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STATEMENT RELATING TO RAILWAY MAIL PAY

It is commonly conceded by all that the railroads are grossly underpaid for carrying the mails, including the parcel post.

The sixty-third congress appointed a joint committee of the senate and house to investigate this question. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., United States senator from Oregon, was made chairman of the committee. This committee conducted an exhaustive investigation, extending over a period of almost two years. On August 1, 1914, it filed its report with congress, which report consists of a volume of 124 pages, and shows beyond question, that the railway companies have been grossly underpaid for carrying the mails. This committee in submitting its recommendation urging upon congress the necessity of granting to the railroads increased compensation, said, among other things, as follows:

"It has been our view that it is not our duty to endeavor to make out a case in favor of the railroads, but to ascertain with as great accuracy as possible what is a reasonable compensation to be paid. We believe that the government should deal justly with its citizens, for if it expects them to deal justly with one another and with the government, the government must set the example by dealing justly with them.

"That there should be an increase in railway-mail pay need not be surprising; in fact, it must be expected. The volume of postal revenue increased at the average rate of about 7 percent per annum, or an average of about \$13,000,000 a year during the ten year period from 1903 to 1913. This necessarily means a corresponding increase in the volume of mail. No reasonable man can expect that the government can increase its postal revenue at the average rate of \$13,000,000 per year without increasing its expenses in practically all departments of the service, though perhaps at a smaller ratio. In this connection it is pertinent to remark that although the postal revenues doubled in that ten year period, railway-mail compensation increased only 20 percent." (See pages 121 and 122 of the official report.)

In addition to the fact that the carriers have been grossly underpaid, congress imposed upon them without additional compensation, the burden of carrying the parcel post. The railroads have been paid for carrying the mails on the weight basis, that is to say, the scheme has been to weigh the mails once in four years. The parcel post went into effect just after the weighing period of most of the eastern roads and those through the western territory, so that the largest percentage of the railroads in the United States have been obliged to carry the parcel post with no additional compensation, and have been paid only for the weights shown at the quadrennial weighing period, which took place shortly before the parcel post became effective.

Notwithstanding the fact that the joint committee of congress, after most exhaustive and thorough investigation, has reported that the railroads were greatly underpaid, and notwithstanding the increased burden of the parcel post, the postoffice department, anxious to make a showing for itself, has had introduced in congress a bill that entirely ignores the report of the joint committee and the investigation that committee made, and proposes to still further reduce the compensation of the railroads. This is what is commonly referred to as the Moon bill. In addition, this measure proposes to place in the hands of the postmaster general the power of the compensation railroads shall receive for carrying mail as his pleasure or whim may dictate, without a hearing on the part of the railroads and with no opportunity for appeal. The railroads are asking that congress defeat this bill and that the entire matter be placed in the hands of the interstate commerce commission, where full and complete hearings may be had and rates fixed that will be just to both the public and carriers.

Notwithstanding the report of the joint congressional committee, the postoffice department is urging support of the departmental bill, as against a measure that would leave the fixing of rates in the hands of the interstate commerce commission. The joint committee has shown beyond question, that the present basis of railway mail pay is inadequate, and that the postal department, in an effort to make a favorable financial showing, is undertaking to compel the railroads to continue the carrying of all mail matter at a price much less than the actual cost of the service rendered, let alone any profit to be derived therefrom.

While the question as to what would constitute fair and adequate compensation for carrying the mails is one that involves many facts and figures, and is somewhat technical, yet it does seem that the people of the United States are fair enough to want to see this whole subject placed in the hands of some tribunal where a full and complete hearing can be had and rates fixed upon the evidence adduced, rather than to see a bill passed that would subject the common carriers to the arbitrary ruling of the postmaster general, without the opportunity for a hearing and without the opportunity for appeal, and, in fact, no opportunity for relief against discretionary authority, which might be used by successive postmaster generals in an effort to make a favorable financial showing, and to accomplish such result, if necessary, at the expense of the railroads.

