

THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1916

RAILROADS IN THE
UNITED STATES EARN
A BILLION IN A YEARTheir Golden Flood of Revenue
Surpasses by a Third the Record
of 1913

Washington, Dec. 28.—More than one billion dollars net income from operations was made by the railroads of the country in the year now closing. The huge total is the peak of prosperity in railroad operations, and stands more than one-third higher than the total of 1913, hitherto the banner year.

Statistics gathered by the Interstate

Commerce Commission, complete for nine months and made the basis for calculation for the entire year, indicate that the total net income from operations will be approximately \$1,098,000,000. For the first nine months of the year complete returns show \$785,555,260. Even this does not represent the full amount, as roads whose income is less than \$1,000,000 are not included. The estimate of \$1,098,000,000 is regarded by officials as conservative.

An analysis of the returns for the first nine months shows a startling increase from January to September, amounting to more than 67 per cent. Expenses have not kept pace with the rapid rise in receipts, although they have measurably increased.

About 230,000 miles of railroad were in operation during the year. In the first months the total fell below 230,000. During the latter part of the year it exceeded 230,000. Using 230,000 as an average, returns show that for every mile

of road operated in the country the railroads will receive this year approximately \$15.65 in gross receipts, and a net income of \$4.774, or a little more than 30 per cent of the gross.

Compared with previous earnings, net income for 1916 shows an increase of more than 52 per cent over the fiscal year 1915, 39 per cent over 1914, and 84 per cent over 1913.

The Y. W. P. A.

At the regular meeting of the Y. W. P. A., held last night in the Order of Moose rooms, Union street, Miss Sheldon gave a report on the contents of boxes and the expense involved in their preparation for the soldiers in the military hospital. The treasurer's report showed \$279.50 in the general funds and \$55.10 to the credit of the returned soldiers' fund. The sum of \$235 was voted to the Soldiers' Comfort Association.

FINANCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET
Quotations furnished by private wire
J. M. Robinson & Sons, St. John, N.B.
New York, Dec. 29.

Stock	Change	Stock	Change
Am Zinc	108 1/2	Am Sugar	108 1/2
Am Car & Fwy	64 1/2	Am Smelters	108 1/2
Am Loco	75 1/2	Am Tel & T. Co.	108 1/2
Am Beet Sugar	88 1/2	Am Woolens	48 1/2
Am Can	84 1/2	Anaconda Mining	80 1/2
Am Sugar	108 1/2	Atch Top & S. F. 104	108 1/2
Am Smelters	108 1/2	B. & O.	83 1/2
Am Tel & T. Co.	108 1/2	Balt & Ohio	83 1/2
Am Woolens	48 1/2	Baldwin Loco	56 1/2
Anaconda Mining	80 1/2	Battle & Superior	45 1/2
Atch Top & S. F. 104	108 1/2	Bethlehem Steel	505 1/2
B. & O.	83 1/2	Chino Copper	51 1/2
Balt & Ohio	83 1/2	Chi & North West	124 1/2
Baldwin Loco	56 1/2	Ches & Ohio	65 1/2
Battle & Superior	45 1/2	Colo Fuel Iron	44 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	505 1/2	Granby	88 1/2
Chino Copper	51 1/2	Central Leather	82 1/2
Chi & North West	124 1/2	Crucible Steel	59 1/2
Ches & Ohio	65 1/2	Erie	38 1/2
Colo Fuel Iron	44 1/2	Erie 1st Pfd	85 1/2
Granby	88 1/2	General Elect	169 1/2
Central Leather	82 1/2	Gt North Pfd	117 1/2
Crucible Steel	59 1/2	Inspiration	56 1/2
Erie	38 1/2	Int'l Marine	86 1/2
Erie 1st Pfd	85 1/2	Int'l Marine Pfd	86 1/2
General Elect	169 1/2	Industrial Alcohol	109 1/2
Gt North Pfd	117 1/2	Kennecott Copper	45 1/2
Inspiration	56 1/2	Lehigh Valley X.D.	79 1/2
Int'l Marine	86 1/2	Maxwell Motors	47 1/2
Int'l Marine Pfd	86 1/2	Mex Petroleum	91 1/2
Industrial Alcohol	109 1/2	Min. & S. 30 1/2	30 1/2
Kennecott Copper	45 1/2	North Pacific	110 1/2
Lehigh Valley X.D.	79 1/2	National Lead	58 1/2
Maxwell Motors	47 1/2	Nevada	53 1/2
Mex Petroleum	91 1/2	N. Y. Air Brakes	146 1/2
Min. & S. 30 1/2	30 1/2	N. Y. Central	104 1/2
North Pacific	110 1/2	New Haven	51 1/2
National Lead	58 1/2	Pennsylvania	56 1/2
Nevada	53 1/2	Pressed Steel Car	73 1/2
N. Y. Air Brakes	146 1/2	Reading	101 1/2
N. Y. Central	104 1/2	Rep Iron & Steel	76 1/2
New Haven	51 1/2	Rock Island O.R.	84 1/2
Pennsylvania	56 1/2	Sloss Sheffield	63 1/2
Pressed Steel Car	73 1/2	Southern Ry	31 1/2
Reading	101 1/2	Southern Ry Pfd	31 1/2
Rep Iron & Steel	76 1/2	St. Paul	27 1/2
Rock Island O.R.	84 1/2	St. Paul X.D.	27 1/2
Sloss Sheffield	63 1/2	Studebaker	104 1/2
Southern Ry	31 1/2	Union Pacific	147 1/2
Southern Ry Pfd	31 1/2	U. S. Steel	108 1/2
St. Paul	27 1/2	U. S. Steel Pfd	120 1/2
St. Paul X.D.	27 1/2	United Fruit	149 1/2
Studebaker	104 1/2	U. S. Rubber	97 1/2
Union Pacific	147 1/2	Utah Copper	98 1/2
U. S. Steel	108 1/2	Vir Car Chem	43 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd	120 1/2	Western Union	96 1/2
United Fruit	149 1/2	Wheat Elevator	54 1/2
U. S. Rubber	97 1/2	Sales, 11 o'clock \$81,000.	
Utah Copper	98 1/2	Market will close Friday until Tuesday.	
Vir Car Chem	43 1/2		
Western Union	96 1/2		
Wheat Elevator	54 1/2		

