

PLEA FOR 15 PER CENT INCREASE IN RATES IS MADE BY RAILROADS

Interstate Commerce Commission Is Told Greater Revenues Are Necessary

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Needs of Eastern Railroads Say Additional Funds Would Still Fall to Keep Up With Expenses.

Washington, May 7.—(U. P.)—Eastern railroads today pleaded with the Interstate Commerce commission for a 15 per cent increase in rates.

To support their contention that such a raise is vital, they presented figures running into millions and billions.

The cost of operating necessities, including labor, has soared so tremendously, they declared, that practically all their surplus earnings would be absorbed this year.

In their statement, the railroads cited their 1916 expenses for coal, wages and materials at \$1,015,000,000; they indicated 1917 expenses for the same items at \$1,232,000,000, or an increase this year of \$217,000,000. Wages alone in 1916 were \$701,000,000, while the indicated 1917 wages will be \$770,000,000, due to higher rates under the Adamson law and to other increases.

Increases Asked Too Small.

The high cost of coal absorbs an added \$58,000,000 on the eastern lines, the roads' representatives said, while advanced material costs mean about \$80,000,000 additional, provided proper upkeep is maintained.

The \$217,000,000 increase was based on items which cannot be stably determined, while the roads argued that they need much new rolling stock, all of which is 50 to 100 per cent higher than a year ago.

Five of the big eastern systems estimated that, even with the desired rate increases, they would still be "behind the board," as a result of the far higher operating costs.

Income Rate Has Dropped.

The lines argued that, despite the record of 1916 earnings, the return on investment in the eastern lines was but 6.3 per cent, whereas, "the average income on property investment for the past four years of record gross earnings was only 5 per cent."

For some years, the roads said, the rate of income has been steadily dropping, due to the fact that rates of service have been practically stationary, while costs of operation have continued their upward trend. Moreover, the quality of service has been efficiently heightened, the roads contended.

Detailed Reports Submitted.

Detailed reports were submitted by the five largest eastern systems today, tending to show differences in the estimated increases in expenses for 1917 and the increased revenues from the requested rate advances, as follows:

Pennsylvania—Estimated increase in expenses \$51,900,000, against rate increase asked \$39,150,000.

New York Central—\$42,700,000, against \$33,247,000.

Baltimore & Ohio—\$16,600,000, against \$12,785,000.

New Haven—\$12,300,000, against \$5,102,000.

Erie—\$10,000,000, against \$6,915,000.

Breakdown Is Predicted.

Urging the 15 per cent freight increase, Alfred H. Smith, president of the New York Central lines, declared the railroads might break down unless revenues were increased.

After pointing out that prices as a whole were higher, Smith said:

"The railroad must pay rising prices for what is used and it can with greatest difficulty raise its own rates to offset those. By such a process, equity in the property is slowly but surely extinguished, and if it is continued the finest transportation machine will eventually be broken down."

War Work to Increase Expenses.

He asserted the roads would be put to extra expense by having to build tracks at mobilization camps and erect additional terminal facilities for handling troops.

An increase in freight rates for the

roads is absolutely necessary if conditions surrounding the railroads are not to become a menace to the country, Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, told the committee.

The roads, he said, face inadequate facilities and insufficient credit, and this cannot be overcome without a substantial increase in receipts.

Increases Will Not Pay Bills.

Rea declared that if the entire increase the roads ask were granted, the Pennsylvania still would be \$12,000,000 worse off in 1917 than in 1916. Although the roads are mentioned as asking a 15 per cent increase, Rea said the increase would approximate 13.31 per cent, because less than 15 per cent would be derived from increases on coal, ore and coke.

Rea gave increased expenses of the Pennsylvania this year at \$51,892,000, due to extraordinary increases in costs of material and labor.

Howard Elliott, chairman of the New Haven, declared a 15 per cent increase would not pay the increase in the coal bill of his road. He said the most the road would expect from the increase would be \$2,500,000, and that indications are that his coal bill will be increased \$5,000,000 over last year.

FRENCH GAIN IN SPITE OF RESISTANCE

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which the enemy is making to save the Rheims salient.