The committee on postal affairs appointed by the merchants' association of New York, has gone into the subject exhaustively, and acting on its report, the Merchants' association adopted on October 21, 1915, preambles and resolutions to the effect that the railroads are not adequately paid for the services now rendered; that the proposed method of payment would result in great increases in service without corresponding increase in compensation; arbitrarily limits the revenues to be derived from mail carriage; dangerously attacks the existing freight revenues of railroads; that rates shown to be unduly low should be advanced to a fair basis; that compensation should be increased by payment for services at present uncompensated for; that no new or untried plan for determining railway mail pay should be adopted unless or until approved by the interstate commerce commission, after thorough investigation; that the plan of space payments for mail carriage is excessively discriminatory in favor of the government; and that the association oppose any and all bills for the readjustment of railway mail pay on the basis mainly of space.

This action on the part of such an organization, unbiased and impartial, leads to the conclusion that congress should promptly defeat the proposed departmental bill now known as the Moon bill, or any other which does not provide adequate compensation on a fair and proper basis, to the railroads for handling the mails, and enact one that would place this entire subject matter in the hands of the interstate commerce commission and give that body power to fix mail rates, just as it now has power to fix interstate passenger and freight rates.

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THREE CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONER

J. A. M. Collins and F. T. F. Schmidt Seek Re-election and Fred H. Overton Announces Candidacy.

FOUR IN THE FIELD NOW

Believed All Others Who Are Planning on Running, Will Soon Make Their Announcements.

Following the lead of Ed S. Lofton, who yesterday publicly announced his candidacy for the position of mayor of Keokuk, three other candidates today announced their intentions of running for city commissioners at the primaries. Fred H. Overton this morning stated that he was a candidate for commissioner.

Now that the ice is broken and four have made statements, it is believed that several others who have been talked of as possible candidates for the three city offices, will soon follow suit.

Mr. Overton, as will be remembered, ran for the office of commissioner in the year 1914 and made an excellent showing, surviving the primaries and running in the finals with the present commissioners, J. A. M. Collins and F. T. F. Schmidt, and T. J. Hickey who was seeking re-election.

His showing in the primaries and election was such that his friends have urged him to make an effort this year. Mr. Overton has many friends and supporters in Keokuk and they predict that he will make a strong candidate. Mr. Overton made no public statement today concerning the grounds on which he will run other than to announce his candidacy.

Collins Comes Out. J. A. M. Collins, present commissioner of public safety, authorized a statement today that he would be candidate for re-election to the commission.

AMUSEMENTS

Recital by Miss Jennie Dufau. [By Clara Gertrude Fry.] No news could have been more welcome to the general public than the announcement from the Monday Music club of the return engagement of Miss Jennie Dufau, which was realized last night in her glowing evening of song presented to her devoted audience in a faultless and delightful manner.

From the first number on the program to the last, she held her hearers spellbound, the entire program being a test of musicianly qualities and skill, and she was justly entitled to the unstinted approval of her audience. Miss Dufau, who has met with merited success in this country as well as abroad, is the possessor of an attractive and fascinating personality, quality which, combined with such perfect technical control as she displays, denotes success, but without which the most perfect technique is ineffective.

The climatic points she sang with telling effect and her canny judgment in the choice of her songs, not only able. The smoothness, freshness and vibrant beauty of her voice was marked as well as the brilliant spontaneous ease and perfection in the presentation of florid ornaments. The clarity of the upper tones taunt by their extreme brilliancy. Her delivery is one of distinction and charm and the pure merit of her interpretation explains her artistic success.

Miss Dufau's program was not only interesting, but well selected and arranged, representing the three great eras in art—classical, romantic and modern. The classical period was represented by Mozart, the romantic by Schubert, Verdi and Bizet, and the modern by the French modernist, Debussy.

Special mention might be made of every number on the program and the finished style of presentation, but suffice it to say that Miss Dufau displayed such an intimate knowledge of her art, combined with great interpretative ability and magnetic personality that she held her audience in rapt attention throughout her entire program.

