

RATE DECISION GIVES INCREASE OF \$30,000,000

Few Exceptions to General Gain Are Made by I. C. C. Ruling.

EXPLAIN THE REVERSAL Business Will Have Added Impetus—Coal and Lake Rates Excepted.

WAR UPSET THE FORMER RULE Was Predicted Exclusively by The Herald—Decision Represents Favorable Sign for Business Generally.

By JOSEPH F. ANNIN.

The Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday handed down its decision on the application of railroads in official classification territory for a 5 per cent increase in freight rates.

The decision grants the horizontal increase with a few exceptions, as exclusively forecast by The Washington Herald last Monday morning.

As predicted by The Herald, the decision represents a distinct victory for the railroads and a decidedly favorable sign for business generally.

Central Roads Get Increase. In addition to allowing the increase in official classification territory, the commission authorizes the 5 per cent increase, denied in July, to carriers in central freight association territory on cement, brick, tile, clay and plaster.

Interstate Rates Go Up. Interstate rates to and from New England from and to points in trunk line or central freight association territories, where necessary to preserve established relationships between ports or points in New England and points or ports in trunk line territory, may be increased not to exceed 5 per cent.

Subject to the maintenance of the Atlantic port differentials, rates to and from New York may be increased not to exceed 5 per cent, and rates to and from Portland, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore may be increased to the extent necessary to maintain said differentials.

The decision of yesterday is signed by Commissioners Daniels and McChord who stood out in favor of the 5 per cent increase last July and Commissioners Clark, Paul, and Meyer. Chairman Harlan filed a dissenting opinion as did Commissioner Clements.

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STRASSBURG AND METZ SHELLED FROM THE AIR

Eight French Aviators Conduct Daring Raid on German Fortresses—One Flier Reported Killed.

Paris, Dec. 18.—News of a daring raid by French aviators into German territory, during which they bombarded the great German fortresses of Metz and Strassburg, reached here today.

SECOND WILSON NOMINEE DOWNED

Senate Rejects Suggestion for Kansas City Postmaster.

MAY TAKE BROADER STEP Considers Sending Note to White House with Rejection of Woman for Postoffice.

The President sent to the Senate yesterday the nomination of W. N. Collins to be postmaster of Kansas City. Within an hour after the nomination arrived at the Senate the body had rejected it.

There is a tradition in the Senate that no person shall be named as postmaster in the home city of a Senator who is personally objectionable to that Senator.

It is likely that when the Senate comes to deal with the case at Devils Lake it may go even further than a formal rejection of the nomination and refer it back to the President with a direction to the secretary of the Senate to call his attention to the fact that the nomination was rejected by the Senate in October.

The President then sent to the Senate the nomination of Mrs. Marjorie Bloom, wife of the man whose nomination had been rejected. This nomination was in turn rejected by the Senate.

SAYS BROKERS MET OBLIGATIONS WITH HIS STOCK

Pirkey Charges Use of Super-finance by Lewis Johnson & Co.

HIS SHARES LOANED OUT Asserts Henry Gave Them to J. C. Williams to Balance Account.

HUTCHINSON LIKewise SUES Claims Stock He Gave to Henry Was Delivered to Commercial National Bank to Meet Big Overdraft

Super-finance, in which stock and money were tossed back and forth in a mad effort to balance accounts in several institutions, was pictured yesterday in two suits filed for the recovery of stock deposited with the bankrupt Lewis Johnson & Co.

Involved Hundred Shares. According to the petition of Pirkey, the complete transaction involved two blocks of fifty shares each of Southern Pacific stock. The first block is alleged to have been given by J. Chauncey Williams to Henry as security for a loan of \$5,396.25.

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SCANDINAVIAN KINGS CONFER AT COPENHAGEN

Rulers of Sweden, Norway, and Denmark Hold Important Conference. Crowds Cheer Monarchs.

London, Dec. 18.—An Exchange telegram from Copenhagen says: "Huge crowds witnessed the arrival at Malmö, across the sound from Copenhagen, of the three Scandinavian kings today. The city was en fête, the business houses closed and the principal buildings draped with entwined flags of the three countries."

CITES LAWYERS FOR CONTEMPT

Sullivan and Fulton Charged with Attempt to Influence Jurors.

LASKEY MOVES IN CASE Petition Says They Visited Two Grand Jurors and Pleaded Innocence in Embezzling Case.

Rule to show cause why they should not be adjudged in contempt of court was attempted to influence grand jurors was issued yesterday by Chief Justice Covington, in Criminal Court No. 1, against Michael W. Sullivan and Creed M. Fulton, lawyers of this city, both of whom have been indicted for embezzlement.

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GERMANS PURSUE RUSSIANS; GREECE MAY WAR ON TURKS; FRENCH MAKE STEADY GAINS

ALLIES GAIN MOMENTUM IN COAST ATTACK

Offensive in Flanders Successful at Every Point, Paris Reports.

FIGHT IN SAND DUNES

Shells from British Warships Force Germans to Evacuate Positions.

ADVANCE ALONG MENIN ROAD

Unofficial Report Says French and British Have Pressed Past Middlekerke.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Paris, Dec. 18.—The allies' advance in Belgium is gaining momentum fast. Marked gains have been recorded in every forward movement attempted by the allies today, and the counter attacks of the Germans have been met through-out successfully.

