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RAILWAYS PREPARE FOR NEW BUSINESS

Era of Excessive Economies to End.

NEW ORDERS BEING PLACED

as Whole Is Forecast.

REVENUE ON

Prospect of Renewed Activity as Seen in Chicago Applies Particularly to Western Division. Change Clearly Seen.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14 .- (Special.) -- Amerfean railroads are at the threshold of an era of renewed activity. In some respects this new era already has ar rived. In its full sense, the indications are that it will be approached more or less slowly during the Winter. Spring will find it here, however, in positive proportions.

This prospect of renewed activity applies particularly to the railroads of the Western division, as classified by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Officials of these roads hesitate to discuss, other than in a confidential way, any steps contemplated to restore activity to full capacity.

Rallroads to Enlarge Service.

There are certain facts, coupled with certain sets of circumstances, that enable a confident prediction that within a short time, surely with the arrival next Spring, the railroads of the United States, particularly those of the Western division, will be doing business and enlarging their service at the pace that marked their progress preceding the period of comparative depression that has extended over the last four or five years.

Such a prediction of renewed activity based on facts and circumstances that one week. are clearly apparent.

Past Economies Extreme.

For a period of four or five years the railroads have been operating with extreme economy,

tision of equipment fell far below that position. of the preceding seven years. Comparing the same two periods

rate of increase in railway mileage In the United States, During the last two months the needs for rails and items of construction and

equipment have become pronounced, due to the long period of economy, Reports of recent weeks show that railroads are beginning to place orders, that rolling-mills are running at the and that railroads generally are in the market for ralls and equipment,

Revenue Begins to Increase. The big cause of the economy forced upon the railroads, namely, a falling off in revenue, is disappearing, the latest figures available disclosing a return toward prosperity, the gross receipts showing an increase for this year over a year ago.

said that the railroads have come to the point of realizing that the period of extreme economy must end; that replacement and rehabilitation are im perative; that a start in the direction Government Abolishes Forest Tract enlargement and new construction work has been delayed as long as is wise, and that activity along this line is expedient. To aid the railroads in making this start business has roused itself, as shown during the last three or four months by increased gross revenue for the carriers.

the blame on business. The railroads have said that business must first open Kan. the doers to prosperity. Business, on the other hand, has waited on the railof a barometer.

FRANCE BLAMES DELCASSE Retiring Minister Held Responsible

PARIS, Oct. 14 .- It is declared here today that Foreign Minister Delcasse resigned because of disagreement with his colleagues and not ill-health, as re-

for Failure in Balkans.

ported The press generally abstains from loan tomorrow. comment, but what little is said is hostile to the retiring Minister, Writers blame him for the failure of the Balkan portance to be concluded. For this shift the burden of responsibility upon here until the latter part of next week,

NAVAL BATTLE IS REPORTED

Cruiser Said to Be Sunk, Another Damaged, in Gulf of Finland.

STOCKHOLM, via London, Oct. 15,-The Aftonbladet's frontier correspondent says a naval fight has occurred near Ferkala, in the Gulf of Finland. One cruiser is reported to have been nk and another heavily damaged.

The correspondent adds that a Zeppelin has raided the Finnish coast, caus-

INTERNED GERMAN SAILORS DISAPPEAR

KRONPRINZ WILHELM TARS BE-LIEVED OUT AT SEA.

American Vessels Begin Search After Kaiser's Officer Reports Men and Yacht Missing.

NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 14 .- Missing since Sunday, six warrant officers from the interned German cruiser Kronprina Wilhelm are being sought by ships at sea and up Chesapeake Bay. Rear-Admiral Beatty, commanding the Norfolk Navy-yard, yesterday reported the Great Prosperity for Country men's absence to the Navy Department after he had been informed of the fact men's absence to the Navy Department by Captain Thierfelder, of the Kron-

> prinz Wilhelm. The missing men left the Wilhelm last Sunday. They had 17 hours' liberty and were due to report back on their UP-GRADE ship Monday morning. About a month ago they bought the yacht, Eclipse, a 60-foot auxiliary craft that formerly was the property of a retired officer of the United States Navy.

The men are supposed to have gone to sea on the Eclipse. They had not secured permission from the American Government to leave local waters.

BOW ON HAT SAVES LIFE Haines Man Struck on Head by Rock in Street Quarrel.

