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AFFIRMS RAILROADS SHOULD BE GROUPED

EXPERT WANTS LIMITED NUMBER OF COMPETITIVE SYSTEMS IN COUNTRY

GIVE COMMISSION MORE POWER

Says Investors Must Support Systems But No Money Should Come From the Government

Philadelphia, Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—That the government should proceed promptly with the formulation and publication of plans for the grouping of railroads into a limited number of competitive systems of comparatively equal strength, was the suggestion of Emory R. Johnson, dean of the Wharton school of finance and commerce of the University of Pennsylvania, and widely known transportation expert, while discussing the railroad problems before the American Philosophical society here today. Railroads, he added, should be encouraged in every way practicable to carry out these plans for consolidation.

"Any discussion of the transportation problems now confronting the American people," said Dr. Johnson, "must be based upon the assumption that railroad transportation can be successfully developed only by adhering to private ownership and operation. If the people of the United States become discouraged or bewildered and adopt government ownership, American railroads will gradually pass into a state of coma, and over industry will slowly come a creeping paralysis.

"The outstanding problems of the hour in connection with railroads include: 1st, the necessity for the federal control of both intra and interstate railroad rates; 2nd, the consolidation of railroads in accordance with a plan worked out by the interstate commerce commission; 3rd, the federal incorporation of all railroads engaged in interstate commerce and the consequent subordination of the railroads as corporation to the United States government; 4th, the development of executive machinery for the construction regulation of railroads and for the development of a unified system of transportation by railroads, highways, waterways, and possibly by airways.

"The cost of operation and of extending the railroads must be brought down, and this can be accomplished only: 1st, when the railroad executives regain control over the management of their business, and 2nd, when the costs of supplies, equipment and new plant are made as low as moderate profits on the part of producers will permit. This reduction in the cost of railway supplies, equipment and plant may be expected to accompany the return of industry to more normal conditions.

"The revenues of the carriers must also be maintained. The hampering laws and commission rulings of the several states as to intra-state rates must give way whenever the laws

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BOYS, LOOK AT HIM!



Every boy at some time or other has cherished an ambition to be a drum major. Here is the gorgeous drum major of the Welsh Guards band, attached to the court of King George of England. He is shown in his picturesque state dress uniform.

LOAN FAVORED FOR CATTLEMEN

Says Governor of Federal Reserve Board Has Spoken for Credit Legislation

Chicago, Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—Legislation directing that the secretary of the treasury turn over \$100,000,000 of the profits of the Federal Reserve bank to the Federal Land banks to be loaned on stock cattle to assist the cattle producers, has been recommended by W. P. G. Harding, the governor of the Federal Reserve board, said Everett C. Brown, president of the national live stock exchange. This would enable a multitude of stockmen who might otherwise be forced out of business to continue production, said Brown.

J. G. Minnik and wife are in the city, having come from Klamath Falls to make their home here.

GREEK ARMY VICTIM OF SUPPLY PROFITEERS

New York, Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—Old second-hand war material dumped into Greece after the armistice upon which profiteers made a fortune is the cause of the reverses lately suffered by the Greek army in Asia Minor, according to Dr. Barton W. Brush, of Elmhurst, L. I., who has just returned from service behind the Greek front with the Near East Relief.

"All the left-over war supplies for which the European countries had no further use after 1918 seem to have been sold to the Greeks in the past three years, and that is all the Greek army has to fight with," Dr. Brush declared.

"In the past three years vast fortunes have been made in Greece out of army supplies, and now the Greek soldiers are paying for it."

NEW WAR STAFF IS HEADED BY GEN. PERSHING

SECRETARY WEEKS ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR FIELD ORGANIZATION

SEPARATE FROM CHIEF OF STAFF

Will Take Charge of Strategy and Tactics During the Time of War. Weeks Makes Plan Known

Washington, Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—The organization of a war staff headed by General Pershing, to take charge of field operations in the time of war, has been announced by Secretary Weeks. General Pershing's organization will be separate from the office of chief of staff, which will direct the military establishment in time of peace. Pershing's staff will concern itself entirely with problems of strategy, tactics and war organization.

Portland, Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—Cattle and sheep, steady; hogs, weak; eggs, slow; butter, steady.

Partial Clean-up

Dr. Planagan was on the street this afternoon displaying to a few friends a pickle bottle full of placer gold, the results of a partial clean-up at the Planagan mine. He also had a good sized package of amalgam or refted gold, the total amounting to nearly \$2000. Lester Briggs is operating the mine.

