

UNION PACIFIC NET DROPS \$8,934,296

Actual Net Operating Return Is \$12,400,000 Over Rental From Administration.

GROSS REVENUE HAS GAIN

Statisticians Estimate Would Have 18 P. C. for Common if Privately Owned.

The actual net income from operations of the Union Pacific Railroad Company was \$12,400,000 greater than the rental received from the Railroad Administration and yet, on the basis of the rental contract, the road earned 12.47 per cent. for the common stock.

The following tabulation consolidates the results of transportation operations, as reported to the Federal auditors, with the corporate statement based on the rental contract.

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The net income from all sources for 1918, less sinking fund requirements and dividend on preferred stock, amounted to \$23,600,295 and is equivalent to 12.47 per cent. on \$222,291,600 common stock outstanding as compared with 16.89 per cent. for 1917, or a decrease of 4.02 per cent.

The year's surplus income, after payment of dividends, was appropriated for additions and betterments as in the previous year.

The average annual net income available for dividends on common stock for the test period of three years ended June 30, 1917, was 14.60 per cent., being 1.73 per cent. more than the net income available for 1918.

The operating results of the Railroad Administration for 1918 compare with the average for the three years ended June 30, 1917, as follows:

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MORTON PETROLEUM Sponsored by prominent Financial interests. Substantial production in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

BUSH TERMINAL REPORTS. Earnings for 1918 Show Slight Drop From 1917.

The annual report of the Bush Terminal Company for 1918, made public yesterday, shows gross earnings of \$2,181,871, a slight decrease from the preceding year.

BANKERS APPROVE WARFIELD'S PLAN

Representative of Savings Banks and Trust Companies Indorse Proposal.

Special Despatch to The Sun. WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., May 20.—The executive committee of the savings bank and the trust company sections of the American Bankers Association have today unanimously indorsed and supported the so-called Warfield plan for the return and regulation of the railroads.

"Resolved that the executive committee of the savings bank section, through the committee on investments, is committed to the study of the railroad situation and holds itself in readiness at all times to support a plan for the return of the railroads to private ownership."

"Whereas it is vital to the financial and business interests of the country that the return of the railroads to private operation and ownership be accomplished under regulatory measures that will insure such protection to their credit and securities as will secure the essential to adequate railway service in the public interest; a plan for such return and regulation of the railroads has been submitted in statements made by S. Davies Warfield, president, acting on behalf of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities at hearings accorded by the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce of the United States Senate:

"Resolved, That the executive committee of the trust company section, American Bankers Association, approves the fundamental provisions of the Warfield plan, especially in respect to the definite rule for rate making, the return of which is to establish a fixed percentage to return to the railroads the excess earnings above such return to be used in the public interest as proposed in the plan."

Should Lay Sure Foundation Now. Thomas De Witt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, in commenting on the President's statement to Congress that the railroads would be returned to their owners at the end of this year, said:

"It is to be assumed, of course, that the President believes that Congress will be in session in August, and that the months of the legislation that it will be necessary to enact before the Government returns the roads to their owners. The members of the Senate and House who vote on these matters are apparently hopeful that, with the unmistakable general agreement over the country as to the basic principles of necessary railway legislation, a non-partisan bill embodying these principles can be placed in the President's hands for his signature within the next few months."

"To return the railroads to their owners under the old system of regulation, a system that had failed, would invite disaster. As Senator Cummins has so well expressed it, this is the psychological time to correct the ill in our pre-war system of railroad control.

"The problem of putting our transportation system on a sound basis for the future is not nearly so complex as it seemed two or three years ago. The public demands first, adequate, efficient, safe transportation, economically produced; second, new railroad facilities and improvements to meet the needs of growth in industry; third, fair wages and working conditions for employees, with insurance against a paralysis of the railroads by strikes.