MONTREAL TRANSACTIONS

(Up to 12 o'clock today.)
(J. M. Robinson & Sons, members Montreal Stock Exchange.)

Bank of Commerce—185.
Royal Bank—51 1/2.
Quebec—50 at 30; 480 at 34 1/2; 275 at 35; 60 at 30 1/2; 135 at 35 1/2; 40 at 34 1/2; 50 at 34.
Brazil—100 at 40.
Canada Car—25 at 36 1/2; 5 at 35 1/2.
Chico Power—30 at 81.
Cement—10 at 40.
Crown—1400 at 40.
Dom. Steel—165 at 65; 100 at 64 1/2; 75 at 64 1/2; 35 at 64 1/2; 50 at 64 1/2; 150 at 66 1/2; 500 at 65 1/2.
Lauriat—50 at 12.
Scotia—25 at 118 1/2; 85 at 113.
Spanish—5 at 17.
Steel Car—490 at 64; 100 at 63 1/2; 25 at 63; 100 at 63 1/2; 75 at 63 1/2; 55 at 64 1/2; 70 at 64 1/2; 10 at 64 1/2; 40 at 65; 25 at 64 1/2; 85 at 64 1/2.
Smelters—25 at 92.
Toronto Rys.—12 at 76.
Asbestos Pfd.—35 at 53.
Dom. War Loan Bonds—2000 at 98 1/2.
Quebec Bonds—5000 at 71.
Can Loco—15 at 56.
Market will close Friday until Tuesday.

Potato Growers
Elect Officers

At the potato growers convention in Woodstock yesterday, addresses were given by P. A. Low, plant pathologist; G. E. Partridge, Dominion plant disease inspector; A. H. Marshall, W. E. Palmer, J. B. Duggan, W. W. Hubbard, A. P. Clark and S. J. Moore.

At the conclusion of Mr. Moore's address the election of officers for the ensuing year took place. Officers: President, T. W. Caldwell, Florenceville (N. B.); vice president, Thomas A. Strong, Lindsay (N. B.); secretary, G. C. Cunningham, Fredericton (N. B.); assistant secretary, G. E. Partridge, Fredericton (N. B.); treasurer, W. H. Moore, Scotch Lake (N. B.); auditor, E. W. Jarvis, manager of the Bank of Montreal, Woodstock (N. B.).

The five members of the association appointed to the advisory board are as follows: Donald Innes, Tobique River (N. B.); W. E. Palmer, Scotch Lake (N. B.); Jas. Bremner, Jr., Chatham (N. B.); A. H. Marshall, East Centreville (N. B.); T. A. Goggin, Elgin (N. B.).

PROFITS MADE ON THE
PEACE NOTE OF WILSON?

Intimations drifting from New York that there had been a leak of the president's note before it was given its authoritative publicity, and that some member or members of the president's official family profited directly or indirectly from the fluctuations of the stock market which occurred after Mr. Lansing issued his first and most sensational statement, have caused Representative Wood of Indiana to introduce a resolution for a congressional investigation of the affair. The resolution was referred to the Judiciary committee. There was no discussion. Representative Wood is a Republican. The affair has created a great sensation.

Cause of Train Wreck

Six men were killed, four severely injured and several others hurt when the fast Chicago-Montreal express crashed into the Cornwall-Montreal local train, telescoping the three rear cars. The wreck was due to the fact that the crew on the local had been informed that the express had passed and that the track was clear.

