

RAILROAD EARNINGS GAIN MATERIALLY

Funds for Early Rehabilitation Work and Extensions Again in Sight.

GROSS AND NET INCREASES

Business Expansion Still Under That of Normal Years—Lines Figure Prominently in Plans for Preparedness.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Railroad earnings are showing increases in both gross and net. When the recent and encouraging returns are compared with the earnings of earlier years, it is seen that only moderate gains are being made. December figures for the larger roads operating 229,235 miles, out of a total of about 250,000 miles for all roads, showed a gain in gross of \$61,000,000, or 27 per cent over 1914, but only \$24,200,000, or 6.3 per cent over December, 1912.

The latter indicated a gain on three years equal approximately to per cent a year, or less than the average expansion of normal years in times past. Net operating income increased \$41,500,000, or 33 per cent, as against 1914, but only \$10,900,000, or 30 per cent, as against 1912.

Severe Economies Continued. The net gains last December were out of proportion to the increase in the volume of business, this fact being due in part to rate increases, but more largely to the severe economy under which the roads have been operating for the last two years.

Train service is still comparatively on a hard times basis. The December transportation ratio was 22.5 per cent in 1915, as against 23.8 per cent in 1914. This comparative saving in movement, handling and station costs of 2.6 cents per dollar of gross revenue means that these expenses were \$10,900,000 less last December than they would have been if the 1914 ratio of 16.5 per cent had prevailed.

For the six months' period, gross earnings per mile show an increase in 1915 of 11 per cent over 1914, but only of 0.4 per cent over 1912 and for the four years covered by the table, an increase of this amount is 10 per cent, or about 2.5 per cent a year on a rough average.

Net Earnings Make Better Showing. Net earnings, however, make a better exhibit. In this item the six months' figures were 12 per cent ahead of 1914, though only 10 per cent ahead of 1912, the best previous corresponding period. In all schemes for military preparedness the railroads are the main factor to loom as a large figure. This is because the country is one of distances and it is of the highest importance that the Government should have adequate facilities for moving large bodies of troops and quantities of equipment in emergency.

The demand for railroad service never has been greater than it now is, but the new mileage added last year was less than that of any year in half a century. This was due both to the European war and the business depression which preceded it, making it virtually impossible for the railroads to borrow any great sums of money. The situation today is different and barring untoward happenings the carriers should be able to proceed with their much-needed rehabilitation work and extensions.

MR. SELLING IS CHOSEN

PORTLAND MAN ON HEBREW IMMIGRANT AID BOARD. Pacific Situation Declared in Report of President to Be Adequately Handled by Local Branches.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—E. S. Selling, of Portland, was elected a member of the advisory board of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society of America at its 37th annual convention here today. The convention was held in public school No. 62, New York, the largest public school in the world.

TEMPERANCE BAND COMING

State Executive of Women's Organization to Meet in Portland. The state executive of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Oregon will meet in Centenary Methodist Church March 6, 7 and 8. The conference will begin with a banquet to be held March 5. Mrs. Lee Davenport is chairman of the banquet committee.

ALIENATION SUIT IS FILED

Grangeville Man Wants \$25,000 From Wealthy Rancher. GRANGEVILLE, Idaho, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—A suit was filed in the District Court here Friday by George M. Gilbert, against David Yates, a wealthy rancher residing north of town, asking for damages to the amount of \$25,000 for the alienation of his wife's affections.

FAIR SOCIETY MAIDEN HIDES CHARMS DURING COSTUME PARTY AT PALM BEACH.



MISS MURIEL OAKES.

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—On the veranda of The Breakers on February 17, Mr. H. C. Jones, of New York (social register), gave what probably has been the most talked-of affair since the opening of the season here. The event was a costume party at which all the guests wore some striking fancy costume. Of all those worn, the consensus of opinion of those who were there was the most novel costume was the Turkish affair in which Miss Muriel Oakes, of New York (social register), is shown in the photograph.

CONGRESS IS CALM

Agitation to Warn Americans From Sea Is Abandoned.

