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INCREASE IN EXPRESS RATES GRANTED

SUFFS APPLAUD WINNING TALLY

Cheering Stops Procedure in Tenn. Legislaturfe as Senate Votes.

WAS DECISIVE VICTORY

Count of 25 to 4 Passed 19th Amendment in Senate; Resume Fight Monday.

SUFFRAGE AHEAD IN N. C.

Wins Initial Skirmish Following Message From Governor Urging Adoption.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 13.—The Tennessee senate today by a vote of 25 to 4 adopted the resolution providing for raitfication of the 19th amendment. It was an easy victory for the suffrage forces and even the most optimistic were surprised at the large majority. Seventeen votes were necessary, but most polls listed 20 to 22 as favorable and the high water mark was set at 24.

The suffragists, certain of raitification by the senate have proceeded from the beginning of the legislative session with the expectation that the real fight would be in the lower house and while the campaign in that quarter had not relaxed the vote had hardly been announced before the workers were redoubling efforts to secure favorable action by the representatives.

House Adjourned.

The house adjourned today until Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock without reference to suffrage, but it was stated later the committee to which the resolution was referred would meet Monday night to consider it.

An hour before the senate convened the galleries and aisles were packed with spectators, among them the active pro and anti-suffrage workers predominated. Speaker Todd had little difficulty in silencing the onlookers when the body was called to order. But when the 17th vote in favor of ratification was recorded the pent-up enthusiasm of the suffrage cohorts went beyond restraint and forced temporary suspension of the roll call.

Enthusiasm Breaks.

They redoubled their cheers when the clerk shouted the total above the uproar and it was necessary for the speaker to call upon the sergeant-at-arms before the chamber could be quited sufficiently for work to be resumed upon other matters.

Miss Sue White, Tennessee state chairman of the woman's national party, expressed the sentiments of the suffragists generally when she said the victory "brings us to the last lap in the long fight for women's enfranchisement."

There were few members of the assembly remaining in Nashville tonight, most of them having gone to their homes for over the week-end.

In replying to the charge of Senator Chandler, republican and suffrage opponent, made during debate today that Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage association, had advocated inter-marriage between whites and negroes, Mrs. Catt tonight in a formal statement characterized it as "an absolute fabrication."

Senator Chandler said he had based his remarks on a published interview with Mrs. Catt in which she was quoted as having said "suffrage knows no bias of race, color or sex."

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 13.—Ratification advocates temporarily held

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NEGOTIATE WITH CANTU

Mexican de Facto Government Officials and Rebel Representatives Considering Peace.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Negotiations are in progress between the de facto and government officials of Mexico and Governor Cantu of the northern part of Lower California, which may even yet obviate the necessity of sending federal troops into that district, according to the Mexican embassy. The negotiations, a statement from the embassy said today, were undertaken "by impartial and honest persons, there being among them several journalists well known on the border. It is believed the said negotiations will shortly reach a satisfactory stage when they will be announced to the press."

BOLSHEVIKI CLOSING IN

From Three Sides Reds Advance on Capital; Expect Fall Soon.

HALLER FALLING BACK

His Armies Relentlessly Are Pushed Toward City; End May Stop Parley

REDS WANT PLEBISCITE

Operation of their System in Poland and Propaganda in Terms.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—A preliminary peace treaty has been concluded between the Russian soviet government and Armenia, says a wireless dispatch received here from Moscow.

PARIS, Aug. 13.—Closing in upon Warsaw from the north, east and southeast, the bolsheviki hosts are now within twenty miles of the capital and little doubt is felt here that they will be in the city before the peace negotiations are concluded.

General Haller, holding positions along the Vistula, Narew, and Bug rivers in a country offering few natural advantages for defense, is being relentlessly pushed toward the capital by the bolsheviki, who are speeding up their advance.

Citizens of Warsaw, to the number of 100,000, have pledged themselves to defend the capital to the last breath, but it is felt here that such an unorganized effort cannot seriously affect the fate of the city. This, apparently, also is the view of the Polish government, which is reported to be considering moving to Posen if it is satisfied there is no chance of the soviet forces suspending hostilities at an early date.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—A plebiscite to determine the future of Russian-Poland is one of the peace terms drawn up by the bolsheviki coincident with the first proposal of an armistice by the Polish government. The right of unrestricted propaganda in this terrirtory during the year which would intervene before the plebiscite also would be demanded.

Favorable to Reds.

