

I. C. C. HOPES FOR LOWER RATES AND FARES ON ALL RAILROADS

Improvement in Volume of Traffic and Further Adjustment of Operation Are Necessary—\$105,000,000 Due Railroads Under U. S. Government Guarantee.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Hope is expressed by the Interstate Commerce Commission in its annual report today to Congress that "a substantially lower" level of railroad rates and fares will be possible with an improvement in the volume of traffic following the present business depression and "with a further adjustment of operating costs in harmony with prevailing conditions."

Freight rates, following war time increases and some later readjustments have not yet reached an equilibrium, the commission says, because the chief factors controlling them "the value of services and the cost of transportation," still are "in a state of flux."

The commission's report is for the year ended last Oct. 31. It discloses that a total of \$105,000,000 has been ordered paid to the railroads under the government guarantee against losses during the first six months after their return to private ownership and that there still is due an estimated \$105,000,000 on this account.

Out of 677 carriers entitled to guarantee payments, the commission says, 477 have filed claims, totaling \$115,000,000, but payments of only \$53,000,000 have been held justified by the commission's audit. No statement was made with respect to the difference between the roads' own summary of their losses during the six months and the government's findings. The roads which have not yet filed claims for losses, the report adds, are short lines and the total will be "relatively small."

In its capacity as supervisor of railroad capital issues, the commission issued during the year certificates allowing roads to issue stocks and bonds to a total of \$1,718,000,000, the report says. The commission points out, however, that this total represents for the greatest part refunding operations, not involving new and increased investment.

Discussing railroad earnings, the commission says the carriers' income and expenses have reflected the unusual industrial conditions and that despite the reduction of the working forces by half a million men, a lowering of the cost of materials and cuts in employees' pay, the net earnings have not yet reached a rate of 5 per cent on the value of the properties determined for the United States as a whole. This 5 per cent net earnings rate is that recognized by Congress in the Transportation Act as a fair return on the invested value.

Reconsider Merchant Marine Act. In its recommendation, the commission asks Congress to reconsider Section 23 of the Merchant Marine Act authorizing preferential rail rates on shipments of commodities for export in American bottoms, declaring that the ultimate effect "may be merely to divert traffic from certain ports to others with little or no gain in tonnage for United States vessels."

Operation of this section of the law has been suspended by agreement between the Shipping Board and the commission.

Other Recommendations.

Other recommendations of the commission are: Enactment of a law providing for the punishment of any person offering or giving a bribe to an employee of a carrier with intent to influence his action or decision with respect to car service and providing for the punishment of the guilty employee. That the use of steel cars in the passenger service be required and that the use in passenger trains of wooden cars between or in front of steel cars be prohibited. Amendment of the Interstate Commerce Act so as clearly to provide whether and if so, how voluntary consolidation of carriers may be effected pending ultimate adoption by the commission of a complete plan of consolidation.

Farewell Tendered A. D. Whymbs, S.S.B.

Transferred from Soldiers' Settlement Board Here to Position in Ottawa.

The approaching transfer of A. D. Whymbs, accountant with the local branch of the Soldiers' Settlement Board, to his former home, Ottawa, was made the occasion of a farewell dinner, tendered him by a party of his friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sullivan, 79, Princess street, Saturday evening.

After full justice had been done to the very last dinner provided by the gracious hostess, Miss M. McMorris, on behalf of the company, in a brief address, in which he referred to the high esteem and affection in which the guests of the evening were held by his comrades, presented Mr. Whymbs with a handsome leather cigarette case on which was engraved in letters of gold, "With best regards to the British Empire, from A. D. Whymbs, Dec. 12, 1921." Mr. Whymbs, in reply, expressed his thanks for the tokens of good will and at the same time expressed his appreciation of the friendly and hospitable spirit in which he had been received since his coming to the city. Recalling of the many warm friendships he had made, he said, it was with a feeling of deep regret that he would leave St. John.

Among those present were: Messrs. R. G. McMorris, J. D. Scott, W. H. Davidson, J. H. Drummond and A. B. Richard.

C. N. R. Car Inspector Crushed Between Cars

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 12.—Joseph Henderson, C. N. R. car inspector, was severely crushed about the shoulders while at his work in the Moncton shops this afternoon. He was caught between two cars. No bones were broken, but he will be laid up some time.

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Marshal Foch Caused Sensation While At Quebec

Tells Arch Priest That Armenians Must Do Something for Themselves.

Quebec, Dec. 12.—A sensation was caused this morning at the Chateau Frontenac when Marshal Foch, after being officially received by the civil authorities, replied to a request made to him by the "Arch Priest" M. Mignien, representative of the Holy See, to save the Armenians. The Marshal replied: "We cannot save a country if they do not make their own defense. The first step is to take up arms and fight, and we do not negotiate with enemies."

The Marshal said that he would not make the request, nevertheless.

Germans Again Get Rumor of Soviet War On Poland

Hear Trotsky Has Ordered Resumption of Manufacture of Ammunition—Boast of Army.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—War with Poland is looming up as an ever menacing probability to leaders of Soviet Russia, according to reports reaching Germany. Inspired Moscow press comment is cited in substantiation of this and also an order by Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik War Minister, to the Soviet Commissariat that the big Putiloff iron works be reorganized with all despatch to manufacture ammunition. From independent sources it was learned that Trotsky in a conversation recently with an important German predicted war between Russia and Poland next spring and declared Russia would be able to swamp her Polish neighbor, because the Entente could not render Poland assistance substantial enough.

The Pravda states that the Red army can count on millions of men and, while not threatening war, says Russia must prove her strength by being able to intimidate "such adventures as Pilsudski."

Moscow newspapers publish an appeal by Trotsky to workers in war industries to bend every effort to meet the requirements of the Red army. It was said to be a part of the Russian plan to establish a large common front with Germany and Russia against the full moral support of Germany in the event of a conflict between Russia and Poland.

A report by the Polish Government's Statistical Department says that the population of Poland, the army not included, is 20,406,103 souls.

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CANADA ENJOYED ITS BEST HOUSE BUILDING YEAR

Number of New Buildings Erected 14,000, Compared to 11,000 Last Year.

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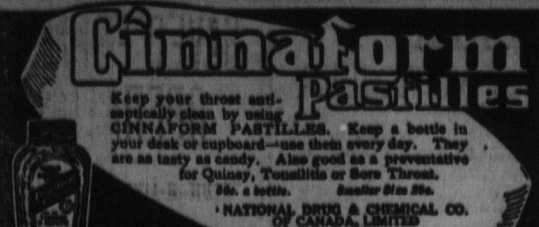
Foreign Propagandists Active.

"During the last fiscal year," the report continues, "the activities of foreign propagandists in the United States have been particularly noticeable and careful attention has been given to this pernicious form of work within this country."

The Attorney-General observes that "there has been no decrease in the number of short distilling cases since the enactment of the prohibition laws" and that "the court calendar in some jurisdictions has been overtaxed by this class of cases."

"Where the facts warrant," he says, "the offenders have been vigorously prosecuted, and it is hoped that this will result in a material reduction of such violations of the laws."

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