

ROADS BACK TO THEIR OWNERS

Transfer From Government Control Made Without Incident.

RATES MADE PRIOR TO MARCH 1 STAND

Commerce Commission, With Enlarged Powers Under New Law, Explains Attitude Toward Tariffs and Classifications - Commission Invoiced to Eleven Members and Salaries Increased to \$12,000 a Year.

By Associated Press.
Washington, March 1. - Railroads of the country, operating for the first time in twenty-six months under their own management, were formally notified today by the interstate commerce commission of the new powers delegated to that body and of the rights and privileges accorded carriers by the new railroad law.

The commission's announcement explained that the provision of the law regarding rate reductions prior to Sept. 1 was mandatory, but changes in rate regulations, classification and practices in which a decision had been entered by the commission would be effective on the date designated.

All changes in rates and ratifications effective prior to today will stand, the statement said.

Exit Rail Administration.

The United States railroad administration, the governmental agency which for more than two years has controlled the operating division of the nation's railroad systems, today passed out of existence. With its passing at midnight the \$30 lines that had been merged into what was practically one gigantic system again went under control of private interests, free to operate in competition as of old.

The transfer from government to private control was without incident and there was nothing to indicate that there had been a change.

Of the staff of directors and men who controlled the roads during government operation, Director General Hines alone remains. He remains simply to clear up matters left pending when the government relinquished control. These include thousands of claims, contracts and grievances yet to be settled, and among which are eighty-three compensation contracts with various roads which still are the subject of negotiations.

Powers of Board Enlarged.

Under the so-called reorganization bill which governed the return of the systems to private ownership, but little jurisdiction is retained by the government. Under its terms the interstate commerce commission is given great powers to control rates, but no compulsory arbitration of railroad disputes is required.

The government also retains a certain amount of control over bond issues by the insurance of a fixed percentage of profit, and makes it possible for corporations to obtain loans from a fund for that purpose. Specifically the bill authorizes the president to settle all questions, including compensation, and appropriates \$300,000,000 for this purpose.

Provides guarantee of standard return of carriers for a period of six months after termination of federal control.

Creates a revolving fund of \$300,000,000 for making new loans to carriers.

Labor Must Arbitrate.

Creates a railroad labor board and other machinery for the amicable settlement of disputes between employers and employees.

Directs the interstate commerce commission to fix rates that will return to the roads on the value of the aggregate railroad property devoted to public use.

Provides that if any carrier in any year earn a net operating income in excess of 4 per cent, one-half of such excess must be placed in a reserve fund and the other half must be paid into a general contingent fund, to be used to make loans to carriers.

Gives to the interstate commerce commission the power to regulate the issue of securities.

Increases the interstate commerce commission from nine to eleven members and salaries from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Whether union labor leaders who stubbornly opposed the measure will test the constitutionality of the bill in the courts will be decided today at the conference of executives of the railroad brotherhoods.

PREMIER NITTI TO COMPROMISE

Italy Ready to Abandon Some of Territorial Claims on Adriatic.

FIUME TO BE UNDER LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Rome Government Willing to Abandon Claim For Continuity of Territory of New York Held Illegal - Newspapers Aggrieved Because British and American Press Published Adriatic Note Prematurely.

By Associated Press.
Rome, March 1. - Premier Nitti is disposed to accept a compromise settlement of the Adriatic situation, according to the Messaggero, by projecting into politics and labor's move will be into the congressional elections, with the aim of getting amendments to deal with the next congress. By then the act may prove to work better than its critics estimate or, again, it may not.

Waterways Transferred.
By direction of Secretary Baker, Brigadier General Hines today assumed control of the inland waterways transportation systems, which were transferred to the jurisdiction of the war department by the railroad administration.

General Hines announced the same service would be maintained for the present and that he would use the same personnel in administering the work.

A delegation of senators and congressmen from the Mississippi valley called on Secretary Baker to request that present facilities be retained and extended and that railroad organizations be prevented from strangling waterway competition.

