

INCREASE IN RATES SOUGHT BY P. R. R.

Rise in Revenues to Insure Fair Return on Investment Asked in Seventy-third Report

\$1,202,800 DROP IN INCOME

Necessity for a reasonable rate increase to insure a fair return on the present investment is pointed out in the seventy-third annual report of the Pennsylvania Railroad, which was made today to its stockholders.

The report reviews the various crises through which the system passed incident to federal control and shows that the net income for 1919 was \$22,808,068.56, or a decrease of \$1,202,800.72, as compared with the previous year. This is equivalent to 8.28 per cent on the \$490,175,400 capital stock.

An increase in number of stockholders is also shown. On December 31, 1919, the report says, there were 117,725 stockholders, or an increase of 10.15 per cent compared with 1918, with an average holding of 84.82 shares.

Regarding the proposed rate increase it is contended that such a course is necessary to enable the company to fully discharge its duties to the public and give efficient transportation service in the territory through which it passes. This step is also necessary, it is held, to enable the company to secure upon fair terms an adequate supply of the additional capital essential to the growth of the property.

Sure of Reasonable Rate

Confidence that the Interstate Commerce Commission would approve a reasonable increase in rates is shown in the following excerpt from the report:

"It is for the Interstate Commerce Commission, and for that body alone, to determine the sufficiency of these increases; the responsibility is imposed upon the commission.

"Your directors are confident that the commission, recognizing the dependence of general prosperity upon railroad prosperity, will wisely exercise its discretion not only as to rates, but also as to all the other important matters intrusted to it by the legislation of Congress. In the performance of their duties they will have the full sympathy and co-operation of the management of the Pennsylvania system.

"In the resumption of the operation and management of its railroad lines and property under the new legislation on March 1, your management looks forward to efficiently serve the public, and advance the interests of the nation at large. As a result of war conditions and the crisis through which the nation has passed, your property is being returned to its own management, with its roadbed and equipment below its usual standard, and the earning capacity of the system materially reduced.

"Nevertheless your directors confidently rely upon the officers and employees by their united efforts and active supervision to restore the Pennsylvania system and its standards of roadbed, equipment, stations and public service at the earliest possible date, so that owners may be assured of a continued fair return upon their investment.

"The return of the lines and property of your company to the owners on March 1, and the congressional legislation, already referred to, rendered it necessary for your directors to reconstitute the organization of the system.

its progress are touched upon in the report as follows:

"It will be recalled that your system represents an investment of over \$2,000,000,000 having a track mileage of almost 27,000 miles; that is operating revenues exceed \$500,000,000 per annum, and that the ton mileage exceeds 4,000,000,000, showing a growth of 55 per cent, compared with ten years ago, and passenger miles of about 3,000,000,000, an increase of about 95 per cent, compared with the same period. It is unnecessary to point out that the successful management of a system of this magnitude requires a large and expert staff of men and women, and skilled supervision in rendering such an extensive public service, and in directing the activities of approximately 286,150 employees, so as to earn a fair return for the owners of the property.

"With these objects in view the system was divided into four regions, each region constituting the equivalent of several large railroads, each in charge of a vice president, with a suitable staff of officers. The large manufacturing and repair shops of the company at Altoona were also separated from the regular railroad operations and placed under the supervision of an officer to devote his whole time and attention to the manufacture of equipment and to motive power and shop problems of the system.

Report Sounds Warning

Confidence that the act providing for termination of federal control of railroads, the report sounds a warning regarding this act, and in this connection says:

"Notwithstanding some defects, this legislation should improve the serious conditions surrounding the railroads and protect the interests of their owners and the public. Your management is naturally gratified that a serious attempt has been made by Congress to enact legislation to measurably meet the immediate demands of the situation, and it is hoped will assure the comprehensive development of the country's transportation facilities. It should, however, be carefully noted that after August 31, 1920, the government does not guarantee a fixed return to any railroad company, and every carrier must thereafter depend upon the net earnings of its property."

The report announces retirement of the following officers under pension regulations after long and faithful service:

D. T. McCabe, vice president, in charge of traffic of the lines west of Pittsburgh; E. B. Taylor, vice president, in charge of finance and accounting, lines west of Pittsburgh; W. H. Myers, vice president in charge of real estate, purchases and insurance, who was also a director of your company; Robert H. Groff, assistant secretary of the company and of many of the subsidiary companies.

Several other important officers resigned from the service to enter other business, among whom may be mentioned George Stuart Patterson, general solicitor; H. C. Booz, corporate engineer; J. Tamey Wilcox, assistant secretary; D. F. Crawford, general manager, lines west of Pittsburgh; S. B. Robertson, general superintendent, central system, lines west of Pittsburgh; and William Fleming, assistant to senior vice president, lines west of Pittsburgh.

