

RAILROADS CLAIM WESTERN LINES NEED RATE BOOST

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—(A. P.)—L. E. Wotling, manager of the statistical bureau of the Western railroads, testifying as the opening railway witness in the hearings in the western freight rate advance case before Chairman Clyde B. Atchison of the inter-state commerce commission, said almost one-fifth of the money invested in the western railroads failed to receive any financial return in 1924.

In eight years ending December 31, 1924, more than \$1,700,000,000 was invested by the railroads in improvements while the net return earned by them in 1924 was \$85,000,000 less than it was in 1916, was his statement.

"The rate of return earned on total investment was 5.59 per cent in 1916 and was only 3.75 per cent in 1924."

"The net return earned by the western railroads in 1924 was equivalent to a rate of return of but 4.55 per cent on the investment up to the end of 1916, being lower than return actually earned on this investment in 1916 and left nothing at all for return on the \$1,700,000,000 which has been invested in the property since that time."

"If the full freight rate increase now requested had been in effect in 1924 the western railroads' net in that year would still have been less than the net return actually earned in 1916 and would have amounted to a return of 5.56 per cent on the 1916 investment as contrasted with the 5.59 per cent actually earned in 1916."

"If the increase now requested had been realized in 1924 it would have meant a return to the western railroads of only 4.53 per cent on their 1924 investment."

"On the basis of 1924, a five per cent increase in freight revenues would produce a fair return on approximately \$2,000,000,000 of western railroads' investment still receiving nothing at all."

BASEBALL SCORES

National.

A. New York	R.	H.	E.
First game:			
Boston	2	9	0
New York	3	7	0
Cooney and Gibson; Greenfield and Snyder.			
Second game:			
Boston	5	9	2
New York	4	7	0
Graham, Genewich and O'Neil; Gibson; Scott and Devine.			

At Brooklyn	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	9	1	0
Brooklyn	3	6	0
Pierce and Wendell; Vance and Taylor.			
Second game:			
Philadelphia	3	13	2
Brooklyn	4	13	0
Hing and Wilson; Grimes and Taylor.			

At Pittsburgh	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	3	9	0
Pittsburgh	2	12	0
Alexander and Gonzales; Yde and Geoch.			

At St. Louis	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	10	16	0
St. Louis	1	10	1
Brady and Krueger; Reinhart, Dickerman, Dyer and O'Farrell.			

American.

First game	R.	H.	E.
New York	5	9	1
Boston	4	8	1
Shawkey, Hoyt and Luoffs; Bengough; Ruffing and Plutchik.			
Second game:			
New York	7	14	0
Boston	4	9	2
Penneck and Bengough; Ross and Bischoff.			

At Cleveland	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	2	16	2
Cleveland	0	10	0
Robertson, Kerr and Crouse; Uble and L. Sewell.			

At Philadelphia	R.	H.	E.
Washington	4	7	1
Philadelphia	6	9	1
Ferguson, Russell and Ruel; Tate; Harris, Gray and Cochrane.			

At Detroit	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	1	3	5
Detroit	11	15	1
Gland, Falk and Hargrave; Stoner and Woodall.			

Masonic Temple Dedicated
SANTA BARBARA, Sept. 8.—Santa Barbara's new \$200,000 Masonic temple was dedicated on scheduled time yesterday in spite of \$30,000 damage which was suffered by the building during the earthquake.

The Gateleg Table.
For a small home where space is at a premium, a gateleg table is a great convenience. The leaves may be dropped and the table set away in any corner when not in use. Or only the leaf may be left raised and the table then fits close to the reading chair or end of the davenport, making one of those "end tables" which are so cozy looking.

Such a table is just the thing to hold the book or two you are now reading, the reading lamp, the ash tray—if one is needed in your home—or a vase of the season's flowers. When company arrives and you want to serve a buffet lunch in the living room or on the porch, it is easily moved to any location on demand. In the winter it is convenient to serve a Sunday night lunch beside the fireplace.

Double Victory



Lansing, Mich., put on two beauty contests within two weeks. Miss Otis M. Gragg entered and won both. Now she is barred from future competition. She is 20.

WILBUR DENIES MITCHELL CHARGE NAVY PROPAGANDA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(A. P.)—Secretary Wilbur today replied indirectly to one charge made by Colonel William M. Mitchell in his attack on the navy and army air services. The secretary said the Shenandoah had not been sent on her western trip in an effort to make up for failure of the polar flight and the Hawaiian flight. A western voyage had been planned months ago, he said, before the Hawaiian flight was arranged and about the same time that the Arctic expedition was agreed upon. Major-General Helmick, the inspector-general, presumably will call upon Colonel Mitchell for the facts. On receipt of a statement from the colonel that he did make the charges against army and navy officers contained in the statement issued at San Antonio Saturday, General Helmick will be in a position to formulate his recommendations. The actions of Major-General Hines, the chief of staff, in referring the matter to General Helmick is in line with routine procedure. Major-General John A. Hull, judge advocate-general of the army, probably also will be consulted. It appears probable that several days will elapse before there is a final decision. The war department maintained complete silence except for announcement that the Mitchell case had been referred to General Helmick.

