

PLEA OF PURELY MADE BY RAILROADS

Growing Demands Require Greater Expenditures, Will Be Contention.

REVENUE SHOWING OFFSET

Net Returns Made at Expense of Needed Construction and Betterments—Traffic Experts in Conference in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—(Special.)—The railroads intend to stand squarely upon the proposition that they need money to keep pace with the growing demand for transportation, and if they cannot show this to the satisfaction of the Commission, then the day of Government ownership of railroads will have been greatly hastened.

This statement was made today by J. C. Stubbs, traffic director of all the Harriman lines and regarded as the foremost traffic expert of the country. Mr. Stubbs' declaration was made at the conclusion of a conference between the legal counsel of the Western railroads and their traffic representatives which lasted nearly a whole day. The meeting was called with a view of discussing the financial situation and forming plans for presenting before the Interstate Commerce Commission in the clearest manner the need of the railroads.

Both the attorneys and the traffic officials agreed that the urgent need of the railroads for increased revenues can be clearly demonstrated by statistics and by a comparison of conditions that exist and are becoming acute in the railroad world. Arrangements were therefore made to have statistics carefully prepared and arranged in a systematic manner so that when they are presented to the Commission that body will be able to see readily what they tend to prove.

The question has arisen whether the increase in the net revenues of all the railroads for the year ended June 30, 1910, and which is estimated to be at least \$200,000,000, will make it difficult for the railroads to prove a case of "poverty." Regarding this phase the lawyers and traffic men agreed that such a showing would be no bar to the argument they desire to make before the Commission. It will be pointed out that the increase in net revenues will be made at the expense of operation and construction, as well as general betterments.

ALASKA COAL FIELDS VAST

Geological Survey Finds Deposits of Great Value.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Accessible coal of the best Alaska fields, even at a half-cent a ton in the ground, is worth more than most of the coal lands in the Eastern States, notwithstanding their nearness to lines of transportation and to market. This statement is contained in a bulletin issued by the Geological Survey today under the direction of George Otis Smith.

During the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation, A. H. Brooks, of the Geological Survey, tested the coal in the Matanuska district which was worth half a cent a ton in the ground. This small figure gives the impression in the minds of many persons that Alaska coal lands were of small value. The bulletin just issued says that priced at the rate now being paid in London, said a visit to the last decade not an acre of land has gone to patent.

JAPS BEHIND, SAYS BARON

Minister Says His Countrymen Can Never Outstrip Americans.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Baron Oura, Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, who is spending a few days here on his way home from the Anglo-Japanese exhibition in London, said a visit to the street yesterday and came back advised.

PYTHIANS BREAK CAMP

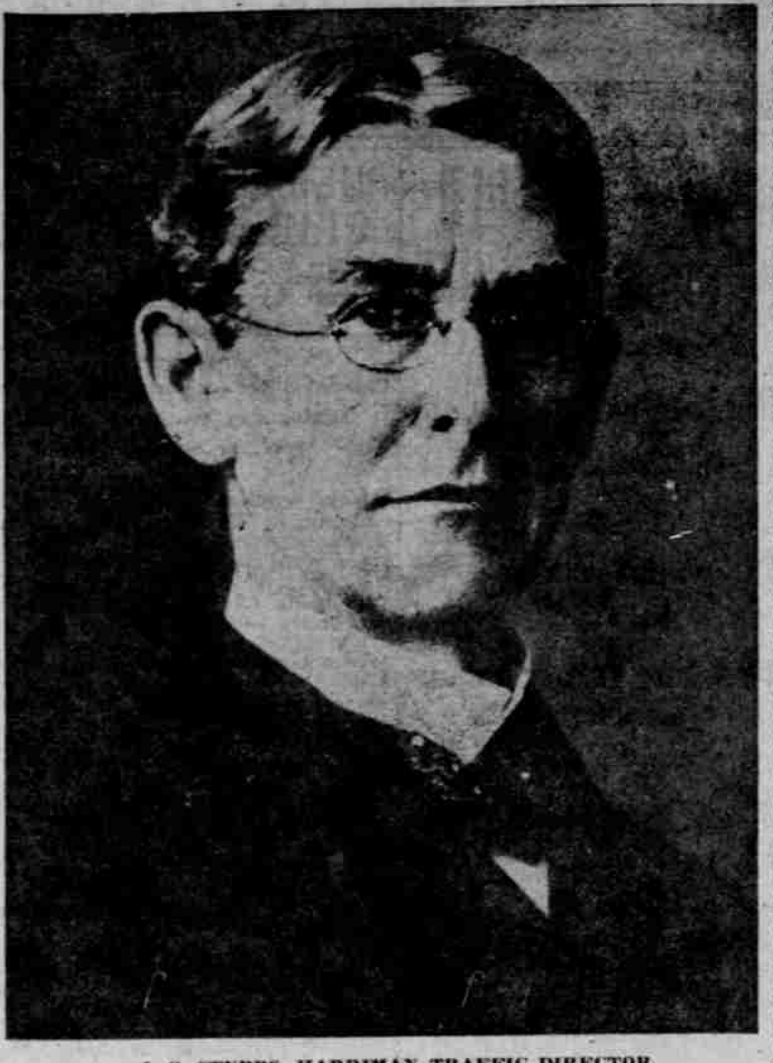
Prizes for Competitive Drills Awarded to Teams.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 6.—Today witnessed the ceremony of breaking camp of the Pythian Brotherhood of the city. The chief interest centered in the awarding of prizes for the competitive drills.

Dog Fatally Bites Woman.