BAKER, Or., Oct. 14 .- (Special.)-That a thick bow on the side of his hat saved Worth Perkins from death when he was struck on the head with a rock committees in advance of the regular in a street quarrel at Halnes, is the session. They will be examined in deopinion of the attending physician, tail by President Wilson and his Cab-Even with the protection from this source a deep gash was cut in Perkins' scalp, three stitches being neces-

sary to close the wound. Elmer Luney, also of the Haines vicinity, who was thought to have partment and other branches of the wielded the rock, was immediately arrested by City Marshal R. L. Heninger and is said to have admitted the assault. He will have a hearing tomorrow morning before Justice of the Peace Roberts.

GOVERNOR WILL BE GUEST

Elaborate Ceremonies Planned for Oregon Day at Exposition.

OREGON EXPOSITION BUILDING San Francisco, Oct. 14 .- (Special.) -A on the part of the railroads, which, in Booth today from Governor Withycombs all probability, will be the forerunner accepts Oregon's invitation to be guest \$750,000,000 for the 12 months, and some of a great era of prosperity for the of honor on Oregon day, October 30. business of the country as a whole, is The Governor's visit will extend over over \$700,000,000.

Elaborate public ceremonies will mark Oregon day. There also will be session—one extending the emergency roads to discontinue the practice of a luncheon and banquet in honor of war tax, which expires December 31 requiring two full-fare tickets as a the Governor by exposition officials, next, and the other providing for re. requisite to engaging drawing-room and a reception and ball in the Oregon tention of the present duty on sugar building. This will be Oregon's final beyond next May, when it would go on effective immediately. and most elaborate function at the ex-

there has been similar falling off in BEATEN KISSER SENTENCED \$35,000,000.

Former National Theater Janitor Gets 10 Days in Jail to Ponder.

What is the value of a kiss? G. Mc-Whirter, janitor at the National Theater, who yesterday was found guilty abroad in the work being done by of kissing Miss Marie Verhaegen, usher at that playhouse, received ample time will require an increase of about to consider that question, for he was sentenced to 10 days in jall by Municipal Judge Stevenson.

When he appeared in court yesterday McWhiter was still somewhat the worse for the beating which an admirer of Miss Verhaegen had given him on the preceding day because of his attentions to the girl. McWhiter also was umming up the situation it may be discharged from his position.

RESERVE IS TO BE OPENED

in Western Kansas.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 .- On recommendation of Secretaries Lane and Houston, President Wilson today abolished the Kansas National Forest Reserve of 138,000 acres. On November Heretofore, the railroads have placed I it will be open to entry by application to the Land Office at Dodge City.

The forest comprises the sand hill region of Western Kansas, and was no roads, regarding them in the nature longer needed by the Department of Agriculture. A small refuge for anteopes will be retained by the Govern-

LOAN TO BE SIGNED TODAY

Anglo-French Financial Negotiations Virtually Complete.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 .- The Angle-French finance commissioners expect to sign the contract for the \$500,000,000

After the contracts are signed there will remain some matters of minor impolicy and charge that he is trying to reason, the commissioners expect to be his former colleagues instead of trying when it is thought they will go to to find a remedy for his mistakes. Canada for a short stay before sailing rom New York for Europe.

KAISER'S SON IS TO WED

Princess Marie Augustine Engaged to Prince Joachim.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Oct. 14. The Berlin Reichsasnzeiger announces the engagement of Prince Joachim, youngest son of Emperor William, and Princess Marie Augustine, daughter of Prince Edward of Anhalt.

The Princess was 17 years old last June. Prince Joachim is 25 years old.

FEDERAL EXPENSES TO SET NEW RECORD

Estimate for Fiscal Year Is \$1,240,000,000.

REVENUE PROBLEM PRESSING

Deficit of More Than \$135,-000,000 Is Threatened.

BONDS ARE NOT SOLUTION

Defense Programme Entails Necessity for Providing Added Funds. Pending Revenue Measures Will Not Help.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 .- The largest estimates of Government expenditures ever submitted to a Secretary of the Treasury of the United States in time of peace will be presented for the next fiscal year tomorrow as required by law, for discussion by Congressional inet next week.

With an estimated increase for National defense of about \$150,000,000 over last year, together with the cost of new tasks imposed on the State De-Government by reason of the European war, it is probable the amount of expenditures will be augmented to a total of about \$1,240,000,000.

Revenue Legislation Must Follow. If Congress agrees to the Adminisration's programme for strengthening the Army and Navy, it will be obliged to provide for adequate revenue legislation or the executive branch of the Government must issue bonds.