Germany's picked troops are being hurled into the breach made by the French. The flower of the German army, which Hindenburg had saved what he hoped would be a final decisive offensive, is now being sacrificed.

Keynote to Line in Danger.

Entirely aside from the Franco-British offensive between the Aisne and Lens, the Germans are now facing an equal menace in the Champagne. They know that the French offensive between the Aisne and Moronvilliers threatens to force their evacuation of the Rheims salient. There Mounts Brimont and Berru and Forts Nogent la Besse and Vitry les Rheims constitute the keystones supporting the superstructure of the entire German front.

Desperate necessity of preventing the cutting off of the salient against the Rheims is causing the Germans to sacrifice the last of their reserves in an effort to hold back the French.

Reserves Thrown in Freely.

The 6000 prisoners taken in 48 hours does not indicate a shattered German morale. On the contrary, the Germans are resisting with the degree of desperation hitherto unknown. The numbers of prisoners does reflect the immense bodies of troops which the Germans are throwing into the conflict.

They are being put to the slaughter like sheep. Today, standing on a height from which I could see the French steadily wiping out the Hindenburg salient, it was possible with glasses to make out long lines of motor lorries behind the German trenches, each packed tight with German troops speeding to the chancel house of the German front.

Fresh Troops Melt Away.

Arriving there, these fresh reserves were unendingly launched against the French. And they melted away unendingly in the French machine gun, the deadly accurate barrage of the famous Soissons Quinques, the cold steel of the French bayonets or the explosions of French grenades.

Not only has the number of enemy troops in the past few days fighting been greater than that employed in any previous engagements since the early days of the war, but the quality of the troops is higher.

Prisoners Annihilated.

Prisoners showed there were no decrepit reserves. All those captured were of choice regiments. Saturday around Craonne, for instance, a complete division of the picked Prussian guard was called into action by the German commanders. It was practically annihilated in a vain attempt to recapture Craonne.

The perfect unity underlying the Franco-British offensives and the Titanic strategy of the whole forward push culminated in its greatest expression of effectiveness Saturday. On that day—36 hours after the English had wiped out the northern pivot salient of the Hindenburg line in the region of Bullecourt and Croisilles—the French wiped out six kilometers (four miles) of the southern pivot salient in the region of Moulin Laffaux.

The double success of the allied

armies today menaces the entire Hindenburg retreat line from its two most vital points. The victories constitute the first great objectives toward which every local French and English action since the beginning of the great offensive has strategically contributed.

The French advance on the Hindenburg salient is a small part of their success in the second great drive since April 18. This fighting has covered a front of nearly 22 miles—including the entire length of Chemin des Dames (the ladies' highway) and extensions to the east and northwest.

Craonne Plateau Captured.

Now the entire Craonne plateau has been captured. The French advance unit of the ridge dominating the plateau and descending toward Laon has been captured; nearly 13 miles of Chemin des Dames is held—all of the road but a small portion in the vicinity of Fort Malmont. The new French positions formerly constituted the greatest obstacle, when they were in German hands, to Nivelle's advance to Laon. They dominate the valley of the Ailette, down which the French kept up Saturday's and Sunday's operations.

But in addition to this great success, another epochal victory has been registered by the French on the Rheims front. There, on Friday, General Nivelle initiated an offensive north and east of Rheims, which carried the French over several heights. The victory may soon liberate Rheims as the German "last target."

No Effort to Save Troops.

When the French, on Saturday morning, leaped out of their trenches in the Aisne and the German first lines were literally gorged with men, under orders to die resisting.

Hardly had the French beaten down the German resistance, and their first objective, capturing and killing thousands, than the Germans initiated furious counter attacks. They were made with a promptitude and ferocity which in human lives little in accordance with Germany's recently announced tactical plan to save troops.

Throughout the 24 hours that ensued the French were forced to wipe out repeated counter attacks against every position they gained before attacking their next objective.

DECISION MADE TO SEND TROOPS TO FRENCH LINE

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country is at war. This government has already acquired possession of these German vessels, but specific laws covering the taking over was desired.

The bill provides that the secretary of the navy shall appoint a board of survey to examine the ships so taken.