OKLAHOMA MINE DISTRICT FACING SOLDIERS' RULE

McALESTER, Okla., Sept. 8.—(A. P.) A tense feeling prevails at Hartshorn today near here, while a decision is being reached at the state capital at Oklahoma City whether martial law shall be declared in the mining district and state troops dispatched to maintain order. Sunday night the fan house of mine number twelve of the Rock Island Coal company was dynamited. The explosion resulted in a trip to Oklahoma City yesterday by Sheriff Will Anderson and County Attorney W. E. Gatcher, of Pittsburg county, to lay the situation before Governor Trapp with recommendations for martial law. Conditions in the Hartshorn district have grown worse during the past week following a fire in a mine dump, which it was indicated later, had been smoldering for some time. Non-union miners have begun to carry arms, declaring that their lives have been threatened. Union officials say the explosion was caused by mine operators in order to lend strength to their plea for martial law.

PI-1 Takes Trial Spin
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—The PI-1, giant naval seaplane, which failed to get away on the San Francisco-Honolulu air cruise, was in the air over San Francisco for two hours yesterday. Naval officers denied it was the intention of the service to try for an endurance record with the plane. Cook with gas.

KIWANIS CLUB ENDORSES BONDS FOR CITY WATER

The first meeting of the Kiwanis club after the summer vacation was held at Hotel Medford Monday, the program consisting of a talk by A. L. Hill regarding the Chamber of Commerce drive which will be held Thursday of this week, also regarding the coming election for water and city hall bonds. The club decided to heartily support all these propositions. Secretary Tengwald called attention to securing three reels of films from the Radio corporation on "safety at sea." These films will be shown at one of the theaters and it was decided to invite the Rotarians, Lions, Radio club and high school pupils to attend. Announcements will be made later. Mr. Tengwald also called attention to the international convention at Vancouver, B. C., September 16.

President Glen Fabrick spoke of the plans for the fall season and also called attention to some of the work being done by other clubs, such as investigating the class of magazines sold at the newsstands, the "Little Brother" movement in which boys are examined for physical defects and diseases and seeing that they are properly treated, bringing together leaders in capital and labor and assisting in other things for the welfare of the community and the people—especially children.

Glen Fabrick won the attendance prize given by the Valley Fuel company. Guests were Superintendent E. H. Hedrick and B. H. Conkel, the new principal of the Medford high school; J. T. Tourtellott of Portland, architect of the new high school building, and Arthur Wilson of Klamath Falls.

A new member present was Harry Johnson, new manager of the Western Auto Supply company.

CARS MAROONED BY RAIN STORMS PICKING DELAYED

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 8.—After drenching rains of yesterday and last night, Eugene awoke today to find skies somewhat lighter, though there was some indication of further showers later in the day. Hop picking is being held up by the rain, and it is checking prune picking as well. As the prune crop this year is practically negligible however, it is not expected to do much damage there.

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 8.—A number of automobiles of Willamette valley people who journeyed to Florence, on the coast, for Labor day, were marooned on the road between Florence and the Coast range of mountains yesterday. A scant few cars with chains made the return trip and some of the car owners came home on the train, planning to go back for their machines later. Others hid over for the day, hoping for drier roads today.

One serious automobile accident was reported yesterday. The car of D. L. England of Dorena left the road near Comstock when one of the front tires of the machine blew out and the driver lost control. The car was wrecked and England suffered a broken collar bone and possibly other injuries. His two sons who were with him in the car were not hurt.

MARINE RECRUITING OFFICER HERE

When Sergeant A. W. Carlson of Portland arrived in the city last night. It was the first time for two years that a United States Marine corps recruiting officer had stopped here. Sergeant Carlson came here from Ashland, where he had spent one day. He is en route to Roseburg, where he will spend two days, and later to Eugene, where he will spend two more.

He states like the army, the marine corps is in need of bandmen and men for general enlistment. The sergeant wears two medals received for target shooting, both by pistol and rifle, at Camp Perry, Ohio. He will leave this evening for Roseburg, and while en route plans to stop at Grants Pass for a few hours.

BUSINESS WOMEN HOLD LUNCHEON

The Business and Professional Women's club had an enjoyable luncheon meeting at the Hotel Holland at noon. The club's activities at the county fair were discussed and plans were set under way for conducting a food campaign. Members attending were: Miss Ada Brewster, president; Miss Gladys Whitson, Mrs. T. T. Shaw, Mrs. H. O. Hansen, Mrs. Katherine Johnston, Mrs. Adelaide Hamilton, Mrs. L. B. Rowley, Mrs. Miller Dunn, Miss Mildred Knight, Mrs. Lorraine Cornish, Miss Josephine Greaves, and Miss Jane Olson, Mrs. Jessie McComb of Corvallis, state home demonstration leader, was guest.

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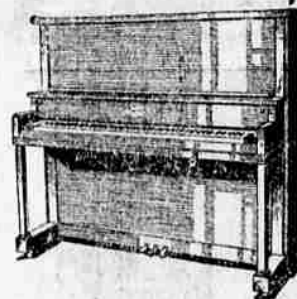
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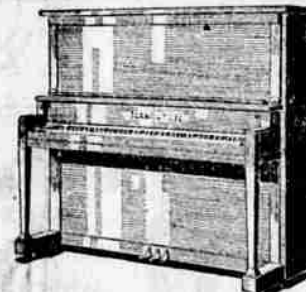
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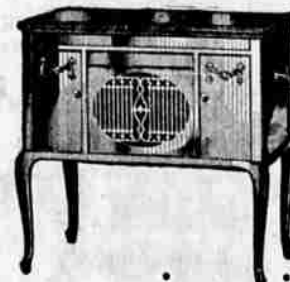
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