Clarence Martin of Lowell, Va., coming home from a lumber camp where he is employed, saw fresh bear tracks on the road. He followed the tracks and soon came upon three bears engaged in searching for beechnuts. In three shots, Mr. Martin killed the three animals.

Now Is Your Time

It's up to all of you that have not purchased your Winter Coat or Suit to do it now. Any lady or gentleman can have a suit or coat on our liberal credit system of

\$1.00 a Week

And a Small Deposit

We aim to please our customers in style, quality and service. We do not send collectors, if you do not wish it, and we also treat all business strictly confidential.

WE HAVE A NICE LINE OF FURS
CASH IF YOU WISH IT! CREDIT IF YOU NEED IT!

The People's Cash & Credit Co.

555 MAIN STREET

DIFFERENT FROM THE REST

Store Open Evenings.

A LESSER, Prop.

MULLER TO BE
NEW MANAGERWell-Known Advertising Man
Will Direct Policies of the
Canadian Advertising Agency
After Jan. 1.

After the first of the year the policy and operation of the Canadian Advertising Agency Limited, with offices in the Unity Building, Montreal, will be directed by Robert S. Muller, who has been appointed general manager of the organization. The selection of Mr. Muller by this agency is not unexpected by those who know the organization and its rapid advancement and all agree that the appointment of a man of his calibre as manager is in keeping with the progress of the agency.

It is conceded by the advertising fraternity of Montreal that there is no man in Canada better adapted to handle all phases of advertising and sales promotion. His experience in two countries, extending over a number of years has eminently fitted him for his task. Mr. Muller was formerly associated with N. W. Ayer & Son, Philadelphia (Pa.), as a copy writer; the Morse International Agency of New York, as copy manager; Steinhart Bros. & Co., of New York, as advertising manager of wholesale and retail stores; as manager of the whole sale, retail and importing stores of the Sing Fat Company, New York; and as assistant advertising manager of the New York Times.

His Canadian connection has been as eastern manager of the Gagner Advertising Service, a post which he has held for three and a half years. Although an American and the son of American parents, Mr. Muller quickly absorbed Canadian ideas and during his residence here has become distinctly Canadian in sympathies, spirit and business methods. He believes enthusiastically in the possibilities of Canada as a commercial field and that enthusiasm, coupled with his ability as a sales and advertising counsellor, has been of marked assistance in the successful direction of campaigns for prominent Canadian manufacturers, who have enlisted his services.

Advanced views on agency service—the overcoming of little prejudices that sometimes exist between agencies and publishers—have placed Mr. Muller in high esteem by Canadian publishers. His knowledge of metropolitan newspaper methods and his insistence that clients must be given the best there is in service, brains and energy, together with his clean cut methods have placed him in the foremost ranks of advertising men.

Some of Canada's largest and most aggressive concerns have entrusted their advertising accounts to him. Among these may be enumerated the Dominion Cartridge Company; Canadian Explosives Limited; Sherwin-Williams; Canadian Paints and Varnishes Company; Canada Cement Company; Canadian Paint Company; Palmers Limited (Minty's Tooth Paste); B. B. B. Company (Canada) Limited; Craven "A" Cigarettes and Black Cat Cigarettes; Gunns Limited; Gunn Langlois & Company; the Grimm Manufacturing Company, etc.

Van Buren Pulp Mill

Van Buren, Me., is to have a new industry in the near future. The new pulp mill about to be erected is to be built of stone from the Bangor Cast Stone Products Company. The order for the pulp mill was received on Dec. 18, and was a big one. One building will be 816x98 feet in size and 85 feet high with a tower 75 feet high and about 90 feet square. There will also be a boiler plant and power buildings and later an office will be constructed. The plant will be one of the largest in the state. The importance of this order may be appreciated when it is understood that on the basis of the ordinary size of cast stone block, 8x24x16 inches, 80,000 of these are equal to a million brick.

Aviators Were
Lost in The BushEngine Stalled Over African Jungle
And They Dropped—A Trying Time

An officer of the Royal Flying Corps, sent to East Africa, has sent to his parents a lively account of an experience in the bush when he was on a reconnaissance expedition with an observer, says the London Express.

For an hour and a half on the outward trip, the machine was a target for the Huns' "archers," but the crucial moment came when they had covered only two miles on the homeward journey. The engine stopped, and the officer, describing what followed, says:

"Well, there we were 700 odd feet up and more than twenty miles behind the Hun lines. I glided down as fast as possible, using every device I knew to make the engine pick up, but no luck. When over the railway line I was only 200 feet up, and we could see Huns on the line watching us. Suddenly, to our joy, the engine started going again, and we flew for five minutes like that, and were just congratulating ourselves upon our luck when she stopped again. The only patch at all clear was a little to our right, so I made for that and landed."

