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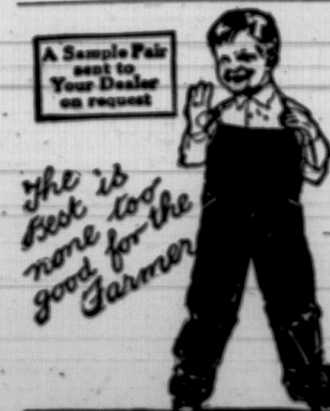


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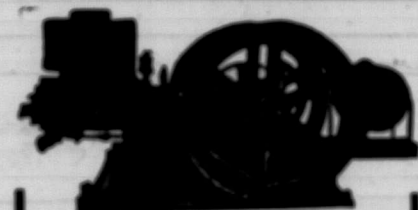
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to 1916 the earnings per freight train mile had increased 120 per cent and the average earning per ton increased 33 per cent. Mr. Lanigan, in reply to this argument, admitted that the operating expenses were less, but simply because a tremendous amount of railway work had to be curtailed which normally should be kept up. Hundreds of things were now being neglected that should and would be done under normal conditions and the railways thereby were suffering to a considerable extent and ultimately the service given the public must also suffer.

Judgment of the railway board was reserved. D'Arcy Scott and Prof. McLean were the two commissioners, Mr. Scott acting as chairman.

The Present Peace Movement

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of large blocks of territory by any belligerent would be. The adherence of the Allies to the plans of this Paris economic conference has furnished the German government with the very argument it needed to persuade the German people that the Allies propose to effect an economic strangulation of Germany, to shut them out from the free use of the raw materials of the world and equal opportunity to develop their latent industrial and commercial genius. To attempt the economic destruction of Germany or any other country would be to give that country a real cause for war. In no public audience has this been stated so clearly as in Mr. Wilson's note.

Central Powers Reply to Pope's Note

On September 21 replies of Germany and Austria to the Pope's note were announced separately but simultaneously. In the German reply the Kaiser expresses the hope that the appeal of the Pope may result in successful peace negotiations. Germany has since offered to evacuate Belgium but on entirely unsatisfactory conditions. The reply of the present German government and this evacuation offer as so far made has been merely generalities.

The Austrian reply exhibited a much greater desire for peace. It said: "We desire a peace that will free the life of the nation from rage and a thirst for revenge and that shall secure them for generations to come from the employment of armed forces. The future arrangement of the world should be based on the elimination of armed forces. We support, therefore, your Holiness' view that the negotiations should and could be to an understanding by which, with the creation of appropriate guarantee, armaments on land and sea and in the air should be reduced simultaneously and gradually to fixed limits and whereby the high seas, which rightly belong to all the nations of the earth may be free from domination and be open equally for the use of all."

"Fully conscious of the importance of the promotion of peace on the method proposed by your Holiness, namely, to submit international disputes to compulsory arbitration, we are also prepared to enter into negotiations regarding this proposal."

There is little doubt but that the Austrian government most earnestly desires peace though it has made no specific proposals, hoping that the possibility of negotiations may enable it to end the war with as little sacrifice as possible.

Former Premier Asquith, who, though nominally leader of the opposition in the present time, has replied to the German peace note. He asks these two significant questions: "Is Germany ready to restore what she took from France? Is she ready to give Belgium complete independence, political and economic, without fetters or reservations and with as complete an indemnity as any mere material compensation can provide for the devastation of her territory, and the sufferings of her people? A definite reply to these questions would be worth a whole column of pious platitudes."

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