20 Pounder Taken

That the royal chinnock is taking the spinner is attested by the 20-pound fish caught by Sam Stinebaugh at an early hour this morning. A spectator helped him gaff the salmon after a 15 minute battle. Charles Adair took a 15-pounder about the same time. A fish a day before breakfast is the regular thing these days.

Irrigation Case Up

The circuit court has before it today the trial of the case of the Grants Pass Irrigation district against Turner & Augenstein, in which the district seeks to condemn a right of way for a ditch line through the property of the defendants. In a previous arbitration covering the gravity canal Turner & Augenstein were awarded \$400, which amount was paid by the district. The present action is to widen this ditch by a couple of feet, and to get right of way for the high line canal through the upper corner of the vineyard. The district, as shown by the testimony introduced today, offered Turner & Augenstein \$150 additional for this right of way, but in their defense in the court today Turner & Augenstein place the amount which should be awarded them at \$2500. The amount of acreage involved is less than two acres.

GERMANS NOT TO PAY MEDIATION ASKED

Berlin, Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—The German government has formally asked the president of the United States to mediate in the reparations question. The appeal pledges Germany to accept mediation without reservations and to fulfill absolutely any award President Harding may make after investigation. A note embodying the request was forwarded Wednesday by Loring Dresel, American commissioner in Berlin.

Washington, Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—President Harding and Secretary Hughes discussed the German reparations note today.

Paris, Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—The German government has refused to transfer the gold reserves of the Reichsbank to the Coblenz and Cologne branches of the bank, as demanded by the reparations commission, it was announced here today.

HAYWOOD FLEES SENTENCE IN PENITENTIARY

CONVICTED UNDER ESPIONAGE ACT BUT LEAVES ON EVE OF TERM

ARRIVED IN RIGA APRIL 16TH

New Trial Recently Refused I. W. W. and Others Sentenced at the Same Time

Chicago, Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—Federal officials today received the information that Wm. D. Haywood, secretary of the Industrial Workers of the World, who was scheduled to begin his sentence at Leavenworth prison this week, had fled from the United States and is either in Moscow or Riga. Haywood's attorney said that he had sailed April 1st and landed in Riga April 16th. He also said that he thought that Haywood was on a personal mission and not fleeing from penitentiary sentence. The supreme court recently refused a new trial to Haywood and other I. W. W.'s convicted under the espionage act. District Attorney Clyne said a search had been started for Haywood.

New York, Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—

The American civil liberties union today issued a statement saying it was informed that Haywood was on his way to attend an international trade union conference in Moscow in June, but would return as soon as it ended to begin his sentence.

Grandmother Asks Custody

Mrs. Nora Wallace, of Chrisman, Ill., yesterday swore out a warrant for Alice Marie Wallace, her granddaughter, and C. W. and Mable Graham, stepfather and mother of the child. The warrant was served today at the Graham home, near Merline, and the plaintiff and defendants are now in court. Mrs. Wallace was formerly awarded custody of her granddaughter by a court in Illinois at the divorce of the mother, now Mrs. Graham, who, she alleges, brought the child with her to Oregon a year and a half ago without authority. Mrs. Wallace again seeks custody of the child.

NORTH ITALIAN DISORDERS SPREAD

Rome, Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—Disorders in which extreme nationalists and communists have been engaged in northern-central Italy have spread to the southern provinces, says the Epoca today.

MOON IN TOTAL ECLIPSE TONIGHT

The moon will disappear tonight into total eclipse. The phenomenon will be the only lunar eclipse visible in the western part of the United States this year.

At 8:57 o'clock the moon will begin to enter the outer shadow of the earth, and will pass into the real shadow, or umbra, at 10:03. The eclipse will be total at 11:23, and will remain so until 12:05. At 2:32 a. m. the moon will be entirely out of the penumbra, or outer shadow.

Engine Not for Irrigation

The pump of the city fire station made a run to the city park this morning to drain the well in the auto camp ground, but found that the 20-foot drop to the water level necessitated priming. As this was impossible the engine could not be used.

HAS THE SHORTEST NAME



Here is the man with the shortest name in America, if not in the world. He is sixty years old and lives in Owensmouth, Cal. Friend readers, meet '54' Ow. That's all—only four letters.

FIELD MILLIONS NOT FOR MARSH

Son of London Chorus Girl Loses Wealth Left to His Alleged Father by Marshall Field

Springfield, Ill., Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—Henry Anthony Marsh, the reputed son of Henry Field, of Chicago, and the London chorus girl Peggy Marsh, is not entitled to inheritance of any of Marshall Field's millions, the Illinois supreme court decided today in ruling that Marshall Field's will specifically exempts from inheritance any illegitimate offspring.

