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## MILLIONS INVOLVED IN RAIL DECISION

Federal Valuation of Roads  
for Rate Making Based  
on 1914 Costs.

Washington, D. C.—Federal valuation of railroads for rate-making and all other purposes will be based upon costs, prices and wages prevailing during 1914 rather than upon the much higher levels of later years, a majority of the interstate commerce commission decided.

Railroad officials, saw in the findings, which were handed down in sustaining the government's attempt to collect excess income from the St. Louis & O'Fallon railroad, a decision which may sway the computations attached to railroad property by billions of dollars.

"We are dealing here with one small railroad," said the majority opinion written by Commissioner Meyer. "Nevertheless, what we do in this case we must in principle do for all the railroads of the United States."

As the first effect of the sweeping policy outlined, the St. Louis & O'Fallon company was ordered to pay to the government within 90 days \$226,478, this amount being half the excess earnings the commission decided that it had in the years 1921 to 1924, inclusive. For other carriers the prospect is now clear that demands for excess earnings in amounts many times as great will be forthcoming from the government, though the final payments will not be met until the litigation is carried to the supreme court for confirmation or rejection of the commission's policy.

## D'AUTREMONT ENTERS PLEA OF NOT GUILTY

Medford, Or.—Hugh DeAutremont, 33, jointly charged with his fugitive twin brothers, Ray and Roy DeAutremont, with participation in the Siskiyou tunnel train robbery and resultant death of four trainmen October 11, 1923, stood in the circuit court at Jacksonville and in a firm, clear voice, without the slightest show of emotion, answered not guilty to four indictments charging murder in the first degree.

The date of the trial, set for Tuesday, April 12, was postponed until Monday, May 2.

The district attorney was given one week in which to designate on which indictment DeAutremont would be brought to trial. The grand jury of Jackson county alleged in four indictments that with his twin brothers he was implicated in the murders of Sidney Bates of Dunsmuir, Cal., engineer; Marvin Seng of Ashland, fireman; Coyle Johnson of Ashland, brakeman, and E. E. Daugherty of Ashland, mail clerk.

## CHICAGO ELECTS THOMPSON

Mayor Dwyer Secured Re-election by 83,072 Votes.

Chicago.—William Hale "Big Bill" Thompson, republican mayor of Chicago from 1915 to 1923, was elected to that office for the third time.

Thompson, who conducted his campaign with a slogan of "America first," won over Mayor William E. Dever, democrat incumbent, in one of the bitterest and most closely contested elections in Chicago's history. Dr. John Dill Robertson, who ran as an independent, offered no serious opposition.

The final result in complete returns from Chicago's 2384 precincts were: Thompson, republican, 83,740; Dever, democrat, 429,663; John Dill Robertson, independent republican, 51,209.

Nearly 1,000,000 votes were cast. These figures gave Thompson a plurality of 83,072.

Questionnaire Up to Oregon Assessors  
Salem, Or.—County assessors of the state will not be required to use the so-called confidential questionnaire or any other report in administering the tax assessment law enacted at the last session of the legislature, according to a decision reached at a special meeting of the state tax commission here. It was made plain by members of the commission, however, that the county assessors would be expected to comply with the provisions of the new law and that any discrepancies or unfair property assessments would be corrected by the tax commission.

Coolidge Wrist Sprain Is Rheumatism.  
Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge has recovered from rheumatism in his right wrist which has curtailed his White House handshaking the past few weeks. What was at first believed to be a sprain or strain was diagnosed by Dr. W. S. Bajer of Baltimore as "old-fashioned rheumatism," to use the president's words.

## SMALL NUMBER PAY MOST OF INCOME TAX

Tax Returns Indicate an Increase in the Number of Millionaires.

Washington, D. C.—More than 95 per cent of the individual income tax collections are paid by 39 of 1 per cent of the country's population, while 82 per cent of the people pay no income tax.

This is disclosed in an analysis of the effect of the 1926 revenue act, based on the returns for the calendar year 1925.

One of the significant features of the analysis is the singular increase in the number of persons paying taxes on incomes of more than \$1,000,000. This number jumped to 207 in 1925, comparing with 75 in the preceding year and 74 in 1923. Seven persons paid taxes on incomes of more than \$5,000,000, reaching an aggregate tax of \$61,382,863.

