

McADOO'S REPORT ON THE RAILROADS

So Much Interest, Not Only by Railroad Officials and Employees, but by All Citizens, Attaches to the Future Handling of Transportation Lines That the Observer Herewith Prints the Reports on Railroads Made by Hon. W. G. McAdoo. The Report is Long and Will Appear in Daily Installments, Giving Every Observer Reader a Chance to Study Carefully the Contents of a Document Which Promises to Have Deep Bearing on Our Country's Future.

Conditions Under Old Regime

Review the results of the past year of Federal control, it is helpful first to survey the railroad conditions that immediately preceded that control.

(1) For several years railroads in seasons of heavy business had developed conditions of transportation stringency similar to the conditions of financial stringency that characterized our banking situation prior to the passage of the Federal Reserve Act, but the periods of transportation stringency were even more frequent and more pronounced. It was impracticable for the scores of different railroad companies to depart from their competitive practices and join in a co-ordination of facilities and effort so as to meet the traffic demand made upon them and enable them to handle their "peak load" successfully. These competitive rivalries prevented any sort of central control of the traffic itself. Therefore it was impossible to stop the loading of traffic which could not be promptly disposed of at destination, or to encourage movement to destinations where the traffic could be promptly handled. To an important extent there was inadequacy of terminal facilities and a serious lack of co-ordination and use of these in existence.

In the fall of 1918 the transportation stringency reached such a point that traffic was almost paralyzed through inability to dispose of it at destination. In the fall of 1917, despite strenuous efforts, and yet under a larger degree of co-ordination than had ever before been attempted to prevent such a situation, a paralysis of the transportation situation again occurred. These conditions were most aggravated in the territory of Chicago and St. Louis and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, but the acute conditions in this territory reacted unfavorably on the transportation situation throughout the rest of the country, damming up the traffic on connecting lines and producing congestion and distress throughout the country.

The seriousness of the situation is

shown by the fact that on January 1, 1918, there were reported on all roads a total of nearly 145,000 cars accumulated, on account of the congestion which prevailed in the territory east of Chicago and St. Louis and north of the Ohio and Potomac in excess of the normal movement.

Very serious conditions of car shortages existed both in the fall of 1918 and in fall of 1917. In 1916 the situation became so critical that a special investigation was inaugurated by the Interstate Commerce Commission, with the result that under date of December 28, 1916, Commissioner McChord made a report in which he stated that "in some territories the railroads have furnished but a small part of the cars necessary for the transportation of staple articles of commerce, such as coal, grain, lumber, fruits and vegetables." He added: "In consequence, mills have shut down, prices have advanced, perishable articles of great value have been destroyed, and hundreds of carloads of food products have been delayed in reaching their natural markets. In other territories there have been so many cars on the lines of the carriers and in their terminals that transportation service has been thrown into unprecedented confusion, long delays in transportation have been the rule rather than the exception, and the operation of established industrial activities has been uncertain and difficult."

In its report of December 1, 1918, the Interstate Commerce Commission, after reviewing the car-shortage situation in detail and telling of investigations into conditions at widely separated points, said:

"Substantially all told the same story of failure of transportation facilities and resulting embarrassment and losses. It abundantly appeared that the movement of loaded cars was in the main and on the whole very slow. The time of movement of grain from Iowa points to Chicago was shown to be as slow as two days and as high as twenty-five days, the greater part taking from four to eight days. Serious delays to load-

Colonel Roosevelt Every Inch an American

WASHINGTON, January 16.—The Republican Publicity Association, through its president, Hon. Jonathan Thorne, Jr., today gave out the following statement from its Washington headquarters:

"The passing of Col. Roosevelt leaves a void in the life of the nation that cannot be filled. His personality was unique, his direct method of obtaining results may be said to be characteristic of no other man of his time, and his originality of thought and action stamped him as a man quite apart from his fellows. It is not too much to say that no citizen of the United States since the time of Lincoln has left his impression upon the country as has Roosevelt. He was typically American. His advocacy of what he himself termed 'the strenuous life,' and his practical application of that mode of living to himself, made him the idol of the millions of Americans who believe that the application of enthusiasm and confidence will overcome most obstacles.

