

RATES NOT YET DOWN IS CLAIM

Commerce Commission Points Out Need For Further Freight Tariff Reduction

Washington, Dec. 8.—Hope is expressed by the interstate commerce commission in its annual report today to congress that a "substantially lower" level of railroad rates and fares would be possible with an exception in the volume of traffic following the business depression and "with a further adjustment of operating costs in harmony with prevailing tendencies."

Freight rates following war time increases and some later readjustments have not reached an equilibrium, the commission says, because the chief factors controlling them, "the value of service and the cost of transportation still are in a state of flux."

The report is for the year ended October 31. It discloses a total of \$430,000,000 has been ordered paid to the railroads under the government guarantee against loss during the first six months after their return to private ownership and that there is still due an estimated \$105,000,000. Out of 677 carriers entitled to guarantee payments, the commission says, 547 have filed claims totaling \$18,600,000, but payments of only \$53,600,000 have been held justified. No statement was made with respect to the difference between the roads' summary of their losses during the six months and the government's findings. The roads which have not yet filed claims for losses, the report adds, are short lines and the total will be "relatively small."

The commission issued during the year certificates allowing roads to issue stocks and bonds for \$1,715,000,000, the report says. The commission points out, however, that this total represented for the great part refunding operations.

Discussing railroad earnings the commission says the carriers' income and expenses reflected the unsettled industrial conditions, and that despite the conditions of their reduction working conditions by a half million men, a lowering of the costs of materials and cuts in employees pay, net earnings have not reached a rate of six per cent on the value of the properties determined for the United States as a whole. The six per cent net earning rate is that recognized by congress in the transportation act as a fair return on the invested value.

The commission asks congress to reconsider section 28 of the merchant marine act authorizing differential rail rates on shipments of commodities for export in American bottoms, declaring that the ultimate effect "may be merely to divert traffic from certain ports to others with little or no gain in tonnage for United States vessels." Operation of this section of the law has been suspended by

agreement between the shipping board and the commission.

Other recommendations are: Enactment of a law providing for the punishment of any person offering or giving a bribe to an employee of a carrier with intent to influence his action or with respect to car service and proving for the punishment of the guilty employee.

That the use of steel cars in the passenger service be required and that the use in passenger trains of wooden cars between or in front of steel cars be prohibited.

Amendment of the interstate commerce act so as to clearly provide whether and, if so, how voluntary consolidations of carriers may be effected pending ultimate adoption by the commission of a complete plan of consolidation.

School Directory Being Distributed

The official directory for the schools of Oregon issued annually by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction is now being distributed. This bulletin contains the school statistics for all districts having more than one room, giving salaries paid, number of pupils enrolled and special tax levies. It also contains a list of the school clerks for the districts, as well as rules and regulations governing the standardization of high schools and a list of the standard high schools in the state together with much statistical information regarding them.

Highway Head Named
Duluth, Minn., Dec. 8—E. J. Filiault, of Duluth, was elected president of the Theodore Roosevelt International Highway association last night. E. A. Cox, of Lewiston, Idaho, was named first vice-president.

Tigard Votes Road Tax.
Tigard, Or., Dec. 8.—At the road meeting last week Tigard voted for the 10-mill special road tax. This is to be applied to the improvement of district roads.

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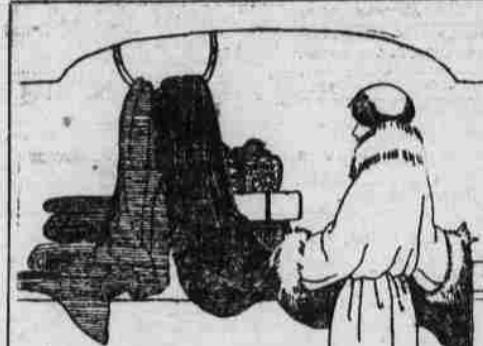
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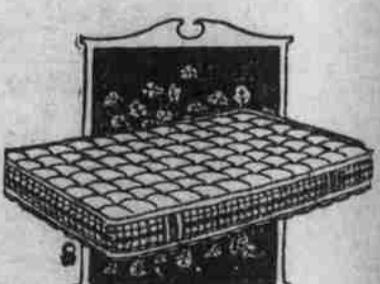
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