These and other terms of peace, which are believed to have been formulated for submission at the first meeting between the soviet and

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Wire Flashes

HAZELTON, B. C. Aug. 13.—The four United States army airplanes which left Prince George this morning, landed here shortly afternoon.

BERKELEY, Cal., Aug. 13.—Brig. General C. A. Woodruff U. S. A. retired, died at his home here today after a long illness. He was 75 years old.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 13.—Five paymasters carrying 300,000 pesos have left Mexico City to pay off followers of Francisco Villa, the former rebel leader, it is officially announced.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—George White, chairman of the edmocratic national committee, today announced appointment of Representative Frank Doremus of Michigan as western amnager of the Cox-Roosevelt campaign.

ROME, Aug. 13.—Pope Benedict met with a slight accident Monday, slipping on the polished marbel floor while going from his bedroom to his private library, the Messagero states. He sustained a slight abrasion of the skin at the knee.

DETROIT, Aug. 13.—George A. Lawe, of Memphis, Tenn., was elected president of the Retail Credit Men's National association at the annual convention here today. Next year's convention city probably will be selected tonight. Houston, Texas, is the most frequently mentioned.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—John Golden, president of the United Textile Workers of America, announced today he had written Secretary of Labor Wilson requesting a "federal investigation be made at once for the purpose of learning the real cause for the closing down of a number of mills in the woolen and worsted industries.

THE WEATHER

TULSA, Aug. 13.—Maximum 81; minimum 54; north winds, cloudy.

ARKANSAS: Saturday and Sunday generally fair, warmer.

OKLAHOMA: Saturday and Sunday fair, warmer.

KANSAS: Fair and warmer Saturday and Sunday.

Road Report.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 13.—Altus fair; Alva muddy; Blackwell fair; Bridgeport good, though dusty; Cherokee good; Chickasha muddy in places; Cleveland fair, rough in places; Clinton fair; Dodge City, Kan., muddy; Duncan muddy; Durant good; El Reno good; Enid fair, muddy in low places; Fort Smith, Ark., fair, rough in places; Frederick good; Geary muddy; Guthrie good; Hastings good but dusty; Hobart good; Holdenville fair, muddy in low places; Hugo good; Idabel good; Kingfisher rough; Lawton muddy in places; McAlester fair; Miami good; Newkirk muddy; Newton, Kan., good; Oklahoma City fair, muddy in low places; Pauls Valley muddy; Perry muddy; Ponca City rough; Poteau excellent; Purcell good; Ryan muddy; Sapulpa excellent; Sayre fair; Shawnee muddy; Taloga very good; Waynoka good, rough in places; Wichita, Kan., good; Wister good.

Today's Local Events.

City Club luncheon, Y. W. C. A. cafeteria, 12:15.

Woman's Farm congress, court house, 2:20 a. m.

Ambulance Mystery Cleared; Man in Jail, Girl Returns

After police officers had made an unsuccessful search for Miss Mary Ellana, 206 South Madison, trained nurse, who disappeared late Thursday night about four miles east of town from a Mowbray ambulance driven by Tom Coulter, and while the police heads were still deeply puzzled as to the whereabouts of the missing young lady, she walked into police headquarters and announcing her identity asked that Coulter, who had been arrested about 10 o'clock Friday in connection with her disappearance, be held.

Coulter and Miss Ellana, together with Miss Nora Adair, waitress at the Boston Cafe and F. Gorman, were out "joy riding" in the ambulance, according to Miss Ellana. Miss Ellana told the police that when she resented some improper proposals by Coulter, he forced her to leave the car and drove back to town. She later came to town and stayed at a local hotel for the night.

When she failed to appear Friday, the police were notified. Coulter was arrested and booked on investigation. He refused to talk other than to say that Miss Ellana had left the car for some reason unknown to him. Miss Ellana declared that she will file charges against him.

Everett Manning, proprietor of the undertaking company, declared last night that the ambulance which Coulter was driving was taken without knowledge of the management. "It is absolutely against the rules for any of our cars to be used for 'joy riding' or pleasure purposes," Mr. Manning declared last night. "They are for business uses alone and every employe is instructed not to use them for any other purpose."

OKLAHOMA CROP BEST IN STATES

Bulletin Reports Condition Aug. 1 as Leading the Nation.

KANSAS COMES SECOND

Gets 24.8 Per Cent Compared to Oklahoma's 31.8 Per cent; Nebraska Third.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 13.—The combined condition of all crops in Oklahoma August 1 was better than in any state, according to a bulletin received late today by John A. Whitehurst, president of the state board of agriculture, from the federal bureau of crop estimates.