"Col. Roosevelt gloried in his citizenship. He not only offered his best abilities to the civil life of the republic, but he was always at the front when danger threatened. In the Spanish war none was more energetic than he in organizing and leading his men who brought about early victory in Cuba. He clearly discerned the danger to our country if Germany was successful in her contest with the allies, and urged that the United States throw the weight of her power into the balance long before we actually entered the conflict. Who can say that America and the world would not have profited had his advice been followed?"

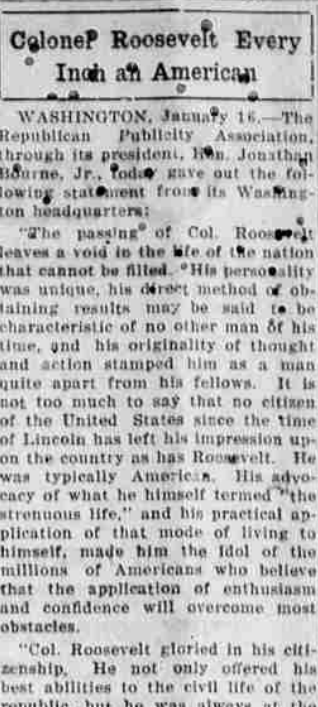
"When war with Germany was actually upon us Col. Roosevelt was among the first to offer his services to his country. He wanted no desk at Washington, but begged to be assigned to our combat forces overseas. Not only did he tender his own life to his country but he organized an entire brigade of men outside of the draft age eager to follow him into the thick of the fight. The fact that in power at Washington does not detract in the least from the patriotism and sacrifice that inspired him in making it.

"But although unable to go to Europe himself, Col. Roosevelt was quick to give his enthusiastic assistance to his four sons engaging in the fight. One of them met tragic death at the hands of the enemy, and the others received wounds that testify to their personal daring. His grief over their sufferings was intensified by the thought that he was not permitted to share their dangers. Although Col. Roosevelt did not don a uniform it is hardly too much to say that he is a victim of the war. No citizen of the country has been more active than he in urging every man to do his bit for victory. Criticized by some for calling the administration to task for manifest failures, it must be admitted that his efforts and those of his friends have been productive of much good through the reforms in our military organization that were secured. His devotion to war work entailed exertions on his part that undoubtedly hastened his death, and it may be justly said that of him that he gave his life for his country as truly as if he had died on the battlefield.

"Col. Roosevelt made strong friends. He likewise incurred violent enemies. But every antagonist must concede that Mr. Roosevelt was a worthy opponent. He never resorted to unfair means to discredit his adversary. Treachery was unknown to him, and his fights were won by straight blows from the shoulder. As an example of virile American manhood the memory of Theodore Roosevelt will live in the minds of all to be emulated by those of our citizens who wish to preserve the United States from mental and physical decadence."

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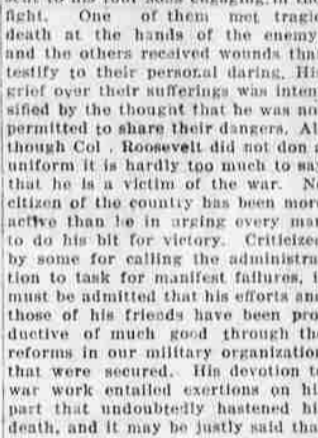
transportation systems of the country have now been under the control of the government for one year, a year marked by the participation of the United States in the greatest war in history, a year in which the railroads were required to carry a greater burden both of freight and of passenger traffic than ever before in their history, a year which began with terrible blizzards and an alarming coal shortage, a year in which enormous amounts of foodstuffs and other supplies had to be transported through the United States to the seaports for shipment abroad, a year in which an army of millions of men had to be transported from their homes to camps and cantonments and then to the seaboard in order that they might take their place on the battlefields of France and Belgium. The year is now behind us. In the last few months there has been an entire absence of any transportation stringency, although the traffic carried was the heaviest of even this unprecedented year. The contrast between transportation conditions during the autumn just past and the autumn of 1918 and 1917 is marked.



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