

RAILROADS LAY BLAME ON WAR

Post-War Profiteering Held Responsible for Financial Difficulties

LOW PRICES ARE RELIEF

Iron and Steel Industry and Coal Mines Caused Distress

CHICAGO, April 22.—Wartime and post-war profiteering was held responsible for a large part of the financial difficulties of American railroads in an exhibit filed by the railway union before the railroad labor board today.

The two industries in which profiteering was most rampant were the iron and steel industry and the coal mines, according to W. Jett Lauck, economist for the unions who compiled the exhibit.

"A conservative estimate," he said, "of what this profiteering cost the railroads from 1916 to 1919 is seventy-five million dollars a year in coal bills and two hundred million for steel and iron products."

Prices in 1920 were increased to such an extent that the proportion attributable to profiteering was unquestionably much greater and would probably have totaled \$500,000,000, the exhibit continued.

"It must be understood that these estimates are thoroughly conservative and are based upon incomplete information.

"The railroads expended approximately \$700,000,000 for coal and \$1,210,000,000 for other materials and supplies in 1920, a total expenditure of about \$2,000,000,000. Since then there has been a decline in the cost of almost everything purchased by the railroads.

According to figures published by the bureau of labor statistics, there was up to February, 1921, a decline of 38 1/2 per cent in average wholesale prices of all commodities although the decrease in the cost of living in the same period was less than 10 per cent.

If, as the railroads claim, this recession is to continue, it will be only a comparatively short time before an average decline of 50 per cent will be recorded.

"It is plain what this would mean. The same amount of materials purchased in 1920 will cost one billion dollars less. Making no allowance for increased traffic and the consequent higher revenue at increased rates now in effect, railroad operating expenses would be reduced by this amount."

Earnings of 17 companies set forth in the exhibit showed that from an average percentage earnings of 7.9 in 1912, the percentage rose to 27.2 in 1917, declining to 17.2 in 1918.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSES TWO POOL HALLS

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of paint on the roof of the city hall was endorsed by the council last night. It was said that this was necessary for the preservation of the roof.

REBUILDING OF FRANCE OFFERED

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ever reparations proposals Germany may place before the allied governments will first be carefully considered in the light of their common interests. It will not be enough, it was explained, that the plan meets the approval of American students of reparations. Nor will the United States be sponsor for any plan suggested by Germany or assume any obligation which might prove embarrassing in bringing reparations proposals to the attention of the allies.

Copies of Secretary Hughes reply to the German memorandum requesting American mediation were sent today to American diplomats abroad and were furnished diplomatic representatives here of foreign powers for transmission to their governments.

The promptness of the American reply declining to act as mediator but offering to consider bringing to the attention of the allies any reparations proposals Germany might make, was commented upon favorably here.

Reports tonight indicated no prospect of lessening of the allied demands. Premiers Briand of France and Lloyd-George of England will discuss reparations Sun-

FAMOUS OLD CHARACTERS MOVED.



Stuff and Guff, the Siamese twins who have faithfully pounded out the time of day or night from their perch atop the famous Herald Building in New York for the last twenty-eight years, have moved. The two mechanical bronze statues were installed on top of the Herald Building, and every hour since have sent out faithfully the message of Father Time. The two figures with a statue of Minerva cost James Gordon Bennett over \$200,000 to erect. The figures are over nine feet in height and were imported from Europe. When the Evening Telegram, which was published in the same building as the Herald, moved to new quarters the figures were dismantled. Where the figures will be sent is not known, but one thing is certain, thousands of visitors to the city will now see the famous old bell ringers which made them stand atop the first time that they visited the building.

ANTI-ALIEN BILL GOES TO GOVERNOR

Nebraska Solons Make Five Year Limit on Land Ownership

LINCOLN, Neb., April 22.—Nebraska's anti-alien land ownership bill, as amended by the senate and accepted in conference, includes all aliens in its provisions forbidding the ownership by them of agricultural land for more than five years. The bill now goes to the governor.

The measure also prevents aliens from exercising majority rights of ownership through corporations controlled jointly by citizens and aliens. As originally passed by the house, it applied only to Japanese, Chinese and low caste Hindus. As amended by the senate, it applies to all aliens not specifically exempted by treaties.

