

# WANT ROADS RUN BY U. S. FOR 2 MORE YEARS

There are pending before Congress the Cummins and Esch-Pomerone bills providing for a return of the railroads and for a 5% and 6 per cent return on an approximate 20 billion dollars capitalization which is a gigantic steal of perhaps ten billion dollars, a sum equal to nearly half our cost of the World War.

During this reconstruction period it is very essential and imperative that every man must be an American first, last and all the time. It is just as necessary for us to be patriots now as during the war. We have made the world safe for democracy by our valor and self-sacrifice, and we must make our nation safe for the common people by our vigilance of the autocratic Big Business element which profited so shamelessly on war contracts. This element is very active at Washington. They are leaving nothing undone to gain the favor of the people by misrepresentation, and poison the public's mind against the working people, and more especially the organized workers who have dared to criticize their steals.

Transportation is a socialized industry. A socialized industry is an industry employing a large number of workers, each performing a small part of the finished product, which represents the co-operated effort of all, and which industry is carried on by grant or charter, or its organization is such as to eliminate competition. It is then a function of society of the nation, responding to the needs and demands of the people regardless of its ownership.

There are three essential interests in such an industry, the public, capital and labor. The public is the first interest without whose demands the industry's activity would cease. The second interest is labor without which the industry cannot operate. This term "labor" is used in its broadest sense and in the sense it should always be conceived. It includes every worker, mental as well as physical, who contribute by their efforts to the finished product. The third interest is capital. Capital is the unexpended surplus of past human effort; the difference between what labor has produced and the consumption of the whole people. Capital is a very interesting subject to dwell upon. Everything that we have that was produced by labor and is used for a social purpose and to produce a profit, is capital. Gas, electric and manufacturing plants, saw mills, flour mills, street railways, telegraphs, railroads, etc., are capital. Coal and iron mines, oil fields, natural forests and the like, are natural resources of no value until labor is applied to bring forth their product.

Labor is impotent without tools. Capital is the tool that labor uses. In a socialized industry the capitalist, the owner of capital, is non-essential. Generally speaking he is a parasite, exacting a return from the industry for which he performs no service. A burden on society. He lives the best at the expense of the public and uses his capital to be it a railroad or his dollars to work an injury on the people of the nation. It is then our duty, yours and mine, to disarm

him. He who contends that capital has rights without associating it with ownership reasons falsely. One dollar or a million dollars or any number of dollars, have absolutely no rights of itself. Its owner has all the rights, no more nor no less than any other individual, and no individual or individuals have a moral or constitutional right to use their dollars to exploit the people of a nation. Industrial peace must rest upon the rights of the individual wherein the safety of the nation is secure.

The public have an equity in the transportation systems of the country of 190,000,000 acres of land, a domain to all the New England states, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, a territory larger than England, Germany or France. Our right of Public Highway and Eminent Domain are also invested. Do you not think our interest is quite sufficient to control it?

The Cummins and Esch-Pomerone bills ignore this right of the public altogether and further impose a burden by instructing the Interstate Commerce Commission to regulate the rates to insure a return of 5% or 6 per cent on the value of the railroads. How will the Interstate Commerce Commission determine its value? The railroads claim approximately twenty billions of dollars of valuation which covers their illegal "stock property investment account." The stock market value is approximately twelve billions of dollars. To base rates on the instability of the stock market is out of the question because of the frequent fluctuations. According to the bill, the only way is to accept the book value of the railroads. To do so imposes a gigantic fraud and steal on the public of eight or ten billions of dollars. Mr. Robert W. Woolley of the Interstate Commerce Commission recommends that "the government retain the railroads during the period of reconstruction and hold freight rates where they are."

To comply with any of the bills except the Sims bill (the Plumb Plan) will necessitate an increase in freight rates of 25 to 30 per cent according to Mr. Woolley, which means a cost of more than a \$1,000,000,000 per year to shippers which must be paid by the ultimate consumer, which again starts prices on their dizzy whirl and makes an increase in wages imperative.

