

HARDING PLEADS RATE ADVANCE TO ASSIST RAILROADS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Warren G. Harding, United States senator-elect from Ohio, in an address before the Railway Business association at its annual dinner here favored interstate control for the entire railroad service and an immediate general rate advance to "save the crash of the temple of transportation."

He said: "The argument has never appealed to me that we ought to prosper our railroads for the specific purpose of promoting general prosperity. It seems to me more important to prosper our transportation lines as a simple matter of fairness and justice to this most important single agency in our modern lives."

"I believe that the day of plundering financing has passed. I should like to proclaim, in the same breath, the passing of railroad baiting less inspired by public good than by personal profits and political gain. It has been a great stunt to hammer the railroads."

"I believe it is the opinion of 99 of every 100 thinking people that the railroads of the country are entitled to an increase of rates, and would gladly see it granted."

"Under our present system of reduced and insufficient earnings, and with increased cost of operation, there are no marked railway betterments except in the high tide of earnings when cost is highest and improvements are hampered by traffic operations. We ought to reverse this order and provide an ample earning in good times to enable extensive betterment to be made in the dull period. This would tend to better service in the days of the revival. Meanwhile the expenditure for betterments would relieve the general dullness amid such conditions as we complain of today."

"It is apparent that the Interstate Commerce Commission believes in the pressing necessity for increased earnings, but opposes the short and direct route. The rate increase would be direct and immediate. Other remedial efforts could be left to follow the slower process of evolved adoption. If the combined income from increased rates and added service charges made excessive earnings, contrary to public policy, the same authority which grants the increase order a reduction."

"A general rate advance will not bring the complete revival of American activity, but it will save the crash of the temple of transportation, establish railway credit, and lead to that physical rehabilitation which is of prime importance in ministering to greater American activities."

MINERAL WATER STATE RESOURCE

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 11.—Mineral water production is becoming one of the prominent resources of the state and particularly northern California. Twenty-one counties in California have reported to the state mining bureau, that the commercial production of mineral water from 47 springs amounted to 2,350,792 gallons for the year 1913. The value was \$599,748, or an average of 2 1/2 cents per gallon. The production of 1912 was greater than 1913 but the increase in price per gallon increased the revenue \$70,364. These figures refer to mineral water actually bottled and sold.

Siskiyou county leads the state in production of mineral water, 700,000 gallons, valued at \$120,000, being sold in 1913. Other mineral water counties north of the bay are Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Lake, Siskiyou, Shasta, Solano, Sonoma and Tehama. Tehama had the best mineral water production in 1913. It amounted to 75 gallons and brought \$42. The revenue from the state's mineral springs in 27 years amounts to \$10,235,796.

ROULERS IN ALLIES' HANDS; GERMANS ARE FORCED BACK

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 11, 10:35 p. m.—The allies have taken Roulers (Rousseliere) in West Flanders, about 12 miles northeast of Ypres, according to the Siuis correspondent of the Handelsblad.

A dispatch to a London newspaper from the Belgian frontier Wednesday said the German divisional headquarters was removed from Roulers when shells began to fall in the town after the British had recaptured Panschen-dale, a short distance to the west.

LET CONTRACT FOR PACIFIC HIGHWAY SISKIYOU SECTION

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 11.—Two of the most important pieces of mountain construction on the state highway are concerned in the bids to be opened December 14 by the state highway commission. One attacks a road barrier in northern California and the other covers the most difficult section in the state highway's entrance to southern California from the great valley. The former is the Siskiyou section of 16.9 miles between Yreka and Hornbrook, and the southern work is the "ridge route" section near Liebre mountain on the road between Bakersfield and Los Angeles, 14.5 miles long.

The northern California mountain work near Yreka does not contain nearly as much excavation as the other, the highway engineer's estimate being for 58,7470 cubic yards. It will be one of the most picturesque sections on the inland main route of the state highway, as it follows the Klamath and Shasta rivers. Instead of steep grades the new road will be almost level, having but one short pitch of seven per cent as a maximum and, in conjunction with the adjoining section to the north, cutting out what Division Engineer Bedford has termed the "barrier of highway entrance to California from the north."