OVER-REGULATION IS RAIL PROBLEM

Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Officials Ask Chance For Owners

SEATTLE, Wash., April 22.—"Over regulation" is the entire problem before the railroad companies today, declared R. M. Calkins, Chicago vice president in charge of traffic of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, who was here today on his annual inspection tour.

"With the interstate commerce commission and federal laws on one side and the rail labor board on the other, the railroad men are being hampered by rubber stamps," said Mr. Calkins. "The lines want to run their own business but not necessarily with a free hand."

"Over-regulation spells the entire problem. Everybody has been running the roads the past few years—now let the railroad men have a chance. They must, with the alternative of going into bankruptcy."

"The railroad men built the great roads and had prosperity with lower rates than are now in effect and there is no reason why this condition cannot be restored," Mr. Calkins left today for Chicago.

Irish Elections Are Announced for May

DUBLIN, April 22.—Official indication that the Irish elections will not be postponed but will be held in May was contained in an official notice in tonight's Dublin Gazette. Nationalists of all shades of opinion, both north and south, and another unionists, desire to hold the elections soon. The southern unionists desire postponement. For the northern parliament Eamonn De Valera is a candidate in County Down against James Craig.

HELENA, MONT., APRIL 22.—If the United States government, or the bondsmen, want Olin B. Anderson of Kalispell, Mont., one of the I. W. W. convicted on a charge of obstructing the draft during the world war, delivered at Chicago, or the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, they will have to hurry and get transportation expenses in his hands.

I. W. W. IS BROKE.

HELENA, Mont., April 22.—The chamber of commerce here today forwarded to James V. Crichton, local agent of the federal shipping board, a request that the shipping board rate on lumber shipments for the orient from this district be reduced from the present figure of \$15 a thousand feet to \$10, to correspond with the new rate now in effect from Seattle on similar shipments. Seattle and Portland are in separate districts under the shipping board, while the Seattle headquarters is maintaining the \$10 rate the San Francisco headquarters which governs Portland, has declined to acquiesce therein.

Sundoggers Win From Oregon Men

SEATTLE, April 22.—The University of Washington baseball team won its first Pacific coast conference game here today by defeating the University of Oregon 8 to 1 on Denny field. Gray of Oregon had the Sun Doggers tangled until the third when Washington scored a run on two hits. In the fifth Washington scored five

HEALTH NURSE GIVEN SUPPORT

Tri-County Medical Association and Other Societies Approve Work

Expressions in favor of retaining the Marton county health nurse, which will come up before the county court at the May meeting, have crystallized during the past week into several definite endorsements by leading county organizations, indicating that county-wide delegations will be present to boost for the people's nurse before the court.

A public endorsement of the nurse was made by the Tri-County Medical association Tuesday, following an address by Miss Cecily Schreyer, of the state bureau of nursing. The association also voted to appoint a committee to meet with other representatives at the May court to assure those present that the health work of the nurse has the hearty support of the medical profession.

The County Federation of Women's clubs, which assembled at Jefferson Thursday, went on record with a motion that pledged the support and endorsement of the federation for the retention of the nursing service. Several delegates spoke of the value of the nurse's community work.

Mrs. Sadie Orr-Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, speaking for the plan, was given a warm reception Thursday evening at the Silverton meeting of the Federated Community clubs. While it is not the policy of the federation to make public endorsements, a resolution was made to community clubs that representatives, supporting the nurse, be sent to the court hearing.

The Butteville sessions of the county Grange today will be attended by Miss Schreyer, who has been invited to explain the plan of retaining the nurse's work under county support, following the six months free demonstration by the Oregon Tuberculosis association through Christmas seal sale funds.

COAST LEAGUE

At Portland— R. H. E. 5 7 2
Late 4 10 2
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Gould, Thurston and Lynn; Sam Ross, Kallio and Baker.

At Seattle— R. H. E. 2 14 2
Sacramento 12 14 2
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Fittery, Jones and Elliott; Gardner and Spencer.