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GREECE TO WAR ON TURKEY, ROME HEARS

ACTION EXPECTED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

Rome, Dec. 18.—Greece will declare war on Turkey within the next twenty-four hours, according to authentic reports in diplomatic circles here tonight. The breach which has existed between Greece and Turkey is believed to have been widened hopelessly with recent developments in affairs between the countries.

DRESDEN SUNK BY BRITISH SHIP

German Cruiser Reported Sent to Bottom in Pacific by the Bristol.

"I Am Going to Join My Comrades," Said German Commander, Leaving Punta Arenas.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Valparaiso, Chile, Dec. 18.—The German cruiser Dresden is reported in a wireless dispatch received here last night to have been sunk off Cambridge Island, in the Pacific, by the British cruiser Bristol.

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RUSS IN FLIGHT, VON HINDENBURG PHONES KAISER

Berlin Goes Into Transports of Joy Over Victory in Poland.

CZAR'S FORCES IN FLIGHT Forty Thousand Reported Cut Off and Trapped Near Jezow.

MURDER VERDICT OF BOMBARDMENT

British Jury Flays "German Culture" Which Led to Attack.

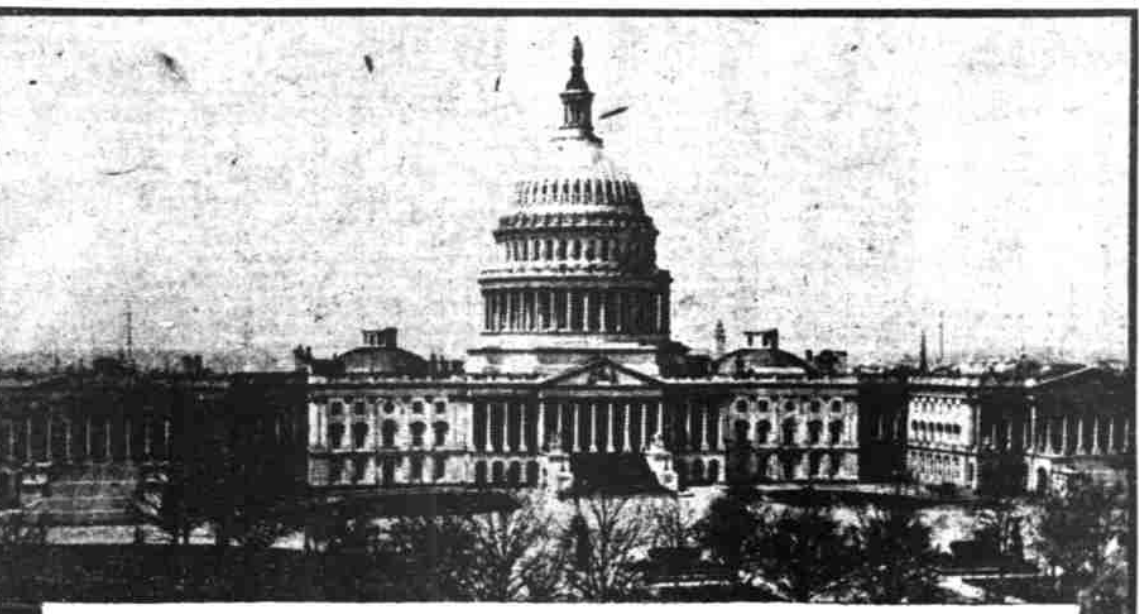
Precautions Taken to Prevent Spies from Giving Teutons Further Information.

SAILED AWAY TO DIE

MINE SINKS FIFTH SHIP

Entire Crew Is Lost.

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While the Dresden was here Capt. Koehler gave the first authentic account of the Falkland Islands battle. He said: "The German Pacific division left the Pacific to go to the Falkland Islands by way of Cape Horn. The voyage was made without incident."

"A little before arriving at our destination the commander of the division, Vice Admiral von Spee, detached one of our cruisers to explore and discover facts concerning the presence of English ships in the islands. The ship returned and reported that there were two English cruisers. The admiral prepared at once to give battle to the hostile ships, issuing the necessary orders."

"Advancing toward the islands, in a little while we were able to make out the strength of the hostile forces. There were not two cruisers, but six. Our commander kept to his resolution and continued to advance."

"A little later, at the mouth of the bay, we noted two Dreadnoughts of the Lion type, 26,000 tons, more or less, whose presence was unknown before."

"The conditions were magnificent. The weather was clear and calm. These conditions made impossible a combat with a chance of escape for the German fleet. Admiral von Spee persisted in his resolution to give battle with the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau acting together, ordering at the same time the dispersal of the three other units, the minor cruisers, Leipzig, Dresden, and Nuernberg."

"Meanwhile, the two cruisers above mentioned courageously faced the English fleet. The latter was attacked by our two cruisers, while the Leipzig, Nuernberg, and Dresden tried to place themselves outside the range of the enemy's cannon, the only device compatible with the circumstances, in view of the number, quality, and size of the English ships."

KAISER TO RETURN TO FRONT. Has Completely Recovered from Illness, Says Official Statement.

Christmas Holiday excursion fares to all points via Norfolk & Western Ry. Inquire 1419 N. Y. Ave.—Adv.