

RAIL EQUIPMENT COST IN YEAR TO BE \$610,000,000

(By United News)
Washington, Aug. 2.—Railroads are expected to spend \$610,000,000 for operating equipment to be delivered within a year as the result of the rate increase granted by the interstate commerce commission, it was stated authoritatively today.

This amount will purchase 80,000 freight cars, 20,000 refrigerator cars, 400 passenger cars and 200 locomotives, which the Association of Railway Executives officially informed the commission were the minimum immediate requirements to enable the railroads to meet transportation demands.

Railroads already have placed orders for \$144,000,000 worth of the equipment, anticipating that relief would be given by the commission as authorized by congress.

The commission granted practically all that was requested by the railway executives, with the understanding that the railroads would go ahead rapidly to remedy present serious transportation shortcomings.

The new rates, which approximate 31 per cent general increase, are aimed to enable the railroads to pay operating expenses, in addition to 5 1/2 per cent interest on property value, 1 1/2 per cent for improvements not yielding returns, together with a margin to permit fair return on new capital invested.

The new equipment must come largely from new capital, represented in loans, which are expected to come much easier following the rate decision.

Some of the things listed as necessary are: Six thousand miles of new line, 10,850 miles of automatic block signals, 13,177 locomotives, 15,000 miles of multiple main tracks, 30,000 miles of side yard tracks, 24,500 passenger train cars, 712,400 freight cars.

The National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, organized last week for the purpose of aiding railroads in obtaining capital, is expected to play an important part in the financing necessary for railroad rehabilitation.

Fir Tree Prevents Auto From Taking Drop Off Highway

Timely intervention of a big fir tree growing on the embankment just west of Crown Point prevented for J. L. Small and his automobile a drop of 100 feet off the Columbia river highway Sunday afternoon.

Small had parked the car near Crown Point and was backing out into the roadway when in some manner he struck a sign post, snapping it off. Before he could recover control, the machine had started backward. The fir tree was

about 10 feet down and this stopped further peril.

Establish Soviet Rule in Armenia in Wake of Red Army

Constantinople, Aug. 2.—(I. N. S.)—Local soviet administrations are being established in the wake of the Russian Red army which has invaded northern Armenia. It was reported in dispatches from the Russo-Armenian front today. The Armenian government is alarmed over the situation and is dismissing all Russian Armenians from office.

Hoquiam Logger Is Killed by Accident

Hoquiam, Wash., Aug. 2.—C. F. Stillwell, an employee of the Coats-Fordney company, was caught between two logs yesterday while at work unloading a car, suffered a fractured skull and died a few minutes after being taken to St. Joseph's hospital. Stillwell was 31 years old and leaves a wife and two small children. The family home is in Junction City.

Denver Car System Paralyzed by Strike

Denver, Colo., Aug. 2.—(I. N. S.)—Denver's streetcar traffic was completely paralyzed today following the strike of 1100 employees of the Denver Tramway company. The trainmen are demanding an increase in wages from \$8 to 75 cents per hour. Company officials announced they would attempt to operate the lines with imported strike-breakers tomorrow.

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AMERICAN FLIERS ALL WOUNDED IN FIGHTS FOR POLES

By Floyd Macgriff
London, Aug. 2.—(I. N. S.)—The entire Kosciuszko escadrille, made up of American aviators fighting with the Polish army, has been incapacitated in trying to stem the Russian

drive on Warsaw, it was announced today by Captain George Kelley, of Richmond, Va., a member, who is now in London on a curious mission for the Polish government.

"While none of the members have been killed since Edmund Graves, of Cambridge, Mass., was shot to death, practically all the members have been wounded or otherwise injured," said Captain Kelley. "It has been necessary to put the escadrille on the non-combatant list. We have been carrying out long bombing raids and reconnaissance for photographic work. Patrol duty was continuous and at times offensive raids took our men as far as 90 miles behind the front where we bombed troop concentrations, munitions depots and railways."

"Among the latest casualties was 'Tommy' Noble, of Boston, who was shot

through the elbow while patrolling. He lost his arm. Noble is a good air fighter. He was twice decorated and was mentioned in dispatches.

"Most of the members of the squad are in hospitals in Warsaw and Lemberg. We have all been decorated once and some of the men have been decorated more than that. There are plenty of medals, but we have been short of food."

"Not a single member of the squadron has been captured. Captain Merriam Cooper of Indianapolis, Ind., had a very narrow escape. His engine went dead in mid-air and he landed behind the Bolshevik lines to make repairs. Russian troops spotted him and were only 100 yards off, racing to capture him alive, when he took the air and escaped."

The Kosciuszko escadrille is headed by Major Cedric Fontenay of Chicago.

WILSON EXPECTED TO CALL LEAGUE

Washington, Aug. 2.—An official announcement from the White House that President Wilson has

issued a formal call for the assembly of the League of Nations to meet some time before November 15, is expected to be issued during the coming week.