This is a time for steady heads and broad thinking. Each and every citizen should endeavor to do something for the common good, realizing and understanding that his interest is bound up in the public interest and what is good for the public interest is good for him; not to ask or expect a gratification of selfish desires but to have but one purpose in view—to do and work for the interest of the common people, a people numerically at least 105,000,000 out of a possible 110,000,000 people.

We wish to protect every honestly

invested dollar wherever it is and give an honest dollar in return, but we object to paying \$100 for every \$50 or \$60 of investment.

We have faith in the institutions of our country and support them wholeheartedly. We have more faith in our government than we have in the owners of private industries. Haven't you? We think our Constitution is ample and sufficient for our needs, but we are aware that many in executive, administrative and representative positions are misinterpreting its guaranteed privileges and are denying many people their constitutional rights.

May I not respectfully ask you to use your influence to extend government control of railroads for a period of at least two years so the people can have an opportunity to give expression to their judgment which is in the making. Give it a chance to mature. If you feel that it is too costly for the government to bear the rental which the present control entails, I beg to suggest there is no difference as the common people pay for it anyway, whether the railroads collect it in excessive freight and passenger rate or the government by taxation. It all comes from the same pocket-book. The workers, both mental and physical, have sweated, fretted and toiled to pay these and all other expenses. They are the only source of production, so it is immaterial to them who collects the expense, except that it is honestly done and nobody "goes South" with the money.

We are intensely in earnest and will judge every senator and representative in congress whose votes do not stand four square with liberty, good citizenship, public welfare and common good. Write your senators and representatives in congress and let them know what your sentiments are.

Yours for America,  
W. W. ROYSTER, Chairman,  
Minnesota Legislative Board Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Glenwood, Minnesota.

## Come and Gone

Mrs. Edw. Trettel has returned from a visit in the twin cities and Faribault. Miss Olive Trettel accompanied her up from Faribault, for a visit with her mother.

Miss Anne Mitchell, who attends the North Dakota university at Fargo, is in the city for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Bunker have gone to Minneapolis, where they will reside this winter. They have stored their household goods here.

Edwin Johnson, who is employed at Fergus Falls, is visiting his parents in Freedhem this week.

Miss Marion Levis is home for the Christmas vacation. Miss Levis teaches school at Duluth.

Miss Margaret Thomas visited friends at St. Cloud the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Konchal and son of Howard Lake are in the city for a

visit with relatives, guests of Mrs. Konchal's mother, Mrs. Anna Ferrer. Louis Kuffel has returned from a visit with relatives at Knife River.

Mrs. J. H. Cross and son are at Red Lake Falls visiting relatives this week.

Mrs. Wm. T. Reid of Staples arrived the latter part of last week for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lutes went to Cumberland, Wis., Friday, for a visit with relatives during the holidays.

Don Quinlan of Deerwood was in this city on business Friday, going to Hinkley from here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tanner were at Sauk Centre over Sunday for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. L. C. Hall of Green Bay, Wis., left Friday for Portage, Wis., after a brief visit at the B. L. Cochrane home.

J. J. Splitstorf returned the latter part of last week from a business trip to the northern part of the state.

Albert Germain arrived Monday from Virginia, where he has been employed, for a visit with his parents here.

Mrs. G. L. Brisbane of Randall was in the city shopping Monday.

Mrs. Fred Kelly and daughter of Ely are here visiting relatives this week.

Mrs. T. J. Monahan is at Brainerd visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edw. Murphy.

Mrs. Marjorie Bullard has gone to Minneapolis to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Goodell.

Edmund Wozniak, who attends college at Collegeville, is in the city for a visit with his parents during the holidays.

Miss Estyre Sundstrom of Remer is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sundstrom, this week.

Frank Hurd of Tower City, N. D., formerly of this city, is here visiting friends this week.

Alfred Johnson, who attends college at Northfield, is home for the holidays.

Miss Hazel Johnson of Freedhem, who is employed at Pine River, is visiting at her home.

