

U. S., STATE DIFFER ON RAIL RATE BOOST

Illinois Commerce Commission Fails to Approve 20 Per Cent Increase Granted Roads

Following the decision of the Interstate Commerce commission this week granting the Chicago and North Western railroad a 20 per cent increase in commutation rates for suburban traffic within Illinois, the Illinois Commerce commission refused to approve the increase and announced that the hearing before the state body would proceed. The outcome of this hearing is doubtful, as it is reported that some of the Illinois commissioners feel that if the federal commission is allowed to have the say in this matter it will take away all the power of the Illinois commission over the railroads.

There are several courses of action which may be taken, most of which will tie the rate increase problem into still further knots. The state commission may announce a decision for the same 20 per cent increase which the Interstate Commerce commission allowed, in which event all complications will be smoothed out and the rate increase will go into effect November 23. What appears more likely is that the commission will grant an increase of less than the 20 per cent asked by the railroad, thus putting before the latter the question of which order to obey.

Charge Failure to Co-operate

In the controversy between the state and federal commissions the latter charges that the state body failed to co-operate in a joint hearing which was suggested. No reply to this statement has been made by the Illinois body.

In the petition for the rate increase the North Western road claimed that it was losing large sums of money yearly in the suburban service. The advance was merely to cover part of the annual deficit, it was said, and the railroad would still lose more than \$600,000 yearly on its commutation business. Railroad officials maintained that the increase was necessary to keep up the standard of service which had been given in the past.

When the petition was first filed by the road there was a storm of protest from north shore communities as well as those to the west of Chicago which are served by the North Western. A body known as the Suburban Citizens' committee was formed to fight the proposed increase, and flatly took its stand against such action.

Commuters Want Service

North shore communities, for the most part, seemed slightly more open to the arguments of the railroad. There were several meetings held in Chicago last winter at which representatives of certain villages met high officials of the railroad, and at one meeting it was definitely stated by representatives of certain villages that

the increase would not be opposed if a guarantee of better service was given. As far as the north shore is concerned there seems to have been little further action in the matter.

If put into effect, the rate increase will mean that 10 ride commutation tickets between Wilmette and Chicago will advance from \$2.20, the present price, to \$2.64; 25 ride tickets will advance from \$4.73 to \$5.68 and 60 ride tickets from \$7.15 to \$8.58. The decision of the Illinois Commerce commission is expected soon.

Father of Mrs. Ripley Taken by Death in West

Funeral services for Hampton L. Story, 90 years of age, father of Mrs. Robert Ripley, 29 Indian Hill road, were held last Friday morning at the Chapel of the Flowers in Forest Lawn cemetery, Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. Story was born at Cambridge, Vt., in 1835 and served in the Union army throughout the Civil war. He was vice-president of the Story and Clark Piano company, Chicago.

Mrs. Melvin Chatten, 1025 Densmore road, regent for the Kaskaskia chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, attended the reception given Thursday at the Drake hotel by the Chicago chapter, in celebration of the 35th anniversary of the organization of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Confer with Merchants on License Ordinance

The new license ordinance which was introduced at the last meeting of the Village council will not be passed at the next meeting, to be held Tuesday evening, October 20, it was announced by village officials this week. The Winnetka Chamber of Commerce has expressed a desire to confer with members of the council about the proposed ordinance and further consideration will be given it before any action is taken, it was said. The ordinance as drafted provided license fees for several types of business which have not heretofore been taxed in that way.

Mrs. Paul F. Williams was hostess recently at two dinner parties at her home at 487 Ash street. She entertained a group of friends Tuesday, October 6, and Wednesday evening of this week.

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