## **RAILWAY EARNINGS** GAIN MATERIALL

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.)-Rail-

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 222,235 miles, out of a total
of about 250,000 miles for all roads,
showed a gain in gross of \$51,000,000,
or 27 per cent, over 1914, but only \$24,200,000, or 3.2 per cent over December,
1912.

The latter indicates a gain on three years equal approximately to 3 per cent a year, or less than the average expansion of normal years in times past. Net operating income increased \$41,500,000, or \$3 per cent, as against 1914; but only \$21,500,000, 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 handled, 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.

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Train service is still comparatively on a hard times basis. The December transportation ratio was 32.9 per cent in 1915, as against 38.8 per cent in 1914. This comparative saving in movement, handling and station costs of 3.6 cents ner deliar of gross revenue means cents per dollar of gross revenue means
that these expenses were \$10,000,000
less last December than they would
have been if the 1912 ratio of 16.5 per
cent had prevailed.
For the six months' period, gross
carnings 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 litle more than 10 per cent, or about 2.5 per cent a year on a rough

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Net earnings, however, make a better exhibit. In this item the 1915 six months were 32 per cent ahead of 1915, though only 10 per cent ahead of 1912. The best previous corresponding period. In all schemes for military preparedness the railroads are beginning 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 quate 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 les than that of any year in half a century. This was due both to the European war and the business de-pression 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 car-

PORTLAND MAN ON HEBREW IM-MIGRANT AID BOARD.

Pacific Situation Declared in Report of President to Be Adequately Handled by Local Branches,

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—(Special.)— Ben Selling, of Portland, was elected a member of the advisory board of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society of America at its 27th annual convention here today. The conven-tion was held in public school No 62. New York, the largest public school in Other officers elected are: Dr. Mar-

tin A. Meyer, San Francisco; Louis D. Brandels, Boston; Isaac W. Bernheim, Louisville; Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Oscar B. Straus and Jacob H. Schiff, New

Judge Leon Sanders, who presided, presented his annual report and referred to Jewish immigration at Seattle and San Francisco, pointing out that the branches of the organization recently established in these cities were handling the situation adequately. Addresses were made by United States Senator Reed, Assistant Secre-tary of State Phillips, Assistant Secretary of Labor Post, Jacob H. Schiff and Representatives Bennett Sabath, Sle-gel and London. Messrs. Sabath and Slegel are members of the Congressional committee on immigration. There were present 3000 persons, in-cluding hundreds of delegates from other parts of the country.

### 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 conferences will begin with a banquet to be held March 5. Mrs. Lee Davenport is chairman of the banquet committee. Several prominent men and women will be honored guests. Mrs. V. S. Stadter will have charge of the decorations.

Mrs. Jennie Kemp, state president, will preside at all the meetings. Pendleton has sent a cordial invitation to the executive board, asking that the next state convention be held there. Albany also desires to be host.

### ALIENATION SUIT IS FILED Graugeville 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 porth of the rancher residing north of town, asking for damages to the amount of \$25,000 for the alienation of his wife's affec-

The Gilberts had been married for The Giberts had been married for several years and had exhibited no unusual amount of domestic ungon-geniality until the appearance of Mr. are Mr. Gilbert's attorneys,

FAIR SOCIETY MAIDEN HIDES CHARMS DURING COSTUME PARTY



MISS MURIEL OAKES. PALM BEACH, Flo., Feb. 22.—(Special.—On the veranda of The Breakers on February 17, Mr. E. 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 that the most novel costume was the Turkish affair in which Miss Murlel Oakes, of New York (social register), is shown in the photograph.

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 or der at the Capitol this week after the recent flurry over international affairs their much-needed rehabilitation work 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

> Leaders of the agitation for action to warn Americans off belligerent mer chantmen carrying arms admit there no chance to get legislation on the is no chance to get legislation on the subject. Senator Gore, author of the warning resolution in the Senate, has publicly declared that there is no desire to stay the hand of the President in diplomatic negotiations. He also says the real purpose of his resolution already had been accomplished, and this is regarded by Administration leaders practically as an abandonment of the effort to force the issue in either liouse.

Water Power Fight Renewed. Conservation champions in the Sen-te plan to throw their combined rength against the Shields bill to

strength against the Shields bill to provide for leasing of water power sites on navigable waters to private interests. For two weeks they have been fightling the bill in a more or less haphazard manner, but they propose this week to centralize their efforts in the hope of amending the measure to the satisfaction of the conservation forces. Senator Husting, of the spiritual welfare of this man.

"I heartily indorse the establishment" measure to the satisfaction of the conservation forces. Senator Husting, of Wisconsin, who has had co-operation of other Senators, will propose tomorrow a substitute to the Shield's bill, with regulatory features which he declares will safeguard the public interest and prevent monopolization of water cover facilities.

water power facilities.
Senator Norris, of Nebraska, charged in the Senate Saturday that the strongest lobby the capital has seen in many years is here in the interest of the Field's bill and that it is composed of representatives of the water power trust, "which has its headquarters in

Aviation Inquiry Pressed.

