

ROADS ACCUSED OF 'PADDING' FIGURES

Witness for Shippers Says Expense Showing Is Out of All Proportion.

DETAILED FIGURES GIVEN

Net Capital of Milwaukee Is Computed at \$253,397,800—Return Is 7.11 Per Cent on Valuation, 6.9 on Capital.

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—G. D. White, of Nevada, Iowa, a member of the Corn Belt Meat Producers' Association and one of the witnesses for the shippers in the movement against the proposed freight rate increase, testified today before the Interstate Commerce Commission. He asserted that he had examined the statistics presented by the railroads and said:

"I saw there a tendency to increase or pad statements of operating expenses in the afternoon session of the Commission, introduced statistical tables compiled by him from railroad reports to the Interstate Commerce Commission and to different State Commissions. One of his tabulations gave the present value of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad as \$249,332,859 and its present capital \$119,157,690, with a net capital of \$232,175,169.

The net operating income of the road, the witness said, was \$17,724,060, making the rate of return on the valuation 7.11 per cent and on the net capital 6.09 per cent. Other tabulations were presented to show that the traffic of all the railroads in the country had increased in density; that the tonnage per mile had increased also and on four roads—the Northwestern, the Santa Fe, the Northern Pacific and the Rock Island—there had been a large increase in the maintenance expenses.

Governor Stubbs to Testify.
Governor Stubbs, of Kansas, will be a witness for the shippers tomorrow. He attended the session today in response to a subpoena.

The shippers announced that they would call on Attorney Davidson, E. J. MacVann, manager of the traffic bureau of the Omaha Commercial Club, on cross-examination, said that \$921,205 was the assessed valuation of the Burlington terminals in Omaha, and did not include the South Omaha, the Gibson yards of the railroad, or the right of way through the city. All of these, Attorney Davidson asserted, were included in the \$2,300,000 estimate of reproduction value given by F. E. Ward, general manager of the Burlington, with which Mr. MacVann had compared his estimate.

Gross Profits Compared.
Mr. MacVann testified that in 1910 on a gross transportation income of \$74,000,000, the Northwestern road received a gross profit of 27.7 per cent; that the Santa Fe, on a gross transportation income of \$10,000,000 received 36.8 per cent gross profit and the Burlington on a gross transportation income of \$88,000,000 received a gross profit of 33.8 per cent.

The witness said that the rate of depreciation, taxes and debt were not included in the computation.

JAPS TO BUILD STEAMERS
New Law Requires Larger Vessels in Trans-Pacific Service.

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 27.—(Special.)—New steamers are to be built to replace those now used by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha in the trans-Pacific service, according to advice just received from the Orient.

Orders are being placed with the Kawasaki Dockyard Company of Kobe, and the Mitsui Bishi Company of Nagasaki, for two steamers of 8000 tons registered tonnage, to maintain an average speed of 12 knots, and these vessels will be followed by four others to be built for the trans-Pacific line, which will then be restored to a fortnightly service through to Hongkong, instead of five vessels being used at present, only three of which go through to Hongkong.

The construction of new liners for the trans-Pacific service is hastened by the revision of the deep-sea navigation protection law, under which subsidies are granted. In consequence of the revision the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Mitsui Bussan Kaisha and other large firms are weeding out their old steamers of between 4000 and 6000 tons.

TACOMANS WANT TOURNEY
Delegation Makes Early Application to War Department.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The delegation from Tacoma, Wash., which came here to ask for a new census, appealed to the War Department today to have Tacoma selected as the place for the International Military Tournament to be held this year.

Major-General Wood, chief of staff of the Army, told the delegation that it had not been decided whether such a tournament would be held, but that Tacoma's application would be considered.

APPLE ACRE NETS \$1872
North Yakima Grower Clears \$8000 From Small Orchard.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Oct. 27.—(Special.)—Alfred Chandler, a fruit-grower of this city, recently harvested from one and one-quarter acres on his ranch 2600 boxes of Ben Davis apples, for which he received 35 cents a box, or a total of \$9100 gross, and 65 cents a box, or a total of \$2340 net. This averages \$1872 net an acre.

From eight acres, including this one and one-quarter tract, Mr. Chandler cleared a net return of \$5000 this season.

PRIEST DIVULGES TALE
Two Murderers Acquitted After Death Sentence Was Passed.

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Man Afflicted While Fighting for Country Ejected From Veterans' Home.

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GLADSTONE IS SILENT

YOUNG MAN ARRESTED IN ST. LOUIS IS MYSTERY.

First Professed to Be Grandson of Famous Statesman, Alleged Camera Thief Baffles Inquiry.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 27.—A 19-year-old youth held in the city jail here for the Washington police in connection with the alleged theft of two cameras, and who professed to be a grandson of William E. Gladstone, of England, developed into a mystery today.

When confronted with evidence which would tend to disprove his claims, the young man refused to talk. The police believe he is endeavoring to shield his family. He said, when first arrested, that he is Gilbert E. Gladstone, the eldest son of Viscount Herbert John Gladstone, Governor-General of South Africa, and that he has one brother in England and two sisters in Paris.

Today, when told that the records appeared to disprove this, he refused to talk further. He said he used the name of Nickerson in the East.

"I am a student at Harvard, but I flunked on mathematics and quit." "The Harvard authorities say you are not on their books," he was told. "For what year?" "The present year."

"I have nothing more to say now," was his only comment. Whether he is a Gladstone or not, he appears to have an intimate knowledge of the Gladstone family and talks glibly of English officials, both in England and at the Washington Embassy.

