

Railroads Ask 30 Per Cent Freight Raise

Lines East of Mississippi and North of Ohio and Potomac Unite in Plea for Increased Revenue

Move May Be Extended

Railroads east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac have agreed to ask for a 30 per cent increase in freight rates, according to E. G. Backlund, vice-president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. These roads, said Mr. Backlund in a statement made public at Hartford, Conn., last night, cover what is known as the official classification territory. He declared they would demand no increase in express passenger rates, but that the Interstate Commerce Commission might see fit to raise some comparative rates which are so low as to make the lines unprofitable.

Higher Cost of Materials and Labor Are Cited by President of New Haven

Mr. Backlund's announcement is interpreted to mean that the railroads will attempt to show that a rate increase of 30 per cent will be necessary to assure this 6 per cent profit. The boost may be still further increased by the decision of the Railroad Labor Board on the wage demands of the trainmen now before it. It is assumed that the property values of all the railroads in the country is \$20,000,000,000. A 6 per cent return on this investment would yield approximately \$1,200,000,000 a year. The standard return last year was \$185,500,000, with the actual net income said to have been only \$161,000,000.

According to figures given out by the railroads, the net operating income of the lines for the three years prior to the entrance of the United States into the war averaged about \$445,000,000. The net operating income of the Federal control there was an increase in passenger fares from 2 and 2 1/2 cents to 3 cents a mile, and approximately a 25 per cent increase in freight rates.

Earning Power Limited

Operating expenses during Federal control, however, increased by the addition of approximately \$1,250,000,000 in wages and \$500,000,000 for fuel, materials and supplies, with the result that the net operating income last year was only \$161,000,000.

In other words the earnings of the railroads were less than 60 per cent of what they were at the beginning, and that recommended by the transportation act, as the standard return represented only about 5 1/2 per cent of the property value of the railroads as of June 30, 1917, and less than 5 per cent as of January 1, 1920.

A survey of the local conditions showing out of the unauthorized railroads along here, that while the passenger service on all the lines was about normal, freight movements were a half middle. Partial embargoes are still in force on many of the roads in this section, and the lack of the first two materials has brought building operations here almost to a standstill, throwing hundreds of men out of work.

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Colonel Edward M. House, for years President Wilson's closest confidential adviser and intimate friend, has not been in Washington nor seen the President for many months, it was learned today. The information seemed to strengthen reports persistent since the return of the Texas millionaire from Europe last year that he and the President were in a reconcilable disagreement over the President's peace policy in Paris.

Shortly after returning from Paris the colonel went to his old home in Texas and remained there until he recovered from a severe illness he was suffering when he landed in New York. He then returned to New York and has been living at his apartments, 115 East Fifty-third Street, for several months, and within a few hours of the White House, where he was once the most favored visitor and a frequent one.

Colonel House was ill and suffering such a cold yesterday that he was unable to talk much, but it was announced for him in answer to the question that he has not been near Washington for a considerable time with the Chief Executive was in Paris.

Divorce Recommended For Mrs. G. O. Seward

Action of Jersey Vice-Chancellor Taken on Counter Suit Filed by Wife

Vice-Chancellor Backes announced yesterday in Newark, after hearing testimony as to the marital troubles of George O. Seward, a grandson of the late William Henry Seward, that he would recommend a decree of divorce for Mrs. Seward.

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Denying there is anything like a corner, Truman G. Palmer, representative here of the beet sugar interests, declared the scarcity in the world's supply compels the belief that it will be another year at least before the supply is equal to the demand.

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OSNING, May 3.—Major Lewis Laws, Warden of Sing Sing, received word by telephone from Governor Smith to-night that the sentences of two men now in the death house, who were to have been electrocuted on Thursday, had been commuted to life imprisonment.

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The labor trouble in the New England cotton and woolen mills, according to local selling agents for the mills, is threatening to develop into one of the hardest fought industrial battles in the history of the industry. Reports yesterday indicated that nearly forty cotton mills in the New Bedford district were affected. Two mills were reported completely closed and the others tied up by strikes in various departments.

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A large flag was conspicuously displayed in the courtroom, and as each swore his or her allegiance Justice Burr required such candidates for American citizenship to grasp the staff that held the Stars and Stripes, which was a new formality in administering the oath. Miss Frances Rothenberg, of 138 West 124th Street, twenty-one years old and a native of Rumania, was the first candidate. One of her witnesses was her sister, Miss Rose Rothenberg, an Assistant District Attorney on the staff of District Attorney Swann.

Glennon Mounts Bench

Many Friends Witness Seating of the New Justice

Justice Edward J. Glennon, recently appointed by the Governor to the Supreme Court to succeed Justice Francis K. Pendleton, resigned, took his place on the bench yesterday. The new justice was greeted by many friends among lawyers and laymen, including a number from the Bronx, where Justice Glennon lives.

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