

# BRITISH EXPERT LAUDS RAILROADS OF UNITED STATES

## Tells Congress Committee That They Lead World.

### NO GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

It Would Mean Political Control and Loss of Efficiency—Declares That Crisis Confronts Country on Account of Transportation Situation—Lowest Freight Rates to Be Found in United States.

Washington, D. C.—That the United States is face to face with a serious crisis in its commercial affairs, due to the conditions by which its transportation system is confronted, was the opinion expressed by W. M. Acworth, England's leading authority on railways, before the Newlands joint committee on interstate commerce at a special session held here to enable the committee to hear his views before his departure for London. Two steps are necessary, according to Mr. Acworth, to avert this crisis and to solve the threatening railroad problem confronting the country.

The first is to allow the railroads to charge freight rates sufficient to meet the great advance in operating expenses which is taking place and to enable them to command the credit necessary to provide the extensions and improvements needed to meet the growing demands of business. The second is to do away with the multiple and conflicting systems of regulation that now hamper railway operation and to provide one centralized regulatory agency with such local subdivisions as may be necessary.

Higher Rates a Public Necessity. Mr. Acworth's views on the transportation situation in the United States were expressed in answer to questions by members of the committee, who asked him to apply his knowledge of railway conditions throughout the world and of the experience of other countries with government ownership to the present problem before the United States.

"The fundamental factor in the situation is very simple," said Mr. Acworth. "It lies in the fact that you cannot get three-quarters of a cent's worth of work done for less than three-quarters of a cent, no matter whether the agency performing it is a government or private enterprise. Freight rates must advance when the cost of performing the service advances as it is doing at present, just as the price of bread or meat or any other commodity increases with increased cost of production."

In answer to a question Mr. Acworth said that he thought American freight rates had been at much too low a level for several years past, that they had reached this low point during the period of cutthroat competition among the roads and had since been held there by regulating bodies. Unless relief were afforded to the carriers very promptly, he said, the result would be a tremendous loss to the people of the whole country through insufficiency of transportation facilities.

Weakness of Government Ownership. On the subject of government ownership of railways Mr. Acworth said: "It is impossible to obtain satisfactory results on government railways in a democratic state unless the management is cut loose from direct political control. Neither Australia nor any other country with a democratic constitution—perhaps an exception ought to be made of Switzerland—has succeeded in maintaining a permanent severance. In France, in Belgium, in Italy, parliamentary interference never has been abandoned for a moment. The facts show that government interference is a means of running the railways not for the benefit of the people at large, but to satisfy local and sectional and even personal interests."

Prussia, Mr. Acworth said, was the best example of an efficient government railway system, and he pointed out that military considerations were treated as of paramount importance in the Prussian railway system. While American freight rates had been reduced nearly 40 per cent in thirty years, rates in Prussia were nearly as high as at the beginning of the period. While the charge for moving a ton of freight one mile in the United States was a trifle over three-quarters of a cent, the rate in Prussia was 1.41 cents.

As illustrating the difference in rates between government and private roads Mr. Acworth compared the railways of New South Wales, Australia, with those of Texas. While the amount of traffic to each mile of line was about the same in both cases, he pointed out, the Texas railways performed for the public four times as much service as the government owned roads of New South Wales. The charge in Texas for hauling a ton of freight one mile was less than 1 cent, while in the Australian state it was well over 2 cents.

### Local News Items

The best show at the Gem tonight  
Walter L. Toozie, Jr., Lawyer  
Dallas, Oregon.

Mrs. Dave Grant and son were  
in Dallas Monday.

Miss Edith Montgomery went to  
Salem Wednesday.

Mr. Thompson and Hal were in  
Portland Thursday.

Mrs. Droege and Norman were  
in Dallas Saturday.

Grandma Starr is visiting her  
son Harry this week.

Miss Clara Sampson was visit-  
ing in Dallas Tuesday.

Walter Nichols of Sheridan was  
in the city last Sunday.

Oregon Champion Gooseberries  
for sale. F. K. Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Fry of Dallas  
were in town last Sunday.

Chas. Trimble and wife came  
from Oregon City Sunday.

Mrs. Nellie Sears and Sybil  
Wilson attended the Rose Fair.

Miss Mary Hammond was a  
Dallas visitor Tuesday afternoon.

Luella and Opal Ward and Ma-  
ble Otte were in Dallas Saturday.

S. G. Wood and wife visited at  
Dallas Saturday night and Sun-  
day.

Mrs. Dale Bell and Miss Rose  
Magee were visiting in Dallas  
Tuesday.

Several attended Mr. Miller's  
violin recital at Dallas Tuesday  
evening.

Harold and Dorris Chapman of  
Dallas visited Miss Hammond last  
Saturday.

Miss Hammond entertained her  
pupils Friday afternoon of last  
week to a picnic.

Mrs. R. E. Chamberlain returned  
home Saturday from a three  
weeks visit at Amity.

O. Aurland and wife left Thurs-  
day for eastern Oregon. They  
will make the trip by auto.

Fresh Bread, Cakes, Cookies, Pies  
and other bakery goods, every  
day, at the Falls City Bakery.

Mrs. O. P. Driggs and children  
from Gaston are visiting at F. E.  
Driggs' for a couple of weeks.

Rev. Hansen arrived last Satur-  
day from Montana and will  
take charge of the M. E. Church.

N. N. Christy is laying 'off this  
week with a badly twisted knee.  
He slipped while at work on the  
log pile.

J. A. Bowman had the misfor-  
tune to get his little finger badly  
mashed Wednesday while work-  
ing at the mill.

Al Brown received a Mogul  
tractor Monday which he will use  
for ploughing and general work  
on the farm.

Charles Norris left last Sunday  
for Marshfield where he has a  
position as bill clerk for the rail  
road company.