Kansas was rated second and Nebraska third.

Above Average.

The condition of all crops, according to this bulletin, was 31.8 per cent above the average for the last ten years. The figure for Kansas was 24.8 per cent and for Nebraska 17.6 per cent above the average for the last ten years. The condition of crops in Oklahoma was 10.6 per cent above the condition a year ago.

Oklahoma's average winter wheat production for the year was greater than the average throughout the United States, the bulletin stated. The Oklahoma crop has been estimated at 16 bushels per acre, while the average throughout the country was given as 15.16 bushels.

Leads Cotton Belt.

Condition of the cotton crop August 1 in Oklahoma was better than in any other state of the cotton belt, the bulletin continued. A forecast, based on conditions July 25, placed the average cotton production for the entire country at 170.4 pounds of line per acre. The forecast for Oklahoma was 178.5 pounds.

The acreage condition of the corn in Oklahoma August 1 was 90 per cent. The condition throughout the United States was 86.7 per cent. Oklahoma oats were 87 per cent of normal. The average for the country was 87.2 per cent.

N. Y. Longshoremen to Return to Work

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Coastwise longshoremen, who have been on strike here since March 12, voted at a mass meeting tonight to go back to work Monday morning, providing the steamship owners get rid of the strikebreakers, they have employed.

Mexican Troops Will Attack Cantu Forces

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 13.—A force of 3,000 soldiers of the Mexican government, heavily equipped landed yesterday at El Barril on the Gulf of California and will march across the Colorado desert to attack the Cantu forces at Mexicali, according to word received here tonight by Ives C. Lelivier, Mexican consul in this city.

11-Year-Old Youth Holds Up a Friend at Point of Knife

OKMULGEE, Aug. 13.—"I heard other boys tell how they'd got away with it, and I just thought I'd try it," said 11-year-old Joseph Walters as he frankly told Police Chief Farr tonight how he had held up Lemon Sherill, 15 years old, at the point of a knife in a dark place a block from Sherill's home, and taken a dollar from him. Sherill had earned the dollar selling papers, and was going home. Young Walters was arrested in a picture show where he was spending part of his spoils.

"I wasn't going to cut him," the youngster said, "if he had hollered I would have run."

CITY MAY ANNUL PAVING SCRIPTS

Consider Action to Cancel Street Work Contracts; May Sue.

ALL PATIENCE IS LOST

Repeated Promises and Failures Bring About Change in Board's Attitude.

From the attitude of Mayor T. D. Evans and city commissioners, it appears that paving companies holding unfulfilled contracts over the city will have to step lively or suffer severe consequences. In fact, it is improbable that they can step lively enough at this late day to even protect themselves.

City Impatient.

The city has lost patience with paving contractors. They have repeatedly made promises and asked for time extensions, only to fail to take advantage of the extension when granted. Practically no paving has been done during the past 60 days. Contractors have laid the cause at the doors of cement manufacturers, to the railroads and to "tight" money. There have been numerous rumors that paving contractors are dealing in cement—that they are re-selling what they do receive at a handsome profit, almost without handling it. This rumor, however, has not beed officially substantiated.

It now appears probable that the city will take immediate steps to cancel existing contracts and sue contractors on their bonds. The paving situation has been one of considerable aggravation to city officials, for while they have been trying to force contractors to finish their jobs, more petitions for paving have poured into the auditor's office—petitions that will probably not be granted until the paving situation is somewhat readjusted.

"A city can't be built on unfulfilled paving contracts," Mayor Evans declared yesterday. "We are going to get to the bottom of this matter and find what is the best thing to do." The first commission meeting in September has been set apart for a thorough hearing of the paving situation.

ASKS FOOD REGULATION

Roosevelt, Vice President Candidate, Enters Northwest on Campaign—Strikes at Senator Harding.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 13.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, the democratic vice presidential nominee, entering the northwest today on his campaign trip to the Pacific coast, urged that the food supply of the country be placed on a national or international basis.

Speaking to a capacity house in a downtown theater, Mr. Roosevelt promised that if a democratic administration is returned to power "we shall view these problems in the large."

Mr. Roosevelt declared that Mr. Harding "is trying to syndicate the presidency and he is so hard pressed for issues hat he is going to the dictionary for them."

M'RAE HOLDS HIS MARGIN

His Lead Is 13,175 Votes—Race for Second Place—Caraway in Front.

