

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS SHOW DECREASE OF 7.46 P. C.

Gross earnings of 26 leading railroads in the United States and Canada for the fourth week of April according to figures compiled by the N. Y. "Chronicle," amounted to \$13,356,342, a decrease of \$1,078,047, or 7.46 per cent., from the corresponding period last year.

Table with columns for Railroad Name, 1915, and Decrease. Includes Buffalo, Roch. & Pitts., Canadian Northern, Canadian Pacific, etc.

For the month of April the returns of 28 railroads show gross earnings of \$48,665,078, a decrease of \$4,534,569, or 9.21 per cent.

Recognized Authority on All Matters Relating to Freight. Advice received at the Grand Trunk headquarters today announces the death of White Sulphur Springs, Va., Montana, on Sunday night, May 9th, of Mr. O. S. Cockey, general agent of the Grand Trunk Railway System in New York City.

G. T. R. EARNINGS IN MARCH. A decrease of \$25,600 in net receipts is shown in the Grand Trunk statement for March, when there was one more working day than last year.

Table showing Net Gross receipts, Expenses, and earnings for Main line, Western branch, and Detroit section.

CANADIAN PACIFIC EARNINGS. The earnings of the C. P. R. for the first seven days in May were \$394,000, somewhat below the total for the first week of both March and April.

RAILROADS. CANADIAN PACIFIC. From WINDSOR ST. STATION Daily For NORTH TORONTO - 10.50 p.m. (Yonge St.)

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM. DOUBLE TRACK ALL THE WAY TORONTO - DETROIT - CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL LIMITED.

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SHIPPING NOTES

The Lusitania carried only 86 mail bags against the usual 1,000. Twenty-eight vessels are on the way to Philadelphia from the war zone. All of these vessels with the exception of nine, are British.

The Scandinavian, Milwaukee, Symra, Torr Head, and Manchester Merchant have arrived at Montreal; the Duca d'Aosta and Athenai are at New York; the Oscar II. has arrived at Kirkwall and the Duca degli Abruzzi at Genoa.

The Swedish steamer Carolina, bound from Charleston, S.C. for Stockholm, with a cargo of cotton, has been brought into Grimby by British naval authorities. Another Swedish steamer, the Marie, bound from Galveston, Texas, for Malmoe, Sweden, has arrived at Clyde in charge of a naval crew.

A warrant for the arrest of the SS. Rosemount, of Kingston, has been issued by Mr. W. Simpson Walker, K.C., registrar of the Admiralty Court. The petitioner is the Belding Paul Corticelli Company, Limited, who ask for \$1,500 damages, caused, it is claimed, by their premises being flooded through the respondent ship damaging the St. Gabriel locks on May 3 last.

The four hundred thousand dollars action entered by His Majesty the King against the SS. Lignan will be heard in the Admiralty Court at Montreal, on June 8 next. The plaintiff alleges that it was through the fault of the defendant steamer that the Canadian Government ship Montmagny was sunk at early dawn on September 18, 1914, by the SS. Lignan in the Beaujeu Channel, causing a loss of fourteen lives.

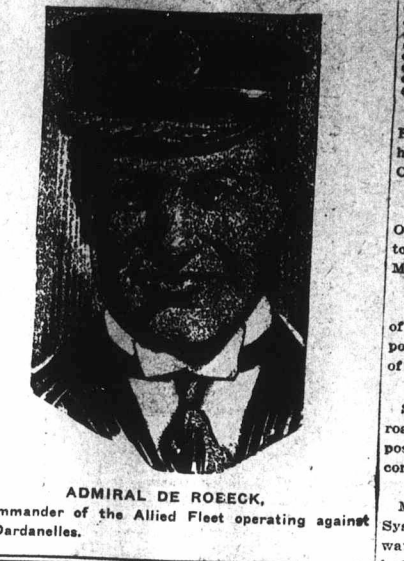
SIGNAL SERVICE

Department of Marine and Fisheries. 13.30 a.m. May 11th, 1915: Cape Salmon, 81—Cloudy, light north west. In 10.00 a.m. steamer, 6.00 a.m. Glen Almond. Father Point, 157—Cloudy, light, north west. In 1.30 a.m. Monmouth, 4.00 a.m. Ramos, 4.30 a.m. Rose Castle, 6.00 a.m. Romera.

Great Falling Away in American Railroad Revenues. Chicago, Ill., May 11.—Sisson Thompson's summary of the 1914 calendar year shows similar results for the railroads of the United States as for fiscal years. The calendar year's gross revenues decreased \$192,937,291 and net income decreased \$132,115,009.

Canadian Southern Railway. The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Canada Southern Railway Company will be held at the company's head office in St. Thomas, Ont., on Wednesday, June 2nd, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Grand Trunk Earnings. The Grand Trunk Railway System's traffic earnings from May 1st to 7th, 1915, is as follows: 1915 \$863,195; 1914 978,178; Decrease \$114,983.



