

RAILROADS LACK OF FUNDS MUST BE OVERCOME

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Immediate payment to the railroads of sums due them under the guaranty provisions of the transportation act withheld under the ruling of the comptroller of the treasury was declared by the interstate commerce commission in its annual report today to be "vital, in order that the carriers may properly serve the public." The commission recommended that congress amend the railroad act to permit the release and payment to the roads of the money thus tied up.

Many of the roads are greatly handicapped because of their inability to collect the guaranty, the commission said. Although advances against the anticipated deficit were made in scores of instances, the report said, some of the roads made no application for aid prior to September 1 and as a result they are stopped from claiming even a portion of moneys "justly due them" until the mechanical work of completing their audit for the entire guaranty period can be accomplished.

The commission said that in most cases it could now determine "amounts or parts of amounts due the carriers," but that its certifications of these sums to the treasury could not be honored by the treasury since the comptroller had ruled that such applications for advances must have been granted prior to September 1. The commission believed it should be authorized to make "reasonable estimates" to alleviate the difficulties confronting many carriers in meeting operating expenses, fixed charges, etc.

Need for Changes
The year's rail operations have developed the need of several other changes in laws, the commission said. It urged congress to amend the interstate commerce act to provide for the punishment of any person "offering or giving to an employee of a carrier subject to the act any money or thing of value with intent to influence his action or decision with respect to car service and also to provide for the punishment of the guilty employee."

Appropriate legislation governing the transportation of explosives was asked as were changes in laws affecting the awarding of reparations for damages which, the commission held, should be a matter entirely for the adjudication of courts.

The menace of wooden passenger coaches was set forth as another subject for legislative action, the commission urging that the roads be compelled to use steel cars in all passenger train service and prohibited from using wooden cars between or in front of steel coaches.

Shippers Give Helms?
Referring to the question of bribery of railroad employees, the commission said:

"As a result of the inadequacy of the car supply and of railroad transportation facilities generally during the past year, a practice has grown up among shippers of bribing operating employees of railroad companies in order to obtain transportation services. The demoralizing effects of this practice are far-reaching. Bribery of this character in many instances can not be directly and effectively reached under existing laws."

On the subject of equipment supply, the commission declared that while the shortage could be minimized by car conservation and increased efficiency, the only permanent solution was substantial additions to equipment. The latest general statistics of the commission showed that the railroads under its jurisdiction owned approximately 2,348,870 freight cars while an additional 140,000 cars were owned privately. The freight cars were divided as follows: 1,062,830 box cars, 1,069,875 open top cars, 107,820 flat cars, 83,000 stock cars, 69,200 refrigerator cars and 45,000 cars of miscellaneous types.

Despite the shortage of equipment enumerated by the commission, it showed that the volume of freight carried during the first seven months of 1920 exceeded by 17.1 per cent the

Chances for Irish Truce Brightened Says Lloyd George

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Dec. 9.—Prospects of an Irish truce, which last night were regarded as having receded out of sight, have been revived, according to the Daily Mail. The Mail states that as the result of a private interview between Monsignor Patrick Joseph Clune, bishop of Perth, and David Lloyd George, conditions have changed. It quotes Premier Lloyd George as saying that prospects are brighter than surface indications would show.

War Waged on Rabbits; Federal Man Here to Aid

The United States biological survey station is sending a representative here, who will take an active part in the rabbit war now being waged in the Lorella district, according to E. H. Thomas, county agriculturist. He will arrive tonight. A very satisfactory report of the progress of the war was received this morning from R. C. Cowley a rancher in the Lorella section, where the rabbits have been most destructive. Mr. Cowley reports that he scattered 15 pounds of poisoned grain heads along the trails in the snow, and this morning counted 500 dead rabbits and got tired, but it is estimated that least 1000 were destroyed.

The formula Mr. Cowley used follows: One ounce strychnine sulphate dissolved in two gallons of hot water; and sprinkled over 10 pounds of grain heads. Mr. Cowley used a portion and a half. The mixture should not be left in piles because of the danger to cattle.

Pioneer Minister Dies of Injuries; Relatives Here

(By Associated Press) CANBY, Ore., Dec. 9.—Following injuries received when a can of kerosene exploded on Thanksgiving day, the Rev. A. J. Joselyn, pioneer Methodist missionary and minister, died today. He established many Methodist churches in the northwest. He recently celebrated his 50th anniversary as a minister of the gospel.