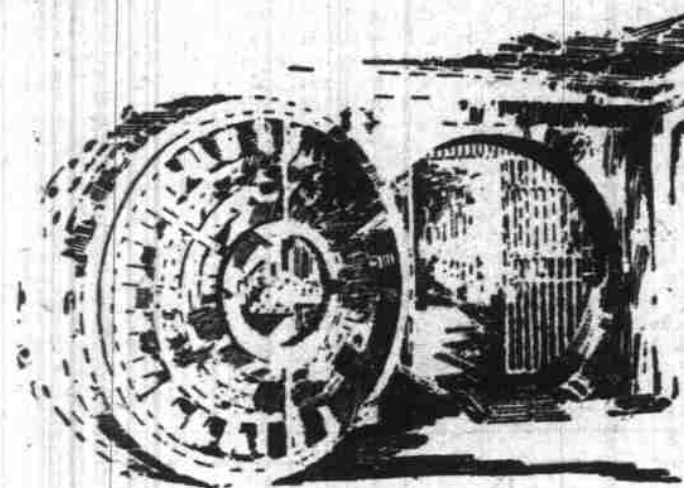
The call for the assembly would at this time impart an interest that did not attach to it less than two weeks ago. Questions have arisen on the initiative of the United States which attack the operations of Japan in the East and the operations of the English and French

interests in mandate territory formerly belonging to Turkey.

Both of these questions, it is said today, can be settled only by the insistence of the United States on its own rights. The theory of the state department is said to be that they are solvable best by the League of Nations, even though the United States is not a member of that body.

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To the People of Portland:

Do You Want to Pay More for Milk?

We are fighting against exploitation of the dairymen and you. We Want You to Know the Truth

Because we have refused to stand in with promoters and "financiers" of the dairymen's league to raise prices to illegitimate levels.
Because we have exposed the illegal practice of the league officials by which they are keeping milk off the Portland market to hold up prices.
Because we have exposed the fact that the cost of keeping this milk off the market is charged back to the farmer, thereby greatly reducing the price the farmer receives.

The league promoters, assisted by certain financial interests, are doing everything possible to fool the public and the dairymen by accusing us of their own illegal acts. They are even attempting to place upon us the responsibility of the advanced price July 1.

Here Are the Facts:

That advance was made because of the "club" he held over us and under the direct instructions of Alma D. Katz, the agent of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, and the president and promoter of the "Dairymen's League."

On June 16, 1920, at the hour of 10 A. M., at a meeting called by him and held in the office of the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York, room 418, Corbett building, this city, Alma D. Katz then and there instructed the representatives of the distributors, then present in response to his call, to advance the price of milk 1c per quart on July 1, the people of Portland and that the price to the dairymen was to be advanced 10c per hundred pounds. His attention was called to the fact that conditions in the country did not justify any advance at that time. THIS HE ADMITTED, but stated that to

satisfy his members HE MUST give them some advance now; that the league was going to have more for its milk; that he didn't care what anyone thought or said, the price must GO and he would not "stand" for any more milk commissions; that he was to get the price next winter he would demand the prices must now commence to advance to the people of Portland.

On June 17, the next day, Alma D. Katz telephoned the representatives of the distributors not to announce any change in price to the dairymen, but NOT TO FAIL TO ADVANCE

THE PRICE to the public 1c per quart, and that he would give us further instructions after the rush of the Shrine convention was over.

On July 7, after the price to the public had advanced, at a second meeting held in Mr. Katz' office, as above, he amazed the distributors by demanding an increase for his league milk of 60c, which would make the price \$3.80 per hundred pounds, only 10 cents less than the highest winter price heretofore prevailing, and stated that further ADVANCES WOULD BE DEMANDED in October.

Then and there the distributors decided they would not consent to pull Mr. Katz' promotion and financial "chestnuts out of the fire," and they refused longer to be climbed into submission by danger of having their supply cut off or aash in the exploitation of the people of Portland or the dairymen.

On July 17 the distributors finally broke all relations with the league officials, but are continuing to buy our supplies from all dairymen who desire to supply us whether a "member" of the league or a non-member.

We are paying the dairyman direct the full price for his milk and he is receiving at least 25c more per 100 than the league gave him. He is now receiving the full price and is not forced to submit to the large league "rake off" for its promotion and manipulation expenses.

We think our friends and customers—the people of Portland—will fully realize that it would have been easier for us to accept the league's unreasonable demands and merely pass them on to the consumer of milk by further advances in price.

But because we understood the terrible danger to the future of the city in allowing any special

interest promotion or financial group to gain control of Portland's milk supply, because we know of hundreds and hundreds of dairymen who by threats and the rankest kind of misrepresentation were induced against their wills and better judgment to join in this scheme—a **business promotion disguised as "co-operation."**

Because we know these hundreds of dairymen do not approve of the things being done in their name and are only kept silent by fear of the financial and legal power of these promoters, we are telling the truth to the people directly.

**There is a vital principle at stake and the truth must be told.
In our next statement we will explain the inner workings of this scheme.**

B. M. Gregory, Manager
Advertising Committee—
Portland Milk Dealers