LOS ANGELES FEELS EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

Los Angeles, Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—An earthquake shock was felt at 7:37 this morning. No damage resulted from the quake.

AUTOMOBILES STILL KEPT OUT OF BERMUDA

Hamilton, Bermuda, Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—Renewed efforts to enact a law permitting the use of automobiles in Bermuda have been made this spring by members of the Bermuda assembly.

These islands have held out thus far against what is considered a "dangerous innovation," but there is a strong party for rapid transit.

The chief opponents of automobiles are American winter residents and tourists. Mrs. Vincent Astor, of New York, who has been occupying a residence on Hamilton harbor for the past two seasons, sent a letter to the local newspaper objecting to their introduction on the island.

As this colony has only a little more than 19 square miles of area, visitors do not regard motor transport as a necessity. Since the island of Nantucket admitted automobiles, this is about the only civilized place from which they are barred.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE RECEIVE POLISH LAND GRANTS

Warsaw, Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—Nine American members of the Kosciuszko air squadron, all soldiers of fortune, recently were awarded 40 acres of land each, near the Polish-Russian frontier as outlined by the Riga peace treaty.

All officers and soldiers of the Polish forces are being provided with tracts along Poland's eastern boundary, under a system worked out by the government, provided they take up cultivation of the land upon leaving the military service. By this plan, Poland hopes to have trained men settled permanently where they

CHARGE HARVEY APPOINTMENT WAS "REWARD"

SEN. HARRIS SPEAKS AGAINST CHOICE OF HARDING AS AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN

DEMOCRATS MAKE ACCUSATION

Says Appointee's Attack on Wilson Is Comparable to Hell Hounds in Milton's Works

Washington, Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—Senator Harrison, democrat, of Mississippi, charged today in the senate that the appointment of George Harvey by President Harding as ambassador to Great Britain was a "reward for his efforts" to discredit the Wilson administration. Harrison said that Harvey's pursuit of Wilson was comparable only to Milton's "Hell hounds stationed at the gates of the infernal regions."

ENGLISH HOUSE OF LORDS DISCUSS "DOG SMUGGLING"

London, Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—Dog smuggling by airplane has arrested the interest of the house of lords which recently devoted part of an afternoon to a discussion of the subject.

The pampered toy-dog was roundly excoriated by a number of their lordships, Lord Willoughby de Broke supporting Lord Bedislowe in a demand that "such useless brutes" be excluded from the country.

It was pointed out that it is an easy task for a person to smuggle the small lap dog into the country in a muff or basket.

NEW SWIMMING TANK TO OPEN AT O.A.C.

Corvallis, Ore., Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—Official opening of the new swimming tank at the Oregon Agricultural College here has been set for May 15. A special swimming meet and exhibition will be held.

Louis (Happy) Kuehn, holder of the world fancy diving title and Clarence Pinkston, high diving champion, are students at the college here and are expected to bring many swimming honors to the school.

SOUTH AMERICAN COAST TO COAST RACE MAY BE RUN

Santiago, Chile, Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—The first coast to coast automobile race in South America will soon be attempted between Buenos Aires and Santiago, according to plans now being completed by the newspapers El Mercurio of this city and La Nacion of the Argentine capital.

A route several hundred miles south of here has been suggested since the mountain passes directly east of Santiago, through which the trans-Andean railway is laid, are closed to automobile traffic owing to perpetual snows.

DOMINION LAW WILL HELP TO STOP WHISKEY SMUGGLING INTO THE U.S.

Burlington, Vt., Apr. 21.—(A. P.)—Smuggling of whiskey across the Canadian border into Vermont will be virtually restricted after May 1 to the small supply that may trickle in through satchels, bootlegs, and hip-pockets, in the opinion of prohibition agents here.

On that date a Dominion law limiting each purchase of whiskey to a single quart becomes effective. While beers and wines flow freely north of the line, United States officers do not anticipate any flood on this side because profits in these light liquors are too small to tempt the rum-runners.

Recent seizures have indicated a concerted effort to rush large stocks

of whiskey into the state before the Canadian one-quart limit is enforced. Automobile traffic, formerly the principal underground source is less used nowadays, but now and then a loaded car is seized.

Most of the shipments, however, have been made by freight car in recent months. False sides had been built into lumber cars and whiskey in large quantities concealed in the skillfully constructed bins. Spirits have come across the line also hidden in hay, grain, potatoes and shipments of a similar nature.

Capture of liquor cached in freight cars however, is more or less a matter of luck and this is the chief reason for the use of this means