Mrs. Newman and daughter  
Hettie and Iva left for Idaho Mon-  
day. They have been here during  
the past year.

A lot of Dallas high school stu-  
dents passed through here Mon-  
day on their way to Black Rock  
for an outing.

There was a small blaze discov-  
ered in the dry kiln at the mill  
Tuesday but Manager Smith's  
fire-brigade soon extinguished it.

DON'T FORGET the private  
sale of household goods, furniture  
stoves, rugs, etc., now on at the  
residence of W. A. Persey.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Boughey of  
Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh  
Small of Silverton were guests of  
Miss Mary Hammond Friday.

E. A. Sayre, a former resident  
of this city but now of Monmouth,  
was here Thursday shaking hands  
with friends. He looks hale and  
hearty.

Mr. and Mrs. George Chamber-  
lain, Dee Chamberlain and Mrs.  
R. E. Chamberlain made a trip to  
Albany Saturday evening return-  
ing Sunday evening.

Mrs. Frank Hippock has re-  
turned from a six weeks trip to  
California. She was accompanied  
home by her mother who will  
make an extended visit.

Rev. Edgar Long and wife left  
Friday morning for Salem, and  
Woodburn where they will attend  
the quarterly conference of the  
Free Methodist Church.

J. R. Moyer who has been con-  
fined to the house the past two  
months was down town Wednes-  
day. We hope to see him a regu-  
lar visitor at the postoffice again.

Richard Paul is among the  
wounded. Last week while work-  
ing on the pond he fell on a log  
striking his side on a knot. He  
continued to work, however, until  
Monday when he slipped giving  
it a severe wrench completely  
separating the bones. He says  
that he can feel the ends of the  
bones grate together. Not a very  
pleasant sensation.

### BUELL'S MILL BURNS

The Buell saw mill, located two  
miles north of town was destroyed  
by fire Thursday night. The fire  
is supposed to have started from  
the furnace.

### JOIN THE NAVY

Lester and Roy Bowman left  
Sunday for San Francisco where  
they will join the navy. Lester  
will enter the pharmacy depart-  
ment and Roy the wireless.

### FAREWELL PARTY

A farewell party was given by  
Miss Margurete Dorman Saturday  
evening, June 9th in honor of Miss  
Grace Hastings who is leaving for  
her home at Pedee.

Games of various kinds were  
played. A dainty lunch was serv-  
ed by the hostess. At a late hour  
they bid Miss Hastings good-bye  
and departed for their homes.

Those present:  
Margurete Dorman, Grace Hast-  
ings, Evelyn Johnson, Hettie  
Newman, Margret Sammons, Vel-  
ma Goodspeed, Mabel Teal, Treval  
Powers, Everett Estelle, Loyd  
Miller, Eldon Frink, George Wag-  
ner, Jamss Bohle.

### M. E. CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday School 10:00  
Morning Worship 11.

AFTERNOON  
Junior League 3:00.  
Epworth League 7:00.  
Evening Service 8:00

WEEK-DAY SERVICE  
Gospel Chorus 7:30 p. m. Tuesday  
Prayer Meeting 8, pm Wednesday

The new parlor of the Metho-  
dist Church is anxious to meet  
everyone. You are cordially invit-  
ed to help boost the services of the  
church by your presence and inter-  
est. Let us endeavor to keep up  
the interest during vacation  
just as much as possible. There  
will be special music next Sabbath  
both morning and evening. Come  
and enjoy the services with us if  
you are not attending elsewhere.  
Services at Black Rock next  
Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

A. F. Hanson,  
Pastor M. E. Church.

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### "THE TIE THAT BINDS"

Ma pa is a Hard Shell Baptist  
My ma is a Campbellite;  
My sister Sue is a Methodist,  
While I'm a Catholic Knight.

Our creeds all differ widely,  
We can't all see the same;  
But to say that we only differ,  
Would be putting it rather tame.

Ma nags pa, pa fusses at ma,  
And I "have it" with sister Sue;  
The way we get our religion mixed,  
Would puzzle an Irish Jew

I have a Methodist "girlie,"  
Sue has a Catholic beaux,  
But if they don't join the Woodman,  
We are going to let them go,

We don't mind mixing religion  
For we are used to that, you see,  
There's only one lodge good enough  
For my sister Sue and me,

Pa wields the gavel in our lodge,  
While I watch the inner door;  
And ma she reads the minutes  
Of the meeting we had before.

But we always 'chuck' the hatchet,  
When we meet on Tuesday night  
While working for our Order,  
And forget our religious fight.

—Swiped.

### Future Melting Pot of the World.

Argentina bids fair to be the future  
melting pot of the world. Of her  
9,000,000 people more than half are  
foreign born. During her history she  
has received over a million Italian im-  
migrants, a half million Spaniards, a  
sixth of a million French and a quarter  
million in other nationalities. Buenos  
Aires is the most cosmopolitan city in  
the world, not even excepting New  
York.—Dan Ward in World Outlook.

### Fancy Gardening.

It is a fancy of Chinese gardeners to  
plant statuettes of tiny men firmly in  
pots, just like real plants, and then to  
train live evergreens to grow up over  
these statuettes. The vines thus form  
a kind of robe for the statuette men,  
their white faces and hands protruding  
from out the greenness.—Argonaut.

### Oh!

"The little son of the hostess is  
mighty ugly, isn't he?"  
"Do you think so?"  
"He certainly doesn't take after his  
mother. Must look like his father."  
"His mother says he does. I'm his  
father."—Houston Post.

### Cheap Enough.

"Oh, John, the baby has swallowed a  
dime!"  
"Well, this diet isn't expensive, as  
food goes, but I doubt if it's nourish-  
ing."—Boston Transcript.

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