Miss Mildred Barnes, who has a music studio at Aitkin, is here visiting her parents during the holidays.

Miss Frances Simonet, who teaches at Perham, and Miss Madeline Simonet, who attends St. Theresa college at Winona, are home for the holidays.

Miss Ethel Johnson is up from Minneapolis to spend the holidays with her mother.

Alfred Brown of St. Paul arrived Friday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Grace Miller is visiting relatives at Dubuque this week.

Mrs. Chas. Benson and children of Havre, Mont., are here visiting relatives, guests at the Wm. Schackman home.

Leo Bastien returned Friday from a business trip to Kenosha and Milwaukee, Wis., in the city for the holidays.

A. B. Peterson is down from Pine River to spend the holidays with his family.

Harry Raymond, who has been employed at Flint, Mich., is in the city for a visit at his home.

Charles Sylvester returned Thursday of last week from Ft. Collins, Colo.,

where he attended the funeral of his mother.

Michael Karnowski, who is employed in St. Paul, is in the city for a visit with his parents over Christmas.

F. J. McCutcheon, ad-compositor at the Transcript, went to Duluth Wednesday to visit friends for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Fluhr of Fargo are in the city visiting Mrs. Fluhr's mother, Mrs. E. Johnson.

Miss Lucy Renick, who teaches school at Frederick, S. D., is home for the holidays.

Miss E. Sandberg of Fairbanks, Alaska, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Andrew Lundgren, of Green Prairie.

Miss Edith Canfield, who attends high school at Stratford, Wis., is here

to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Canfield.

Ed. M. LaFond transacted business in St. Paul the first of the week.

John Secor of Anacortis, Wash., is visiting at the Fred Colombe home here.

Miss Elizabeth Bovy, who is employed at Benson, is in the city visiting her parents this week.

A. J. Fern, district engineer, transacted business in the twin cities the first of the week.

Ray Ball went to Minneapolis Monday for a visit with relatives during the holidays.

Erwin Dunphy, who teaches school at Ely, visited his brother, Ross, here Sunday. From here he went to Swanville to visit his sister and from there he ex-

# Opportunities Await



"Money makes money" is a proverb that is old and true.

Big opportunities often come to folks with a little ready cash. By starting a savings account with us now, you soon will have sufficient savings to enable you to take advantage of some worthwhile bargain.

To wait may be too late.

Great Oaks from Little Acorns Grow  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
Little Falls - - - Minnesota

# GROCERIES AT COST

ALL THIS MONTH WHILE THE STOCK LASTS

## Carlson Grocery

- Flour, per 98-lb. sack.....\$7.70
  - Puritan and Gold Dust Salt, per barrel.....\$2.75
  - 50-lb. sack salt.....65c
  - 25-lb. sack salt.....35c
  - 1 bottle Durker's Curry Powder.....12c
  - 5 pkgs. Armour's Rolled Oats, at.....\$1.50
  - 4 pkgs. Wool Soap Chips.....25c
  - 3 pkgs. small 20 Mule Team Borax.....25c
  - 6 pkgs. Skitch Washing Powder.....25c
  - 52c Chase & Sanborn Coffee 45c
  - 50c Chase & Sanborn Coffee 40c
  - 35c pkg. Chase & Sanborn Tea.....30c
  - 30c Buckeye Preserves.....25c
  - 1 pint Strained Honey.....50c
  - 5 cans Newell's Soups.....20c
  - 4 pkgs. Mother's Crushed Oats, at.....30c
  - 1-lb. Calumet Baking Powder, at.....25c
  - 1lb. Palace Baking Powder.....15c
- EVERYTHING GOING AT COST  
THIS STORE GOES OUT OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31st  
FOR CASH ONLY  
FREE CITY DELIVERY

Carlson Grocery Co  
F. H. MERO, Manager

# GREETINGS

We take this occasion to express our appreciation of your kind cooperation during the past year.

