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RAIL CONTROL LOSS IS \$548,000,000

Washington.—The government deficit from railroad operation during November will be approximately \$64,500,000, a low record for the year, according to figures made public by the bureau of railroad economics. Gross revenues for the month were estimated at close to \$436,000,000. This figure is only slightly below the high mark of a year ago but the heavy expenses, due in part to the coal strike which also reduced the revenues, left as net little of the operating revenues. The government's net loss, the bureau estimated, on the basis of interstate commerce commission figures, has reached \$548,000,000 in the 23 months of railroad operation. The bureau placed the loss for the 11 months of 1919 at more than \$331,000,000.

LAST TROOPS QUIT PARIS

General Connor and His Party Leave France January 9. Paris.—The departure of Brigadier General William D. Connor from Paris on the evening of January 9 with 300 officers and men, marked the final withdrawal of the American forces from France. General Connor and his party will sail from Antwerp January 11. By that date all the buildings occupied in Paris by the American army will have been given up with the exception of several small offices. General Connor leaves behind less than 100 American officers and men, mostly connected with the graves registration service.

Wilson May Issue Call for League.

Washington.—Study of the subject has convinced officials here that President Wilson may issue the call for the first meeting of the council of the league of nations, without committing the United States government to participation in the league. In accordance with that view necessary preliminary steps have been taken. It is understood, to permit President Wilson to comply with the requirement of the treaty that he issue the formal call.

Secretary Glass Defers Taking Seat.

Washington.—Carter Glass will not take his seat as senator from Virginia, having assented to the request of President Wilson that he remain secretary of the treasury at least until January 15, by which time it is expected his successor will be nominated and confirmed.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Oats—No. 3 white feed, \$65.50 a ton. Barley—Standard feed, \$73 a ton. Corn—Whole, \$72; cracked, \$76. Hay—Willamette valley timothy, \$26@28 per ton; alfalfa, \$31.50. Butterfat—68@69c. Eggs—Ranch, 60c per dozen. Poultry—Hens, 28@33c. Cattle—Best steers, \$10.75@11.25; good to choice, \$10@10.50; medium to good, \$9@9.75. Hogs—Prime mixed, \$14.50@15; medium mixed, \$14@14.50; pigs, \$11.50@13.50. Sheep—Eastern lambs, \$13@13.50; valley lambs, \$10.50@11; ewes, \$6@7.

Seattle.
Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$38@39 per ton; alfalfa, \$35. Butterfat—75@77c. Eggs—Ranch, 55@60c. Poultry—Hens, heavy, dressed, 45c; light, 38c. Hogs—Prime, \$15.25@15.75; medium to choice, \$14@15; pigs, \$12.50@13.50. Cattle—Best steers, \$11.50@12; heifers, \$8.75@9.50; calves, \$7@15.

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The Loving Cup.

The origin of the loving cup is hazy. Some investigators have asserted that its beginning was the wassail bowl, belonging to festivities antedating the Christian era, and that on the advent of Christianity the custom of wassailing assumed a religious aspect. The monks called the wassail bowl the "pocalum caritatis" (loving cup). The ceremony of drinking from one cup and passing it around was observed at the Jewish pascal supper and on other notable occasions.

His Last Reason the Real One.

There is an editor down on Park Row who is a professional "anti"—a part of the eternal no—among his friends. In any gathering he always takes the view that others oppose. As a result he is not extremely popular. Somebody asked him the other day what was the reason for his obstinacy. "Well," he said, "anybody can be popular just by being agreeable. I like being unpopular, and besides I've got dyspepsia."—New York Times.

Lights and Lesser Lights.

If you have ever crossed the ocean you know that one of the first glimpses you get of America is the flash of Thatcher's light, off Cape Ann. It can be seen a very great distance. Josephus, the historian, writes that there was an ancient lighthouse which could be seen forty-two miles. It was erected by Ptolemy Soter in the island of Pharos, off the coast of Alexandria, Egypt.—Boston Post.

Cassock Once Common Garment.

It may not be known that the familiar soutane or cassock of a Catholic priest was the garment habitually worn by all gentlemen up to comparatively recent times, though it was not always necessarily black. There is a portrait of Dante wearing one of instep length.

Succumb to Lottery's Temptation.

Lotteries for raising public funds are not unusual in Central and South America, and every now and then an alert postal authority brings to light the fact that many a subscriber lives north of the Rio Grande.

Unscathed.

Old Mr. Ballington, who was fond of relating war stories after dinner, mentioned having been in five engagements. "That's not so much," said little George suddenly. "Why, Georgie," cried his scandalized mother, "what do you mean?" "Five isn't many," persisted Georgie; "sister Mary has been engaged nine times!"

The Old Cry.

It doesn't make any difference what happens, somebody is bound to arise to whisper that it is crooked. We overheard this man talking on a street car yesterday. There's nothing the human family enjoys better than being suspicious of somebody or something.—Detroit Free Press.

Repose of the Ocean.

Scientific investigations go to show that the roaring waves and the mightiest billows of the ocean repose, not upon hard and troubled beds, but upon cushions of still water; that everywhere at the bottom of the deep sea the solid ribs of the earth are protected from the abrading action of its currents.

Japanese Wrestlers Train Sons.

With most of the leading wrestlers of Japan wrestling is an occupation which has been handed down from father to son for many generations. Though small, some of the Japanese wrestlers have proven more than a match for heavier European and American opponents.

Are Bachelors Funny?

A bachelor may be legal, but there is always something funny about him. In the case of an old maid, there is always the possible excuse that her lover died, but if a man wanted to get married he wouldn't pay any attention to a thing like that.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

For Piano and Violin.

A patent has been issued for apparatus to enable a person to play a piano and violin at the same time.

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