

SHIPPERS PAY DILL

Railroads Force Merchants to Stand Losses Caused by Reduction of Passenger Fares—Magnates Blame Anti-Rebate Laws.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Chicago, April 2.—Shippers of groceries, soap, hardware and many classes of dry goods all over the country fear they are going to enable eastern railroads to recoup any losses due to passenger rate reductions, and the man who includes beans, sugar, flour and cabbages, among other things, in his diet may have to pay enough more to give railroads a 15 per cent advance for hauling them. Various associations of western shippers and manufacturers have been here trying to dissuade the nation classification committee from changes which would amount to advances in rates. The explanation of the railroads is that they simply want goods crated or boxed, to avoid claims for loss or damage which, they assert, have increased 150 per cent since rates were abolished. Last year \$23,000,000 was paid by railroads of the country in settlement of freight loss and damage claims, according to figures given by R. C. Richards, general claim agent for the Chicago & Northwestern railway, in an address. "This sum," he added, "was 600 per cent more than was paid 10 years ago by the transportation companies. During the same period the number of traffic managers of industrial concerns has increased by about the same percentage. I will not undertake to say what relation the one factor has to the other, but the great cause of delay in the investigation and settlement of claims are the improper steps taken by claimants in the first instance. The large increase in this item of expense demands the best thought of every railroad manager in the country. Mr. Richards urged that the business cooperation between the shippers and the railroads and declared that through cooperation the present great troubles of both would become unimportant and easily settled.

The \$20,000,000 bond issue for the deep waterway through Illinois will not be defeated, declared Congressman William L. Eckstein, in an address to his campaign throughout the state for the waterway. "It is the only thing that the keystone problem of the Illinois canal project," he said, "which will be solved, which will mean that a federal appropriation of \$50,000,000 then will be forthcoming to complete the channel to the gulf. Assurance from speaker Cannon and Chairman Burton of the rivers and harbors committee of the house are a great relief. The secret hope of the Chicago sanitary trustees that they, instead of the state, will build the locks is a great relief. The Illinois legislature, as the waterway has been endorsed by all political parties the only danger lies in the failure of voters to pass the 'bill' which is to decide Illinois' constitutional amendment. The cost of the waterway will aggregate \$150,000,000, of which the city of Chicago will expend \$50,000,000, the federal government \$40,000,000, and the state of Illinois \$20,000,000. The federal government will defray the expense of constructing and maintaining the locks in the canal, dredging the various rivers, and the entire cost of the waterway from LaSalle to the gulf. The proposed appropriation from the state of Illinois will be used in constructing the power plants from Lockport to LaSalle. About \$18,000,000 of the \$50,000,000 will be necessary to construct that portion of the canal from Lockport to LaSalle. It is now proposed to construct locks at Lockport, Joliet, Dresden Heights, Ottawa and LaSalle.

"O. K." for "Mother Goose" and "Bluebeard" for children's reading. N. G. for the goodly, goodly books, this was the dictum of a former state president of the Illinois Congress of Mothers, Mrs. William L. Eckstein, in an address here. As to "Bluebeard" she said such tales, with all their cruelty and horrors were to be preferred to milk-and-honey kind of road proposed these days of age the child should have much of "Mother Goose," she said, eulogistically. "Nothing in any language can take the place of these old fables. They are not the highest kind of literature, but they are literature. They lay a good foundation of wit and humor in the child and expand it, and that is most important at that stage." As an antidote to the dime novel reading, she urged: "Try 'Arabian Nights,' 'Robin Hood,' 'Robinson Crusoe,' 'Leather Stocking Tales,' 'Treasure Island' and 'Oliver Twist.' These books have all the adventure and thrills and blood and thunder that the rankest dime novel can show, and more, but they are literature.

