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Railroad Report

THE interstate commerce commission is the real governing body of the railroads of the country now, it and Joseph Eastman, federal coordinator of railroads, and the RFC which is acting as railroad banker today. So the annual report of the ICC is of interest to railroad managers, workers and owners, to shippers and to the general public.

The feature of this depression with railroads is that they suffer more acutely because of the competition they are forced to meet. The commission report refers to this; and in its comments on its own inability to order a general rate reduction refers to the cutting of rates to meet competition.

These facts stick out now when organized railroad labor is renewing its drive for a six hour day without reduction in rate of pay, for pensions and other improvements in working conditions. One is not unfriendly to the brotherhoods when he points out that before such increases in costs may be borne by the roads they must have increased incomes.

Regarding railway freight rates, the commission report does correct the general impression that rates continue at wartime levels. According to the commission, the average rate per ton-mile is now 22 per cent under the 1920 peak.

A Co-op Colony

ARTICLES of incorporation were filed last week for a local cooperative colony. The idea is intriguing. Experiments along the same line have been made in the past many times. Some flourished for a time and then disbanded.

There is nothing to prevent such a colony from getting started. The times are favorable for experiment. Lands are available at low cost, living is cheap, there is a great surge of sentiment toward a new deal which will divide up the whole income among the entire group.

\$250 is required from each one who joins the proposed colony, which seems reasonable because initial capital will be required. Many communists think the thing to do is to have a grand revolution with bombs and killings.

Mayor LaGuardia struck a snag when he asked for extraordinary powers to consolidate departments in New York city in order to balance the budget. The governor of the state wrote him a 2500 word letter, which much has been just "no" repeated that many times.

Here's a fresh offense. Harry Hopkins, relief administrator, fires the governor of Georgia from CWA and calls him a "headline hunter". Since when did the hands of NRA, AAA, ETC. shun the headlines themselves? Not since wartime have editors been under such a barrage of government publicity from the various propaganda bureaus.

Speaking of deep-sea locks at Bonnaville, Oregon democrats wired Jim Farley to lend a hand, warning him the president's wishes for the river are not taking "concrete form". That's what we thought was taking place, putting his ideas into concrete form, with Fort land cement.

The New York auto show opened Saturday with the biggest attendance in many years. From the pictures of the new models people should be curious. Some of the streamlining is so extreme that a person meeting one on the road is apt to think the world cock-eyed.

Souvenirs From Russia



Health Bits for Breakfast

By Royal S. Copeland, M.D. By R. J. HENDRICKS

Final bloody chapters of Rogue River and coast Indian wars; Chief John, who fought to bitter end. (Continuing from Sunday:) The council was not a friendly one. It was evident that if the Indians surrendered they had in mind the idea that their seeming acquiescence would be merely a gesture to enable them to recuperate for later raids.

The other chiefs, however, after much argument, consented to give up their arms on the 26th near Meadows, and to allow themselves to be escorted, a part by Capt. Smith to the Grand Rond reservation, by way of Fort Lane, and the remainder to be escorted by other military officers to Fort Orford, thence by sea to the reservation.

On May 26th, as agreed upon, Smith was at the rendezvous with his 80 dragoons to receive them. That they failed to appear on that day did not give him much uneasiness, the weather being stormy and the mountain trails slippery; but during the evening two Indian women brought him the warning that he might expect an attack from Chief John on the following day, and hastened to change his camp from low ground to higher, and to dispatch a courier to Col. Buchanan for reinforcements.

The changed position placed the camp on an elevation oblong in shape, between two small streams entering the river from the northwest, and with an open surface of about 250 by 50 yards; the south side difficult of ascent, the north side still more abrupt, the west barely approachable, while on the east the ground sloped gently. Directly north of this mound was a similar one, covered with trees, and within rifle range. Between the first knoll and the river was a narrow strip of bottom land known as "The Meadows."

The night of the 26th was a busy one for the soldiers, occupied, without sleep, in moving camp and preparing for battle. Early on May 27th the Indians appeared in a considerable force on the north knoll, and directly 40 warriors approached up the eastern slope to Smith's camp, declaring that they had come to lay down their arms, asking to see the captain in person; but Smith knew enough of their plans to avoid being seized by them, and directed them to deposit their arms at a spot outside the camp.