Some members of the delegation urged appointment of a civilian board to administer the work, while others favored the putting of the power into the hands of the chief engineer.

Aishton Loses Job.

By Associated Press.
Several important changes in the railroad system marked the return of the roads to private control. R. H. Aishton, former president of the Chicago and Northwestern and Western regional director under government control, passes from the railroad world to be succeeded by William F. Finley, S. G. Strickland, formerly general manager and federal manager, on one of the roads, under Aishton, also was ousted by the directors.

The transfer from government to private control was completed without a hitch and in the majority of railroad offices no changes in personnel marked the transition.

Old Man in Charge in Iowa.

By Associated Press.
At Mt. Pleasant, March 1. - Railroad activities in Iowa were connected with systems in Iowa resumed their pre-war positions today at all practical purposes, when the roads were returned by the government last night.

Very little in the way of changes looked for in the present or least. The consolidated passenger ticket office in Des Moines is expected to be closed soon. No announcement has been made as to where the various roads will maintain ticket offices.

Local men say they expect to see a resumption of competition for traffic from Iowa points.

WISCONSIN WET LAW UPHeld BY JUDGE

Federal Judge Gelger Sustains Validity of Wisconsin Law Legalizing 25 Per Cent Beer - Assists State Law Taker Precedence Over Federal Act - Violates Law Hit.

By Associated Press.
Milwaukee, March 1. - Manufacture and sale of 25 per cent beer in Wisconsin was legalized today by a decision handed down today by federal judge Gelger in the test case brought by the Manitowish Products Company for an injunction to halt enforcement of the Volstead act.

By his decision Judge Gelger upheld the Millerberg law thus assuming that the state prohibition law takes precedence over federal regulation.

SOCIALISTS LEAVE LENINE.

Strasbourg Conference Decides to Leave Third International.

Paris, March 1. - Decision has been reached by the Socialist conference at Strasbourg not to join the third international, headed by Nicolai Lenin, and in deciding to leave the second international, it has adopted a motion by Jean Louquet, providing for an international meeting to be called at Geneva in the near future.

Steel Stocks Advance.

New York, March 1. - Steel and allied shares rose one to three points on the stock exchange today after the decision of the supreme court upholding the organization of the United States Steel Corporation.

A. A. Signs New Empire.

Chicago, March 1. - Chas. M. Caffery of the Texas league today signed a contract as umpire in the American Association.

French Still Live in Steel Houses Germans Built

While the Germans were in France they built semi-permanent abodes for their troops. When the allied tide drove the foe back the French people, made homeless by the guns of the Germans, took possession of these odd houses. They proved fairly comfortable when properly fitted out and thousands of French families are still living in them. They are made of heavy steel sheets.



Part of a villa of the corrugated steel homes with their occupants.

NO-TREATY CROWD MAY BLOCK PACT

Irreconcilables Serve Notice Reservation Must Stand.

Will Not Accept Any Compromise With Democrats Regarding Present Modifications of Article X - Move to Send Ultimatum by Rumor That Concessions Were Impossible.

By Associated Press.
Washington, March 1. - A sharply and unfavorable vote on ratification of the treaty was forecast in the senate today when republican leaders, replying to demands of the treaty's ironcladists, reaffirmed their decision not to change the language in the reservation to article X. Both sides concede that enough democratic senators will stand with President Wilson and vote against the treaty unless the reservation is modified.

Both sides were said to feel the republican decision would end the senate fight and let the treaty go into the presidential campaign.

Wilson Preparing Reply.

By Associated Press.
Washington, March 1. - President Wilson has begun work on his answer to the British and French Premier's note on the Adriatic situation. In preparation for the actual drafting of his note he has written to Acting Secretary Folk at the state department.

French Strike Leaders Arrested.

