

NATION IS STRONGLY FOR ROADS' RETURN

Vote Seven to One Against
Federal Ownership.

5922 EDITORS CANVASSED

Sentiment in Every State Favors
Private Management—Question
Clearly Not Partisan One.

NEW YORK, June 2.—(Special).—Public opinion is very strongly in favor of an early return of the railroads to their owners, as shown by the vote of nearly 6000 editors of daily and weekly newspapers throughout the country. A questionnaire sent to every editor in the country (12,424) by the Press Service company of New York brought replies from 5922, or 44 per cent, and 83 per cent of the editors reported their communities in favor of a resumption of private management.

The questionnaire was conducted on behalf of the Association of Railway Executives, and was completed before President Wilson announced in his recent message to congress that the government would relinquish control of the railroads at the end of the year.

Editors were asked not to give their personal opinions, but to appraise the sentiment in their communities. The four chief questions were as follows:

Public Sentiment Sought.
1. Does public opinion in your judgment seem to favor the return of railroads to private ownership and operation as soon as this can properly be accomplished?

2. If so, is this opinion in part based on the desire to see competition in service and facilities restored?

3. What is the present sentiment in your community on government ownership and operation of railroads?

4. What has been the feeling regarding the proposal to extend the period of government operation for five years?

On the first question, "Does public opinion in your judgment seem to favor the return of railroads to private ownership and operation as soon as this can properly be accomplished?" 58 per cent voted yes, 11 per cent voted no, while 4 per cent were doubtful and 2 per cent expressed no opinion.

On the second question, "If so, is this opinion in part based on the desire to see competition in service and facilities restored?" 73 per cent voted yes, 6 per cent voted no, with 5 and 14 per cent doubtful and blank, respectively.

On the third question, "What is the present sentiment in your community on government ownership and operation of railroads?" 78 per cent estimated public sentiment as against government ownership, 11 per cent for, with 7 per cent doubtful and 4 per cent blank.

Competition Held Desirable.
On the fourth question, "What has been the feeling regarding the proposal to extend the period of government operation for five years?" the vote was as follows: Against, 74 per cent; for, 10 per cent; doubtful, 9 per cent; blank, 7 per cent.

That public opinion on the railroad question is not divided on party lines is plain from a study of the vote in the various states. In Tennessee, for example, although only 2 of the 331 editors replying are republicans, the number in favor of return of the roads is 85 per cent, considerably higher than the percentage (84 per cent) in the strong republican state of Pennsylvania.

Issue Not Sectional One.
Tennessee voted 97 per cent as compared with 83 per cent in Maine. Of the 5922 replies, 1639 were from republican papers, 1639 from democratic, and 2151 independent and scattering.

The states showing 95 per cent or more in favor of the return of the roads are Connecticut, 97; New Hampshire, 100; Tennessee, 97; showing from 90 to 95 per cent in favor are Florida, 94; Iowa, 90; New York, 90; and Wyoming, 84. Those giving from 85 to 90 per cent in favor are Delaware, 89; Georgia, 87; Indiana, 88; Massachusetts, 89; Michigan, 88; Nevada, 85; New Jersey, 88; North Carolina, 86; Ohio, 85; Oregon, 87; South Carolina, 89; Texas, 88; Utah, 86; Vermont, 86; Virginia, 85; and West Virginia, 87.

Those returning from 80 to 85 per cent are Alabama, 84; Illinois, 82; Kansas, 82; Kentucky, 83; Maine, 83; Mississippi, 83; Missouri, 81; Montana, 83; Pennsylvania, 84; South Dakota, 81; and Washington, 84.

Distant States Together.
Those giving from 75 to 80 per cent are Arizona, 76; California, 77; Colorado, 75; Louisiana, 77; Maryland, 78; Minnesota, 78; Nebraska, 75; New Mexico, 78; Oklahoma, 78; Rhode Island, 75; Wisconsin, 76.

The only states below 75 per cent are Idaho, 72; Arkansas, 68; and North Dakota, 61.