LITTLE ROCK, Aug. 13.—With 134,441 votes accounted for and complete returns from 33 out of the 75 counties, the only upturn in the governor's race was a threat by Terral votes to oust Snead Powell out of second place and put him in third. McRae continued to gain over the field, his lead being 13,175 votes.

Caraway continued to hold his big lead over Kirby for the senatorial nomination with 82,225, against Kirby's 54,547. A total of 129,434 votes had been accounted for in this race.

PONZI IN JAIL; ARREST 3 MORE

Officers of Old Colony Foreign Exchange Co. in Law's Clutch.

PONZI BONDSMAN FAILS

Surrenders 'Mystic Capitalist' to Authorities; No Other Would Go His Bond.

RIVAL FIRM IS BROKEN UP

Three Officers of Another House Who Offered Big Return in Prison.

BOSTON, Aug. 13.—Four men who have accepted millions of dollars from New England investors in the last few months, on promises of payment of fabulous interest, were behind the bars tonight. Charles Ponzi, whose spectacular financial dealings have made his name known the country over, was surrendered today by the man who furnished $35,000 bond for his release yesterday after his arrest by the federal authorities. Unable to find another bondsman, Ponzi was taken to the Middlesex county jail at East Cambridge.

Three officers of the Old Colony Foreign Exchange company were arrested, taken into the municipal court and held in $50,000 bonds each on a technical charge of larceny of $500, from persons unknown. In default of bonds they spent the night in the Charles street jail. They are Charles M. Brightwell, president and treasurer of the concern, Raymond Meyers, office manager, and Fred Meyers, sales agent. All three pleaded not guilty.

Rivaled Ponzi.

That the transactions of this company might have rivaled in extent the dealings of Ponzi's securities exchange company was intimated by Albert Hurwitz, assistant district attorney of Suffolk county, when he told the court that the amount involved in its transactions probably would be shown to be hundreds of thousands of dollars. The three men will be given a hearing Aug. 24.

Further criminal proceedings were taken against Ponzi today. In the municipal court a blanket warrant was issued charging him with larceny, totalling $24,000. Police inspectors were prepared to re-arrest Ponzi if the federal authorities released him again on bail, but as he was taken to jail the municipal charges against him were held in abeyance.

Short Proceedings.

Bankruptcy proceedings against partners of Ponzi were brought in the federal court. Three petitioners

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HAINER IS NOMINATED

Gets Successful Vote for Congress in Fifth District Against E. E. Reardon by 4,636.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 13.—Official returns compiled by the state election board and announced today show that B. T. Hainer was nominated on the republican ticket for congressman from the fifth district in the recent primary by 179 votes. His total was 4,636, while that of Edward E. Reardon was 4,457. Final tabulations show that F. B. Swank's margin over Roy E. Stafford for the democratic nomination in the fifth district was 1,830. Swank polled 10,639 votes and Stafford 8,809.

Fell From 12th Floor Recovers, Gets Money

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—Napoleon Brooks, negro cement worker who fell from the 12th story of a building under construction at Fresno, April 3, 1920, was able to walk into the office of the state industrial accident commission to receive $187.47 compensation and the first of weekly benefits of $20.83 to be paid until the termination of his disability. In the fall he sustained a fractured skull, a crushed right foot, fractured bones in several parts of the body and several broken ribs.

NOMINATION TO THOMAS

Picked as Democratic Congressional Candidate in 5th Over Field.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 13.—Elmer Thomas won the Democratic congressional nomination in the Sixth Oklahoma district, with a total vote of 9,266, according to official figures tabulated by the state election board. Cham Jones received 8,016; Robert L. Glover 2,151, and Ben Hennessy 1,325.

L. N. Gensman, unopposed on the republican ticket, received 4,835 votes. J. V. Kolachny on the socialist ticket, received 608.

Federal Agents Have Uncovered Red Gem Barter

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Traffic by bolshevist agents in precious stones, supposed to have formed part of the famous jewels of the Russian royal family, has been unearthed by federal authorities.

The 131 diamonds found on Neils Jacobsen, a Swedish sailor, by customs officials in New York July 23, it became known today, were enclosed in a package addressed to "Comrade Martens." Using this as a lead, federal officials began an investigation which they declare has definitely connected Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self-styled soviet ambassador to the United States, with the traffic.

Wrapped about the diamonds taken from the Swedish sailor, whom officials exonerated from any complicity in the illegal procedure, was a quantity of communist literature.

COX LAYS PLANS FOR HARD FIGHT

Will Attack Republican Stronghold in Two Virginia Talks.

