

RAIL CHIEFS OPPOSE GOVERNMENT CONTROL

McAdoo's 5-Year Plan Meets
With Much Disfavor.

WILSON'S VIEWS FAVORED

Executives, Representing 125 Roads
and 92 Per Cent of Country's
Mileage, Issue Statement.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—Railroad executives representing 125 railroads and 92 per cent of the mileage of the country, tonight gave a formal statement in which they declared that the Government retain control of the railroads until January, 1921, "would simply lead to delay and confusion, demoralization of the organization of the railroads, both on their corporate and operating side and would indefinitely a satisfactory settlement" of the railroad problem.

The executives, the statement said, have reached the conclusion that "there is sufficient time under the terms of the present act fully to consider the railroad situation in all its aspects and arrive at a plan that would be just to the country."

Problems Are Studied.
The statement was given out by Thomas Dewitt Cuyler, Philadelphia, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives. The Association is considering problems that will arise in connection with the return of the railroad properties to their private owners. The statement follows:

"The standing committee of the Association of Railway Executives has considered the letter of the Director-General to the chairman of the Interstate Commerce commission of the Senate and House and has reached the conclusion that there is sufficient time under the terms of the present act to consider fully the railroad situation in all its aspects and to arrive at a plan that would be just to the country as represented by its shippers and the public at large and on the other hand to the security holders and shareholders and employees of the railroads. They are in full accord with the President in his statement as follows:

"The one conclusion that I am ready to state with confidence is that it would be a disservice alike to the country and to the owners of the railroads to return to the old conditions unmodified. These are conditions of restraint without development. There is nothing affirmative or helpful about them. What the country chiefly needs is that all these means of transportation should be developed—its railways, its waterways, its highways and its countryside roads."

New Policy Advocated.
"Some new element of policy is therefore necessary—necessary for the service of the public; necessary for the release of credit to those who are administering the railroads; necessary for the protection of their security holders. The old policy may be changed much or little, but surely it cannot always be left as it was. I hope that the Congress will have a complete and impartial study of the whole problem instituted at once and prosecuted as rapidly as possible.

"They feel that to extend the time at present would simply lead to delay and confusion, demoralization of the organization of the roads both on their corporate and operating side and would indefinitely a satisfactory settlement of this great problem.

"They regret to differ from the Director-General in his opinion that the way he has managed the roads during the period of Government control, but they feel confident that it would be unnecessary and unwise to extend the period of control beyond the time now provided for under the act."

OFFICE MAY BE ABOLISHED

State Engineer Would Take Work of
Water Superintendent.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—State Engineer Copper plans to draft personally a bill for submission to the next State Legislature providing for the abolition of the office of State Water Superintendent for Water Division No. 1. The State Engineer was elected to that office at the last general election and will qualify for it and then resign.

When his appointment was made it was understood that he would undertake to handle the duties for both the office of State Engineer and Superintendent of the Water Division on this side of the Cascades.

LIVESTOCK FREIGHT SLOW

Public Service Complaints of Weight
Shrinkage.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Enormous shrinkage in the weight of livestock on short hauls within the state, because of an alleged faulty switching facilities from the Southern Pacific terminals at Brooklyn to the stock yards at North Portland, caused a complaint to be registered to J. P. O'Brien, Federal manager, by Public Service Commissioner Corey today.

Mr. Corey states that from 15 to 25 hours is required to ship sheep from Salem to Portland and as many as 36 hours from Mount Angel to Portland. He states that one carload of rams shrunk over a ton and a car of hogs on an average of several pounds to the head, due to delays in interchange between the Southern Pacific and O.-W. R. & N.

COLLEGE EDITOR NAMED

Lieutenant Thatcher to Have Charge
of University Publication.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Lieutenant W. F. G. Thatcher, personnel officer, who will resume his duties as professor of English next term, will be college editor to supervise university publications, beginning in January.

Professor Thatcher will also write much of the copy for the various university catalogues and booklets explaining the work of the college. All these publications are issued by the university press.

Oregon Ships Flax.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—A shipment of 29,837 pounds of tow has just been made by the Board of Control to a packing company at Philadelphia, the tow being from flax grown at the prison, and it commands a price of 25 cents a pound, or \$7,459 for the shipment. A shipment of 870 pounds of scutched fiber accompanies the tow.



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UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Dr. Timothy Cloran, head of the department of romance languages in the University of Oregon, has instructed approximately 16,300 classes without missing one. Never in all his 23 years of teaching has he failed to meet a class on account of sickness, other duties or for any reason whatsoever. His students never take a chance on being absent from class in the expectation that the instructor will not appear. He is always there.

Dr. Cloran, whose name appears in "Who's Who in America" as a professor and author, is a language enthusiast. One of Dr. Cloran's worries this term during the influenza epidemic was that he might be stricken and be compelled to miss a few classes, thus spoiling his record, but the fates were with him and he met every class.

Dr. Cloran's classes have averaged 50

students, making a total of \$15,000 class hours to his credit in the 23 years. Dr. Cloran's favorite pastime, outside of teaching languages, is gardening. His yard is an example of what can be done with a small plot of ground. The parking strip is used and the various kinds of vegetables are grown.

FEW CASES ARE APPEALED

State Industrial Accident Commission Reports Total Decisions.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Out of 54,462 cases disposed of by the State Industrial Accident Commission from July 1, 1914, to November 30, 1918, there were but 23 appeals by workmen from the decisions of the commission, or an average of one appeal in 2475 cases, according to a statement issued by the commission today.

Nineteen of these appeals were decided by the courts and in 13 of the cases the question involved was whether the claimant was entitled to any compensation. In five of these cases the commission was upheld, in three the cases were settled out of court.

Eugene Gets New Pastor.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Rev. E. Stivers, graduate of the Eugene Bible University and former pastor of the Christian Church of McMinnville, has been named pastor of the

First Christian Church of this city to succeed Rev. A. L. Crim, resigned. Rev. Mr. Stivers is at present holding a pastorate at Stockton, Cal. He is expected to take over his charge here soon after January 1.

HOLIDAYS ARE EXTENDED

University Students' Vacation Dates
to January 6.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The Christmas holidays have been extended until January 6, which will be the date of the opening of the next term, the faculty decided at a special election yesterday. Registration for next term's courses is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17. New students must be at the university Friday, January 3, to take the English examination required for all entering freshmen. Registration for new students will be on Saturday, January 4. The Christmas holidays begin December 21.

Community Institute Held.

ESTACADA, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—An entertainment was given here tonight under the auspices of the Estacada High School and the University of Oregon, opening the community institute. Dr. Sheldon and Dr. George Rebec were speakers. John C. Almack will lecture in the morning on "The Business of Living," and in the afternoon on "The Function of the School."

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