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PAYING THE COST OF WAR

War is a monster with an insatiable appetite for lives and money and the fruits of industry.

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not only consumes food and wealth. While women and child- powers of observation. ren are starving and freezing cries, catches ducks by diving below all over the world war ships and them, locates an opossum in a tree by submarines are sending to the marks on the bark or by the flight of bottom of the ocean countless the action of birds and follows a bee thousands of tons of food and to its store of honey fuel and other supplies of which however dim, in sand, on rock or in the world is in such dire need.

tion and destruction must be ornment. If by future genera. Geographic Magazine. tions it will mean great issues of interest-bearing bonds which will mean an intolerable mill- Messages They Carry Are Packed In stone hung about the necks of generations yet unborn for, in the last analysis, war bonds world.

comes and excess profits which. It demanded, and consequent the chancellor of the exchequer At first the message was merely declares, will not only pay the rolled up tightly, waxed over to pro-deally cost of war but will not tect it from the weather and then atdaily cost of war but will pay inched to a feather in the bird's tall. off all war indebtedness within But it was soon found that the twine forty years. These taxes are which kept the missive in place cut or drawn, to a great extent from order to prevent it from being pecked the wealthy classes-from those by the pigeon and from being injured incomes above what is necessary small goosequill two inches in length. Transportation is practically the only The quill was then piercet close to commodity in general use that has not the greater the income the great- not to split it, and in the holes waxed the past twenty years, freight and paser the proportionate tax rate, the strongest tail feather. By attach-All profits above a reasonable log the message to this part of the return on the investment are bird's body its flight was not in any taken by the government to pay the cost of war. England's working people are better paid. The natives of Australia are ingenand are living better today than tess. A black on discovering emus ever before and while the bulk not head with an enu skin, allowing of the masses who are giving up it to haug down well on the side totheir lives are drawn from that ward the unsuspecting birds. In his class the financial burden is shin a boomerang and one or two placed on the wealthy thus, in a throwing sticks or "wnddles." Then

while the bond-holders clip cou-HIGH COST OF LIVING pons and draw down interest. If it is financed by a direct graduated tax on incomes and on excess profits the wealthy The question before the coun-

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try is whether we shall follow the plan advocated by Wall street profit takers who are generally tooking out for the "main EXPENSES UP, RATES DOWN chance' or that which is advocated by President Wilson and which has been tried and not Wasteful and Conflicting Regulations

will be compelled to pay the bill

found wanting by the British government.

MARVELOUS HUNTERS.

The human mind cannot grasp Natives of Australia Are Wizards In the Art of Tracking.

In endurance and speed the Aus- in which the railroads find themselves European war to date. It is so trainen aborigine is not the equal of great as to be staggering. War the American Indian, and his weapons wages, prices of material, taxes and of wood and poorly fashloned stones are effective only at short range, but clothing and munitions -all kinds as a bunter the native Australian is and descriptions of property but marvelously adjusted to his environit ruthlessly destroys an incal- ment. His success lies in an intimate knowledge of the liabits of animals on culable amount of food and innd, in the ground, in trees and under buildings and other evidences of water, and his wonderfully developed He decoys pelicans by imitating their

mosquitoes, finds snakes by observing

grass falls an easy prey to the black All of the cost of this consump- fellow. Children are taught to track lizards and snakes over bare rocks and to find their absent mother by followpaid by this or future genera- ing tracks too indistinct to serve as a tions. If paid by the present guide for a European. When a white generation it will mean vastly man is lost in the desert or a child generation it will mean vastly strays from home the final resort is to increased revenues to the gov-

Small Goose Quills,

The general notion that all that has to be done in forwarding a dispatch by pigeons is to catch the bird, the s letmust be paid by those whose ter to its leg and then liberate it is labor produces the wealth of the wrong, as the method of attaching the nessage is of great importance.

Prior to the slege of Paris the meth-E-glard has devised a system od of affixing the message to the bird of special war taxes upon in- had not received that attention which it demanded, and consequently many

damaged the paper, and therefore in who are able to pay them. All by wet the dispatch was inserted in a

for a decent living are taxed and each end with a reduct bodkin, so as

HITS THE RAILROADS Service Will Be Crippled Unless Relief Comes Soon, Hamper Railroad Credit, While Advance in Labor and Materials Outstrips Revenues, Chairman Kruttschnitt Tells Congress Committee. Unified Federal Control Will Improve Washington, April 2 .- The condition as a result of constant increases in other expenses, while their revenues are restricted by legislation, was strikingly described by Julius Kruttschnitt.

Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Pacific Company, in his testimony during the past few days before the Joint Congressional Commilitee on interstate Commerce, which is making a study of the question of raffrond regulation. Mr. Kruttschultt urged the committee to recommend a plan of regulation which will center responsibility for regulation and its results in the federal government, so that conditions affecting both expenses and revenues may be made subject to a uniform policy instead of the wasteful and often conflicting policies in volved in the system of combined state and federal regulation.

Why Reads Need More Money.

Mr. Kruttschnitt's testimony also had a bearing on the reasons for the application of the roads to the Interstate Commerce Commission for a general advance in freight rates. He showed that while the price of transportation has declined in recent years, the cost of producing transportation, like the cost of almost everything else, has rapidly advanced. This he illustrated by showing that if freight and passenger rates had increased during the past twenty years in the same proportion as average commodity prices the railroads of the United States would have received \$1,654,000,000 more for trans portation in 1915 than they did receive

This saving to the public was effect ed, in spite of an increase of 93 per cent in the cost of operation of trains. by a reduction in the average passen rate per mile from 2.04 cents in ger 1805 to 1.98 cents in 1915, a decrease of 3 per cent, and by a reduction in the average freight rate per ton mile from 8.39 mills in 1895 to 7.3 mills in 1915, or 13 per cent. During the same period the cost of operation per train mile rose from 92 cents to \$1.78, almost doubling. At the same time the aver age price of 346 commodities enumer ated in a bulletin of the Department of Agriculture increased 115 per cent Transportation is practically the only increased tremendously in price during

OF LANDS IN NATIONAL FOREST. -Notice is hereby given that the lands described below, embracing 397, 33 acres, within the Umatilla National Forest. Oregon, will be subject to settlement and entry under the provisions of the homestead laws of the United States and the act of June 11, 1906 (34 Stat., 233), at the United States land office at La Grande, Oregon, on May 10, 1917. Any settler who was actually and in good faith claiming any of said lands for agricultural purposes prior to Januay 1, 1906, and has not abandoned same, has a preference right to make a homestead entry for the lands actually occupied. Said lands were listed upon the applitions of the persons mentioned below, who have a preference right subject to the prior right of any such settler, provided such settler or applicant is qualified to make homestead entry and the preference right is exercised prior to May 10, 1917, on which date the lands will be subject to settlement and entry by any qualified person. The NW1-4 SE 1-4, Sec. 5, T. 7 S., R. 28 E., 40 acres, application of W. T. Allen, Monument, Oregon, and Lot 1 (13.38 acres), Lot 2 (13.95 acres), S 1-2 NE 1-4, E 1-2 SW 1-4 SW1-4, E 1-2 W1-2 SW 1-4 of S W1-4, NE1-4 SE 1-4, Sec. 5, T.7 S R. 28 E., and the SE 1-4, E 1-2 SE 1-4 of SW 1-4, Sec. 32, T. 6 S. R. 28 F., W. M., 357.33 acres. listed without applicant, total area hereby restored being 397 33 acres; List 6-1988. February [5, 1917, C. M. BRUCE, Assistant Commissioner of the General Land Office.

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senger charges being lower than they were twenty years ago.

Big Saving to Public.

If rates had risen proportionately to the increase in the cost of other articles of ordinary use, Mr. Krutischnitt told the committee, the average passenger rate in 1915 would have been 2.95 cents a mile, or 50 per cent higher than it was, and the average freight rate would have been 1.21 cents, or del per cent higher than it was. The saving to the public in passenger fares through this difference was \$314,000, 000 and in freight rates \$1,310,000,000. Universal railroad bankruptcy under this reduction in rates and increased cost of operation, he suld, was avoided only by heavy expenditures to obtain increased efficiency in train morement, making it possible to haul more tons of freight per locomotive. This had reduced the average cost of handing s ton of freight, but the decline in the average freight rate had reduced the net revenue of the roads from each too hauled. If the operating costs of the railroads, including the prices of coal, labor and material, continue to advance at the present rate a lot of railroads will be in the hands of receivers by 1918 unless some relief is afforded. Mr. Kruttschnitt told the committee

"Owing to the rise of commodity prices," he said, "the purchasing power of the dollar has failen 55 per cent and the railroads are in the position of heing compelled by law to accept payment for their service to the public in currency worth 45 cents on the dollar.

Public's Chief Interest.

The public's greatest interest is in adequate transportation facilities and not so much in low rates. As to most percentage of the freight rate to the prices to the consumer. It may be stated with little fear of contradiction that the consumer seldom, if ever, E 1/2.5 W 1-4. See 14. Township, 1.6, R 14 F. W M. profits from a lowering of freight rates. "Extortionate charges are a thing of the past, and under the attempt to cut rates to their lowest possible figure the interest of the whole public in the character and standard of transportation is subordinated to the interest of pers and their agents and not the gen eral public, the ultimate consumer." Settisted 1

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