Mr. Charles Lurvey is a skilled accompanist and added greatly to the artistic value of the program by his accompaniment. Mr. Lurvey's accompaniments were a delight, his artistic interpretation—always adequate—never obtrusive, formed so much a part of the whole that his part of the program was a distinct pleasure to his listeners.

A Magnificent Production. Lavishness in gowns, jewels and stage settings mark the Lasky-Paramount production of "The Cheat," with Fannie Ward as the star, which will be shown tonight and tomorrow at the Grand. Besides the regular attraction matinee, there will be an extra showing tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

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2:30 o'clock. An exceptionally interesting reel of this week's Paramount Newspictures is also included in the program, all at the regular 5 and 10 cent prices.

The furnishings and decorations of the Jananese house scene in "The Cheat" are truly magnificent. They were secured from the home of Sing Fat, wealthy Chinese merchant, well known on the Pacific coast. It is all of genuine teakwood.

Miss Ward displays a number of the latest Parisian gowns and a very valuable ermine coat. These gowns show very short skirts with pantallettes underneath. That they will be interesting to the feminine observer goes without saying.—Advertisement

Helen Keller to Lecture Tonight. Miss Helen Keller and her teacher, Miss Sullivan, now Mrs. John Macy, will lecture at the First Christian church tonight in a Y. W. C. A. benefit.

The story of Helen Keller and her teacher, Miss Sullivan, is one of the most marvelous educational stories of modern times. Miss Keller became blind and deaf at the age of nineteen months, and although she has not been able to use the senses of sight and hearing since then, she has, through the most patient and skillful teaching of Mrs. Macy, become a highly educated woman.

St. Louis Cash Grain. [Furnished by Long Commission Co., 402 1/2 Main, Telephone No. 100.] ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 14.—Wheat—No. 2 red, new, \$1.30; No. 3 red, new, \$1.24 @ 1.25; No. 2 hard, old, \$1.23; No. 3 yellow, 76 1/2c; No. 2 white, 75c; No. 3 white, 73 1/2c; No. 4 yellow, 72 @ 73c; No. 4 mixed, 72c; No. 6 mixed, 68 @ 69 1/2c.

Chicago Seed Market. CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—Rye—No. 2, 89c. Barley—65 @ 75c. Timothy—\$6.00 @ 8.00. Clover—\$10.00 @ 19.00.

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RIOTING IN THE STREETS OF EL PASO

Virginia, proposing intervention. Among the measures under consideration for protection of Americans from further attacks, was renewal of the warning by the state department to them to leave the country at once. The administration was also considering withdrawing all American officials in the states of Chihuahua, Durango and Sonora.

Reports were also in circulation, but unconfirmed, that the government was considering dispatch of a naval squadron to the Mexican east coast to take off refugees at seaports. Only a few hundred Americans remain in the interior of northern Mexico, according to state department reports. These are reported to be in the border. The Carranza government is providing trains for the refugees.

Will Stand Pat. WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The administration will "stand pat" on its present course regarding Mexico. It was officially announced at the white house for the cabinet meeting this afternoon.

This announcement came in the face of a direct intimation from Encarnacion of her interest in recent Mexican outrages and further criticism in congress.