ADMIRAL DE ROEBECK, Commander of the Allied Fleet operating against the Dardanelles.

The Charter Market

In all trades, and but little was spoken of except the sinking of the Lusitania. There are a few inquiries for grain and general cargo carriers to Europe and for tonnage for case oil to the Far East and Australia. The rates are steady to firm at about the basis of last previous charters.

Reorganization plans for Wabash-Pittsburg Terminal Railway Co. is being formulated. Tentative plans for the raising of between \$8,000,000 and \$12,000,000 through assessment on the first mortgage bonds. Second mortgage bondholders may be given an opportunity to subscribe to whatever part of the assessment is not paid by the first mortgage bondholders. It is understood a new common stock will be put out.

According to reports received by the C. P. R. wheat seeding in Manitoba is completed at most points, the Arbery division being the most behind hand. Early sown wheat is showing finely. As for moisture, in the soil, there is sufficient for present need; but there is always anxiety on this score.

The mountain hotels of the Canadian Pacific Railway are getting under way to what promises to be a record season's business, and from the present indications it looks as if the number of tourists patronizing the different establishments of the company throughout the mountains this year would exceed all expectations.

Declared Dividend. Chicago, May 11.—Chicago Railway's semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. on series one certificates and a dividend of 2 per cent. on series two certificates are payable June 5th, to stock of record May 22nd.

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RAILROAD NOTES

D. Coons, superintendent of telegraphs, Canadian Pacific Railway, is returning to Moose Jaw, where he was superintendent before being transferred to Calgary two months ago.

Mr. E. N. Goodfellow, Assistant Chief Telegraph Operator at Vancouver, has been appointed inspector of telegraphs at Medicine Hat in succession to Mr. D. L. Howard, transferred.

American railroads ordered last week 18,000 tons of rails, 2,032 freight cars, and 60 locomotives. Export orders amounted to 10,000 cars, and 26,000 tons of rails.

Stockholders' committee of Morris and Essex Railroad is asking for a deposit of proxies for the purpose of effecting a change in the management of the company at the annual meeting, to be held June 20.

Mount Clemens, Michigan, on the Grand Trunk System, is a delightful city, and its famous mineral waters afford relief and cure for many of the ills the body is heir to.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Railway Club will be held this evening in the Ladies' Ordinary of the Windsor Hotel at 8.30 o'clock, when the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place, which will be followed by a smoking concert.

Two million acres of agricultural land await the settler in Central British Columbia, on the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific. The newly opened up districts are described in the publication "Plateau and Valley Lands," to be obtained free from any Grand Trunk Agent.

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The "Safety First" movement has had its influences on the Chicago and Northwestern, according to figures given out by R. C. Richards of that system. The statement says that "Safety First" means fewer widows, orphans and cripples and less destitution and misery.

Alexander Hilton, passenger traffic manager of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, has been elected president of the American Association of Passenger Traffic Officers, at San Francisco. Mr. Hilton has served during the last year as vice-president of the association, and his promotion to the presidency is in line with the custom of the organization.

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LUSITANIA CARRIED A CARGO VALUED AT \$797,500

In Excess of that Usually Taken—Had \$200,000 Worth of Ammunition on Board, and \$112,000 Worth of Metals.

The Lusitania carried merchandise valued at \$757,580, according to the ship's manifest filed at the New York Custom House. Among the most important items in the cargo taken by the Lusitania were large shipments of copper, copper wire, sheet brass and other metals, ostensibly for use in the manufacture of foodstuffs.

Table listing various goods and their values: Sheet brass, lbs. 260,000 \$49,567; Copper wire, lbs. 111,762 20,923; Cheese, lbs. 58,465 11,000; Beef, lbs. 217,157 33,234; Butter, lbs. 342,165 30,933; Lard, lbs. 43,814 8,730; Bacon, lbs. 40,003 4,900; Canned meat, cases 10 150; Canned vegetables, cases 485 1,373; Catfish, packages 248 744; Shoes, packages 62 19,432; Tongues, packages 10 726; Oysters, barrels 16 124; Lubricating oil, barrels 205 1,925; Hardware, packages 25 119; Leather, packages 31 742; Furs, packages 50 16,710; Notions, packages 349 119,220; Confectionery, packages 2 51; Silverware, packages 655 2,813; Precious stones, packages 82 13,350; Jewelry, packages 2 251; Belting, packages 2 1,215; Auto vehicles, and parts, pkgs. 5 415; Electrical material, packages 8 2,464; Machinery, packages 2 1,386; Manufactures, steel, packages 8 324; Manufactures, copper, packages 138 21,000; Manufactures, aluminum, pkgs. 144 6,800; Manufactures, brass, pkgs. 95 6,786; Manufactures, iron, pkgs. 33 2,281; Old rubber, packages 7 541; Military goods, packages 189 66,231; Dry goods, packages 238 19,558; India rubber goods, pkgs. 1 121; Wire goods, packages 16 771; Reclaimed rubber, pkgs. 10 147; Staves, packages 2,351 4, 42; Brushes, packages 4 42; Ammunition, cases 1,271 47,214; Salt, packages 100 25; Bronze powder, cases 50 1,200; Bristol, Dental goods, packages 7 219; Manufactures, steel, pkgs. 8 741; Glasgow, Engines and material, pkgs. 2 149; Kobe, Liquid glue, packages 2 124; London, Books, packages 9 845; Wool, packages 8 458; Wool yarn, packages 1 165; Shoes, cases 1 374; Motor powder, cases 16 887; Motor cycles and parts, packages 8 1,620; Paintings, packages 1 2,212; Prints, packages 1 750; Leather, cases 14 147; Furs, packages 89 31,517; Sewing machines, and ammun. cases 4,200 162,400; Film, cases 1 100; Pumps, and parts, packages 20 260; Electrical machinery, packages 6 1,139; Watch material, packages 1 1,126; Auto veh., and parts, packages 2 2,489; Electrical material, packages 4 340; Optical goods, packages 1 1,513; Dental goods, packages 10 3,762; Manchester, Machine patterns, packages 3 1,500; Total value \$797,580.