At San Francisco— R. H. E. 2 7 2
Los Angeles 4 11 2
Oakland 4 11 2
Dumovich, Lyons and Stange; Seibold and Koehler.

At Los Angeles— R. H. E. 5 9 2
San Francisco 4 11 2
Vernon 4 11 2
Scott and Anfinson; Love and Hannah.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

At Pittsburgh— R. H. E. 6 10 3
Pittsburgh 6 10 3
Luque and Wingo; Zinn and Schmidt.

At New York— R. H. E. 1 6 1
Philadelphia 2 5 1
New York 2 5 1
Caussey and Bruggey; Barnes and Smith.

At Brooklyn— R. H. E. 2 6 0
Brooklyn 4 7 1
Oeschner and O'Neill; Mitchell and Miller.

At St. Louis— Chicago-St. Louis postponed; rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

At Cleveland— R. H. E. 7 17 2
Cleveland 7 17 2
Kulp, Palmero, Burwell and Seaward; Billings; Caldwell, Oldenwald, Uble and O'Neill.

At Philadelphia— R. H. E. 4 4 2
Philadelphia 11 13 3
Hoyt, Ferguson and Schang; Rommel and Perkins.

At Chicago— Washington-Boston postponed, rain.
Chicago-Detroit American, postponed, rain.

Reduced Rate on Lumber to Orient Asked

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A SCULPTOR BY ACCIDENT.



Arthur G. Morgan, a sixteen-year-old sculptor from Louisiana, has astonished art circles by his wonderful works in clay. One day while target shooting near his father's farm near Baton Rouge, he conceived the idea of making an image of the Kaiser to shoot at instead of the common pigeons that he heretofore had used. Using red clay, he made an excellent conception of Wilhelm. Instead of throwing it away he brought it home. During the course of a few weeks a friend of his father, deeply interested in art, came upon the likeness of the Kaiser and at once wanted to take the youngster where he could study the art. This happened four years ago. It was not until two years later that Arthur went to New York to study under Gutzon Borglum. He is now working on a bust of Dr. Simon Baruch. It is only the second bust that he has sculptured from life. By many he is regarded as a prodigy. In the picture he is seen modeling Mr. Baruch.

WINTER WHEAT IN GOOD CONDITION

Idaho Reports Crop Of Apples and Prunes Safe From Frost

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The condition of winter wheat is excellent in most states, according to the weekly domestic crop review of the bureau of crop estimates. Some damage from the recent cold in the Atlantic states and some fields in Eastern Kansas were said to be showing yellow.

Spring wheat seeding was said to be practically completed in South Dakota and parts of Utah and Wisconsin. Some hay land in Idaho is being seeded to spring wheat.

Although fruit in general was said to have been severely injured by cold weather, Idaho reported the commercial crop of apples and prunes untouched.

Deportee From Mexico Arrives at Laredo, Tex.

LAREDO, Tex., April 22.—Lino E. A. Gale, an American who recently was deported from Mexico for radicalism arrived here tonight and was turned over by immigration officials to military authorities at Fort McIntosh.

RETAIL CLOTHIERS IN TIGHT PLACE

Dealers Face Another Season of Losses Instead Of Profits

WASHINGTON, April 22.—President Harding was told by Andreas E. Burkhardt, president of the National Association of Retail Clothiers today that the position of the retailer is now "extremely precarious" and it is a question as to how long retail business can exist under prevailing conditions.

The conference was arranged with the president at the request of Mr. Burkhardt who said he desired to refute the statement in the recent report of the federal trade commission that retailers are reluctant to take losses on merchandise purchased at peak prices. He told the executive that the dealers are facing another season of new losses instead of net profits.

Bids for 10 Highway Projects Are Opened

PORTLAND, Ore., April 22.—Bids for 10 miles of state highway work were opened by the state highway commission at a meeting

NEW PITCHER TO THROW SUNDAY

Lund Arrives For Game With Albany—Speas Releases Six of His Players

"Red" Lund, a new acquisition of the Salem Senators, will be on the mound for the Salem team Sunday when Albany comes for a game if the weather permits. Lund is an ex-leaguer who dropped out of big time temporarily during the war and took up other employment, but thinks he may work back into big company. Edwards, who already is a favorite with the Salem fans, will be at the receiving end of the battery.

