

- 1909, Nov. 30—At Queen's Hotel, Toronto, W. R. Callaway, G.P.A., Soo Line, was tendered a luncheon by railway men and personal friends equally represented. A. J. Taylor in the chair.
- 1909—St. Valentine's Day—The Rainy Day Club convened at the King Edward Hotel and received William Shakespeare's report on the Merry Wives of Windsor.
- 1911, March 17—J. D. McDonald tendered a farewell banquet to mark his promotion to position of A.G.P.A., G.T.R., Chicago.
- 1911, Sept.—Aerial post first attempted in Great Britain between London and Windsor and proceeds devoted to public charity.
- 1911-12, April—Fat stock shows at Clinton, where some laundries were purchased and addresses made on intensive cultivation of the juniper bush by railroading honorary judges.
- 1911-12—\$180,000,000 was total cost of Grand Central Station and environs, built by the New York Central & Hudson River Ry.
- 1912, May 1—Richard Tinning completed fifty years with "G.T.R." in Canada and was given complimentary dinner, diamond pin and purse.
- 1914, April 7—Cy. Warman, engineer, Denver reporter, publicist and successful writer of railroading prose and verse—once with "G.T.R." advertising department—died in Chicago this date.
- 1914, July 24—A century of locomotive use was appropriately celebrated when a 410 ton "Centipede" engine of the Erie Railroad pulled 250 loaded cars, weighing 21,000 tons, a distance of 40 miles at 15 miles per hour.

#### HANDY ANDY

"Can you run an engine," said the yardmaster to Martin Maguire?

"Can I run an engine," sniffed the bold Hibernian; "there's nothing I'd rather do than run a lokeymootive all day long. Huh! Can Oi run an engine?"

"Suppose you run that engine into the round house," suggested his boss.

Bluffing Martin climbed into the cabin with his orders in his mind, looked the ground over, spat on his hands, grabbed the largest handle and gave it a mighty yank. Zip! away went the engine into the roundhouse. Guessing the trouble ahead he reversed the lever clear back. Out she went—in she went—and out again.

Then the chief yelled, "I thought you said you could run an engine?"

And Martin Maguire quickly replied, "Oi had her in three times, why didn't you shut the door?"

1915—\$113,000,000 in taxes was paid by United States Railways.

1917, Oct. 17—The first train rolled over the new Quebec Bridge and trans-continental link.