U-Boats Increase Destruction.

It is expected that when this and other proposed laws are definitely whittled into shape the president will personally emphasize the importance of their passage. Government work in all shipyards is being impeded because of existing contracts for shipbuilding.

With the proposed legislation in force the president would be able alone to order work stopped on unnecessary shipbuilding, but it would also be possible to coordinate all steel construction that the shipyards of the country would be kept busy day and night producing vessels of the type that now is needed.

Latest details of the operation of the German submarines show that they are steadily increasing their work of destruction. Reliable information reaching the council of national defense shows that four submarines of the latest type are passing out from German waters every 24 hours.

German Fleet Gives Sailors.

Everything in Germany is being subordinated to increasing the efficiency of the undersea boats. The German admiralty, confidential information which reaches here today, says has finally decided that the grand German fleet will be kept in German waters indefinitely, now that the United States has entered the war and its navy has reinforced the entire fleet. As a result the crews of the various German units are being detailed for submarine work and are being trained as speedily as possible.

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It is knowledge of this fact that has caused the scientists working under the direction of the navy department to redouble their efforts to perfect a weapon which will nullify the submarine's value as an offensive weapon of war.

DRAFT PROCLAMATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY PRESIDENT WILSON

Washington, May 7.—(U. P.)—President Wilson has completed his proclamation calling for the selective draft of America's young men and its issuance awaits only action by congress on the conscription bill.

The urgent demands for an army, accentuated by appeals from the French and British, and the fact that the French in France, led conferences on the draft measure to speed up their work today.

Senator Chamberlain hopes to obtain agreement on the bill today and report it out tomorrow.

There are wide differences on the three important features of the bill covering age for draft, army prohibition and the Roosevelt division amendment.

Thirty Year Limit Expected.

A compromise will be reached on the question of probably fixing the age for draft between 21 and 33 years. Undoubtedly, however, there will be a big fight on the prohibition and Roosevelt division amendments.

President Wilson's proclamation will detail fully what is expected of the young men of America under the selective draft bill.

All men between the ages agreed upon by congress will be required to register, giving their age, whether married, and if married, whether their families are dependent upon them.

Single Men to Go First.

There will be other information required also covering occupation, education, training along particular lines, etc.

Exemptions will be determined after the registration has been completed. All single men will be taken first, together with married men whose families are not dependent upon them for livelihood.

Most men trained along mechanical, medical and such lines will be exempted in order to be of use in other work to which they will be called. Three months will be required to complete the work of registration.

Reign of Terror in Cuba Is Intimated

New York, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—Anarchy prevails in the province of Oriente, Cuba, according to British and American refugees who have arrived here. They declared today that the Cuban government is withholding the truth concerning the uprisings which, they assert, has reached a stage of rapine and destruction scarcely equaled in the annals of the island.

They declared that a reign of terror and bloodshed will start May 20, unless the American government intervenes.

Many of the refugees are destitute.

Lodgemen Injured In Train Collision

Toledo, Ohio, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—Twenty-five persons were injured when a westbound Lake Shore electric line train crashed into a local passenger car at Gibsonburg Junction, 25 miles east of Cleveland.

Many of the injured were members of the Knights of Columbus returning from a lodge celebration at Fremont.

Great Britain Given \$25,000,000 More

Washington, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—Another \$25,000,000 was advanced to Great Britain by the treasury department today, and it was learned that before the end of the month \$50,000,000 more will be handed over. It is now estimated that \$100,000,000 per month will be the rate at which funds are to be advanced to Great Britain until the proceeds of the war bonds begin to come in.

FIGHTING FLARES UP ALONG RUSSIAN LINE AND MUSCOVITES WIN

Petrograd Says Slavs Have Been Successful in Volhynia and in Roumania.

Petrograd, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—Fighting on a large scale flared up Sunday in Volhynia and at the Roumanian front. In both theatres the Russians were victorious, the war office announced.

To the east of Kovell, the pivot around which revolved the Austro-German front during Brusiloff's great offensive last year, the Russian big guns exploded a series of powerful shots against the station of Fovurak. It led to a series of terrific explosions resulting in great fires. The entire station is believed to have been destroyed. Large stores of ammunition were blown up.