We trust you had a very Merry Christmas and wish you a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**NORTH AMERICAN GROCERY COMPANY**

Phone 216

WE DELIVER TWICE A DAY

# The Burton Company's Semi-Annual Economy Sale Clothes, Shoes

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 - LASTS FIFTEEN DAYS

This sale has a two-fold purpose—to reduce the cost of living by placing wearables within the reach of the average purse, and reduce our stock of winter goods so as to be in the best possible shape to serve you when the spring season arrives. In order to get merchandise we have to place our orders months ahead and the spring goods have to be paid for when they arrive. Any further explanation is needless. A word to the wise is sufficient.

### DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT

- WOMEN'S COATS AT ONE-FOURTH TO ONE-HALF OFF**  
This sweeping reduction includes every coat in the store. Nothing reserved. Values 15 to 75 dollars, now \$10 to \$50.
- WOMEN'S SUITS FOR \$25.00**  
Includes many garments that were 50 dollars, in all sizes, colors and fabrics.
- DRESSES FOR \$15.90**  
Includes serges, silks, Jerseys and poplins, worth up to \$25.00.
- LADIES' SHOES FOR \$3.19**  
Button or lace, values up to \$8.00.
- WAISTS IN FIVE BIG LOTS**
  - Lot 1.....\$ 5.00
  - Lot 2.....7.50
  - Lot 3.....10.00
  - Lot 4.....12.50
  - Lot 5.....15.00
- FELT SLIPPERS**  
All go at.....20 per cent off
- LADIES' SWEATERS ONE-FOURTH OFF**  
All the latest models, in a full range of colors and sizes.
- ALL FURS ONE-FOURTH OFF**  
Including sets and single pieces in Wolf, Nutria, Nova-Lynx, Marmot, Beaver and Mink.
- FLEECE LINED RUBBERS**  
Fleece-Lined Rubbers and Overshoes, at.....20 per cent off
- LADIES' SHOES FOR \$4.95**  
Brown, grey and black leather—formerly up to \$12.00.
- SKIRTS FOR \$15.00**  
Includes all kinds of models and fabrics, worth up to \$22.50.
- LADIES' SHOES FOR \$2.98**  
Formerly worth up to \$6.00.
- BROWN BOOTS**  
Misses' and Children's Brown Boots, for.....\$3.95

### CLOTHING DEPARTMENT

- MEN'S SUITS FOR \$24.50**  
Including all wool worsteds and cassimeres. Latest models for men and young men. Also serviceable last season's models in better merchandise at \$24.50.
- MEN'S OVERCOATS AT \$24.50**  
Belted models in 42 and 44-inch lengths, this season's patterns.
- BOYS' 3-PIECE SUITS \$18.75**  
All wool, blue serge, sizes 31 to 35—long pants.
- BOYS' 2 PIECE SUITS \$8.75**  
All wool worsted cloth, in better models.
- MEN'S WOOL UNDERWEAR AT \$1.79**
- SHIRTS OR DRAWERS**  
Shirts or drawers, worth up to \$3.00.
- BOYS' FLEECE UNDERWEAR 39c**
- SHIRTS OR DRAWERS**  
Shirts or drawers, formerly up to \$1.
- SHEEP-LINED ULSTERS \$30.00**  
Men's sheep-lined ulsters at.....\$30.00
- MEN'S FELT SHOES**  
All sizes at.....10 per cent off
- MEN'S FLEECE UNDERWEAR 79c**  
Shirts or drawers, formerly \$1.35.
- MEN'S SWEATERS**  
All wool, the lot at.....20 per cent off
- MEN'S UNION SUITS**  
In all wool and mixed, 10 per cent off
- MEN'S SHOES**  
In all the latest styles, 10 per cent off
- MEN'S RUBBERS**  
All kinds and styles, .....10 per cent off
- FUR CAPS**  
In Detroit shapes.....20 per cent off

In addition to the above listed items economy prices will be named on many items throughout the entire store. Better get busy and start a hunt for bargains.