WILSON LEADERS CONTROL

Fight of Conservation Interests Against Water-Power Leasing Bill to Be Renewed; "Speed-Up" Order Goes Out. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Legislative business will be resumed in regular order at the Capitol this week after the racing flurry over international affairs that demoralized the work of Congress. In both Houses Administration leaders have held in control the threatened revolt against the President on the armed ship issue, and no further outburst is expected unless there should be a development apparently leading toward war.

"SAILORS' DAY" COMING

DANIELS INDORSES PLAN—SAYS SEAMAN IS MAN OF HOUR. Great Merchant Marine Predicted and Churches Told Spiritual Welfare Must Not Be Neglected.

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—An increasing Navy means that America must soon have one of the greatest merchant marines in the world. The sailor, therefore, is the coming man, if he is not already the man of the hour, and we live in a day when the church cannot afford to neglect the spiritual welfare of this man.

PRUSSIAN REPLY IN

Gerard Assured Prison Conditions Will Be Remedied. USE OF DOGS IS ADMITTED. Victims Themselves Declared Responsible—Beating of British Army Surgeon Due to Regrettable Misunderstanding.

BERLIN, Feb. 26, via London, Feb. 27.—The Prussian War Minister today handed to James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador to Germany, a long communication in which courteous reply is made to the Ambassador's report of November 8 regarding the Wittenberg prison camp.

BRIDE ADMITS MURDER

WRONG DONE BEFORE MARRIAGE DECLARED AVENGED. Young Woman Invites Victim Into Auto, Drives With Him Into Country, Shoots Him Dead.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Katherine Vance Harrison, 16-year-old bride of Charles Harrison, nephew of Mrs. Culbertson, wife of United States Senator Culbertson, of Texas, was released today with her husband after they had given \$2500 bail to answer charges of murder filed against them last night. The police said Mrs. Harrison had confessed that she shot and killed W. R. Warren, a hotel proprietor, and said that he had wronged her before her marriage.

FOOD FOR POLES SPARED

Germany Promises Not to Confiscate Relief Supplies. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The German government within the next day or so will, through Count von Bernstorff, inform the United States that the German forces in Poland will not confiscate any articles of food or clothing

Lessons in heating economy

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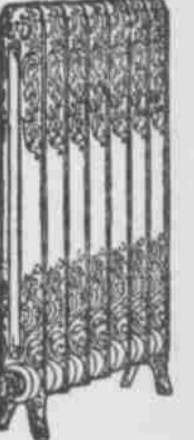
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MISSING MAN FOUND SHOT

Relatives Discover Grandview Man Dead, Gun Lying Nearby. CULVER, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—The body of Edward Mason, with the top of his head blown off and a shotgun nearby, was found today in a juniper grove near Grandview, where he had a homestead. The father and brother of the dead man made the discovery.

ROAD INTO NEVADA SOUGHT

Federal and State Aid Asked for Caldwell-Winnemucca Route. CALDWELL, Idaho, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Commercial organizations of Caldwell, Idaho; Jordan Valley, Or.; and Winnemucca, Nev., will co-operate in an effort to procure construction of a permanent highway from Caldwell to Winnemucca. Aid will be asked from the Federal and state governments and of the counties through which the highway will pass. The proposed road is 260 miles long, the estimated cost being \$340,000.

SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN SALEM

Two Men Giving Names of George Hines and George Stevens were Arrested by the Police here today on suspicion of having stolen goods in their possession. They are being held for the Roseburg authorities. When arrested they had a blanket and a number of automobile tools, believed to have been stolen at Roseburg.

GAS ROBBED OF STING

ALLIES' CHEMISTS TURN GERMAN ATTACKS TO ACCOUNT. Desirable Antiseptic for Wounds and Common Salt Derived by Combination With Chlorine. SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—"Eastern chemists are chuckling with scientific glee over a recent turn in the chemical war between the two great opposing forces in Europe, whereby the allies have for the time being gotten the best of their enemies," said Charles J. Young, secretary of the Provident Chemical Works of St. Louis, who is a visitor in Seattle. Mr. Young said that owing to the work of the chemists of the allies, the soldiers in the trenches are manufacturing common salt and an excellent antiseptic out of every whiff of the once deadly chlorine gas that rolls over the trenches.

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DR. PAUL C. YATES

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