

Railway Bankruptcy May Speed ICC Merger Cases

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New York.—(AP)—The 26,000 daily commuters on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad are a hardy breed whose railroading ways have few equals. But for years they mostly swapped their seats among themselves. But a year ago this month they suddenly found a receptive listener in the entire nation. The relatively small Northeast road had gained national attention by going bankrupt.

The development came as no surprise to the harried riders of the line. But it

New York.—(AP)—"It's just like Grand Central Station." So the song goes.

But under the proposed New York Central-Pennsylvania railroad, Commodore Vanderbilt's marble monument to the Golden Age of Railroad won't be quite the same.

The two railroad announced last week that if the merger is approved, New York Central long-distance trains will switch to Penn Station. Only commuter trains would run into the handsome and historic two-level terminal on Park avenue.

In Chicago, central main line trains also would abandon the ornate LaSalle Street station, their present terminus, and join the Pennay at the more functional Union station.

Joined the rest of the nation into the realization that a vital mode of locomotion was in imminent danger of breaking down.

Could it happen here? That was the question asked in most communities.

The crisis atmosphere created by the New Haven's bankruptcy is expected to speed action on rail merger cases now before the interstate commerce commission (ICC). It also will likely prod more roads into taking the merger route in search of solutions to their own financial predicament.

Currently, there are eight "control" applications and four major railroad merger cases pending before the ICC. There are few areas of the country which do not have a stake in their outcome. The major ones are:

—Welding of the nation's largest rail system in assets by merger of the Pennsylvania and the New York Central. The merged system would have 22,000 miles of track stretching from Washington to Boston on the east coast and as far west as St. Louis and Chicago.

—Affiliation of the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Baltimore and Ohio railroads to form an 11,000-mile network from New York to Hampton Roads, Va., and westward to Cleveland, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago.

—The three-way merger of the Norfolk and Western, Nickel Plate and Wabash roads into a 7,400-mile system extending from Norfolk, Va., to Toledo and Chicago and on to Omaha, Neb.

—Creation of the longest rail empire—24,728 miles—by merger of three big western lines—the Great Northern, The Northern Pacific and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy. It would span 17 states from Chicago and St. Louis to Portland and Seattle.

—A two-way fight between the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific for the 1,200-mile Western Pacific for its "gateway" route from the Pacific Coast to Chicago.

The plight of the New Haven also is expected to improve chances for enactment of at least some of the broad transportation proposals President

ident Kennedy handed Congress last April. Two key provisions would grant the railroad greater freedom in setting competitive rates to recapture freight business lost to other carriers, and provide grants to mass metropolitan transit facilities such as the New Haven.

First Since 30's
The New Haven is the first major independent railroad to become bankrupt since the 30's.

More than 30 big roads, including the New Haven, went broke in the depression of that period. But they returned to solvency on the heavy war-generated freight traffic.

However, the economics of railroading have drastically changed since the war. Rail freight revenues have steadily declined while labor and equipment costs have skyrocketed.

The ills of the New Haven are symptomatic of those besetting the rest of the industry.

Since 1947 rail freight traffic has declined an average of five per cent but the New Haven's has plummeted 33 per cent. This sharper drop reflects the shift of heavy industry from New England to the South and the loss of business to highway carriers. The trucking industry has

taken proportionately more business away from the New England roads than elsewhere because trucks operate more efficiently than railroads over the short hauls in the region. Unlike most roads, the New Haven's freight traffic reached a point where it no longer could absorb passenger and commuter losses. About one-third of the lines' revenues come from the money-losing movement of passengers.

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Shopping Center Fire Injures 21

St. Cloud, Minn.—(AP)—A spectacular fire swept a shopping center Wednesday, injuring at least 21 persons and causing an estimated \$3 million damage. The blaze burned through

Tuesday afternoon.

There were no serious injuries reported. Two firemen were hospitalized, Gebhart Schreiner with an ankle injury suffered in a fall and John Smith from smoke inhalation.

Police Investigating Theft at Truck Stop

Medford police are investigating the theft of between \$400 and \$500 from a petty cash box in the safe at Norris Brothers, Richfield Truck Stop, 2390 North Pacific highway.

The theft, reported by Frank Norris Tuesday afternoon, is believed to have occurred earlier that day.

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Contract Awarded For County Trucks

Crater Lake Motors, Medford, has been awarded a contract for two 3/4 ton pickup trucks by the Jackson county court.

The trucks will be used by the county road department. The cost was \$3,875.42. The trucks will be 1963 models and will be delivered in late September or early October when new models arrive.

The county engineer's office said the bid met the specifications and recommended the court award the contract.

Medford Woman Wins 'Coin Treasure Hunt'

Ruth E. Herbert, 1826 North Riverside ave., Medford, was named a winner of the "Coin Treasure Hunt" featured in the Family Weekly, fortnightly magazine distributed with the Sunday Medford Mail Tribune. She received a wrist watch for the penny which she sent to the contest.

The contest in which Mrs. Herbert won was in the July 8 issue of the magazine. A new contest is offered with each publication of the section.