The number of individual returns under the new law, dropped to 3,964,000, a falling off of 3,250,000. Of those making returns, however, a large number had no taxable income.

The total tax collection was 6 per cent greater under the 1926 law, in the face of a total net income \$4,500,000,000 less than that of the preceding year, and of lower tax rates.

Fifty per cent of the corporations in Oregon last year paid taxes totaling \$3,058,780 on an aggregate net income of \$27,312,251, according to statistics of income for 1925. Of the 8727 corporations in Oregon which have taxable status, 2323 reported last year that they had received net income during 1925, while 2859 others reported no net income and a combined deficit of \$16,348,051 instead.

The statistics for corporations in the state of Washington showed that 5153 corporations paid \$4,790,360 in taxes on net income for 1925 of \$61,326,522, while 4614 corporations reported a total deficit in 1925 of \$28,512,015.

## MEXICAN BANDITS KILL MINE ENGINEER

Washington, D. C.—Murder of Edgar M. Wilkins, American mining engineer, by Mexican bandits, at a time when the killing last September of another American, Jacob Rosenthal, still is an unsettled diplomatic case, has given a new twist to the already disturbed relations between the United States and Mexico.

Official report to the state department from Consul Dwyer at Guadalajara that Wilkins' body had been found was followed immediately by instructions to Ambassador Sheffield at Mexico City to make urgent representations concerning the murder to the foreign office.

Dwyer reported that Wilkins had been dead four days, having apparently been slain when the bandits, hard pressed by federal troops, became convinced they would not collect the \$20,000 ransom they demanded.

## GOVERNOR FILLS VACANCIES

Patterson Names Members of State Fish and Game Boards.

Salem, Or.—Appointments of members of both the state fish commission and state game commission were announced by Governor Patterson.

The new fish commissioners are John C. Veatch of Portland, Chris Leinenweber of Astoria and Fred P. Kendall of Portland.

The new game commissioners are I. N. Fleischner of Portland, Matt Corrigan of Corvallis, L. A. Wright of Unifon, M. A. Lynch of Redmond and Ben Dennis of Eugene.

Mr. Veatch served as a member of the state fish commission under ex-Governor Pierce but recently resigned. Governor Patterson declined to accept his resignation and he will continue in office until the expiration of his term on June 1.

London Protests to China.

London.—The government Tuesday cabled to Sir Miles Lampson, British minister to China, the text of its note to the nationalist government protesting against the anti-foreign disorders at Nanking. It was understood that the Japanese government also had cabled a note to Peking and that American, Japanese and British notes would be presented soon, probably simultaneously.

## Coolidge Revokes Oil Transfer Order

Washington, D. C.—The contested order of President Harding, transferring naval oil reserves to the interlop department, under which Secretary Fall made the Doherty leases, has been revoked by President Coolidge. The legality of the Harding order has been attacked in the government suits to regain from E. L. Doherty the Elk Hills reserve and in the Sinclair oil suits.



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## DUST VS. LIGHT

The more dust, the less light. With ordinary electric fixtures a three weeks' accumulation of dust in a modern city will reduce the illumination by ten per cent, according to Prof. H. Lingenfelter, eminent German illuminating engineer.

Where indirect lighting is used, dust will cut it down forty percent in three weeks, he says.

In a series of experiments Prof. Lingenfelter has established the relation between the cost of cleaning

lamps and fixtures in industrial plants and the cost of light saved. He finds that maximum efficiency will be produced if lighting equipment is cleaned every ten days, and that the cost of this periodic cleaning will be made up by the light saved.

The American Institute of Electrical Engineers makes four suggestions for the general improvement of illumination both in homes and in work places:

All electric lamps and reflectors should be washed with soap and water at every third or fourth cleaning. Burned out or blackened lamps,

should be replaced with new lamps of correct size and rating. Ceilings and walls finished in white or light gray reflect more light than those of other colors.

In work places, some reliable employee should be made responsible for the maintenance of the lighting system, and should have authority to see that this work is done.

Milk is prevented from sticking to the bottom of the pan when heated by rinsing out the saucepan beforehand with a little hot water.