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FIVE OFFICES \$38,157 TO M

City's Collections in Have More Than D in ten Year ARE 72 COMPAN

Special taxes, collected by the from fire insurance companies op practically all been paid into the amount to \$39,465, an increase of the \$38,157 collected last year made up of a 1 per cent. assessm of \$2,107.34 received in the city. This special tax was instituted chiefly because it offered the city a steady revenue. The companies with a minimum of \$200 on all piums. In addition to this tax, the of the cost of supporting the Fire making up the totals given. The c er thir. Remittances, covering th been coming in to the city treasur ple of weeks and almost all are now Premiums from the City of Mont fire insurance companies operating last, as compared with the previous y in 1914 and 1913 being respectively \$ 58,451. The 1 per cent. tax on these \$22,855 and \$22,557, the increase be companies' share of the cost of the was \$2,600 in each year, making the taxes paid to Montreal \$39,465 and year 1914 and 1913 respectively. Th in May are based on the previous ye Considerable increases in premium shown in the past ten years. In 190 collected in Montreal by 41 fire insur amounted to \$1,897,722 and the total paid to the city were \$20,524. By 191 were operating here and for that year 237,445 in local premiums and paid city taxes. In 1912, 67 companies 648,884 in premiums and paid \$35,063 Last year's premiums are an increas compared with 1905. The taxes assed have increased by \$18,941 in the same

Payments of Companies The following payments are assesses fire insurance companies operating in amounts being 1 per cent. of the prem here: Aetna ... 1,000; Actua ... 1,000; Alliance ... 1,000; Atlas ... 1,000; Brit. American ... 1,000; Brit. Col. ... 1,000; Brit. Dom. ... 1,000; Caledonia ... 1,000; Com. Union ... 1,000; Connecticut ... 1,000; Continental ... 1,000; Emp. Liability ... 1,000; Equitable F. and M. ... 1,000; Fidelity Phoenix ... 1,000; Firemen's Fund ... 1,000; Gen. of Perth ... 1,000; Gen. of Paris ... 1,000; Guardian ... 1,000; Gre-American ... 1,000; Gros Falls ... 1,000; Globe and Rutgers ... 1,000; Hartford ... 1,000; Home ... 1,000; Ins. Underwriters ... 1,000; Ins. Co. of N. A. ... 1,000; Law Union & Rock ... 1,000; Lon. and Lanc. ... 1,000; Liverpool Assn. ... 1,000; Liverpool-Manitoba ... 1,000; N. Y. Underwriters Agency ... 1,000; Nat. Brit. & Merc. ... 1,000; Nat. Ben Franklin ... 1,000; N. W. and National ... 1,000; Northern ... 1,000; Norwich Union ... 1,000; Northwestern ... 1,000; Niagara ... 1,000; National Union ... 1,000; Phoenix of Hartford ... 1,000; Palatine ... 1,000; Pac. Coast ... 1,000; Prov. of London ... 1,000; Queb. Washington ... 1,000; Quebec ... 1,000; Queens ... 1,000; Royal ... 1,000; Royal Exchange ... 1,000; Factories ... 1,000; Union of Paris ... 1,000; Union of London ... 1,000; Westchester ... 1,000; Yorkshire ... 1,000; Provincial ... 1,000; Anglo-American ... 1,000; National of Hartford ... 1,000; Am. Lloyd's ... 1,000; Strathern ... 1,000; La Protection ... 1,000; Prov. of England ... 1,000; Standstead and Sherbrooke ... 1,000; St. Paul F. and M. ... 1,000; Scottish Union and Nat. ... 1,000; Springfield F. & M. ... 1,000; Sun ... 1,000; Western ... 1,000; Mount Royal ... 1,000; Dominion ... 1,000; Lon. Mutual ... 1,000; Mont-Canada ... 1,000; Missequoit & Rainville ... 1,000; National of Paris ... 1,000;

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