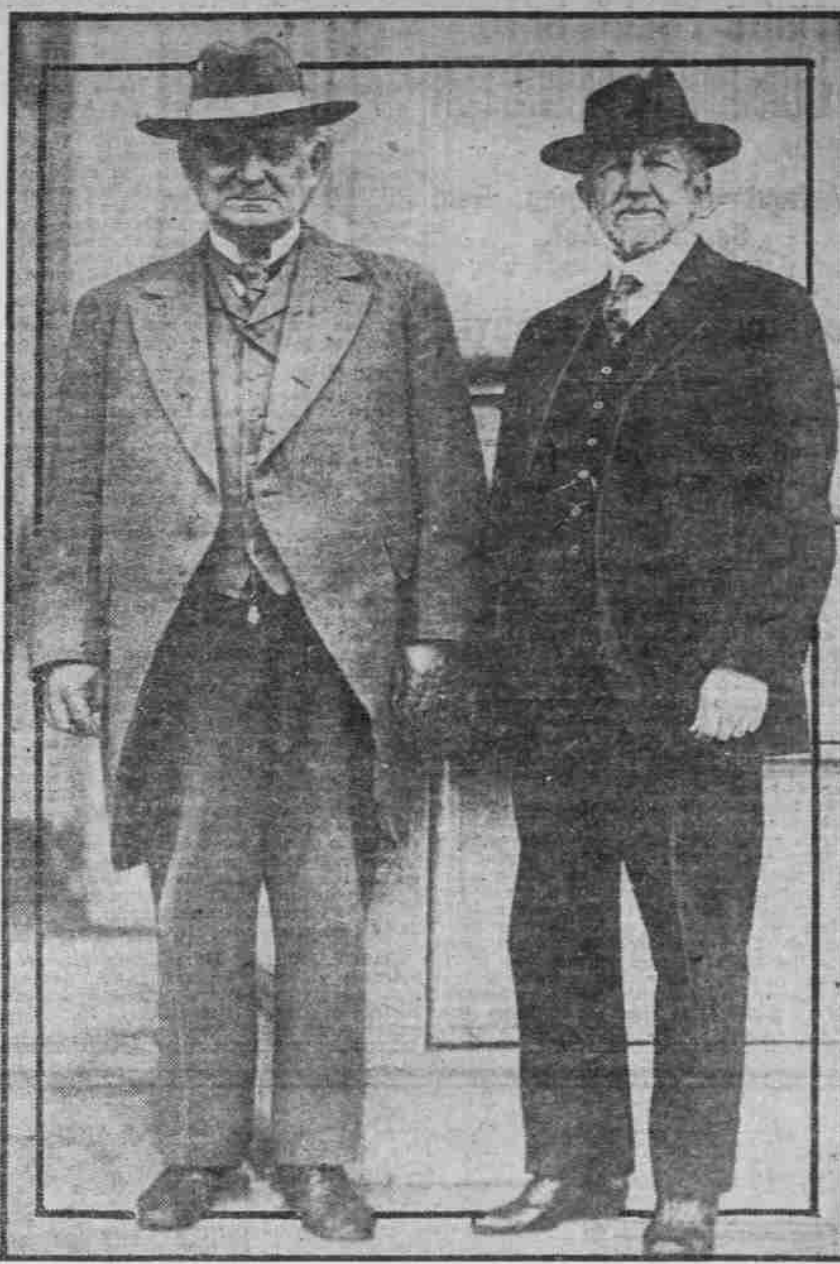
The strongest sentiment against government ownership was found in New England and the south, sections widely apart in political sentiment. Only 4 per cent of New England editors and 7 per cent of southern editors reported their people favoring government ownership.

On the question of the return of the roads the New England editors voted 51 per cent in favor, 6 per cent no, with 2 per cent doubtful and blank.

In the North Atlantic states (New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland) 86 per cent estimated public opinion as favoring the return of the roads, while 7 per cent thought public sentiment opposed it with 7 per cent doubtful and blank.

Attitude of South Clear.
In the southern states (Alabama,

NEW AND THE RETIRING SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.



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LEFT—CHAMP CLARK AND SPEAKER FREDERICK H. GILLET.

While posing for a picture using the old gavel which had done 78 years' valiant service in the house Speaker Gillett let the hammer down with a bang and the gavel flew in a thousand pieces. One of the bystanders remarked that if he would rule the House with an iron hand he would have to use an iron gavel.

Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia) 611 editors (87 per cent) voted yes, 7 per cent no and 6 per cent doubtful and blank.

In the Great Lakes states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin), 1032 editors (84 per cent) decided that public opinion in their communities favored the return of the roads, while 125 (10 per cent) voted no; 6 per cent doubtful and blank.

The northwest (Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming) returned 80 per cent in favor and 13 per cent opposed out of a total of 1165 replies. This result is largely influenced by the government ownership sentiment in North Dakota.

The editors of the far west (Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Colorado, Utah, Washington) voted 79 per cent yes and 15 per cent no on the question of returning the roads to their owners.

The southwest (Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas) returned 1196 replies. Of these 976 or 82 per cent favored the return of the roads, while 158 or 13 per cent opposed it, with 67 or 5 per cent doubtful and blank.

SAFETY COUNCIL TO FORM
C. W. Price Will Address Factory Men at Public Library.

Organization of a state council of the National Safety council will be perfected at a meeting to be held in the green room of the Chamber of Commerce at 4 o'clock this afternoon, when C. W. Price, general manager of the national council, will address industrial employees of Oregon and show the necessity for such affiliation.

Following the dinner in honor of Mr. Price Saturday night, interest in the safety movement has become more keen in this locality, according to leaders, and it is expected there will be a large attendance present at the meeting this afternoon.