Paris, March 1. - Five railroad strike leaders were arrested today. All are charged with interfering with liberty to work and with disobedience.

Amquith Given Ovation.

Liberal Leader Takes Seat in Commons After Great Demonstrations.

By Associated Press.
London, March 1. - The return of former Premier Amquith to active service in parliament today attracted considerable attention in advance from both the press and public. The Times this morning in outlining the plans for the day, including a sort of triumphant procession from Cavendish square to the house of commons, with Mr. Amquith as the central figure, remarked that the ex-premier's return to the commons was under conditions which usually accompany royal visits to parliament and predicted a "tremendous reception for the liberal leader."

Newspapers which are not supporters of Mr. Amquith, joined in giving details of the demonstrations that have taken place.

The Daily Mail which has been antagonistic to him, says the excitement over his return to parliament was popular recognition of the fact that a "effective opposition will come into parliament for the first time since the war."

British Paper Sarcasmic.

Wants Germs From Wilson to Inoculate Late European Premiers.

By Associated Press.
Manchester, England, March 1. - President Wilson's letters in the Adriatic correspondence are considered by the Guardian as a refutation of the reports that his illness has caused some loss of mental force and balance. It asks:

"The president is suffering from any malady, could not some American bacteriologist convey us a few germs that we may inoculate our European premiers?"

The Guardian continues: "One chief regret in reading President Wilson's admirable plea for a wise settlement is that it should have been left to him to frame it. One feels that England has surrendered her rightful part to an American. It is who should have raised our voice against a settlement which we went to war to defeat."

It should be grateful to Mr. Wilson for extricating us from a false position."

EXPRESS EMPLOYEES TO WALK OUT SOON

Central Division of Expressmen's Union to Demand Higher Wages - Went First Increase of \$35 a Month - Will Defy Heads of International Union - Many Cities Affected.

Chicago, March 1. - Railway express employees in Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, Toledo and other cities today will present demands for a flat increase of \$35 a month. Robert E. Shepherd, general chairman of the Chicago and Western Lakes division of the international union announced today.

There are 4,400 employees in Chicago alone.

The wage demand opens a revolt against the international chiefs. The grand lodge officers have done nothing for us; all we have had is promises," Mr. Shepherd said. "The men need the money and we are going after it."

Eighty-five per cent of the express employees in this district are being paid from \$107.50 to \$119, he added. Emery A. Stedman, vice president of the American Railway Express Company, to whom the demands will be presented said this morning he had heard rumors of the action for some time but had no definite information.

SENATOR BANKHEAD DEAD.

Alabama Senior Senator Dies After Short Illness With Grip.

By Associated Press.
Washington, March 1. - Senator John H. Bankhead, of Alabama, died here today after a short illness with grip.

Announce Guard Program.

Washington, March 1. - Fifteen days field training and not to exceed four days special instructions for officers and selected enlisted men are provided in this year's national guard training program made public today by General Carter, chief of the militia bureau. General Carter recommended the encampments would probably best be held before July 1.

CONFIRM REPORTS OF TURK MASSACRES

French Evacuation of Marshes in Sicily, Left Armenians at Mercy of Turkish Troops - Athens Dispatch Says 16,000 Were Murdered - Early Estimates Placed Number at 20,000.

London, March 1. - It is stated officially from Athens today that after the French evacuated Marshes in Sicily, the Turks massacred 16,000 inhabitants. Advice received in London previously did not substantiate reports that several thousand Armenians had been slaughtered at Marshes although it was conceded that massacres had occurred. A previous report in London declared the Turkish victims numbered 20,000.

West portions of the Sahara desert have never been explored.

WILSON INTERPRETS DOCTRINE

President Replies to Salvador With Explanation of Monroe Doctrine.

By Associated Press.
Washington, March 1. - The reply at the request of the republic of Salvador for an interpretation of the Monroe doctrine has been forwarded today, it was virtually the same as the interpretation given by President Wilson before the second pan-American congress here in 1916.