SECRETES BOOZE VIEWS

No Comment on Statement by White Excluding "Light Wine" as Issue.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 13.—Governor Cox, in two addresses tomorrow at Wheeling, W. Va., plans his first vigorous assault upon the republican stronghold.

"My straight jacket is off," the governor declared tonight in giving an indication of the tenor of his Wheeling speeches, the reference being to the limitations upon his remarks up to the time of his acceptance of the democratic presidential nomination.

To Discuss Issues.

The general political issues of the campaign, Governor Cox added, will be discussed, not only at Wheeling tomorrow, but in all future speeches of his travels.

His Wheeling engagement calls for an address to the West Virginia democratic convention about 2 o'clock and a public address in the evening on the river bank. The governor and his party will motor to Wheeling tomorrow. The governor will return Sunday.

Avoids Wet Expression.

Governor Cox today expressed gratification over adoption by the Tennessee senate of the woman suffrage ratification resolution. He declined formal comment and also would not discuss the statement of Chairman White of the democratic national committee that the campaign would not include a "beer and light wine issue."

Senator Owen of Oklahoma a candidate for the presidential nomination at San Francisco, and a close friend of W. J. Bryan, will confer with Governor Cox here next Sunday or Monday.

Senator Harrison of the democratic speakers' bureau advised Governor Cox of a change in the candidate's itinerary late this month. A night address scheduled at Pittsburgh August 27 was advanced to August 26 and the governor's New Haven engagement set for the night of August 28 after his New York address was fixed for August 27.

SEES BOLSHEVIKI FALL

David R. Francis, American Ambassador to Russia, Says Red Government Will Crumble Soon

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The soviet government in Russia will be overthrown within the next six months, David R. Francis, American ambassador to Russia prior to the revolution and who still holds that designation technically, declared here this afternoon.

The statement of the United States of its policy toward Russia will enhearten the people of Russia to rise against Lenine and Trotzky, Ambassador Francis declared. He stated that not more than 10 per cent of the Russians are in sympathy with the soviet government.

TWO STREET CARS COLLIDE

No Severe Injuries Result From Clash at First and Peoria.

When two Tulsa street railway street cars collided at First and Peoria, yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Cora Rowland was slightly injured. One of the cars was standing still and the other came up from the rear. Several other people were cut by glass and splinters and everybody received a severe shaking up, but no one was severely injured. Neither of the street cars were badly damaged.

HARDING TO TALK IN FIVE BIG CITIES

Headquarters Announces Change in Itinerary; Name Dates Soon.

EDITORS HEAR SPEECH

Republican Nominee Defends His Stand and Approves Old Line Policies.

HONESTY A PEACE REMEDY

Senator Says International Industrial Quiet Could Have Been Arranged.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—Republican headquarters today announced Senator Harding's speaking itinerary had been enlarged to "include at least five cities" and that dates for the addresses would be announced within a day or two.

MARION, Ohio, Aug. 3.—To Governor Cox's declaration that the republican party stands on the skyline of a setting sun, Senator Harding replied today that "if we may look backward to clear our vision, we may look forward more confidently."

"Call it reaction if you like," said the republican nominee in a speech here, "but we need the old standards of honesty, the lofty standards of fidelity.

Past An Inspiration.

"If we are living in the past to recall the wisdom of Washington, the equal rights of Jefferson, the geinus of Hamilton—the restoration of McKinley or the awakening of Roosevelt, I am happy to drink of the past for my inspiration for the morrow.

"Engineering is a scientific pursuit, and I never knew an engineer who did not turn his transit to his back sight to make sure of his line by which we were to move on. Every hope of life is of tomorrow, but the glory of ten thousand morrows was wrought in the wisdom gleaned on yesterday."

Honesty for Peace.

The speech delivered from the front porch of the Harding residence to members of the Ohio Republican Editorial association, was a plea for a return to old time morality and fairness. If everyone concerned had been "rigidly honest," he said, peace might long since have been established and industrial and social unrest quieted. He also advocated for a forest policy to insure an adequate domestic supply of timber to meet, among other needs, the demand for print-paper pulp.

Today's address omitted mention of Governor Cox by name, but the republican nominee repeated in exact from the words used by his democratic opponent in his acceptance speech. The senator's reply was cheered by his fellow editors, more 100 of whom had come to Marion to extend their support and good wishes.

A luncheon given under auspices of the republican editorial association preceded the visit to the Harding home. Senator Harding did not attend the luncheon, a last-minute change in plans shifting his address to the front porch instead of the luncheon hall.

