

HE United States senate has ordered a general investigation
of the railroad situation. covering maintenance costs. effi-
ciency of operation, traffic statistics and means whereby 10 effect a reduction in freight and passenger rates. The present
The move is timely and in the right direction. rates are burdensome and are checking industry. The peope
are entitled to know what is the matter and to secure the facts
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it will be necessary to have an inven
impartial.
The cry of the railroad managers has been that high wage
Thate are responsible. The average businessman has accepted that
statement as correct and there can be no doubt that high wages to ramirroad w.
of operation.
1 operation. But that is not al of the story. There are other things wrong. The railroad workers organization in mass of statistics deensing that the railroads have been paying too much for coal and too much for steet. The figures presented were compile by technical men who apepar to have known what they are
about. These figures raise suspicion that some men who dominate transportation have been more interested in steel corporation profits and coal company proits than in reducing ralroad
expenses. It is a plausible situation because the shipper and the traveller pay the railroad expenses. If they are being $r \mathrm{rs}$ it is time the facts were ascertained.
The situation comes home with especial emphasis to the peo-
ple of the Columbia basin country because we have here a source of power that is superior to coal and it is going to waste. It is
said that last year the railroad coal bill reached over $\$ 700,000$.000 . The O. W. R. \& N. Co. and the Northern Pacific use part of this coal and the shipper pays the bill. Why do that when
power from the Umatilla rapids could be made to move every power from the Umatilla rapids could be made to move every
wheel on the $O$. W. R. \& N. system and leave plenty of power
for for other industrial purposes and for the reclamation of a vast tilla rapids is worth at the minimum $\$ 5,000,000$ annualiy. Why saerifice this power and use expensive coad from water power ad-
served for the benefit of regions remote former served for the bene use coal burning locomotives when electric locomotives do the work of three fuel burning locomotives?
If the senate committee studies the problem aright it will learn a lot that will not be ment union employes. It is time some of these things were or theing learned if we are to get railroad rates down to the point
where they should be. where they should be.

> WHO WON THE WAR?

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 TIS now announced that the Berlin government is willing to pay an indemnity of 50 billions. The demand of the allieshas been for a sum approaching 57 billions. If Germany can pay a 50 billion dollar indemnity over a period of 40
years it is obvious that a 57 billion dollar indemnity would not be impossible. Tnerefore the present controversy involves more
than anything else the question of whether the terms of settlement are to be dictated by the allies or by Berlin. Being of the ure. They have not forgotten Belgium nor the German ravages in northern
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