

WAR EMERGENCY IS BLAMED FOR RAILROAD DEFICIT

McAdoo Tells Dramatic Story, of
Empty Cars Rushed Westward
When Famine Threatened.

WAR SAVED BY AMERICA

Loaded With All Possible Haste
Cars Were Rushed to Seaboard
With Food for Boche Enemies.

"Had it not been for war emergencies which had to be met and which it was the purpose of federal control to meet, the \$2,000,000 deficit in railroad operations for the year 1918 could have been turned into a surplus."

This was the first assertion of W. G. McAdoo, former United States railroad administrator, in a recent New York address.

He used as illustration an incident which could not be revealed until the war's ending. It involved a great deficit-creating movement of empty freight cars in a wild rush westward. It required a fortuitous arrest of national commerce, except food, fuel and print paper—but it saved the war for America and her allies.

In telling of the adventures in railroad management, Mr. McAdoo gave high praise to Carl R. Gray, former president of the S. P. & S., and later of the Hill railroad system, who was director of traffic under the federal railroad administration.

HEROIC MEASURES NECESSARY

It was in February, 1918, the "black month of the allies," Mr. Gray represented the railroad administration in a conference with the ambassadors of Great Britain, France and Italy. A message from the prime ministers of the three powers was read. It showed that congestion of railroads and the lack of cars and coal had resulted in a shortage of 500,000 tons in the wheat supply of the allies.

The message stated what at that critical time would have caused wild alarm had it been published: "In the opinion of the prime ministers, the dearth of wheat, with the effect it may produce on the morale of the population, and the important part such a dearth played in the Russian collapse is well known. It is at present the greatest danger threatening the allied nations of Europe."

The rationing of the Italian army had been twice reduced, the rationing of the French army once. Starvation confronted the civil population of Europe. Deaf without wheat was inevitable.

After receiving this report, both written and verbal, from Mr. Gray, McAdoo ordered, he related, the greatest heresy in railroad management. He sent empty cars scurrying westward for food hunting distribution in Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

CRISIS IS Averted

"At that time the Pennsylvania railroad and all other trunk line railroads were so congested that no satisfactory movement of empty boxcars westward could be secured over their lines," he continued. "Regional Director Smith of New York, with unusual skill and ability, had kept the great New York Central artery open in spite of blizzards and other serious obstacles. He attacked the problem with energy, and a continuous stream of empty boxcars began to flow to Chicago, where they were taken by Regional Director Alshon and rushed into each grain producing center, loaded with all possible dispatch and rushed back to the Atlantic seaports with such effect that within 30 days the emergency had been met and the crisis was over."

HIGH TRIBUTES PAID

"I cannot pay too great a tribute to Carl R. Gray, director of operations at Washington; A. K. Smith, regional director at New York; R. H. Alshon, regional director at Chicago, and to the officers serving under them and to the army of railroadmen and women throughout the Eastern and Northwestern territory, who, with a patriotism,

courage and a devotion unparalleled, stood by their posts throughout the storm and blizzards of that frightful winter, suffering from exposure and overwork, but never complaining, and going forward with a heroism which matched that of our gallant men in the trenches and which, joined with their brought victory to American arms and glory to the American flag.

FAILURE IRRETRIEVABLE

"This successful operation under government control of the railroads saved the war for America and the allies, because a failure to meet the food crisis at that time would have been an irretrievable disaster. This great operation was carried through regardless of cost. To haul empty cars is always a costly and not a remunerative thing, and that is why every railroad man abhors the unnecessary handling of an empty car. And yet this incident illustrates what had to be repeatedly done during the period of federal control of the railroads, their operation for the purposes of the war and to win the victory over the kaiser regardless of cost."

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WORTH WHAT IT COST

"Wasn't it worth the whole \$200,000,000 deficit of the year 1918 to save the allied cause and to gain the credit of triumph over our enemies? At the time the armistice was signed, the expenditures of the government were \$60,000,000. The \$200,000,000 deficit represents only three and one-third days' expenditures of the government, and yet I venture to say that the \$200,000,000 expended on railroad operation produced greater results than any like amount of money expended by the government throughout the entire period of the war."

"This great feat was so quietly performed that the American people did not know that practically the entire commerce of the Eastern and Northwestern regions, with the exception of food and fuel and less than carload merchandise, print paper and paper pulp, had been arrested for a period of more than a fortnight. It may be said to the enduring credit of the American people that the inconveniences of that time were borne with a fortitude, courage and patriotism which are at once the credit and the glory of our democracy."

NEWS HELD NECESSITY

"You will observe that print paper and paper pulp were put in the same class with fuel and food. It was essential that the country should be kept well supplied with news, not only of the happenings of the day, but of the orders, directions and legislation of the government, so that the people could cooperate effectively in carrying out the necessary plans."

"On March 15, 1918, one month and one week after the meeting of February 8, I had the pleasure of addressing a letter to the representatives of Great Britain, France and Italy, informing them that loaded cars of food had accumulated to such an extent at the leading Atlantic seaports that it would be necessary to seriously consider an embargo against the food movement unless immediate relief in the way of ships could be afforded so that the cars could be unloaded and put back into the essential commerce of the country, where they were desperately needed."