That the young man representing himself as Gilbert E. Gladstone is an Englishman, but not a member of the Gladstone family, was the statement of British Consul Thomas Erskine.

Story Denied in Boston.
BOSTON, Oct. 27.—In denying any acquaintance with Gilbert Gladstone, held in St. Louis on a charge of obtaining cameras illegally in the District of Columbia, F. B. Sears, vice-president of the National Trust Bank, said today that he never heard of Mr. Gladstone. The Harvard catalogue does not show any "Gilbert Gladstone."

DRIVERS EXTEND STRIKE

EXPRESSMEN HALT WORK AT NEW YORK STATIONS.

Stores and Factories May Be Involved if Companies Continue Use of Strikebreakers.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—The strike of express wagon drivers and helpers spread from the New Jersey waterfront to Manhattan today and simultaneously assumed a more serious aspect.

Work was halted at both the Grand Central and West shore stations in this city and a night train of six cars struck in an effort to tie up the whole Metropolitan district was made by officers of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

There was further rioting during the day, following the arrival of strikebreakers from New York in New Jersey. Wagon helpers employed by both the Adams and American Express Companies in New York joined the walk-out and the Adams Company helpers in Jersey City also struck. Both the United States and Wells Fargo Companies previously had been involved in the trouble. Efforts of the companies to continue the service with strikebreakers brought out the threat of a joint strike.

In this event, it was intimated, drivers for stores and factories would be called out if they were asked to deliver goods to the express stations. The men are striking for 12 hours a day, no "doubling up," or night trips and no handling of bundles before they are to report for work.

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STOCKTON, Cal., Oct. 27.—Edward Fickert, afflicted with leprosy contracted while fighting for his country in the Philippines, of late spurned by three cities and forced to sneak from town to town, is now in solitary confinement in the isolation ward of the County Hospital here. Fickert was brought to this city last night by Deputy Sheriff Davidson, of Vallejo, in an automobile.

The first inkling that Fickert had been smuggled here was received when the health officer, Dr. R. B. Knight, was notified by telephone that a leper was in this city.

Leper Placed in Hospital.
It was later learned that Davidson had notified the health officer, and that he had taken Fickert to his home in this city. Health Officer Knight immediately secured a carriage and conveyed Fickert to the County Hospital, where he was placed in the isolation ward.

Fickert related to Health Officer Knight that the physician in charge of the Yountville Veterans' Home, where it was learned he was suffering from leprosy, gave him \$10, and that an attendant placed him on a train bound for Stockton. He further alleges that the Veterans' Home authorities then notified the Vallejo authorities that a leper had escaped and would pass through their city en route to Stockton.

Nobody Wants Affected Man.
The Vallejo authorities took Fickert in charge, but when they attempted to return him to Yountville, the Veterans' Home officials refused to take him in charge, but District Attorney McNoble maintained that Fickert had not been proved a resident of Stockton, and refused to recognize the mandate of the State Board of Health.

When told of the circumstances this morning, District Attorney McNoble would make no statement of what action would be taken by the local authorities. Health Officer Knight said that Fickert could be taken care of at the County Hospital, and that it was probable that this country would have to provide for him unless the Federal Government could be induced to take him in charge.

FINANCIAL CENTERS SAFE

National Currency Associations Are Help, Say Officials.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—With the National Currency Associations already formed and those in process of formation, officials of the Treasury Department believe the financial centers of the country are as amply protected against financial stringency as they can be by any aid of the Aldrich-Vreeland law.

Eleven cities already have formed associations and with four more about to do so, the principal reserve banking cities of the country will be equipped to issue in total \$500,000,000 temporary currency at a moment's notice, should the need arise.

Japan Honors Chinese Prince.

TOKIO, Oct. 27.—Prince Tsai Hsun, uncle of the Chinese Emperor, who arrived here a few days ago, has been elaborately entertained throughout his visit to Japan. He was the guest of honor tonight at a dinner given by the municipality. The royal party later witnessed a performance at the theater Pushimi, at which the diplomatic representatives and some 200 of the most prominent residents were present.

Thief Steals Judge's Underwear.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 27.—(Special.)—When A. J. Bigham, police judge, slept last night, some thief purloined a suit of underwear belonging to him, and which had been hung out on the clothesline to dry. A suit be-

longing to John Bigham, hanging on the same line, was taken.

Chicago Garment Workers Riot.

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—Peace, expected today in the strike of union garment workers, particularly those employed by Hart, Schaffner & Marx, was put to rout by a general call for a sympathetic strike and by a small riot, which led to the arrest of three strikers early in the day.

Employees entering a North Side branch shop of the tailoring firm were assailed by union pickets and sympathizers. Sticks and stones were thrown back and forth, but injuries were too slight to be taken cognizance by police reports.

Three of the assailants were arrested by the detail of police which has been on guard since the first riot a week ago.

Lewis River Fishing Good.
WOODLAND, Wash., Oct. 27.—(Special.)—Salmon trout fishing has not been so good in the Lewis River for a number of years as it has been for the past ten days, catches ranging all the way from

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Chicago; Charles Steele, New York City, and Howell Jones, Topeka. Other business of the meeting was to elect independent auditors to audit the books of the company at the close of the fiscal year and to approve of, confirm and ratify the leases of various branch lines in California and the South. It developed at the meeting today that the Santa Fe has 28,000 stockholders, an increase of 2000 since the annual meeting last year.

The number of telephone messages in this country in 1907 was 11,000,000,000, an increase of 6,000,000,000 in five years.

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