Lane Retires From Office.

By Associated Press.
Washington, March 1. - A. T. Vogel-sang, assistant secretary, became the acting head of the interior department after the retirement of Franklin K. Lane. He will act until John Barton Payne, the new secretary, takes over his new office. Mr. Payne said he would continue as head of the shipping board until the senate has confirmed the nomination of Rear Admiral Benson as a member of the board.

Want Test of Wet Question.

Washington, March 1. - Charles E. Hughes asked the supreme court today for permission to present a brief on behalf of twenty-one states in behalf of the government's motion to dismiss the suit brought by Rhode Island to test the validity of the constitutional amendment. At the same time William Marshall Bullitt, of Louisville, asked the court to hear arguments next Monday for suits to test the decree of federal prohibition brought by Louisville distillers.

Bloomers Buy Players.

By Associated Press.
Bloomington, Ill., March 1. - Announcement was made today by President Charles P. Goelzer, of the Bloomington Fans Association which operates the Three-I League club here, of the purchase of first baseman Harry Smith of the Schreveler Texas league club.

Catcher Bob Studer, of the Joplin Western League club was also purchased today.

ATTEMPT MADE TO ASSASSINATE MINISTER ACTON AT HELSINGFORS.

Recognition of Finnish Government Believed to Have Been Motive Back of Attack - Acton Fired Upon While Driving Thru Streets - Several Shots Miss Mark.

By Associated Press.
London, March 1. - It is authoritatively learned that an unsuccessful attempt has been made to assassinate Lord Acton, the British minister of Finland, at Helsingfors.

The minister was driving to the market place in the early morning when shots were fired at him, but he was not struck.

The motive for the attack has not been learned.

Lord Acton, who formerly was British consul general at Zurich, was appointed minister to Finland on September 2 last. He began his career in the foreign office in 1881.

Great Britain recognized the independence of Finland on May 6, 1919. Similar action was taken by the United States May 7. Helsingfors Dispatch on Feb. 14 said that more than 50 persons had been arrested charged with circulating bolshevik propaganda and that in some cases the agitators were reported to have distributed arms and bombs.

CARRANZA GETS BUSY.

Pre-Election Activity Results in Capture of Two Bandits.

By Associated Press.
Mexico City, March 1. - Cirilo Arenas, a rebel leader, has been captured by secret military police, at Puebla, according to Governor Cabrera of the state of Puebla. Arenas was taken when he attempted to enter the city of Puebla after leaving the Gulf coast region.

About a year ago a brigade of soldiers under the command of Arenas and protecting the interoceanic railway revolted after Arenas received a large sum for the payment of the troops. Semi-official reports announce the capture of Marcello in the state of Tamaulipas. This bandit has attained considerable notice for his exploits. Newspapers point to the progress made by the present administration "toward the pacification of the country before the July elections."

MASTER'S REPORT COMPLETED.

Findings in Christian Science Church Case Ordered Filed By Court.

Boston, March 1. - The way to an early filing of the report of the master who heard testimony in the litigation involving several groups prominent in the government and administration of the Christian Science church was declared today, Judge Crosby in the supreme court denied a motion that the Master be directed to open the case for further evidence in one of the suits and refused another motion that the time for filing the master's report be extended from today to March 15. Both motions were brought by counsel for the directors of the church.

The report of former judge Frederic C. Dodge, the master, incorporating his findings on the several points at issue, was completed several days ago.

Ship Goes on Recks.

By Associated Press.
Halifax, N. S., March 1. - Sixty-three passengers on the ship Bohemian, which struck on Sambro Ledges off Halifax harbor in a snowstorm early today, were taken off by tug and brought to this port. Tugs stood by the vessel, which was bound for Liverpool from Boston. The 150 members of the crew remained on board.

HIGH COURT OK FOR STEEL TRUST

Formation of United States Steel Corporation Held Legal.

