

SWEEPING PROBE OF OIL FREIGHT RATES PLANNED

Hearings Said to Be Very
Important to Start Next
Month.

Times Washington Bureau.
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WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—A series of hearings which leading oil men of the country regard as having a more important bearing on the immediate future of the oil industry than even the functioning of the President's oil board, will begin next month at St. Louis by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The commission is seeking to establish whether railroad freight rates on oil and petroleum products from the Texas, Oklahoma and other leading oil fields to point east of the Mississippi River, lying south of the Ohio River and east of the Illinois-Indiana line, are discriminatory either to the railroad, refineries or certain localities.

Within the past two years 14 separate complaints have been filed by oil companies charging freight rates on oil shipments are excessive and discriminatory.

The Interstate Commerce Commission decided on one sweeping investigation of the complaints. Last week, Examiner J. B. Keeler was assigned to conduct the hearings and prepare a tentative report.

Keeler will start his investigations at St. Louis October 4. A week

later a hearing will be held at New Orleans and on Oct. 15 at Ft. Worth. Other hearings include one at Tulsa on Oct. 22; Atlanta, Nov. 17; Pittsburgh, Nov. 23 and New York City on Dec. 6.

LADY IS VOTED BEST DRESSED

Honor Accorded English
Noblewoman at Deauville.

By United Press.
DEAUVILLE, Sept. 24.—Lady Louis Mountbatten has been voted the best-dressed woman at Deauville, which means the best-dressed woman of the world. The competition in dressing-up or dressing-down is keener at Deauville in early autumn than anywhere else.

Lady Mountbatten, whose husband is the "best pal" of the Prince of Wales and who accompanied the Prince to the United States, has achieved her eminence in style at Deauville by dressing simply. Her gowns are magnificently fitted without being ornate and she decorates herself only with a string of simple pearls and a ring or two on her fingers.

Her restraint in the use of jewels is noticeable, because other women at Deauville this season seem bent upon hanging on every gem and jewel they possess, all at the same time.

Lady Mountbatten is heiress to the Cassel millions, probably the largest inheritance in England.

Mosquitoes are said to be capable of flying a mile and a half.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFAB OCT. 22

Nationally Known Speakers
on Program.

Nationally known leaders will address the State Young People's Conference at Lafayette Oct. 22-24, according to announcement of E. T. Albertson, Indiana Council of Religious Education secretary.

Dr. J. M. Artman, University of Chicago, recently elected secretary of the Religious Education Association, will lead group discussions. Grace Sloan Overton, known to girls who attended the 1925 Geneva conference, will attend.

P. R. Hayward, superintendent of the Young People's Division of the International Council of Religious Education, will be on the Friday program at the conference.

Roy Burkhardt, who attended the South Bend conference last year, will appear Friday afternoon and night.

One of the features of the program will be interpretations of life given by those who are continually engaged in youth education and training.

Dr. E. R. Bartlett, dean of religious education at De Pauw University, will be on the Saturday program.

BIRDS DISAPPEARING

By Times Special.
LONDON, Sept. 24.—England's wild birds are disappearing, according to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, which blames increasing motor traffic, the breaking up of great estates for building, and the disappearance of woods, parks and meadows.

BEANS ARE CLASSIFIED

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By United Press.
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