"In order that these needs may be met by the railroads when they are returned to private management certain things are indispensable. First, a continuous investment of new capital for additions and betterments from \$750,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 a year; second, rates for carrying freight and passengers that will pay for the labor and material consumed in operation and that will provide a fair return on the value of the property devoted to the public use—that is, an income on the capital that will attract the necessary new capital under responsible regulation by the National Government that will protect the interests alike of the owners, the workers and the general public.

MARINE DEAL IS FINALLY CLOSED

British Syndicate to Purchase Tonnage and Assets of English Subsidiaries. \$185,000,000 IS INVOLVED

Project Will Be Submitted to Stockholders for Approval on June 16.

With approval of the directors of the International Mercantile Marine Company yesterday the long drawn out deal for the sale of the tonnage and assets of the British subsidiary companies to a syndicate of British capitalists has been closed. The only thing to be done to make the plan effective is the formal sanction of the plan by the Marine Corporation's stockholders at a special meeting to be held in Jersey City on June 16, according to an announcement yesterday afternoon by P. A. S. Franklin, president of the company, following a joint meeting of the company's directors and finance committee, at which the latter made a formal recommendation to the directors that the offer be accepted.

Approximately \$17,000,000, or between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000, are represented in the deal, which is believed to be the largest individual ship transaction on record. Of the total sum, a little more than half, or about \$7,000,000, is received for the tonnage to be transferred. The remainder represents payment for the assets in the treasuries of the British companies. These assets are said to be about equally divided between cash and gilt edged securities.

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"Approximately \$17,000,000 is what the British companies will have in their treasuries after they have completed their obligations abroad—all of their outstanding indebtedness. The investment holdings of these companies will be sold and converted into cash, and the companies will not be the holders of anything except cash."

Will Pay About \$130,000,000. The fluctuations of exchange rates on London make it difficult to calculate exactly what the International Mercantile Marine Company will receive as a result of the transaction, but it is known to be more than \$125,000,000 and probably will be in excess of \$130,000,000. Mr. Franklin stated that he knew the company would not experience any difficulty in transferring the money from England to America if it cared to do so. "But," he added, "we aren't at all sure yet that we want to bring the money over here."

The sale when concluded will be the largest individual shipping transaction on record. More than 40,000 gross tons of shipping are involved, the price paid being slightly less than \$100 a ton, bringing the total cost of the ships alone to their purchasers approximately \$70,000,000. In addition there is about \$40,000,000 of cash and cash assets, including some extensive holdings of stock in other British companies in the deal. There are no terminal properties for the company to dispose of. Mr. Franklin said, explaining that in England terminal facilities are not owned, but municipally held and leased to operating companies.

When the five British companies concerned in the transaction are to be liquidated or what action along that line will be taken Mr. Franklin declined to state. He said that any steps which must be taken as a result of the sale of the British ships could not be announced yet. The five British companies concerned are the International Navigation Company, Limited, which owns four vessels of a tonnage of 46,652; the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, Limited, twenty-two vessels of 28,143 tons; the Atlantic Transport Company, Limited, eleven vessels of 70,699 tons; the British and North Atlantic Steam Navigation Company, Limited, seven vessels of 45,174 tons; and the Frederick Leyland & Co., Limited, twenty-nine vessels of 131,440 tons. In addition there are fifteen vessels of 131,998 tons jointly owned by the British and American Steam Navigation Company and about \$4,212,450 of the stock of Frederick Leyland & Co., Limited.

What Is Left to Parent Company. With the disposition of the British subsidiaries the International Mercantile Marine Company will be in possession of only 17,000 tons of tonnage under the Belgian flag and nine vessels of 113,233 tons under the American flag and pier leases, investments and undivided profits. Measuring the value of the remaining tonnage on the basis of that sold to the British syndicate there is about \$12,750,000 and approximately \$26,611,000 of surplus left to the Marine company. On that basis the treasury of the parent company, after the conclusion of the deal, should contain in the neighborhood of \$170,000,000.