GOVERNMENT LOSES DISSOLUTION SUIT

Supreme Court Dismisses Action Brought by Federal Officials Under Sherman Anti-Trust Statute - Oklahoma Income Tax Law Sustained - Federal Income Tax Law Upheld - Retailers Given Adverse Decision.

By Associated Press.
Washington, March 1. - The United States supreme court today upheld the formation of the United States Steel Corporation and its subsidiaries refusing to dissolve the so-called "steel trust." The court dismissed the suit brought by the government under the Sherman anti-trust law.

Trust Has Reformed.

Affirming the New Jersey federal court's dismissal of the government's prosecution the supreme court declined to enjoin the restraining trade charge and also refused to break up the superconglomerate, said to be the greatest industrial organization with assets exceeding \$2,000,000,000. In dismissing the federal suit the court did so without prejudice, permitting the government to sue again if the steel corporation engages in illegal practices.

The suit was anchored in its decision thru Justice McKenna. Only seven judges participated in the decision. Justices Brandeis and McReynolds, taking no part, Justices Pitney, Day and Clark dissented.

In rendering the decision Justice McKenna said that since 1911 no act in violation of law can be charged against the steel corporation and that is was the opinion of the court that the practices complained of by the government had been abandoned.

Justice McKenna said that to grant the government's request for disruption of the corporation, and restore conditions in the industry as they were twenty years ago would be impracticable. It would disrupt business, the justice said.

Justice McKenna said the tobacco and Standard Oil cases offer no analogy, as they had been guilty of the practices which the steel corporation had not been guilty of.

In a dissenting opinion Justice Day said the corporation violated the law in its formation and practices and that there ought to be a decree of dissolution "because of its open, continuous and notorious violation of the law."

Justice Day said the majority opinion virtually annulled the Sherman act.

Oklahoma Tax Law Upheld.

Constitutionality of the Oklahoma income act of 1915 was upheld today by the supreme court in deciding appeals brought by Charles B. Schenck, of Chicago, from federal court decrees denying an injunction sought to enjoin state officials from taxing him under the statute. He claimed the state had no authority to tax non-resident incomes.

Monopoly Need Not Be Shown.

In interpreting the Sherman anti-trust act today the supreme court reversed federal court decrees which held that the states did not have authority to fix retail prices unless a monopoly was being created in some commodity.

POLICE RECOVER MUCH STOLEN SUGAR

Four Men Under Arrest in Council Bluffs Charged With Theft of Seven Tons of Sugar, Stolen From Railway Cars - Special Agent Makes Discovery.

Special to Times-Republican.
Council Bluffs, March 1. - Seven tons of sugar in hundred pound sacks was recovered today by the police which had been stolen from box cars in the railroad yards here. The sugar is valued at more than \$2,000.

Wholesale Jim Yates, a special agent for the Northwestern Railroad, saw a man drive away from the yards with a load of sugar and followed him to the shed of his place of A. Jensen, where the stolen sugar was found. Four men are under arrest.

His Hard Lot.

With the idea of bringing his business knowledge up to date, Sandy McFee left his village shop in charge of his wife and went to Glasgow. He got an introduction to the manager of a big city store and began to ask questions, mainly as to the profits obtained.

"Oh, as to profits," said the Glasgow man, "they vary of course. On some articles we get 10 per cent, and on others we get 20 per cent."

"Mon, it's awful!" sighed Sandy. "Ten per cent! An' I'm a man! I can get only one for it! If I buy an article for one shilling I sell it for two."

No Tokyo For Profiteers.

The Tokio Yamaoka makes a lengthy plea for the punishment of profiteers, and refers approvingly to the recent proposal in France to punish with death those guilty of profiteering. "We supported," says the Yamaoka, "the profiteering prevention act promulgated by the last cabinet, and hoped that it would be in applying the act it would be on the side of averting."

Tradition reports the appearance of Esquimaux in Greenland in 1349.