The dead minister was the stepfather of Mrs. W. A. Leonard of city. He was superintendent of the Seattle district for many years, and pastor for a long period of the Methodist church at Boise, Idaho. From 1910 to 1912 he had charge of the church at Nome, Alaska.

The Rev. Mr. Joselyn was attempting to clean a tub with kerosene on Thanksgiving day, when he was fatally burned. He put the receptacle on the stove. The heat generated a quantity of gas and the explosion followed.

Mr. Joselyn was born in Indiana. He was one of the pioneers who crossed the plains behind an ox team. He entered the ministry early, preaching his first sermon at the age of 27. He was 77 years old when he died.

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—Cattle and hogs steady; sheep lower, east of the mountain lambs \$7 and \$8; eggs and butter, steady.

freight traffic for the corresponding period of 1919. Freight traffic as a whole for the last seven months also was said by the commission to be in excess of that of the entire year of 1919.

While the traffic has increased, the commission's figures show, the net operating income has suffered a continuous decline since 1917. The commission attributed this to heavier maintenance costs in which war taxation figured. Incomplete statistics, however, made it impossible for the commission to offer accurate comparison between the years 1917 and 1920, and it made no attempt to estimate the figures for any portion of the year.

ROSEBURG JOINS FIGHT AGAINST SERVICE BOARD

Roseburg will co-operate in any action which has as its purpose the abolishment of the public service commission, says the Roseburg Review, according to a decision reached by the city council, which instructed the city attorney to correspond with the authorities at Klamath Falls, where a move has already been started with this aim in view. The city attorney will offer Roseburg's assistance to Klamath Falls and will request any information which may aid this city in starting a move which may end in placing on the ballot a measure for the approval of the people of Oregon doing away with the commission.

The matter was thoroughly discussed before the council and the action not hastily taken. It was the consensus of opinion among the councilmen present that the commission is of benefit only to corporations and is in reality a hardship on the consumer patrons of the public utilities under the jurisdiction of the commission.

"We have a contract with the water and light company," said Mayor Hamilton. "Our franchise provided certain things. We were given a certain number of free hydrants and other concessions for the privilege granted the corporation of laying mains along our streets and alleys and of erecting poles and stringing wire to carry the power. The commission comes in and over our protest completely cancels the terms of our franchise and sets a higher rate and throws a burden upon the taxpayers of Roseburg. We are prevented from allowing competition to enter. If another firm wanted to start a water and light plant here it could not do so without first obtaining the permission of the commission, and that body would doubtless refuse such permission and would hold that the city is not big enough to support two plants.

"It appears to me that the commission only increases our taxes, raises the rates for the services of our public utilities and does the patrons of these services no good. When a city makes a contract with a corporation it seems to me that that franchise or contract should be binding, and should not be set aside, and that no body should have the right to do so."

The council agreed that it will refuse to pay the sums thrust upon the city by the commission and will force the issue to the United States supreme court. In the event the company endeavors to collect the money due under the commission's schedule.

WORLD'S FAIR, PORTLAND, 1925, IN NEW PROJECT

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—Definite announcement was made today by a committee of business men that it had been decided to hold a "World's Peace and Progress Exposition" in Portland in 1925.

ASSESSED VALUES OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RAISED \$200,000

Following are the public service corporation assessments for 1920 valuations as fixed by the state tax commission, compared with the 1919 assessments:

	1920	1919
Central Pacific R. R. Co.	\$972,607.85	\$892,507.00
Oregon-California & Eastern	53,032.70	1,958.50
American Railway Express Co.	1,958.50	2,610.00
California-Oregon Power Co.	167,898.70	110,271.00
Keno Power Co.	21,053.50	15,050.00
Western Union Telegraph Co.	11,686.52	8,730.00
Bunting Telegraph Co.	347.60	262.00
Klamath Telephone and Telegraph	3,950.00	2,800.00
Langell Valley Telephone Co.	1,283.75	1,138.00
La Pine & Southern Telephone Co.	272.55	231.00
Pacific Telephone and Telegraph	50,054.40	42,966.00
Poe Valley & K. F. Tel. Co.	391.84	336.00
Swan Valley Tel. Co.	508.76	451.00
Tule Lake Tel. Co.	1,028.53	
Merrill Telephone Co.		734.00