Out of that amount must be paid the first mortgage and collateral trust of 6 per cent. bonds outstanding to the amount of \$39,041,000. These bonds are secured in part by assets disposed of and must be sold when the deal is concluded. The bonds are callable at 110 and interest and thus more than \$48,000,000 will be required for their redemption. The next claim on the assets of the company is an accumulation of 67 per cent. of unpaid dividends on the \$1,725,000 outstanding preferred stock, which totals nearly \$30,000,000. After payment of these obligations, there would remain in the treasury of the company a little less than \$100,000,000.

The International Mercantile Marine Company was formed in 1902. In October, 1914, it defaulted the interest on its 4 1/2 per cent. bonds at that time outstanding, and on April 2, 1915, followed an application by the New York Trust Company, President Franklin was appointed receiver. By August of the following year a plan of reorganization was worked out, the company's earnings in the meantime having increased so enormously that its affairs could be adjusted and the receiver's plan ended. At that time there was a total of \$8 per cent. in accumulated back dividends on the preferred stock. They have been reduced from time to time since the reorganization, the last payment of 4 1/2 per cent. having been made five weeks ago, bringing the total of deferred payments down to 57 per cent.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES. (Continued from Preceding Page.)

Table with columns: Closing Bid, Ask, Div. in \$, Sales, Opening, High, Low, Closing, Net Change. Lists various stocks like Pacific Mail, Pan Am, etc.

FORM RUBBER COMPANY. New Organization Holds U. S. Company's Sumatra Plantations. The United States Rubber Plantations, Inc., a newly organized company, which controls all of the rubber plantations of the United States Rubber Company in Sumatra, held its organization meeting yesterday, when directors and officers were elected and committees appointed. The company has an authorized capital of \$40,000,000 of preferred and \$60,000,000 of common, of which \$19,000,000 of preferred and \$30,000,000 of common have been issued.

\$4,570,000 Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway Company Consolidated Mortgage 4 1/2% Gold Bonds. Dated May 1, 1917. Due May 1, 1927. Interest payable May 1 and November 1 in New York, without deduction for any tax which the company or trustee may be required to withhold.

Central Union Trust Company of New York, Trustee. The Consolidated Mortgage Bonds are secured by a direct mortgage, subject to \$9,997,000 prior liens, on the entire owned mileage of the company, aggregating 368.31 miles, and are a first mortgage on 104.22 miles thereof. INCOME STATEMENT. Year ended December 31, 1918. Compensation accrued under Federal control \$3,276,410. Other Corporate Income 279,308. Total \$3,555,618. War Taxes and Corporate Expenses 202,281. Balance for Fixed Charges \$3,353,337. Present Fixed Charge Requirement, including interest on this issue 2,258,000. Income available for charges during the 5 1/2 year period ended December 31, 1917, averaged 1.80 times the requirements therefor.

The Chase National Bank of New York. At Close of Business May 12, 1919. ASSETS. U. S. Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness \$4,087,736.78. Bonds and Stocks 89,913,807.91. Customers' Liability Account of Acceptances and Letters of Credit 7,080,039.28. Bills Discounted 66,598,434.52. Time Loans 119,915,490.70. Demand Loans 864,327,391.07. Cash and Due from Banks 62,482,013.65. Five Per Cent. Fund 92,300.00. Due from Federal Reserve Bank 33,665,868.98. Total \$438,563,282.89.

LIABILITIES. Capital Stock \$10,000,000.00. Surplus 10,000,000.00. Undivided Profits 8,363,928.32. Total \$28,363,928.32. Circulation 1,700,000.00. Deposits: Individuals \$220,331,398.43. Banks 123,320,444.01. United States Government 12,658,087.54. Total \$366,309,929.98. Bills Payable with Federal Reserve Bank Secured by U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness 15,000,000.00. Acceptances and Letters of Credit 17,539,943.73. Contingent Liability on Acceptances Bought and Sold 1,249,480.86. Reserved for Taxes 2,400,000.00. U. S. Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness Borrowed 7,000,000.00. Total \$438,563,282.89.

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