Reds Get French Ships; French Threats Win Out

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 12.—Bolsheviki at Odessa seized the French steamers Batavia and Eigrette, which landed Russian prisoners there from France and refused to release them until the French battleship Edgar Quinett, with three destroyers, was rushed from Constantinople and threatened to raze the city unless the steamers were released, it was learned here today.

Pasquale Is Detained For Baby's Kidnaping

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 13.—Augusto Pasquale was held without bail to answer charges of kidnaping, burglary and extortion, in connection with the kidnaping of Blakeley Coughlin, at a preliminary hearing today in the Montgomery county prison at Norristown. No testimony was taken, according to Justice of the Peace Lenhardt, who conducted the proceedings.

Veterinary Forces on Anthrax Disease

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 13.—Every employe of the state veterinary department and of the federal veterinary bureau here left late today for Pittsburg county to begin a campaign against the outbreak of anthrax reported there.

In two days since the disease has been under observation, more than 75 horses and cattle have died and hundreds more have become infected, it was reported. Dr. Robinett declared anthrax to be one of the most dreaded of diseases found among animals. The disease also may be contracted by man.

Boost of 12½ Per Cent Allowed American By Commission.

$35,000,000 REVENUE

Annual Income of Company to be Swelled; Short $43,000,000 Wage Hike

HALF OF REQUEST MET

Grant Doesn't Consider Pay of Workers; New Application Expected

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Authority to increase express rates 12 1-2 per cent was granted the American Railway Express company today by the interstate commerce commission.

The increase by unofficial estimates will add $35,500,000 to the annual income of the company. The commission's decision, however, does not take into consideration the recent award of the railroad labor board of increased wages approximating $43,000,000 to express company employes, and it is expected application soon will be made by the company for an additional advance in rates to meet the new wage scales.

Increase Milk Rate.

Rates on milk and cream under the commission's decision are further increased to correspond with the advance of 20 per cent for the transportation of such commodities authorized the railroads, except where there are no competing railroads between the affected points. In the latter case, an advance of 12 1-2 per cent is authorized.

In touching on the fact that the express company had been allowed only about half of the increase asked, which was 25.16 per cent, the commission expressed the opinion that the full amount awarded should be retained by the express company itself and that none of it should be allowed to the railroad carriers. The commission suggested that the present express company contracts with the railroads, under which 50.25 per cent of its gross earnings go to the roads for the carrier service should be modified to accomplish this purpose.

On Day's Notice.

Permission was granted the company to make new rates effective upon one day's notice by filing blanket schedules with the commission, but the company is required to reissue its tariffs within 90 days of the effective date in the regular manner.

Nothing in the decision, the commission said, is to be taken as forecasting the determinations of the applications of the Adams, American, Southern and Wells-Fargo companies for a continuance of their consolidation to the American Express company or on the proposed new contract between the consolidated company and the railrads, which has been submitted to the commission for approval.

CHIEFS MEET MINERS

Wage Scale Committee of Bituminous Field and Union Delegates Call Session; Want $2 Boost?

CLEVELAND, Aug. 13.—The wage scale committees of the bituminous coal operators and union miners of the central competitive field met in executive session here today, in pursuance of a request of President Wilson, to consider a change in wages, and, after organizing, adjourned until 1 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The miners held a caucus this morning without reaching a decision on the exact wage increases they will demand. The figure generally mentioned is $2 over the present wage of $6 paid the men by the day, who comprise about 27 per cent of the industry.

Credit Men Foresee Early Normal Status

DETROIT, Aug. 13.—Normal conditions in business will shortly replace the present depression, J. H. Treegoe, secretary-treasurer of the retail credit men's national association, declared in a speech before the association's annual convention here today. Lifting of the excess profits tax, Mr. Treegoe said, would do much to restore normal conditions. Gerge A. Lawe of Memphis was chosen president.

DITCH CAVES, MAN DIES

R. R. Lackey of Shawnee Believed to Have Been Smothered Under Five Tons of Falling Dirt.

SHAWNEE, Okla., Aug. 13.—R. R. Lackey, workman on city sewer, was killed in a cave-in of a ditch this morning, being buried under five tons of dirt, evidently being smothered. The accident occurred while he was in the ditch with a Mexican bracing behind the automatic digger. Five minutes after the cave-in Lackey spoke, but when he was finally uncovered in the narrow ditch, life was extinct. Lackey's home was in Shawnee. He is survived by a wife and three children.