The valuation is divided among Klamath county towns as follows: Klamath Falls, \$243,497; Merrill, \$1,738, and Bonanza, \$1,067. The remainder is in the country. The action of the state tax commission in raising the proportion of the assessment from 70 to 79 per cent of the actual value of the property accounts for a portion of the increase. Another reason for the larger 1920 figure is the completion of the Strahorn road, which was listed as the property of the city of Klamath Falls March 1, 1919, but this year became assessable.

EXPRESS DELAY, TO BE REMEDIED, SAYS S. P. MAN

C. C. Williams, traveling agent of the Southern Pacific company, stated this morning before leaving for Sacramento that the conditions which delay the arrival of express shipments from the north 24 hours will be remedied within a few days.

Local Southern Pacific officials, and Mr. Williams also, were slow to believe that the fault rested with the railway company, but investigation apparently proved that there had been a change in handling the express and on the eve of his departure this morning Mr. Williams made the following explanation:

Formerly the express car from Portland was attached to No. 13, which arrives in Weed at 2:34, ordinarily in plenty of time to connect with the local which is scheduled to leave Weed for Klamath Falls at 3 o'clock. No. 16, from the north, due in Weed at 1:35 p. m. also handled some express.

The express car, within the past few days, however, has been taken off the first section of No. 13 and put on the second section, which runs four or five hours behind the first and in consequence the local has not been waiting for the express from the north.

Mr. Williams said he would take the matter up with the railway heads at once and was confident that within a few days the former conditions would be resumed and a through express car for Klamath Falls would be attached to the first section of No. 13 at Portland.

CHRISTMAS SESSION OF LIBRARY CLUB

The announcement of the Christmas session of the Woman's Library club to be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the club rooms was made today. It will be an interesting meeting, it was reported, and the ladies of the community are invited to attend.

Christmas customs of the various countries will be given by the ladies of the club. Mrs. D. M. Smith, England; Mrs. K. P. Van Riper, France; Mrs. H. W. Bridgford, Spain; Mrs. William Ganong, Russia; Mrs. E. Ludden, Italy; Mrs. Burton, Scandinavian countries, and Mrs. O. W. Robertson, Germany.

Republic Must Prevail Says Mayor's Widow

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Proponents in Ireland of the Irish republic are resolved that "England and the world shall have no peace until our republic is recognized," Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the late lord mayor of Cork, declared before a commission of the committee of One Hundred which is investigating Irish conditions.

Congress Will Not Tackle Income Tax Relief This Session

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Income tax relief legislation, generally demanded by the business interests of the nation, will be impracticable at this session of congress, republican members of the senate financial committee decided today.

Personal Mention

Wendell Lawrence, son of Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Lawrence, who has been at work in the lumber camps at Kirk this summer and fall, is home for a few months' visit. He expects to return to the woods with the opening up of lumber operations in the spring, however.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Nine returned to the Nine lumber camp in Swan Lake valley this morning after a visit of several days here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. West left this morning for their home at the agency. Mr. West was in town yesterday on Indian matters.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Dale and little daughter, Alice, are here from Ellensburg, Wn., for a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bogue Dale.

Mrs. Charles Carroll and child left on the morning train for Dunsmuir, where they will spend the holidays with friends and relatives. Mr. Carroll preceded them yesterday and is making the trip by car.

Frank Ankeny left this morning for Eugene to spend a few weeks with his mother.

Mrs. W. C. Balfour, Ed Cookman, Mrs. W. J. Ruff, Mrs. Girsberger, V. E. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Tibbits are all registered at the White Pelican hotel today from Chiloquin.

W. E. Lamm, of the Lamm Lumber company, is a city visitor from Modoc Point today.

J. F. Anderson arrived yesterday afternoon from Algona and is looking after business affairs here today.

C. F. Goddard, an official of the Standard Oil company, is in the city today from Sacramento, having arrived last night.

Mrs. John Boyle and children came in last night from McCloud where they have been visiting relatives.

Fred Morley, county detective made a flying trip to Weed today.