The Anderson grade and Bailey's Hill as well as numerous very bad grade crossings, will no longer terrify motorists from the north when the state highway is completed in Siskiyou county.

Since the main routes are in general well under way and 2900 miles of surveys and other preliminary work have been completed on them, the highway commission intends to prosecute the next big problem, that of the laterals, with great vigor during 1915.

AMERICAN TROOPS SENT TO BORDER

NACO, Arizona, Dec. 11.—A train in four sections bearing the United States artillery ordered here from El Paso to reinforce the border troops, arrived today. The guns were unloaded at Osborne, three miles east of here.

ROSEBURG BOY TO ANSWER CHARGE OF MURDER

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 11.—Rog Barnum, a young man whose attention she had received, was held responsible by a coroner's jury at Gledale today for the death of Edna Morgan, a 15 year old girl, whose charred body was found yesterday in

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MORMONS PURCHASE SUGAR TRUST CONTROL

OGDEN, Utah, Dec. 11.—Utah capitalists, including the David Eccles interests and leading officers of the Mormon church, have bought all of the holdings of the American Sugar Refining company in both the Amalgamated and Lewiston Sugar companies, controlling three plants in Utah and one in Idaho.

The announcement was made by Charles W. Nibley, presiding bishop of the Mormon church, and by Le Roy Eccles, general manager of the two companies. Stockholders of the corporation will meet on December 19 to perfect a consolidation of the corporation and the capital stock will probably be fixed at \$7,500,000. Before this year the American Sugar Refining company had 50 per cent interest in the Utah plants.

PROHIBITIONISTS FAIL TO WIN NEW ZEALAND

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Dec. 11. The election returns though incomplete, indicate that the licensing position is unchanged and that national prohibition has not been carried. The prohibitionists received a setback in several places. The returns give the government 38 members of parliament, the opposition 39 and the labor social democrats eight. As the latter support the opposition party the strength in parliament is equal though the votes of the soldiers abroad are yet to be counted and may affect the result.

the barn of a neighbor that had burned during the night. Barnum is under arrest. The girl left her home without the knowledge of her parents some time Tuesday night. Evidence was adduced at the inquest to show that the girl had been assaulted and murdered and the barn set on fire to hide the crime.

GERMANS CLAIM PROGRESS ALONG ALL BATTLE LINES

BERLIN, Dec. 11, by wireless to London, 3:05 p. m.—In the official communication issued today by the German army headquarters staff the Germans claim to have made progress on both sides of the Arzonne forest and in Flanders and to have repulsed French attacks in the Woivre region.

"We have made progress in Flanders. To the east and to the west of the Arzonne (in France), the enemy's artillery positions were attacked with good results. French attacks in the forest of Lepretre and to the west of Pont-a-Mousson were repulsed.

"There is no change in the situation to the east of Mazerian Lakes (east Prussia).

"Our attacks in northern Poland are progressing.

"No news is at hand from southern Poland. (Signed) CHIEF OF THE ARMY ADMINISTRATION."

CHAMBERLAIN ENDORSES GARRISON'S REPORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Senator Chamberlain endorsed the views of Secretary of War Garrison's report today, and said he hoped legislation would be enacted to carry them into effect. In line with the secretary's recommendations, Senator Chamberlain in the last session introduced a resolution, adopted by the senate and pending in the house, authorizing the increase of the army to its maximum strength of 100,000 men.

RUSSIANS FORCED BACK SAY TURK'S

CONSTANTIOPLE, via London, Dec. 11, 9 a. m.—An official statement issued here says: "Under cover of a man-of-war, the Russians attempted to disembark on Thursday near Gounieh, south of Batum, Trans-Caucasia, in order to outflank our troops. They were compelled to retreat with heavy losses."

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