, financial secretary; H. J. Biddle, treasurer; James C. Coffey, general manager; John C. Coffey, chairman relief committee; Dr. A. J. Sheridan, medical examiner; Raymond J. Smith, council historian.

The following were elected members of the board of directors for 1921: Leo X. Smith, John M. Schneider, William Ford, B. F. Kelly and Henry Lippis.

Electrocuted by Torch

IRON MOUNTAIN, Mich., Dec. 16.—Wilbur Knisel, 26, of Sagola was electrocuted while holding an electric light as his father was repairing an automobile. His father rushed to his assistance, but death ensued in a few minutes.

ELDER CHECKING UP INCOME TAX

Revenue Collector Indicates Indiana Will Show Slump.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Income tax returns fell off \$73,000,000 this year, according to compilations today by the internal revenue office here.

More than \$10,000,000 was short in the payments of the fourth and last installment of tax yesterday.

Collector Harry W. Mager said it would be several days before he

would know how much of this was "dodged." Most of it is expected to

represent statement claims filed in the last few days.

More were filed this year.

The decrease, Mager said, was due to lower income tax rates.

The total income tax for this dis-

trict amounted to \$350,000,000 this

year, against \$428,000,000 last year.

One firm paid a \$12,000,000 tax.

Name of Death Cause of Par With Liquor

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—A state of "philomolymptrations," superinduced by alcohol, was given as the cause of the death of David Harris Cook, alumnus of Northwestern University, at a drinking bout at Italia hall, Erie and Clark streets, by a coroner's jury Wednesday. Coroner Hoffman stated the word meant "drunkenness." The report of the coroner said that Cook had a superenlarged thymus gland which would react to excitement or strong stimulant. The party was given by a forbidden fraternity of the

Question Justifies It

An attendant, perspiring freely from sundry trips to the flying field to carry gas and oil for the planes, had reached



the end of his patience. Each trip he has been delayed by inquisitive persons who bombarded him with "Foolish Questions." Now he is conclusively. Finally, an old lady stopped him:

"Young man," she said, "who do you do when a machine gets up in the air and runs out of gasoline?"

"Confidentially, ma'am," he replied, "that's just what's happened now. There's a couple of them stalled up there and we've got to take gas up in the emergency balloon to take them down."

Steel Mill Closes in Pittsburgh District

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16.—Two thousand employees of the Allegheny Steel Plant at Tarentum are idle today. The plant closed down indefinitely last night for lack of orders, according to official announcement. Only a few guards will be retained.

Official announcement today at the offices of the West Penn Steel Company said that the plant will be partially closed by Dec. 24. The bar mill closed today and other departments are being gradually shut down for an indefinite period. Nine hundred workers will lose their jobs.

The Braburn Steel plant at Braburn has been operating intermittently since the first of October.

Special Committee Meets Again Dec. 29

A second meeting of the special educational legislative committee, recently appointed by Governor-elect Warren T. McCray, will be held Dec. 29. At the organization meeting Wednesday Senator William M. Swain of Indianapolis was named chairman; Representative Chester Dickey of Pennsauken, vice chairman, and L. N. Hines State Superintendent of Public Instruction, secretary.

Only the Republican members of the committee were in attendance at the meeting, but all members are expected to attend the second gathering.

Postmaster Is Shot

GIBSON CITY, Ill., Dec. 16.—Andrew Tarbox Gibson, 50, postmaster, was wounded in a fusade of three young thieves who attempted to hold up him and his wife at 10:30 last night at a street corner. The postmaster's wound is not considered fatal.

FALL TO CRACK JONESVILLE SAFE.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Dec. 16.—An attempt was made last night to open the safe in the office of the grain elevator of the Columbus Milling Company, located at Jonesville. The cracksmen succeeded in breaking through the door of the safe and failed to force the door. If they had succeeded they would have been disappointed, the officers of the company say, as the safe contained only valueless papers.

Children

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Blanch Fisher Wright \$2.50

COMPLETE PLANS FOR CONVENTION

Legion Auxiliary to Meet in Indianapolis Jan. 18.

Arrangements are being completed for the first annual convention of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion, to be held at Holenbeck, Indianapolis, Tuesday, Jan. 18. The convention program has been completed, and committees have been appointed to make local arrangements.

Miss J. E. Barnes of Indianapolis, has been appointed chairman of the reception committee, and given power to select members of her committee. Other committees have been named as follows:

Objects and Purposes of the Auxiliary—Mrs. L. C. Shauer, Valparaiso, chairman; Mrs. R. E. Farmer, Terre Haute.

Constitution—Miss Dorothy Wilson, Logansport, chairman; Mrs. W. O. Goss, Indianapolis, and Miss Ruth McDowell, Shelbyville.

The convention will complete the formation of a State organization of the auxiliary, separate from the Legion State organization, which now handles the business of the auxiliary.

The convention will meet in the morning and afternoon. L. R. Gignant of Culver, State commander of the Legion, will open the convention. Mayor Charles W. Jones of Indianapolis, will give the address of welcome. The morning session will include the appointment of convention committees, and consideration of the question of adoption of a ritual for the auxiliary.

Organization of the State Department will be completed and officers elected in the afternoon. Resolutions will be voted on favoring conciliation for Indiana and Indianapolis, the Morris & Co. packers died at his home, 2357 Broadway, last night after an illness of over a year. Mr. Scheerer was vice president of the Marion Building and Investment Company, a director in the Capitol Securities Company and the Indianapolis Investment Company. He was a member of the Masons and Woodmen's lodges, the Travelers' Association, the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce and the Second Church of Christ, Scientist. The widow, Mrs. Caroline E. Scheerer; a daughter, Florence; a son, Charles E. of St. Louis; three stepchildren, Harry Thurman of Indianapolis and Gertrude E. Thurman and Henry C. Thurman, both of New Albany, survive.

WOMAN DROPS DEAD.

Sallie McConnell, 35, dropped dead at her home, 135 Spring street, last night. The coroner stated that death was caused by heart trouble.

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