

PASSENGERS RIDING THE BUS

"The hope that railway officers began to have some time ago that the decline in passenger business had about stopped has been very completely blasted by the experience of recent months," says the Railway Age. "The decline in passenger business thus far in 1927 has been relatively greater than in either 1925 or 1926. In the first seven months of the year the decline in total railway earnings was almost \$61,000,000, and of this loss almost \$33,000,000 was due to a reduction in passenger business. The loss in July, the last month for which statistics are available, was \$6,260,000. The last year in which passenger earnings showed an increase was 1925. They showed a reduction of 6.2 per cent in 1924; 1.7 per cent in 1925, and 1.5 per cent in 1926; while the loss in the first seven months of 1927 was 5.4 per cent.

"Relatively, the largest loss has occurred in the southern region, where it has amounted to \$16,000,000, or about 18 per cent. The loss of the eastern lines has been about \$5,000,000, and that of the western lines about \$8,000,000. For the first time in some years there has been a small decline in travel in sleeping and parlor cars, but most of the loss has been due to a decline in travel in day coaches, which are especially subject to the competition of the automobile. What to do to save passenger business remains one of the principal unsolved problems of the railroads."

MEXICO STOPS HER UPRISING

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to reach the coast and thus escape, leaving their followers to disperse.

Revolt Near End
The air of confidence about the governmental military headquarters here and the departure of former President Obregon for his home in Sonora have convinced the Mexicans in the capital that the revolt has to all purposes ended.

Small groups of armed men in other states have increased their activities, taking advantage of the withdrawal of federal troops for the operations against the Gomez-Almaraz forces. It is stated that these are more properly classed as bandits than rebels.

One band of fifty, it is reported to have sacked the ungarrisoned town of San Nicolas in Puebla state. Another, in Hidalgo state, is said to have carried off the payroll of the Tejupil Cotton Mills, sacked several stores and fled to the mountains before the arrival of troops.

Four generals of division have been added to the list of those wanted by the government as insurgents. They are Luis Guiterrez, Jacinto Trevino, Cesario Castro and Francisco Robelo.

Prominent Mexicans Arrested
Among those arrested in the government's campaign for the apprehension of those allegedly implicated in the outbreak are Dr. Antonio Herrejon Lopez, director of the Mexico City hospital and five others, reported to have been active in supporting General Gomez in his presidential candidacy.

Pueblo advisers say General Federico Cordoba has been captured as a rebel.

Two cavalry regiments, two infantry battalions and one aviation unit arrived in Mexico City early today enroute to reinforce the troops now operating in the field against Generals Gomez and Almaraz.

The government is believed here to be concentrating large numbers of troops for the purpose of preventing the revolutionary leaders from reaching the coast or breaking free from the region in which they are now more or less confined.

Dispatches from San Cristobal in the state of Chiapas, report the execution on Saturday evening of General Juan Manuel Gutierrez, who had been charged with implication in the revolution, while a dispatch from Oaxaca, in the state of Vera Cruz, says that three rebels were killed and one captured when federal troops defeated a rebel group at San Antonio, Vera Cruz.

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INSPECTOR RICE MAY ATTEND

A. L. Rice, building inspector of Klamath Falls, has received notification of the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Building Officials Conference at Phoenix, Ariz., October 18, 19, 20 and 21, as well as an urgent request that he attend this meeting which will be the focus of the attention of Pacific coast cities from Vancouver to San Diego.

At this session final action on the final draft of the Uniform Building Code for Pacific coast cities will be taken, immediately after which the code will be printed and made available to all those who are interested in any phase of the building industry. The matter of a building code which shall be usable by all cities in this western territory has long been a moot question. The formulation of a uniform code whose regulations should be broad enough for all cities with their widely varying conditions, yet specific enough to restrict unsafe construction, seemed to be the only answer to the problem, and with this as their goal building officials from various cities along the coast met in 1922 and organized the Pacific Coast Building Officials Conference. Frequent divisional meetings have been held for discussion of the matter, and at the annual meetings held every October the work accomplished during the year has been reviewed.

After five years' consideration of the matter and the last year's solid concentration on the Code, the Pacific Coast Building Officials Conference is now approaching the climax. The final draft is complete, and it will be submitted in proof form to the members of the conference at Phoenix meeting for that body's final consideration. In its present form the code represents not only several years' work on the part of the conference, but the combined efforts of many organizations and individuals who have assisted in its preparation.

Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, in a letter addressed to J. E. Mackie of Long Beach, Calif., secretary of the conference, has just written: "Uniform building code requirements are a large factor in eliminating waste in the construction industry. I hope that through your efforts it may be possible for the cities of the Pacific coast to obtain the benefits which will, I am sure, accrue from the adoption of the Uniform Building Code provisions formulated and kept up to date on the basis of the most modern scientific knowledge and practical experience."

General George W. E. Hunt of Arizona is scheduled to address the conference at its annual meeting, and to welcome delegates to Arizona. H. E. Plummer of Portland, Ore., president of the Building Officials Conference of America; Dean Butler of the College of Engineering, University of Arizona, and Dr. T. E. Snyder of the Bureau of Entomology, Department of Commerce, who is coming from Washington, D. C., to attend the meeting, will all address the delegates. C. E. Jenkins of Alhambra, Calif., president of the conference, will preside. President Jenkins has broadcast a message to all members and to all building officials on the Pacific coast, inviting them to attend and impressing upon them the fact that the meeting will be of importance to the governing body of every city on the coast.

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To throw the long forward pass accurately, not only the arms but the body and legs must be put into the throw if it is to get distance and carry to the desired spot.

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The above illustration shows the proper stance for the throwing of the short forward pass, which requires only arm motion to send the ball on its way. The feet are wide apart, with the weight on the right foot as the right arm is drawn back to make ready for the throw. The left arm is extended to give the proper balance.

Like the punter, the forward passer must keep cool, even though the entire defensive team is charging down at him, leaping in the air with the hope of at least disconcerting him if not actually blocking the pass. A fatal mistake is for the passer to hurry his throw under such conditions, thereby losing accuracy.

DOPE PEDDLER CONVICTED
SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 10. (AP)—The conviction of Dr. Milton A. J. Neims of Walla Walla, Wash., found guilty of a violation of the Harrison narcotic act in that city, was upheld by the United States circuit court of appeals here today.

RESOLUTIONS FOR JURIST
SALEM, Oct. 8. (AP)—Resolutions in memory of the late Chief Justice George H. Barnett of the state supreme court will be presented by the state bar association at a special memorial session.

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BILLY EVANS SAYS

WILL SCOUTING CONTINUE?

Is the abolition of the scouting system, to which a number of the leading colleges have agreed, going to purify the game of football?

I don't think so. As a matter of fact, it is my belief that the rule is going to breed deception, make for hypocrisy. Just how valuable the scouting system in football really is only the coaches can answer. A majority are keen for it, while few if any, say it has no particular value. Therefore, it must be more or less worth while.

Once upon a time, football scouts tried to conceal their identity but seldom got away with it. Some years ago the leading coaches decided to be above board in all things pertaining to scouting.

When a coach sent several men to scout a team, he would inform the opposition of his intent, requesting they be supplied with seats, and so forth. The scouts would then be welcomed by the rival college and given every consideration.

Under the non-scouting system, hypocrisy is sure to enter into preparation for the various big games, since dope is sure to be slipped the coaches from various sources and it will be a difficult matter for them to discriminate as to what advice they should or should not accept.

MORE AID TO BATTER
Despite the fact Babe Ruth hit 60 home runs the past season and his teammate, Lou Gehrig, was running with 16, there are still those who believe the pitcher are again getting the upper hand.

Some years ago, when such a condition really existed and most games were pitched battles, the lively ball and the run on fresh deliveries were introduced to handicap the pitcher. The reform desired was accomplished.

Recently, I received a suggestion from R. W. Williams, an attorney of Weymouth, Va., relative to the foul strike rule. It is interesting because he doesn't want to make any radical change, other than that the first foul shall not be counted as a strike. Here is his suggestion:

"Do not count the first foul hit by a batter a strike. You no doubt have often noticed a batter entangled by the exigencies

of the game to let one in the 'groove' go by. He fails off the next one. As a result he is in the hole and forced to swing at any ball that is doubtful for fear of being called out."

I have no doubt but that the suggestion of Mr. Williams would make for more hitting, since it would have a tendency to prolong the batter's time at bat.

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