"So there we were, fifty miles from home, Huns on our left and front. We streaked off into the bush to work around them. For two days and nights we waited, and our clothes were torn in rags. The second night it started to rain, so we collected the rain in my Burberry and drank it. We got soaked through. We afterwards put the Burberry under the trees and shook them. In this way we half filled one water bottle."

"On the third afternoon we literally staggered into a native kraal, clean done up. The natives were most anxious to do all they could for us when they saw our revolvers. We were nearly desperate for water, and drank, and drank, and drank. Then the natives killed their only chicken and boiled it in mescal-mescal and fed us."

"Afterwards I sent a note by a native runner to our nearest post, and he sent a despatch rider to tell Mr. C. Q. that we had arrived. Of course, the squadron were delighted to see us again."

ENLISTING THE UNFIT.

(Montreal Herald.)

As a record of inefficiency it would certainly be hard to beat the condemnation of the recruiting system in Canada in the report recently made by a competent medical authority to the military department. This report said: "Of 2,670 soldiers coming before medical boards from June 2 to August 3, 1916, as only fit for permanent base duty, 1,840 ought never to have been sent to the front. Out of 1,452 discharged from the army during the same period, 816 had never got beyond England, that is 56 per cent of the discharges had never been at the front."

Simultaneously with what has been shown to be extravagance and wasted effort, the claim is made that large numbers of the really fit are employed in secretarial or clerical duties. It is said, for instance that almost 8,000 men of fighting age, who enlisted for active service, are at work in the Canadian offices in Great Britain. If this is true, it represents more waste. With men so urgently required at the front, all those in the service who are fit to go to the front should be sent there. A splendid plea for all the office work and base duties that may be necessary could be recruited in less than a week in Canada from men with military training and aptitudes, who may be considered too old for fighting or physically incapable of the hardships of campaigning, yet be even more capable of such special service than those now engaged.

Why not also put such men to the tasks of prison guards, sentries over communications, hospital orderlies, and countless other necessary base services? This would allow Army Service, Red



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A Christmas certificate for glasses to be properly fitted with Crooke's Lenses, Reading or Library Spectacles, Eyeglasses, Chains, Magnifiers, Pocket Periscopes, Leather or Aluminum Cases, etc.

You'll find any number of mighty pleasing Christmas Gifts in our optical line.

COME IN AND SEE!

K. W. Epstein & Co.

Optometrists and Opticians,
Open Evenings 193 Union St.

Cross, Ambulance and other services to be taken care of by those who, while perfectly fit and reliable, are not desirable in active trench work, and thus release for other service at the front hundreds of young men who would gladly be welcomed. But under no circumstances can the enlistment of discredited, or physically degenerate men be condoned, as the official report we have quoted, quite clearly indicates has been done in the past.

CHICAGO TO RETRENCH.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Plans for retrenchments in 1917 in the various municipal departments to meet a deficit of \$400,000 in Chicago's purse are announced by the city's budget committee and, according to department officials, will mean various curtailments of efficiency in several branches of city service. The plans include—

A 30 per cent reduction on the normal number of street lights.

Seven hundred fewer policemen.

Abolition of twenty-two fire companies.

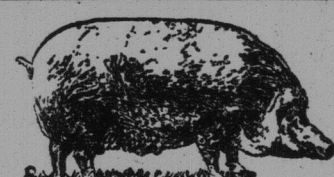
Elimination of 100 positions in the health department and of several hundred positions in various city hall departments.

Mrs. Clara H. Morton of Wichita, Kan., has filed a claim against the Beacon for \$1,000. She sets out in her claim that she was misled by an editorial which appeared in the Wichita Beacon Saturday night before election. The editorial advised all mothers in Wichita who had sons to name to go ahead and name them "Charles H. ————," until after the election. Mrs. Morton took this advice and christened her infant son Charles Hughes Morton. She is now asking \$1,000 damages.

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PILLSFOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES
GRAVEL, RHEUMATISM,
DIABETES, HYPERTENSION,
AND ALL OTHER KIDNEY AFFECTIONS.DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS
23 THE PHARMACY

TURKEYS

36 Cents Lb.



CHICKENS

30 Cents Lb.

ROAST PORK

20 Cents Lb.

By the slice 22 cents Lb.

MRS. E. B. JOHNSON
28 Main StreetMURAD
CIGARETTES

TO-DAY—

at this very hour—more smokers are trying Murads for the first time than all other high-grade cigarettes combined.

Almost 100 per cent of these new Murad smokers continue Murad smokers.

What is happening to-day has happened every day since Murads were first introduced.

What is responsible for this?

Not advertising—Quality!

And the endorsement of Murads by one smoker to another, from coast to coast.

Sinarogras

Everywhere—Why?