At the Roumanian front the Germans took the initiative, launching a well-prepared attack on the Muscovite line. They were met by a hail of shells from the Russian guns and were compelled to fall back to their own lines.

Rifle firing and patrol raids took place in various sectors of the long battle line from the Baltic to the Black sea, foreshadowing a spring offensive. The Germans hurled numerous explosive shells into the Russian positions.

German Offensive Expected by Russia

Korniloff, Commander at Petrograd, Making Ready Defenses in Expectation of Teuton Drive Against the City.

Petrograd, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—An early German invasion aimed at Russia's capital is expected by military officers.

General Korniloff, commanding the Petrograd district, has issued an army order, in which he says reports have been received that the Teutons are concentrating large forces against the Russian northern frontiers.

"German mercenaries are at Liebau," the order said, "ready as soon as the ice has melted to embark troops, and under cover of the German fleet, to carry out a landing which may possibly be made quite close to Petrograd."

Directions for making ready the defense of the capital are given in the order.

Relief Ship Returns After Diver Attack

An American Port, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—The Belgian relief steamer Haelen, which was attacked off the coast of Holland on March 17, with the loss of seven lives, has arrived here. Despite the fact that the ship carried a permit from the German authorities guaranteeing a safe passage through the blockaded area, more than 40 shells were fired by the U-boat. The German commander afterward explained he had made a mistake.

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Sermon Preached at Pasadena by Methodist Pastor Drives His Congregation from Church.

Los Angeles, May 7.—(P. N. S.)—Hissed as a traitor and his remarks denounced as treasonable, Rev. Dr. I. F. Tanner of Pasadena was the storm center Sunday of one of the most remarkable demonstrations against a clergyman ever to take place in a California house of worship, as he attempted to deliver a pacifist sermon in the Highland Park Methodist church.

"We do not approve of any man, whatever, the unpatriotic statements made by Dr. Tanner," said James G. Cortelyou, president of the board of trustees. Later, Mr. Cortelyou took Dr. Tanner to task and demanded that he make clear his stand on certain subjects he had touched on in his startling sermon.

Important Speeches Scheduled for Week

London, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—Two important parliamentary statements bearing upon the war are expected this week in London and Berlin.

Premier Lloyd George is to make an address in common upon the Irish situation and it is possible that he will announce the terms of settlement.

The German chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, is scheduled to speak before the Reichstag committee on foreign affairs in Berlin tomorrow when he may make a new peace offer.

Zeppelin Near Stockholm

Stockholm, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—A Zeppelin airship of the biggest and latest type has been observed near Stockholm, evidently coming from the direction of the Gulf of Bothnia, says the newspaper Sydsvenska Dagbladet today.

The appearance of this aerial war craft was taken for a confirmation of reports that the Germans are preparing for a demonstration in the Baltic simultaneously with the reopening of a drive on the Riga front.

Cotton Steamer May Be Sunk

New York, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—That another steamship carrying cotton to Europe has been sunk by a German submarine was indicated by private advice received by New York cotton houses today.

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Within a year, the premier declared, the military situation has swung decisively in favor of the allies. Touching on America's certainty of final victory, he added:

"Germany feels it and that is why she multiplies her maneuvers to obtain immediate peace."

In closing, he addressed in behalf of the congress, "Our cordial homage to the latest one who has come among us and whose disinterested course at this moment is so precious—the republic of the United States."

Order Restored in Petrograd, Report

London, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—The provisional government is again in complete control in Russia. The crisis precipitated by the several peace agitators has passed, leaving the council of workers and soldier delegates working together with the cabinet, but the former is stronger today than before the disorders of last week.

Dispatches from Petrograd today said quiet had been restored in the city.

Idaho County Will Speed Conscription

Lewiston, Idaho, May 7.—(P. N. S.)—Nes Perce county is preparing to speed up its carrying out the provisions of the conscription law. The county board has sent letters to all notaries public and justices of the peace advising them that under the new law they must act as registrars on the date designated by the president.