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WORKING FOR NEW RATE BY SEPTEMBER 1

States Asked to Make Fares
Inside Them Correspond to
Rates Between Them—
Revenue Not Calculated.

FREIGHT IS DIFFERENT

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Readjustment of the whole rate structure of the nation's transportation systems was started today with a view to putting into effect by Sept. 1 the freight, passenger, Pullman and excess baggage, milk rate increases authorized last Saturday by the Interstate commerce commission.

While tariff experts are working on the general rate schedules, the carriers will make application to the various state commissioners for advance in intrastate rates to correspond to those in interstate rates.

Requests for advances in passenger, Pullman, milk and excess baggage tariffs are expected to be the same for all states as the increases in these charges authorized by the federal commission were general for the entire country. They were 20 per cent on passenger, milk and excess baggage charges and 50 per cent on rates for sleeping and parlor car space.

Ask States to Correspond.

In the case of freight rates, however, the carriers will ask the states to advance these tariffs to correspond with the increases granted by the federal commission for the territory in which the state is located.

The interstate increases authorized are 40 per cent in eastern territory, 25 in southern and mountain-Pacific territory, and 35 in western territory. In announcing that the applications for intrastate advances would be made to the state commissioner, Alfred F. Thom, general counsel of the association of railway executives, said these increases would not enlarge the gross income to be received by the roads under the decision of the federal commission, because in presenting their case the carriers based their estimates on corresponding intrastate rate advances.

Haven't Calculated Revenue.

The railroad executives have not calculated the total increased revenue to be derived from the rate advances, but from their estimates presented to the commission at the public hearings the sum has been unofficially approximated at one and one-half billion dollars.

The commission's decision is intended to fix rates as to give the roads the six per cent return on their aggregate value permitted by the transportation act.

Since the commission fixed the aggregate value of all the lines at \$18,900,000,000 the net operating income would be approximately \$1,134,000,000 as compared with the \$893,000,000 standard return the roads have received during the period of federal control and since.

Only Rights on Coast.

Coastwise and inland steamship companies and electric railway lines are permitted under the Interstate Commerce commission's decision to raise only freight rates.

Nothing was said by the commission as to the passenger rates on the steamboat lines, but the decision did say specifically that the freight rate increase granted electric railway lines was "not to be construed as an expression of disapproval of increases, made or proposed in the regular manner, in the passenger fares of electric lines."

While the commission authorized separate freight rate increases to the railroads in the four separate territories, the increase on freight moving from one territory into another will be 33 1/3 per cent.

Creation by the commission on its own motion of the mountain-Pacific territory was unexpected.

39 Per Cent Request Rejected.

The western roads as a whole had joined in asking for an increase of 32 1/2 per cent, but the southwestern lines later at the public hearing asked that they be given separate treatment and a freight increase of approximately 39 per cent.

The commission did not grant this request, saying that it had been opposed by many shippers and by other carriers in the western group.

"The record shows," said the commission, "that the principal railroads serving the territory west of the Colorado common points, especially the so-called transcontinental railroads as a whole, are in a substantially better financial condition than other carriers in the western territory."

"It also shows that the rates, generally speaking, are materially higher in the region west of the Colorado common points than in the part of the western territory lying east thereof."

Considering the whole situation, it is our view that the territory west of the Colorado common points and the western territory may properly be given separate treatment," it was said.

Only Women Employed in White House Offices



Miss Maude Rogers (left) and Miss Lillian O'Neill on the steps of the White House.

Miss Maude Rogers and Miss Lillian O'Neill enjoy the distinction of being the only women ever employed in the executive offices of the White House. At the beginning of the war they were employed to take the place of men who went into the army and their services have been so satisfactory that they have been continued in their positions.

Women Are Interested in Politics Assert Their County Party Leaders

Miss Esther Griffin White, as Republican woman chairman of Wayne county, and Miss Ruth James, as Democratic woman chairman of Wayne county, issued a joint statement Monday taking exceptions to a statement published Saturday that the large majority of women in Wayne county were indifferent about their right to participate in the elections next November. In their statement Miss White estimates that 50 per cent of the women in the county intend to exercise their right of franchise; Miss James estimates that 60 per cent of the women voters will vote. The statement reads:

"As you have already been informed, Mr. Sherer called at this office some time in March and took up the matter of coal. He did not, however, make a bona fide offer of \$2.80 or \$2.85 per ton."

"Mr. Dillon addressed a letter to the board of public works Monday giving his version of the incident. His letter follows:

"Referring to the article relative to the coal situation in one of our papers, the writer would advise you as follows:

"As you have already been informed, Mr. Sherer called at this office some time in March and took up the matter of coal. He did not, however, make a bona fide offer of \$2.80 or \$2.85 per ton."

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