Ivan Kilgore, who operates a big stock ranch in Langell valley, is in the county seat for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Roberts were city visitors yesterday afternoon from Poe valley, where the Roberts family are pioneers.

Ed Jones and Ted Sullivan accompanied by little Bill Jones returned to their homes near Merrill yesterday after a stay of several days here.

G. V. Wimberly, cashier of the American National bank, which but recently opened its doors for business, has received word of the marriage of his brother, Lester Wimberly to Miss Leona Mann, which took place at Alpine Sunday. Mr. Wimberly is employed in the Douglas National bank of Roseburg.

Jack Sullivan, who fell some time ago and broke his leg rather seriously and who has been in the hospital ever since, is reported getting along nicely by attending physicians.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McAulliffe, who have been in town for the past week shopping for Christmas and visiting their sons who are attending school at the Sacred Heart Academy, returned to their ranch in the Fort Klamath section this morning.

Mrs. Jewel Barlow has received word of the death of a brother in Utah. Mrs. Barlow will leave tomorrow in order to be present at the funeral.

Dan Liskey is a county seat visitor from Swan Lake this morning. Frank Sexton is in town today to confer with H. C. Seymour, state head of boys and girls club work, who is here for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Jackson and Mrs. Joe Ball are in town this week from the reservation on business. Jess Parker, a farmer in the Bly district is here visiting his sister, Mrs. James Driscoll.

J. L. Hellpin, of the Pelican Bay Lumber company's camp at Kirk, is here this week on business.

Will Blackman was a county seat visitor the middle of this week from his ranch on the Merrill road.

JAPAN MUST SEEK WAR, NOT U. S.—KAHN

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Discussing the Japanese question frankly, Representative Kahn of California, chairman of the house military committee, declared today in an address in the house that America hoped always to avoid war, and if the "statesmen, publicists, politicians, agitators and demagogues of Japan" really wanted war with the United States they would be the ones to bring it on and not the Americans. He said he believed he voiced the hope of every patriotic American when he expressed the desire that the peace between Japan and the United States might continue perpetually, "but," he continued, "the world has only recently learned that we are not too proud to fight."

State Agricultural Officers Arrive to Consider Conditions

P. V. Maris, head of the state farm extension bureau, and L. C. Seymour, state leader of boys and girls' club work, arrived last night to investigate conditions in Klamath county in connection with their respective departments.

Conferences were held today with the local committee, consisting of farm bureau, chamber of commerce county court and educational representatives, and farm extension work progress in this county will be gone into exhaustively.

The resignation of E. H. Thomas, county agriculturist, recently tendered will be a matter for consideration. Efforts are being made to have Mr. Thomas reconsider and remain in the position.

WARRANT ISSUED FOR CLARA SMITH'S ARREST

(By Associated Press) EL PASO, Dec. 9.—Sheriff Oradorff today received a warrant from Ardmore, Oklahoma, calling for the apprehension of Clara Smith, wanted in Ardmore in connection with the shooting of Jake Hamon.

The father and brother of Miss Smith said they expected her to come to their home as soon as she learned of the warrants. They intimated that she was not far from El Paso.

MCCORMICK GETS DECISION ON FOUL IN SEVENTH ROUND

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—Boy McCormick, light heavyweight champion of England received a decision over Battling Levinsky on a foul in the seventh round of a scheduled ten round bout at Portland last night. Up to the seventh round McCormick had a shade the best of the fight. Levinsky declared the foul was unintentional. It occurred as the boxers were going into a clinch.

PRESIDENT ASKS RELIEF FOR CHINESE SUFFERERS

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—President Wilson today called upon the "American people to contribute of their funds" to relieve the appalling distress in China resulting from famine in several provinces.

WOMAN NAMED SHERIFF OF LINCOLN COUNTY

TOLEDO, Ore., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Mabel Simpson was yesterday appointed sheriff of Lincoln county by the county court, succeeding her husband who died last week.

MALIN VISITORS LEAVE

(Special to The Herald) MALIN, Dec. 9.—Joseph and Mrs. Johns of Eugene left here Sunday morning for their home, after a visit with their son Jerry Johns and daughter Mrs. M. Stastny of this town.

The visitors arrived here on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, and during stay, have been favorably impressed with the country. They declared their intention of coming again as soon as opportunity is offered.