The "crop moving season" this year is being prepared for by Chicago banks with more care than ever, for, after the recent storm, it is the crucial point to which all eyes are turned. Loans are being made with this in view, for the crops have withstood so big that the last half of each year has passed with a billion dollars more cash to "move" them than the first half requires. The "moving of the crop" means the transfer of ownership, by which the farmers' pay gets into general circulation. The importance of this problem was shown recently in the petition signed by congress of the crop marketing system by the abolishment of dealing in grain for future delivery, which system, declared the bankers, "has been and is of incalculable advantage, particularly to the agriculturist, and secures to him the full and complete operation of the law of supply and demand." The reason from the viewpoint of bankers, why the legislation proposed would be a disaster, is that it would seriously interfere with our making loans on grain and provisions, and we would be deprived of a broad, active and constant market of these important commodities." The recent report of Commissioner Herbert Knox

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Children Gather Around the Bear Pit at the City Park These Bright Days.



FLAW IN GUN; CREW BLAMELEFS

Eye-Witness of Accident Tells About Explosion on Battleship Missouri.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Diego, Cal., April 2.—"That was a poor shot." "Aye, aye, sir; but the end of our gun blew off." These two remarks, passed between the officer on the bridge and the gun captain, followed in rapid-fire fashion the recent explosion of the six-inch gun on the Missouri in target practice at Magdalena Bay.

This bit of information, together with an account of the accident, was told for the first time today by an eye-witness, Peter Mullen, one of the engineers of the Missouri.

Mullen arrived on the Connecticut, on his way to his home in Galveston, his time having expired.

"I was watching the result of the practice from the superstructure," he said, "when the entire muzzle of the gun blew off. A moment later two pieces of it, weighing three pounds each, fell on the deck, after having straight up in the air. The gun crew had just discovered that a part of their gun was missing when the officer on the bridge shouted the words, 'The gun is unaccountable,' which was instantly replied to by the gun captain. The board of inquiry decided that the accident was unavoidable, as it was caused by a flaw in the gun. The crew was held blameless."

ROBERTSON DEMANDS COMPLETE IMMUNITY

Former Bank Secretary Declares He Will Not Return Unless Protected.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, April 2.—"I shall never cross San Francisco bay alive again unless they promise to give me a new start in return for my secrets of the case."

J. Daisel Robertson, former assistant secretary of the defunct California Safe Deposit bank, today made this new statement, indicating that he has changed front on the proposition of returning to San Francisco. Only a few days ago he confided to a friend, who still refuses to divulge Robertson's exact whereabouts, that he was prepared to return and turn state's evidence.

The former bank official is still penniless and ill. He says District Attorney Langdon does not know his address and will not divulge Robertson's satisfactory to him are completed.

WILL LIMIT NUMBER OF JAPS IN CANADA

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Tokyo, April 2.—The immigration question that some time ago led to negotiations between Japan and Canada has again bobbed up in diplomatic circles.

Canada's immigration commissioners, accompanied by British ambassador today called on S. Chinda, the vice-foreign minister, for the purpose of having him take under consideration a proposition to establish a practical limit on the number of Japanese emigrating to Canada.

CANOE UPSETS; EDNA YARNELL IS DROWNED

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Eugene, Or., April 2.—While canoeing on the millrace here last night Miss Edna Yarnell, a student at the University of Oregon school of music and Eugene High school, was drowned. Miss Yarnell was also thrown from the canoe but was rescued by clinging to the bank until rescued.

PREFER SONGS TO FLOWERS AND FRUIT

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, April 2.—If anybody wants to get really popular in the Jack Tars of the battleship fleet at Magdalena Bay, the way is easy. Just send a bunch of the very latest songs. This tip came from the bluejackets today. The wardrobe and junior officers have played and they have been playing and singing the same old tunes and songs since leaving Hampton Roads.

Buenos Aires Exports.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Buenos Aires, April 2.—During the year 1935 Argentina exported 2,851,050 tons of wheat; 1,191,047 of maize and 752,412 of flax.