Although no estimate of receipts for he fiscal year beginning July 1, 1916, which the increased expenditures will take effect, has been made by Secretary McAdoo, officials now are convinced they cannot count on more than believe the total income will not go

Congress is to be asked to pass two the Public Service Commission, pro-revenue measures early in the coming mulgated last August, requiring raile free list. Passage of these measures, however, would not increase the present revenues. With both in effect at present, there has been a deficit of

Foreign Service More Cosily. Estimates for the Government departments, except State, War and Navy,

are practically the same as last year Additional force in the diplomatic and consular service and at the State Department, and extraordinary expenses American Embassies and Legations, (Concluded on Page 2, Column 3,)

ECONOM'

YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 60 degrees; minimum, 50 degrees.
TODAY'S—Fair; warmer; northwesterly winds. War.

Bennett describes trip across Vistula to ruined plains left by Russians. Page 1. Women doing effective work in French mu-nitions factories. Page 2. Zoppelin officer says raids on London more effective than admitted. Page 3. Russia will send army to Balkans. Page 2. Mexico.

Syllization in Mexico on trial. Page 6. National. Federal budget for next fiscal year will call for \$1,240,000,000. Page 1. K-7 proudly leads sister submarines into Homolulu, after long-distance record. Page 1.

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Railroads preparing for area of prosperity. Anthrax patients show improvement; simple treatment succeeds in California. Page 3. Oregon railroad maps center of attraction at Exposition. Page 5.

Sport. Pacific Coast League results: Los Angeles 5, Portland 0; Salt Lake 7, Sau Francisco 6; Vernon 9, Oakland 3, Page 14, Oregon students expect victory in Idaho game tomorrow. Page 14.

Tour of Red Sox and Phillies is finally declared off. Page 15.

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St. Helens man shoots divorced wife, her sister and himself. Page 6.
Congregational Church conference at Oregon City is brought to close. Page 6.
Woman's Christian Temperance Union prepares to keep continually in politics. Page 7. reumstantial evidence weaving around those accused of death of William Booth at Williamina. Page 1.

wan Island purchase basis may be re-duced \$200 acre. Page 16. Hop trading heavy in Northwestern markets, Page 19. Chicago wheat weak with strong selling pressure. Page 19.

Commercial and Marine.

Portland and Vicinity.

Progressive Business Men hear German view of war. Page 13. Young frishmen, late with Channel transport, tells of experiences. Fage 9.

R. E. Straborn points out next step in development. Page 20. Portland yacht Gulma is renamed "Eloise, of Partland," Page 16. Majestic has big film in "The Closing Net." Page 5.

Further pruning of estimates done by budget committee. Page 13. Cutting of budget estimates continues.

Weather report, data and forecast. Page 19. RATE ACTION IS QUASHED

Washington Court Rules on Drawing-Room Accommodations.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Oct. 14 .- (Special.) Superior Judge John R. Mitchell, of -Superior Judge John R, Mitchell, of of foreign correspondents to the east the Thurston County Superior Court, front. today quashed the supersedeas writ previously issued against the order of accommodations, thus making the order

Although the railroads will continue their legal fight under a writ of review in the meantime drawing-room accommodations may be purchased at Pull man rates by holders of single-fare tickets. The Commission's order does not attack the drawing-room rates, but only the excess fare charges.

Two Divorces Granted.

Edith Holcomb received a divorce from Eliot Holcomb, the decree ing permission to resume her name of Edith Lyle Prater, and R. K. Stevens was divorced from Mary S. Stevens by Judge Morrow yesterday. Both were on grounds of cruelty.

GETTING BUSY WITH HIS SWATTER.

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Germans Take Correspondents on Tour.

WAR'S GREAT WASTE SEEN

Praga City of Burned Factories and Blackened Walls.

RAILROAD YARD IN RUINS

Mile or Two of Destroyed Cars Are Testimonial to Final Destruction by Russians Before City Is Evacuated.

BY JAMES O'DONNELL BENNETT. War correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, Copyright, 1915, by the Chicago Tribune, Published by arrangement,)

WARSAW, Russia, Sept. 3 .- The German general staff took us out over the wide Warsaw plain in a black and uncomfortably, and that from one point Stock market irregular with standard issues of view bore a sobering resemblance to weak. Page 19. an auto-hearse, while from another it recalled those reeling vehicles that hurl the hostess and her entire dinner Austro-German and Bulgarian attacks gathered a mass of evidence bearing party through icy streets to the theater.