As soon as an opportunity is offered Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, will make an effort to have passed his resolution providing for an inquiry into the aviation service of the Army, against which he has filed serious charges of inefficiency. The Arkansas Senator declared tonight he would in-sist on a vote within a few days.

Progress is being made on general Progress is being made on general appropriation bills, but leaders in both houses are complaining again over delay in legislative accomplishments and another speeding-up order has been sent out all along the line. The judiciary sub-committee of the Senate hopes to conclude its hearing this week on the fitness of Louis D. Brandels for the Supreme Court. Part of the time of the Senate, it is expected, will be given to consideration of the treaty providing for the Haitien financial protectorate.

Consideration of the postoffice ap-

Consideration of the postoffice ap-propriation bill will be continued in the House and its disposition will see the appropriation bill taken up. The immigration bill debate has been post-poned and it may not be reached before next week.

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 Gerautomobile at the iman forces in Poland will not confisted. The first iman forces in Poland will not confisted the first iman forces at poland will not confist cate any articles of food or clothing case was released.

sent from this country for relief pur

Many thousands of persons in Poland have become destitute during the military campaign there and the German embassy here has been resieged daily by residents of the United States having relatives or friends in Poland or being interested in relief work there seeking to enlist the aid of German officials to get food or clothing into the affected area.

affected area. The attention of the Berlin govern-ment is said to have been brought to the fact that the British government would not permit goods for Poland to pass, believing that they would ulti-mately fall into the hands of the Ger-man military authorities.

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, in the opinion of Secretary of the Navy Daniels, expressed in a letter to Superintendent King, of the Charlestown Sallors' Haven, which was made public tonight. The letter contained Mr. Daniels' approval of a plan to make Sunday, May 7, Sailors' day in the churches.
"The sailor has always been one of the most useful men in any country,

Mr. Daniels wrote.

"While it is true that the United States has allowed the merchant marine to decline, we have nevertheless come to a day in our National history when the whole American people have awakened to the conclusion that we must rebuild that marine. Already the erowded with new ships and are hastening the time of their launch-

"A great Navy and a great merchant marine must always go hand in hand. The fact that we have built a great Navy and are increasing it today as never before is an earnest evidence of

Katherine Vance Harrison, nephew of bride of Charles Harrison, nephew of the Ambassador would be satisfied with this promise.

Seeming Discourtesy Explained.
The communication refers to Mr. Gerard's statement, which was "objoined the Ambassador would be satisfied against them last night. The police and 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, at hotel proprietor, and said that he had wronged her before her marriage.

Warren's body was found ridded with builets at the side of a country road near here. December 22, 1915. There were few clews to the identity of his slayer. An arrest was made in the case yesterday, and much excitement ensued, which was succeeded by the came ment ensued, which was succeeded by the came ment ensued, which was succeeded by military duties of the Ambassador because of the planation that the case yesterday, and much excitement ensued, which was succeeded by military duties of the Ambassador because of the planation that the case yesterday, and much excitement ensued, which was succeeded by military duties of the police announcement that Mrs. Harrison invited Warren into her automobile, introduced min to her automobile, introduced him to her husband and drove into the country, the police statement said. At an isolated spot she asked Warren to get out and see if a tire were flat. When he being and the was to the said with the based of the prisoners were the same as those lated spot she asked Warren to get out and seed with this promise.

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Mrs. Harrison's reputed statement was made the basis for the arrest of hier husband as well as herself because he was alleged to have been in the automobile at the time Warren was killed. The first man arrested in the lates and seed to prevent the true. The first man arrested in the said they are might add that police dogs are used at Wittenberg, but it is said they are employed for guard duty at night and also to prevent thefts afrong prisoners. As to the Ambassador's report oners. As to the Ambassador's report that in certain cases prisoners complained their clothes had been torn by plained their clothes had been torn by the dogs, the Ministry says that, if the dogs, the Ministry says that, if the dogs are used at Wittenberg, but it is said they men giving the 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 stolength of the dogs are used at Wittenberg, but it is said they men giving the 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 stolength of the dogs, the Ministry says that, if the dogs, the Ministry says that, if the dogs, the Ministry says that, if the dogs are well as herself because he was alleged to have been in the said they are employed for guard duty at night and correct the said they men giving the names of George Hines and George Stevens were arrested by the police here today on suspicion of having stolen goods in their possession. prised at night at forbidden sames, ran stolen at Rosepurg.

climbed the barbed wire fence.

Reply is made to Mr. Gerard's criticism of sanitary conditions by referring to the report of a commission of American physicians under Mr. Gladwell, which investigated the camp on No-vember 20 and praised its sanitary and

hygienic equipment.

Ambassador Gerard's statement that a British army surgeon had been beaten by a German non-commissioned officer was investigated by the Ministry of War, which discovered that a regrettable misunderstanding had occurred the German officer having exceeded his

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Relatives Discover Grandview Man

Dead, Gun Lying Nearby.

BERLIN, Feb. 26, via London, Feb. 27.

The body of Edward Mason, with the top of his head blown off and a shot-gun harded to James W. Gerrad, 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.

German high military authorities

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