At 8 o'clock tonight Mr. Price will address foremen, shop superintendents and workmen in the public library, giving them a message upon their duties in connection with the movement to conserve the human equipment of the nation's factories. Mr. Price has been engaged in the work practically since its inception, and is in a position to give first-hand information relative to what has been accomplished in the large plants of the east and middle west.

WOOL CROP GIVES FORTUNE
Utah Clip Valued at \$7,000,000;
Lamb Sale to Yield \$10,000,000.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, June 1.—More than 15,000,000 pounds of wool valued at more than \$7,000,000, was clipped in Utah during the sheep shearing season just ended, according to a statement made by C. B. Stewart, secretary of the Utah Wool Growers' association.

The grade of this year's wool crop is better than last year, according to Mr. Stewart, but cost of production was considerably higher. Sale of lambs this fall will total about \$10,000,000 to Utah growers.

Junction Graduates 16.
JUNCTION CITY, Or., June 1.—(Special).—The tenth annual commencement exercises of the local high school were held Thursday evening in the First Methodist church. P. O. Bowman, chairman of the school board, presented the diplomas. The scholarship given out by the Willamette university for excellence in school work and athletics was awarded to Emil Goodlin, with Mildred Flint as alternate. Professor Peter C. Crockett of the economic department of University of Oregon gave the graduating address.

Poles Invade Galicia.
BASEL, May 31.—Poles have occupied Stanislau, Galicia, 75 miles southeast of Lemberg, according to an official announcement from Warsaw. The Ukrainian garrison of Stanislau, was disarmed by the Polish forces.

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Cost of Battle Cruiser, Originally
\$10,000,000, Is Now More
Than \$25,000,000.

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LONDON, June 1.—(Special Cable).—Warships at double the pre-war building price are considered by expert shipbuilders here as reasonably cheap. Commenting on the bids offered for two American super-dreadnoughts at almost double the price they would have cost when authorized, one authority here today said that America would be getting off cheaply.

It is asserted that a battle cruiser of the Queen Mary type, 27,000 tons, which could be constructed originally for \$10,000,000, would now cost fully double that figure, if not more, and that the same rule applies to the super-dreadnought Hood, costing more than \$25,000,000.

During the four years of the war the British added 3,000,000 tons to the navy at a cost of nearly \$1,500,000,000. The aggregate sum expended for new construction in the four years before the war was approximately \$350,000,000. One reason why big shipping interests suspended the construction of super-liners like the Leviathan was because the cost was more than double the pre-war figure.

University Men Appointed.
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, June 1.—(Special).—Two members of the University of Oregon faculty have received notice of their election to official positions in the Oregon State Society of Mental Hygiene, with headquarters in Portland. Dr. B. W. DeBusk, professor of education, has been elected vice-president, and Dr. E. S. Conklin, professor of psychology, made a member of the executive committee.

Good roads mean prosperity. Vote for Roosevelt highway.—Adv.

SUFFRAGE, WIRES AND TREATY FOR DEBATE

Senator Johnson to Open Discussion on Peace.

CONGRESS SEES BUSY WEEK

Returning Telephone and Telegraph Lines to Owners Subject of Many Hearings.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—The woman suffrage amendment, the peace treaty and legislation for the return of telegraph and telephone lines to private operation are subjects expected to hold the center of interest during the coming week in congress. Meantime work will continue on the routine appropriation bills and on many collateral subjects that are in the hands of committees.

The resolution for submission of a suffrage amendment to the states already adopted by the house, comes up Tuesday in the senate. Its supporters, claiming to hold pledges for more than the necessary two-thirds vote, will seek a roll call as soon as possible. Opposing senators have indicated they will not introduce parliamentary obstacles and advocates of the amendment are predicting that by Tuesday night woman suffrage will be a past issue so far as congress is concerned.

The debate on the peace treaty with its league of nations covenant is to continue, with a possibility of action before the end of the week on some of the many proposals dealing with the subject.

Senator Johnson, republican, of California will open the discussion tomorrow with a speech on his resolution asking the state department for the complete text of the treaty. Senator Borah, republican, of Idaho, another league opponent, may also speak and other senators on both sides are known to be preparing to take part in the debate.

While the problem of returning the wire lines to their owners still is the subject of hearings by committees in both senate and house, the leaders are trying to expedite legislation and committee reports may be made during the week.

FLIERS GO TO CALIFORNIA
Service Men Accept Offers of San Francisco Concern.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 1.—(Special).—The following returned service men will leave this week for San Francisco where they expect to be employed by a commercial air service concern.

Walter W. Shay, Walter Ford and Earl Weber. Mr. Shay recently returned from Kelley Field, Tex., where he had charge of inspecting machines used by fliers. He was a first-class sergeant at the time of demobilization. Mr. Ford, sergeant in the coast artillery, was stationed at Fort Canby until recently. Mr. Weber, because of physical defects, was denied military service. He was given a place with the Y. M. C. A., however, and served last year with the spruce production division.

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