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The Car Shortage Problem.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Car shortage and traffic congestion are more serious now than they ever have been in the history of this country. Already a number of schools in the Northwest have been forced to close because coal shipments could not be had. Business all over the United States is being injured vitally by the existing conditions, and remedy must be had quickly, if chaos in commerce is to be prevented.
The foregoing statement was made today by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Franklin Lane, who, with Commissioner James S. Harlan, arrived in Chicago over the Pennsylvania road from Washington on the way to Minneapolis, where a hearing will be given the railroads and shippers of Minnesota today.

"When you come to think of the freight-car problem, it is one of the biggest in this country," said Mr. Lane. "Do you know that the average speed of freight cars is only 23 miles a day? Just think of it! With the big business interests of Chicago and other cities crying out for more cars, the 'empties' are leisurely making their way across the country.
"Something is wrong, or this condition would not exist. If the average speed made by a freight car is only 23 miles a day, we might as well have the old wagon trains and oxen back. They made as good time as that, and there were no rates or rebates or wrecks. What is the cause of this state of affairs? Well, that is for us to find out, and we hope to do so in a very short time.

Mr. Lane said the railroads evidently were not alone at fault, as many complaints had been made that the shippers and consignors were responsible for much of the traffic congestion. As an instance he pointed to the conditions in Texas.

"It is a fact," he said, "that there are at present 4000 cars in Galveston waiting to be unloaded. They are standing on the tracks, impeding traffic, hurting business and drawing censure to the railroads. The result, however, is more disastrous for Texas than for other parts of the country, as many of the railroads are absolutely refusing to let their cars go to that state. And, as for Galveston, that city may go up against a car famine in a few months that will be remembered for years.

"The situation in Galveston is similar in many respects to that in other cities. It is alleged by the railroads—and whether their allegation is correct I am not prepared to say—that many of the big consignors leave their goods in the cars month in and month out because it is cheaper than paying storage on them.

"The railroads have ruled that when goods have remained in a car a certain length of time the consignors are charged \$1 a day thereafter. As this is much cheaper than storage the loaded cars are left on the side tracks for months at a time.

"Now, if this is the case, as the railroads allege, part of the traffic congestion and car shortage is caused by the very people who are howling against poor freight service. Of course, this will all be investigated, and if it is really a fact, it will have to be stopped at once.
"We have had a number of investigators working in Chicago and vicinity for several months, and the facts they have obtained probably will be presented at the hearing the last of the week."

Mr. Lane said a number of commercial organizations had suggested and advocated a reciprocal demurrage law that would compel the railroads, in the event of unusual delay, to make good the damage.

Washington, Dec. 18.—That President Roosevelt has taken a determined interest with a view of finding legislative remedy for the car shortage in the Northwest, which now threatens the people with freezing and starvation because the railroads are unable to transport fuel and food to them, was indicated by a conference at the White House today.

The President sent for Senator Hansbrough and asked him whether the actual danger of suffering is as great as has been reported by press dispatches and telegrams from individuals.

The North Dakota Senator replied that from dispatches he had received the statement of conditions, in his state, Minnesota and South Dakota has not been exaggerated.
The President promised to give the question his personal attention with a view to alleviate suffering.

Colorado Breaks its Banks

Yuma, Arizona, Dec. 10.—Once more the entire Colorado river is flowing into the Salton Sink, and Imperial and Coachella valleys are once more menaced by rising waters. The main line of the Southern Pacific must again be moved to higher ground, unless the water can be brought under control.
A thousand people in Salton basin must lose their homes, including 20,000 acres of farming lands, the Southern Pacific must build 200 miles of new main line, and irrigation about Yuma must be abandoned. The government Laguna dam irrigation project may become an impossibility. At a conservatism, not less than \$25,000,000 of present values are at stake upon the success of the efforts to close the break.

What is known as the Hind dam was thrown across the new channel, and an earth dike was built up parallel to the river for ten miles, mainly in Mexico. On the Arizona side of the river is the government dike. Three days ago water found its way through both dikes, flooding large areas. This was thought to be serious, but was not considered critical until last night, when the water developed a distinct channel, and this morning disclosed the fact that the entire river had found its way around the Hind dam into the channel from which it was just barred. The dam is uninjured.

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Equal to Occasion.
Mrs. J. R. Bunch of Coos River turned a trick a short while back, that many men would not be able to do, when she went to the husband's bear trap one morning while he was away and found that a good sized black bear had been caught. The got a rifle, killed the bear and had him dressed, much to the surprise of Mr. Bunch, when he arrived home.
Mr. Bunch states that one can get plenty of bear in the neighborhood in which he lives if one has time to get out and rustle a little. —Times.

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Bishop McCabe Dying
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Changes Are Recommended.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—Recommendations for changes in the naturalization, expatriation and passport laws and regulations of the United States were submitted to congress today by a special committee designated by the state department to investigate the political law in accordance with the request from the house committee on foreign affairs. The committee consisted of Dr. David Jayne Hill, United States minister to Netherlands, James B. Scott, solicitor, and Gailard Hunt, chief of the passport bureau of the state department.
The status of American women marrying foreigners is defined; citizenship of minor children is made clear, and a provision is made for the expatriation of American citizens who live abroad indefinitely. Under the present law a man once an American citizen is always an American citizen.
The result has been many perplexing international difficulties, especially in Turkey, where many men who have American naturalization papers demand the protection of the United States.
If the recommendations of the committee be enacted into a law, this country will be practically upon the same basis as England is now, and will be able to terminate American citizenship of persons who live outside the country.

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