As this was observed and understood by the 40 warriors, and could be seen from the north knoll as well. Finding Smith ready to fight, and that they would not be allowed in camp with arms in their hands, the Indians attacked about 10 o'clock, charging up the east and west slopes at once, being repelled by the howitzer on one side and by rifles on the other, when they sought the cover of the trees on the north mound.

Successive charges were made during the day. Chief John thundered forth his orders in the voice of a stentor, and so clearly that they were understood in Smith's camp. Not being able to come up by the east slope on account of the howitzer, nor the west on account of the riflemen, the savages made continual attempts to get into camp by esplanade at the more precipitous sides, keeping the dragoons busy to prevent it, they being, too, at a disadvantage on account of the inferiority of their muskets to the rifles of the Indians.

A number of the attacking party rolled back to the bottom of the cliff, to amass dragoons no more. Rifle balls from the north mound compelled the soldiers to use the dead bodies of horses as barricades; but no entrance to camp was effected. Thus passed the long day of the 27th. The night was spent in directing, without the proper implements, rifle pits, and erecting breastworks. This was the second night the command had passed without sleep, food, or water.

On the 28th the Indians renewed the attack. To fatigue was added the torture of thirst, it being impossible to reach water without imperiling the command. The wounded and the able men were alike suffering—a circumstance observed by the Indians, who called out frequently, "Mika has ticks chuck?" (You very much want water?) "Ticks chuck?" (Want water?) "Halo chuck, Boston?" (No water, white man!)

To this taunt, they added another (referring to Capt. Smith's hanging the Indians found roaming with arms in their hands), that they had ropes for every trooper, the soldiers not being worth the ammunition it would cost to shoot them; and occasionally a rope was dangled over the breastworks with the invitation to Capt. Smith to hang himself, in fairly good English.

(Capt. Smith had told John at the council ground in answer to his defiant utterances: "We will catch and hang you, sir; but if you go on the reservation you can live in peace. Do you see those wagons, blankets, clothes, horses? You will have everything good, plenty to eat, peace. If you do not come, do you see that rope, sir?") So John, when he had the rope, retorted: "Hello, Captain Smith! You go on the reservation? Hi! Hi, eh? (a great many wagons, good traveling); hi! hi (many things); hi! hi m-u-c-k-a-m-u-c-k (plenty to eat); hi! hi clothes (plenty to wear); wake clatawa reservation (if you do not go to the reservation), take lopi, Capt. Smith; do you see this lopi, Captain Smith?"

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"KNAVE'S GIRL" By JOAN CLAYTON



CHAPTER FORTY-SEVEN There was an instant of silence. Patricia's eyes blazed in the pelior of her face. One hand was pressed against her heart. "You won't," she whispered. "I'm sorry, Patricia, but I most certainly will."

"I know all about your kind of love," she told him, attempting to seem scornful and remote, but only sounding frightened. "You know nothing about my kind of love. I've never loved a woman before as I love you. Don't you understand, Patricia? I'm offering marriage. I want to marry you."

MRS. WEDDLE AGAIN EXCHANGE OPERATOR

SCIO, Jan. 8.—Directors elected at the annual meeting of the Scio Mutual Telephone association Saturday are E. C. Shelton, M. O. Arnold, Ed Stepanek, V. E. Shelton and Mike Bllyeu. The first two are president and vice-president, respectively. Frank Bartu, Jr., and the Scio State bank were retained by the directors as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Ladies Attend Monitor Meeting

VICTOR POINT, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Phillip Fischer, Mrs. J. C. Krens and Mrs. O. W. Humphreys attended the joint meeting of agricultural and home economic committees of the granges throughout the county, held at Monitor Wednesday, Mrs. O. W. Humphreys who has been chair-

"I know all about your kind of love," she told him, attempting to seem scornful and remote. "I'm not trying to spoil your life. I'm trying to save it for you."

His expression baffled yet undeterred, "if I can't have you, neither can Clark Tracy."

"You're making phrases." "I'm telling you the truth." "But, not all the truth. His face was dark with anger. "You have got your mind on Clark, haven't you?"

SCOTT'S MILLS, Jan. 8.—Some from this vicinity attended the annual meeting of the Marquam Co-operative Telephone association held at Marquam Saturday. Albert Groshong was re-elected president, John Pina re-elected secretary, Louis Pina re-elected treasurer, and Eric Larson was re-elected operator and manager.

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