Billy Speas' Regina club of the Western Canadian league, which was here two weeks for training, but which was unfortunate with the weather, entrained yesterday for Tacoma where the Regina boys will play two exhibition games before going into Canada.

Before leaving Salem Speas released six members of his squad. They were Baker, Brandon, Selvan, Renning, Parks and Finn. None remained to affiliate with the Senators.

HOUGH CASE MAY GO TO JURY TODAY

Arguments of Attorneys To Jury Occupy Entire Day

SPOKANE, Wash., April 22.—Arguments of defense and prosecution attorneys to the jury occupied all of today's proceedings in superior court at the trial of Jay E. Hough, former bond broker, charged with first degree forgery in connection with the alleged signing of Teel, Oregon, irrigation bonds. Attorney V. W. Tust, a special prosecutor, presenting the state's case to the jury, was still on the floor when the court adjourned late this afternoon.

Attorney Tustin, in opening his argument, declared that the whole argument of Defense Attorney W. H. Plummer was "fabricated out of a maze of falsehoods." Mr. Plummer in closing his defensive argument charged that the prosecution was attempting to "railroad" Hough to the penitentiary, and that the prosecution had "covered up evidence favorable to the defense."

No time limit has been set on arguments but it is expected Attorney Tustin will close the state's case sometime early tomorrow.

75 ATHLETES ARE ENTERED IN MEET

Some of Best Sprinters On Coast Will Compete

SEATTLE, Wash., April 22.—Relay teams representing nine universities and six high schools of the Pacific coast were arriving here today for the second annual relay carnival to be held tomorrow at the University of Washington stadium. More than 75 athletes, including some of the best sprinters on the coast, are entered in the events.

The University of California, University of Southern California and University of Montana teams were among the arrivals today with the teams of Whitman College, Washington State, Oregon Agricultural college and University of Oregon expected to arrive early tomorrow.

University officials announced the cinder path and field at the stadium are in perfect condition for the contest.

CHINA FRIENDLY SAYS U. S. ENVOY

Refusal to Ratify Peace Treaty Viewed With Approval

CHICAGO, April 22.—Expressing the hope that the United States will soon take a more prominent part in Far Eastern affairs, Alfred S. So, the Chinese minister to the United States, declared in an address here tonight that his country is more friendly to America than to any other nation.

Referring to the award of Shantung to Japan under the Versailles treaty, he said that the Chinese view Shantung as the Christian world look upon Palestine, and that therefore "the refusal of the United States senate to ratify the peace treaty has called forth innumerable expressions of appreciation throughout China."

"We feel that American participation in Far Eastern affairs means the spread of democratic ideas, the putting into effect of the policy of equal opportunity

SWEET POTATO GUM

Every time a person puts a United States postage stamp to his lips he tastes the sweet potato gum with which the stamps are backed. This gum is made from that succulent vegetable because Uncle Sam's lieutenants consider it the most harmless preparation of the sort.

All of the gum used on American postage stamps is mixed by the government at the bureau of engraving and printing, where the stamps are made. It is spread on the sheets after the stamps have been printed.

The government makes two kinds of postage-stamp mullage. If one could see the packages of stamps as they come to the post-office ready to be sold one would find them labelled, according to season, "summer gum" or "winter gum." The former is much the harder of the two and was devised some years ago to keep the stamps from getting too sticky in warm, moist weather.—The Lutheran.

Classified Ads. In The Statesman Bring Results

Advertising Irresistible
IF THERE IS one enterprise on earth that a "quitter" should leave severely alone, it is advertising. To make a success of advertising one must be prepared to stick like a barnacle on a boat's bottom. He should know before he begins it that he must spend money—lots of it. Somebody must tell him that he cannot hope to reap results commensurate with his expenditure early in the game. Advertising does not jerk; it pulls. It begins very gently at first, but the pull is steady. It increases day by day and year by year, until it exerts an irresistible power. —John Wanamaker.

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