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Late Market Quotations

Grain Review.		DAILY RANGE OF PRICES.	
[United Press Leased Wire Service] CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Commission house sales in the face of firmer encouraged buyers in the wheat pit today and early rains were short lived. May wheat sold 1 1/2 down at 127 and July 1 1/4 down at 120 1/4, after opening fractionally higher.		Telephone No. 100.]	
Corn was heavy from the start and the market seemed bare of buying orders. May sold 1 1/4 down from the opening at 79 and July down 1/4 at 79 1/4.		Close—	
Oats was influenced by other grains after a higher opening and lost more than the fractional gain at the start. May sold at 50 1/4 and July at 45 1/4. Provisions active and irregular early, showed declines later.		No. 100.]	
Chicago Estimates for Tomorrow. [Furnished by Long Commission Co., 402 1/2 Main, Telephone No. 100.] Hogs, 31,000.		WHEAT—	
Liverpool Close. Wheat, 1 1/2 @ 2 up; corn, 1 up; oats, none.		Open. High. Low. Close.	
Clearances. Wheat and flour, 1,054,000; corn, 8,000; oats, 208,000.		May 1.28 1/4-1.28 1/2 1.26 1/4 1.27 1/4	
Northwest Wheat Receipts. Minneapolis, 34 cars; Duluth, 152 cars; Winnipeg, 144 cars.		July 1.31 1/4-1.22 1.22 1.30 1.20 1.21 1/4	
Chicago Cash Grain. CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Wheat—No. 3 red, \$1.22 @ 1.23 1/4; No. 2 hard, \$1.23 1/4 @ 1.23 3/4; No. 3 hard, \$1.17 1/4 @ 1.20 1/4; No. 4 yellow, 72 1/2 @ 74c; No. 5 yellow, 71 @ 72c; No. 6 yellow, 70c; No. 4 white, 72 @ 74c; No. 5 white, 70 @ 72c; No. 6 white, 68 @ 69c; No. 3 mixed, 74c; No. 4 mixed, 72 @ 73c; No. 5 mixed, 70 @ 71c; Oats—No. 3 white, 45 1/4 @ 47c; No. 4 white, 45 1/4 @ 46 1/4; standard, 42 @ 44c.		CORN—	
PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 14.—Corn—Market unchanged, 1/2c lower. No. 3 white, No. 3 yellow, 73 1/2c; No. 4 white, 72 @ 73 1/2c; No. 4 yellow, 72 @ 73c; No. 4 mixed, 72c; No. 6 mixed, 68 @ 69 1/2c.		May 80 1/4-80 3/4 80 1/2 78 1/2	
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Cattle receipts 2,500; market strong. Beef, \$6.50 @ 9.80; cows and heifers, \$3.30 @ 8.50; Texans, \$6.40 @ 7.40; calves, \$7.25 @ 10.75; westerns, \$6.60 @ 8.20.		May 50 1/4-51 51 50 48 1/2	
Sheep receipts 7,000; market weak. Native, \$7.10 @ 7.75; western, \$7.25 @ 7.85; lambs, \$8.40 @ 10.65; western, \$8.50 @ 10.85.		June 50 1/2-51 51 50 48 1/2	
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ST. LOUIS Live Stock. EAST ST. LOUIS, Jan. 14.—Cattle receipts 1,200; market strong. Texas		May 19.65 19.75 19.60 19.62 1/2	
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The cabinet, in regular session, considered possible courses of action.		May 10.37 10.37 10.77 10.80	
—Read The Daily Gate City.		Receipts 50; native beef steers, \$7.50 @ 9.50; yearling steers and heifers, \$8.50 @ 9.35; cows, \$5.50 @ 7.25; stockers and feeders, \$5.00 @ 7.25; calves, \$4.00 @ 10.50; Texas steers, \$5.25 @ 8.50; cows and heifers, \$4.00 @ 6.50.	

Omaha Live Stock. OMAHA, Jan. 14.—Cattle receipts 3,400; market slow, 10 @ 15c lower. Steers, \$6.50 @ 8.75; cows and heifers, \$4.00 @ 7.00; stockers and feeders, \$5.50 @ 7.65; calves, \$7.00 @ 9.50; bulls and stags, \$4.75 @ 6.25.

Chicago Produce. CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Butter—Extras 30 1/2c; firsts, 29 @ 30c; dairy extras, 25 @ 28c; dairy firsts, 23 @ 24c. Eggs—Firsts, 30 1/2 @ 31c; ordinary firsts, 29 @ 30c. Cheese—Twins, 17c; Young Americas, 18 1/2c.

New York Produce. NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Four market quiet. Spring patents, \$6.35 @ 6.65; winter patents, \$6.50 @ 6.75. Pork market firm. Mess, \$19.50 @ 20.00.

St. Louis Hay and Straw. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 13.—Hay Market remains strong on all descriptions of hay, especially so on the better No. 2 and No. 1 grades. Tendency of prices decidedly for higher levels and market for good quality hay remains active together in seller's favor. Scant arrivals and unfavorable weather again restricted trading.

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