BUTLER, Pa., Aug. 6.—Lying prostrate in the street, with a huge mastiff standing over her, tearing at her flesh like a wild beast, Mrs. Rosie Purvis, of this city, was rescued from death by a score of men, who beat the dog into helplessness. The woman is in a hospital, probably fatally injured. Mrs. Purvis had tried to rescue her two children from the dog's attacks when he broke turned upon her.

TRAFFIC EXPERT DECLARES RAILROADS NEED MONEY TO MEET GROWING DEMANDS.



J. C. STUBBS, HARRIMAN TRAFFIC DIRECTOR.

FIRE PROVES FATAL

Explosion of Sawdust in Match Factory Is Disastrous.

TWO INJURED WILL DIE

Diamond Match Company Has Blaze Following Spontaneous Combustion—Building Blown in All Directions—Loss \$50,000.

RUSSIA CHOLERA-SWEPT

SCOURGE CAUSES 6944 DEATHS IN SINGLE WEEK.

LABORERS IN PANIC Flee MINES AND RAILROADS AND TRANSPORT OF CROPS IS AT STANDSTILL.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 6.—Russia's scourge, the cholera, continues to spread with alarming rapidity, particularly in the mining districts in St. Petersburg, where the conditions are fast approaching the proportions of the great epidemic of 1908.

PORTLAND RANKS FIFTH

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FIGURES ARE MADE PUBLIC.

Census Bureau Makes Report of Expenditures for 1908—One-Third Total Paid by New York.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Portland, Or., among cities of the same size, ranks fifth in amount of expenditure for public improvements, according to the Census Bureau's annual report, now in press.

Hindu Gives Toe Print.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—Identification methods were given a new twist in a Chicago bank yesterday when a Hindu squatted down on the floor, jerked off his shoe and used the great toe of his right foot for stamping an impression on the deposit slip.

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Montana Senator's First Information Gained From Press.

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 6.—United States Senator Thomas H. Carter today took occasion to explain his part in connection with the Senate resolution authorizing an investigation of the Gore charges. Incidentally, he makes reply to references to himself in a dispatch from Denver yesterday quoting Senator Hughes. Senator Carter mentioned as having heard from Senator Gore the story of the alleged bribery in connection with the Indian land cases.

Rheumatism

Is a Constitutional Disease. It manifests itself in local aches and pains—inflamed joints and stiff muscles,—but it cannot be cured by local applications.

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BRIBE STORY TOLD BY CHOCTAW CHIEF

Tribal Governor Says Fourth Interest in Contracts Was Offered to Him.

TAFT OPPOSES BIG FEES

Sherman Agreed That Amounts Were Unreasonable, Senator Curtis Testifies—Hearing Resumes War Council.

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and told me he wanted me to write a letter to the Secretary of the Interior, withdrawing my protest against the McMurray contract. I said I would not do that he said he was authorized to agree to give me one-fourth of the profits if I did. 'You see,' he said, 'we are getting a ten per cent fee out of it and you will get one-fourth of the tenth. Now you sign the letter and it will be a great bargain.' I absolutely refused to do it, and he went away.

Indians Losing Faith.

"A good many of your tribes did sign the contract," Mr. Miller asked Mr. Taft. "Yes, they did that because they are losing all faith in the Government. They have lost all faith in Government officials and in their tribal officials, too. It is because they have been given so many promises and the promises have not been kept. The Government has not distributed the land and distribute the profits in 1908. It hasn't done so yet. The Indians are becoming disheartened over the Government's promises."

\$300,000 Paid to Lawyers.

"Can you estimate how much your tribe has paid out in attorneys' fees in the last 10 years?" "Our tribe in that time has paid out about \$200,000."

Senator Curtis told of having been summoned to the White House to deal with the President and Vice-President Sherman on the merits of the McMurray contracts. Mr. Taft had expressed the belief that the 10 per cent fee was a thingy and his visitor agreed with him. This, the Senator thought, sufficiently refuted the imputation that he was "interested" in the land.

Gore Unfriendly, Is Said.

"Is there any reason why Senator Gore should feel unfriendly toward you?" "None that I know of. Yet he has done his utmost to give me a black eye. Moreover, he has done a good deal of fabricating. He showed this in his attitude toward our efforts to secure appropriations for Federal buildings at Guthrie, Blackwell and Kingfisher, Okla. He wrote letters saying he would do all he could to help get the buildings, and then he wrote letters saying he had done all he could to get them but to a dead certainty he did all he could to have the appropriations knocked out."

Chickasaw Governor Favorable.

R. L. Murray, of the Chickasaw tribe, said that Governor Johnson, of that tribe, had expressed his desire to induce as many Indians as possible to send telegrams to Washington to have the contracts approved, which he had refused to do.

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Straws 1/2 Off



Washington, Near Fifth St.

ever of the subject now being investigated in Oklahoma. When Senator Hughes presented a resolution calling for an investigation, I supported his resolution by presenting a letter, at the request of ex-Senator Thurston supporting the demand for an investigation.

Paris Has Lynching.

PARIS, Aug. 6.—Paris witnessed a demonstration of Lynch law in the heart of the capital yesterday. A policeman was about to arrest an apache in the Boulevard Sebastopol when the man fired at him with a revolver. The bullet wounded the policeman and killed a man passing in the street. A crowd speedily gathered, seized the apache and hanged him to a lamp-post.

Canadian Premier Hurt in Wreck.

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 6.—A train carrying Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, struck head on in a collision with a freight train yesterday. Sir Wilfrid was slightly injured. A fireman was killed. The accident happened near Pense, west of Regina, Sask.

You Nailed Down to Stave.

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where he had been nailed in by his brother and forced to remain four days and nights without a morsel of food. George Glaser, 19 years old, was found yesterday by patrolmen who had been sent to serve a vagrancy warrant on him and his brother, Henry, 15 years old. The boys will not work, it is said, because they say they are descendants of a German prince.

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