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**PROSPERITY HAS OUTGROWN R.R.'S**

Interstate Commerce Commission Discusses Car Shortage in Annual Report.

Special to The Journal.

Washington, Dec. 19.—“Whatever the cause or however difficult to fix responsibility, the unquestioned fact is that the railroads can not or do not move the entire volume of traffic offered, and that shippers are suffering to a degree almost unbearable in many cases because they cannot get transportation for their traffic,” says the interstate commerce commission’s twentieth annual report, just issued. The railroads, to use a common simile, are the arteries thru which the commercial life of the nation circulates, but when this circulation becomes impeded because the channels are choked up or subjected to abnormal pressure the necessary and early result is an impairment of commercial vigor which is felt in every sphere of business activity. A situation of such gravity calls for every remedy that can be usefully applied.

“The commission is without authority under any existing law to deal effectively with this condition. The restraining power of congress has not been exercised to control the physical operations of interstate railroads, aside from the safety appliance requirements, either as respects the movement of trains or the supply of equipment. Nevertheless, the commission, without waiting for further authority, has commenced an investigation of this subject with a view to ascertaining the causes, the conditions in different parts of the country, and the remedies that can be applied, either voluntarily by the carriers or by the compulsion of suitable enactments.”

**Elevator Inquiry.**

This conclusion on the part of the commission follows a review of the car shortage situation the country over. The investigation of the difficulties giving rise to the car shortage has been accompanied by inquiry into the ownership and operation of elevators, their charges, and allowances paid therefor, and practices in the handling and transportation of grain, in conformity with the La Follette resolution of June 25. A report on this inquiry is to be submitted to congress at the present session.

A special report will also be made out by the commission upon its own motion, relative to the relation between the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railway systems growing out of their combined management and control, the relations of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, and Burlington systems, with a view to ascertaining to what extent they are under unified control and the effect of any such control upon their rates and practices.

**Railroad Income.**

The commission’s report of the income account of the roads of the country for the year ending June 30, 1906, contains the following:

This report included certain returns for 52 railway companies, representing an operating mileage of 228,444 miles, or approximately 99 per cent of the mileage that will be covered by the complete statistical report for the year.

“The report shows that the gross earnings of the roads described were \$2,319,790,030, consisting of passenger earnings, \$618,585,934; freight earnings, \$1,640,942,862; and miscellaneous earnings, \$60,261,234. The average earnings were \$10,543 per mile. This average is much higher than the like average for any previous year for which the complete statistical report of the railroads as shown in the final report for the year ending June 30, 1905, were \$8,982,482,406, or an average of \$9,951 per mile of operating line. The operating expenses were \$1,632,163,153, or \$6,963 per mile. The ratio of operating expenses to earnings was 66.08 per cent. The same average in the final report for the year 1905 was 66.78 per cent. This advance report shows that the net earnings of the same roads for the year ending June 30, 1906, were \$737,599,877, or \$3,280 per mile, and for the year 1905, \$690,691.

The amount of dividends declared in 1906 was \$24,924,005 more than that shown for the dividends of practically the same roads in 1905. The dividends declared by the subsidiary leased lines for the year 1905 were about \$35,750,000.”

**Accidents for the Year.**

Of accidents for the year the report says: “The tremendous increase in the volume of freight traffic has put a severe strain upon employees, and this has often been made the justification of or excuse for working men unduly long hours, and has led to the employment of many young and inexperienced persons. In the matter of long hours the accident reports have shown instances of even worse conditions than existed in former years.

“In the item of passengers killed in collisions and derailments the record for 1906 is not so bad as that of 1905. The only real indication of the figures is that the number and severity of great disasters as reported by the cost of collisions as reported by the companies, excluding damages to property and indemnities paid to or on account of persons killed or injured, is \$10,869,184, nearly a million dollars greater than in 1905.

“The statistical tables only serve to confirm the serious and pressing character of the three-fold problem which has been made the chief feature of this department of the last two or three annual reports: (1) the investigation of accidents; (2) the requirement by law that the block systems shall be used on passenger lines, and (3) the regulation by governmental authority of the evil of overwork by treatment, signalmen, and telegraph operators.

“The law requiring carriers to make monthly reports of accidents should be amended so that the monthly reports shall include accidents of every kind and of all classes of persons.”

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**\$25.00 ELECTRIC SEAL COATS, \$20.00**—Phenomenal low price for good quality Electric Seal, satin lined, jacket style, 24 inches long, revers and storm collar. Christmas offer, Thursday..... **\$20.00**

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**\$3.75 FUR SCARFS, \$2.48**—In Blended Brook Mink, French Coney and Belgian Ermine, Chenille and tail trimmings. Closing Thursday..... **\$2.48**

**\$5.00 FRENCH CONEY FUR SCARFS, \$3.48**—75 inches long, head and ornament trimmings, remarkable values. Muffs to match. Thursday..... **\$3.48**

**\$9.00 ANIMAL FOX BOAS, \$5.75**—Natural Squirrel Throwovers, Chinchilla Scarfs, muffs to match. Thursday..... **\$5.75**

**\$2.50 FUR MUDDS, \$1.48**—Pillow Muffs of French Coney; can be easily matched with Fur Scarfs. Closing price Thursday..... **\$1.48**

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**\$1.50 FUR NECK PIECES, 75c**—In short Sable Coney Ties, with six tails, specially priced Thursday..... **75c**

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**GOWNS**—Made of extra heavy flannelette, plain and stripes, with or without yoke, full gowns; \$1.25 values..... **98c**

**FLANNELETTE GOWNS**—Made with yoke and collar, bishop sleeves, in light blue and pink stripes, for..... **50c**

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Men's 75c Embroidered, warm lined House Slippers at..... **39c**

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Women's Plush Trimmed Julietts at..... **59c**

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**MARRIES A PEER**

Pittsburg Woman the Bride of Lord Ellenborough.

London, Dec. 19.—The newest American peeress is Hermione, daughter of the late E. W. H. Schenley of Pittsburg, Pa., who was married in London this afternoon to Lord Ellenborough, a retired commodore of the royal navy. The bride wore a robe of white velvet draped with old lace, and a white velvet toque. The bridegroom, who had long been regarded as a confirmed bachelor, participated in naval operations in the Baltic so long ago as the Russian war of 1855.

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1 qt. California Port Calif. Port 3 years old..... 1.75 2.55  
1 qt. California Port Calif. Port 10 years old..... 1.90 3.15  
Manon's Imperial Port..... 1.15 4.15  
California Sherry..... .50 1.50  
California Sherry..... .90 3.15  
Old Tom Gin..... 1.25 3.95  
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Chicago "U" Student Is Admitted to Phi Beta Kappas.

Journal Special Service.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—In connection with the convocation exercises at the University of Chicago this week, announcement is made of the election of J. Yui-Bong Lee, a Chinese student in the science department, to the Phi Beta Kappa society.

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