From the start, which was made as guests out of bed, our catchword of ren!" which, translated into our vernacular, would be "Close up, gentleen!" The words were uttered at least 20 times a day by a Prussian captain which had entered by way of the jaw railways have not yet been reached. and which the surgeons had thought it better not to remove,

Correspondents Have Caretaker. This officer were the Iron cross in both classes, won for valor on the field, out it is my conviction that he would rather go back to France and win them all over again than take another batch

His sole purpose in life has been for a week, and still is, to keep valiant idiots from standing upright on the parapets of German intrenched posttions, and his sincere ambition is to deliver back to Berlin as many correspondents as were delivered to him on

No sooner is the party released from the motor bus than it scatters. Objects a furlong distant develop an overpowering interest. Sweden plunges into vering to snapshot a shattered church ower; Spain has opened up his little walking kit and is coddling his fevered brow in dabs of cologne water; two Americans have halted to make a fair division of the last cake of the sus-

It is not that our captain so love: the correspondents that he is so solici-(Concluded on Page 2. Column 1.)

Thursday's War Moves

SIR EDWARD GREY, the British forment in the House of Commons yesterday on the situation in the Balkans, but as he dealt with the diplomatic side of the question, he added little to the knowledge of the public and failed to satisfy curiosity as to the progress of the Angio-French expedition landed at Saloniki. He did say, however, that Russian troops would co-operate "as

soon as they were available." The French premier, M. Viviani, had more cheering news for the allied countries when in the French Senate he expressed the belief that "the allies can count on Italian co-operation in the

as to how Italian and Russian assistance will be afforded. Italy has a large number of troops available and the means of moving them to the desired spot, but Russia is handlcapped in the latter respect and there is an inclination in London to believe a report from Rome that Petrograd has asked Roumania to allow Russian troops to pass through her territory on the way to Bulgaria.

To grant such a request would be construed by Germany as tantamount to a definite alliance with the entente powers and doubtless would result in attacks by Austro-German troops on Roumania. This, it is thought, might happen anyway, as Germany already shown her displeasure at Roumanla's refusal to allow munitions to pass through to Turkey, and now it is to show to the contrary. William reported that Germany has suspended Booth, whose murder last Friday has the postal service and is holding up all stirred this city and the little town foodstuffs consigned to Roumania over of Willamina, 25 miles from here, German railways until Bucharest more where he lived, as they have seldom shining motor bus that held 16 people clearly defines its attitude toward the been stirred by any murder, had only central powers.

These diplomatic questions are not delaying the military operations. The Attorney of Yamhill County, who has on Serbia are proceeding apace. They are, however, meeting with stern re- the 23-year-old youth who, with Mrs soon after dawn as the representatives sistance; and, although under constant of the general staff could rout their attack since October 5, the Serbians are giving ground only foot by foot. The cheer was "Anschliessen, meine Her- extent of Bulgarian invasion up to the present, according to a dispatch from Nish, consists of an advance over the frontier at one point of a mile. With this exception, says the report, the who carried in his head a French bullet fighting line remains intact and the

It is reported also that the allies. have begun an offensive in the Dardanelles to keep the Turks busy. The In Galicia in an effort to clear the Austrians from the Roumanian frontier and prevent them from sending any further reinforcements against Serbia.

In fact there appears to be a general attack on all the German fronts. The British and French, Berlin relates, have attacked in Flanders and Champagne, while the German official report of the campaign in Russia is a the platform of the Friedrichstrasse Russians, who are endeavoring to rerecord of counter-attacks against the gain the initiative.

Even the Belgian coast is not excepted, British menitors having again trenches that the Russians abandoned along this coast. British submarines German ore-carrying steamers and have completely paralyzed the ore trade between Sweden and Germany | never been returned. This has caused some dissatisfaction in Sweden, and it is charged two steam ers were sunk within Swedish territorial waters. But the British assert they have studiously observed inter national laws and have been sinking only German steamers

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Allies expect Germans at Ostend. Austrians report victory in advance oward Lemberg.

Huge Austrian battleship under construction at Trieste destroyed by fire, toward the brickyard, beyond which

PETS TO COMPETE AT FAIR Every Child Is Invited to Enter Its Favorite at Exposition.

frogs, lizards, tortolses, birds of all sorts, dogs, cats and other childhood favorites, are invited to participate in store of Ora Godsey and asked for the a "child's pets exhibition" at the Pana- bieyele of his cousin, Elvin Carter. It ma-Pacific Exposition, December 2

department of the exposition, made request here today that it be understood by all children that their pets will be garage and get it fixed," this youth judged on points and not in gladiatorial combat.