Klamath Falls Will Have Steam Heating Plant Next Winter

Klamath Falls, June 7.—A modern steam heating plant capable of furnishing heat to six blocks of the business district of the city will be built here this summer and be ready for operation in October. G. C. Lorenz, head of the Klamath Heating company, is promoting the enterprise and an ordinance authorizing the installation of the plant and mains has been passed by the city council.

The venture is being financed by local capital and the cost of the plant is estimated at \$40,000. Sawdust and mill refuse will be used for fuel. Extension of the heating capacity of the plant is planned to keep pace with the demands of the business section.

Fifty French brides of American soldiers and sailors arrived at New York Friday on the transport Chicago.

PROPOSE TO RUN ROADS FOR WEEK WITHOUT ACCIDENT

Railroads in Northwest Join in
Safety Campaign for the Week
of June 22 to 28.

SAFETY MEETINGS ARE HELD

Each Individual Line Will Make
Separate Reports; Employees
Asked to Cooperate.

Employees of every railroad in the Northwestern region under federal control are going to join in an effort to operate these railroads from June 22 to 28, inclusive, without accident. These dates have been designated for the observance of "No Accident Week."

Each individual railroad will be recorded separately and there will be a spirit of rivalry between the various section and safety committees. The United States bureau of safety has entered request for the cooperation of every employee on the Northwestern lines in preventing accidents during "No Accident Week," so that the railroad administration, and through it, the entire United States may be shown that in the West railroad employees can operate first-class railroads for one week without an accident of any kind.

J. P. O'Brien, federal manager of the administration lines in Oregon, has asked the cooperation of every employee

of the O. W. R. & N., Southern Pacific lines north of Ashland, Pacific Coast railway and Northern Pacific terminal of Oregon.

It is the purpose of Mr. O'Brien to have the roads under his jurisdiction take the lead in the Northwestern competitive test. The accidents will be counted according to L. I. C. C. rules, that is, death or any injury to an employee sufficient to incapacitate him from duty for more than three days. All safety committees are urged to begin talking safety immediately.

According to the plans made for "No Accident Week," each individual railroad will be recorded separately. Each division, train operating district, roadmaster's district, shop, terminal, store, station, bridge and building gang, signal department and section and extra gang in the Northwest territory will be accounted for separately.

A steady decrease of accidents has been noted in the Oregon district since 1917 and it is the past experience of the railroad officials that a safety campaign starts the men thinking of the safe way and usually results in a long period free from accidents.

H. J. Bell of Chicago, regional supervisor of safety in the Northwestern district, held 17 safety meetings in Oregon in April, and during his stay here reported to Federal Manager O'Brien that a great improvement has been noted in the safe operation of the Northwestern railroads during the past year.

Casualties on the Oregon lines during April showed that 94.2 per cent of accidents were due to carelessness, either of the injured person or a fellow employee.

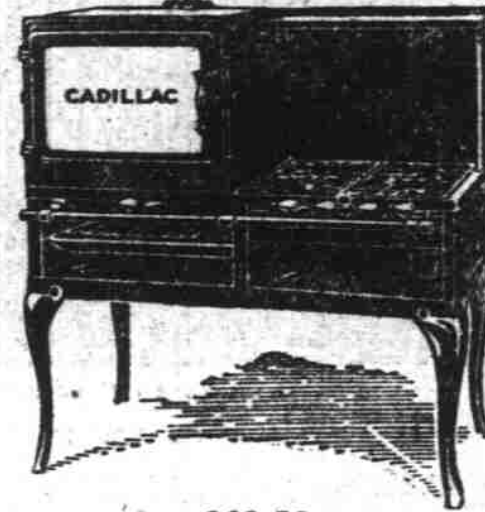
During June the following safety meetings will be held in this district: The Dalles, Roseburg, June 10; Albina terminal, Reth, June 11; Seattle, La Grande shop, June 12; Huntington, Pacific Coast railway, June 13; Brooklyn terminal, June 14; Albina shop, Spokane shop, June 17; Tekoa, Beaverton, June 18; Brooklyn shop, June 19; Ilwaco, Marshfield, June 20; Dallas, June 21; O. W., first division, June 23; N. P. terminal committee, June 24; O. W., second division, June 25; O. W., third division, June 26; O. W., fourth division, June 27; and S. P., Portland division, June 30.

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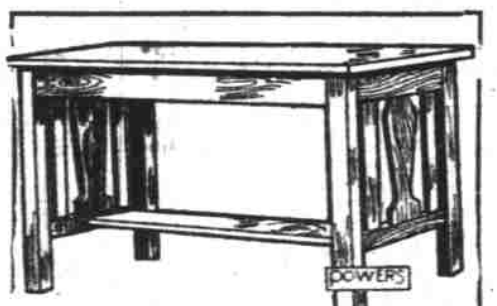
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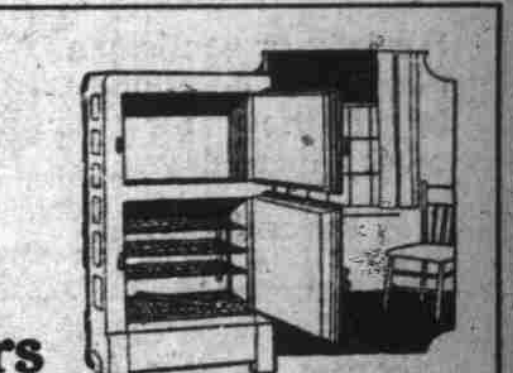
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