The factory of textiles at Aceta has been destroyed by fire making a loss of \$1,000,000.

One hundred and eighty thousand laborers are idle in consequence of a strike among the people of the manufacturing.

Death of the Trolleyman.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Mexico, April 2.—In the six months just past the number of victims of the street trolley cars in Mexico City amounts to 299 among killed and wounded.

New Notaries.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., April 2.—Notarial commissions have been issued to the following: E. J. Barnard, Clatsop City; H. S. Duran, Haines; F. O. McGrew and R. E. Fulton of Portland.

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EVANS ROASTS ESPEE ROADED

Admiral Declares Trip Over Railroad Is Roughest Cruise He Ever Made.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Paso Robles, Cal., April 2.—Feeling much better despite his night trip, and apparently benefited already by the change from sea to land breezes, Admiral Robley D. Evans arrived here on the private car "Sacramento" this morning, and was taken at 9 o'clock to the hotel, where a room literally banked with cut flowers had been prepared for him.

Though the car arrived here shortly after 5 o'clock, it was 5:30 o'clock before the admiral was assisted out and into the waiting automobile. He looked pale rickled and ill, but summoned up a smile as a number of friends greeted him, and to a photographer he asked leave to snap him he said laughingly:

"Yes, fire away and be damned. I can stand it."

"I am certainly much indebted to everyone with whom I have come in contact since I landed," said Admiral Evans to a representative of the United Press, "and I had no idea that people would be so interested in me, or so kind. They really all seem to love me. I want to say, though, he added with a wry face, turning to his friend, James Horburgh Jr. of the Southern Pacific, that thanks to that roadbed of yours that was the damndest roughest cruise last night that I ever took. Twice during the night I thought we were going through rammings practices. Though the morning was cold and the ground was covered with a heavy frost, Admiral Evans did not seem to mind the chattering weather.

Lieutenant Frank Evans, son of the admiral, was very enthusiastic about his father's condition.

"His air here, certainly worked wonders with him. He began to feel better almost from the moment we left San Diego, and I'm sure he will improve rapidly here. The governor received more visitors and was more active yesterday than any day since he was going through rammings practices. The morning was cold and the ground was covered with a heavy frost, Admiral Evans did not seem to mind the chattering weather.

TREE LIMB KILLS JOHN RIDGEWAY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Sheridan, Or., April 2.—John Ridgeway a farmer living about 10 miles west of Sheridan at a place called Goosecreek, was instantly killed Tuesday by a falling tree. He was struck on the head by a limb that broke off as the tree fell and lodged in another tree. He was the son of G. L. Ridgeway and was 44 years of age. He leaves a wife. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

EDUCATORS IN NEW ORLEANS.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New Orleans, La., April 2.—Distinguished educators were much in evidence today in New Orleans. The International Kindergarten union, which has held forth since the first of the week, brought its convention to a close with an interesting program. In addition to this gathering the Louisiana State Teachers' association opened its annual meeting with an attendance representative of the entire state. It will remain in session through the rest of the week, and simultaneously the Louisiana School Board association will meet in annual session.

COMMENCEMENT AT CARLISLE.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Carlisle, Pa., April 2.—An attractive program was carried out today at the annual commencement exercises of Carlisle Indian school. A special from Washington brought a distinguished party, which added to the large attendance of city and country visitors. An all-day program was carried out. This evening it will conclude with the presentation of diplomas by Indian Commissioner Francis L. Leupp.

NO FOREIGN MARKETS.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Berlin, April 2.—The German legations have been directed to deny the statement universally circulated that Germany intends to have foreign markets for her products even if she has to use force to get this. Such a statement is absolutely false.

SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Regina, Sask., April 2.—Many important matters await consideration today by a falling tree. He was struck on the head by a limb that broke off as the tree fell and lodged in another tree. He was the son of G. L. Ridgeway and was 44 years of age. He leaves a wife. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

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