AMERICA WINS OIL TRADE Scandinavian Business Is Captured

From Russia.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 .- The United States is to take the place of Russia in supplying fuel and lubricating oil to the Scandinavian countries, according to Curt Ebsten, representative of a large oil-importing firm of Copenhagen, who arrived here today on the steamer Oscar II from Copenhagen. Mr. Ebsten said he came here to close charters on two oil steamships of 3000 tons net each, which are to run on regular schedule.

ITALY OCCUPIES ISLANDS

Action in Mediterranean Said to Have Aroused Protest by Greece.

BERLIN, by wireless to Tuckerton, nied 12 Islands in the Eastern Mediter. elopments in the Balkans.

says that Greece had protested against

... the occupation of these islands.

EVIDENCE FORGED

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

Youth Believed Only Foe of Mr. Booth.

HAPPINESS OF HOME RUINED

There is naturally much speculation Mrs. Booth and Branson Are Trailed Toward Spot.

GUN REPORT LATER HEARD

Mrs. Anna Yates Tells of Seeing Man Crashing Through Brush and Body of Victim Later Is Near Spot of Disappearance.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Oct. 14 .- (Special.)-So far as there is any evidence

one enemy in this world. That, enemy, from all the testimon in the hands of R. L. Connor, District on the crime, was William Branson Booth, is charged with the slaying.

Dead Man Relative of R. A. Booth. "Billy" Booth, as they called him was known as an inoffensive, quiet sort of man who was devoted to his little family of his wife and two children up to the time, two years ago when Branson entered on the scene. Their domestic happiness seems to

have been complete. Almost to a man and woman, citizens of Willamina last Sunday turned out to the funeral of Mr. Booth, who was a distant relative Russians are continuing their attacks of Robert A. Booth, of Eugene, although this was not brought out at the preliminary hearing of Branson and Mrs. Booth, held at Willamina Wednesday.

Gossip in the town has long connected the names of Branson and Mrs. Booth, and it has been no secret that for many months Mr. Booth had auspected his wife of intimacy with Bran-

Evidence Is Growing

District Attorney Councy tonight had gathered a chain of circumstantial evidence that seems in every detail to coincide with the actions of Branson and Mrs. Booth, as well as those of

Mr. Booth, on the day of the murder One of the outstanding facts of the Booth shot him down with a \$8-caliber in the Baltic thus far have sunk 10 revolver. Last August Branson borowed from his cousin, Miit Carter, a 28-caliber revolver. This weapon has

> "Billy" Booth was killed some time Friday afternoon. The testimony of several witnesses fixed the hour at

Here are the facts concerning the actions of Booth, Mrs. Booth and Brangon from noon of that day until several hours after the murder had been committed, as they have been gathered by District Attorney Connor It was about 12:20 o'clock of that afternoon that Mrs. Booth was seen to leave her home in Willamina and start

the tragedy occurred. From Willamina, road, to this brickyard is about threearound a bill.

Brauson Also Starts Toward Yard. From the Booth cottage, however, a trail leads to the road at the brickyard, which reduces this distance by SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.-Snakes, half a mile. Mrs. Booth started up this trail. Some time between 12:39 and 12:40 o'clock Branson entered the was brought out at the hearing that he had asked Carter at noon if he might D. O. Lively, chief of the livestock borrow this bicycle. Godsey's young son, Earl Godsey, was in the store. "I want to take the bicycle to the

> testified at the hearing that Branson Instead of going to the garage, however, he rode the bicycle up the road toward the brickyard. This was particularly impressed on the mind of the youth because of Branson's remark about the garage. Just beyond the brickyard, the road forks. One fork crosses the Yambill River and continues up the other side. It is known

> as the plank road. Two See Woman Pass. Mrs. Booth was seen by at least two vitnesses after she had crossed this bridge, and started up the plank road toward the place where her husband

> was killed shortly afterward. A quarter of a mile beyond the bridge she passed the home of Mrs. Mary Eggen. Mrs. Eggen was standing on her front porch talking to Axel Nelson, who had stopped for a chat as he was driving by up the read with his hack and team. Both saw Mrs. Booth.

She testified that she passed just after the I o'clock whistle had blown About five or ten minutes later, they testified at the hearing Wednesday, young Branson came along on his N. J., Oct. 14.-The Tageblatt publishes bicycle, pedaling in the same direction a report that the Italians have occu- that Mrs. Booth had taken. Branson's only defense since his arrest has been ranean, in connection with the new de- to declare that he did not go up this road at all, but both Mrs. Eggen and This report was forwarded from Bu- Mr. Nelson swore positively at the dapest to the Tageblatt. The dispatch hearing that he had passed them.

Shortly after Branson had passed, Mr. Concluded on Page 6, Column 1.)