BURNS CAUSE DEATH

Housekeeper of James Finley Succumbs to Fire Injuries

As a result of burns sustained while cleaning a hot coal stove with coal oil, Mrs. Bella Taggart, housekeeper for James Finley, consultant in the Forty-seventh ward, died in St. Joseph's Hospital last night.

The accident occurred in Mr. Finley's home, 1537 North Lambert street, Mrs. Taggart, who was fifty-four years old, was leaning over the stove, when her clothing became ignited by the coal oil which she was using. She was in a critical condition before help arrived.

ANCESTOR HUNTING INTERESTING TOPIC

Lectures at Genealogical Society Meeting Tells of Ways to Trace Family Origin

ILLUSTRATED BY VIEWS

At the annual meeting last evening of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, J. Gardner Bartlett, of Boston and London, delivered an address on "Ancestor Hunting in England."

The address was illustrated with about sixty stereopticon views of various depositories of records in England and of fac-similes of old documents from the twelfth to the sixteenth century, which are made use of by the antiquarian and genealogist.

The lecture dealt especially with the sources of information and methods of tracing the English ancestry of the 25,000 colonists who founded New England before 1643, after which there was little immigration into New England until after the American Revolution.

In 1775 this old New England stock comprised nearly 30 per cent of the total population of all the colonies and to the present time has been the predominant influence in the northern and western parts of the United States.

The lecturer first briefly sketched the racial origins of the English people, stating that at the time of the settlement of New England (1620-1643) of the great mass of the then 5,000,000 population of England (the Saxon, Anglo-Saxon, etc.) nearly two-thirds was Anglo-Saxon, the remainder being mostly Norman, Danish and Briton.

Fewer than 10 per cent of the founders of New England were of the landed or mercantile gentry in England. It was next pointed out that in attempting to trace the ancestry in England of many records were first checked, an expert on colonial immigration to determine from which one of the forty counties of England an emigrant came, thus localizing the work to be done in the latter country.

The lecturer explained some of the difficulties of research in England, due to increasing paucity of records the farther back the work is carried, the red tape used, the meager facilities afforded to consult records and the bad condition of many records due to age, exposure and dampness.

The speaker also showed specimens of several obsolete forms of writing with which the searcher must be familiar, and in which all records before 1500 and many records before 1650 are written in a debased and contracted Latin, unintelligible to a good classical scholar.

The probate records were first described, many wills of testators of all parts of England being preserved at Somerset House, London, and other depositories of wills being located in the various cathedral towns.

NEW FUNDS HUNT URGED

Walton Does Not Go Far Enough on Police Rise, Says Gaffney

City Controller Walton and administration leaders in Council have not searched far enough in an effort to find money to give increases to the police and firemen, according to Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of the finance committee of the old Council and a Varn leader.

Mr. Gaffney made this statement this morning after reading City Controller Walton's letter to Mayor Moore, advising him that the funds available to pay the police and firemen the suggested increases were not available.

"Mr. Walton's figures are right as far as they go," said Gaffney, "but he does not go far enough. He hasn't taken into consideration any new sources of revenue."

AID U. S. HIGH PRICE FIGHT

Howard Figg, assistant to Attorney General Palmer, has invited Joseph H. Hagedorn, chairman of Philadelphia's fair-price commission, to Washington today for the purpose of studying this city's plan of battling with the high cost of living. Mr. Figg, who is the national head directing the anti-high-price drive, is said to have been impressed by the workings of the Philadelphia plan. It is said Philadelphia's methods may be incorporated in a program which Mr. Figg is drawing up for a campaign throughout the country.

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"'Tis th' latest fad in blow-outs bein' boosted by ole maids 'n bach'lor girls," says I. "Fibrunny havin' had 20 days makes every other day in th' year 'n th' nights as well, an open season for man huntin'." "Twas invited in th' stone age by a sooper-anatid du-banaty who was badly in need o' a steady meal ticket."

"I understand," says Maggie. "wim-min has th' privilege in leep year 't ask min 't marry 'em."

"Rich a privilege has been exercised be thim since th' time o' Moth' Eve," says I. "but in leep year th' female o' th' species git more disperat 'n cum right out in th' open. Out among th' Mormons th' Ole Maids' Union has rushed th' wheeze so hard th' distractid elders already supplied wit two or more wives, has took refuge in th' cyclone culm."

"Th' custom is all right," says Maggie, "or th' pups wouldn't print so much bout it."

"It has its usea," says I. "Leep year cum in handy for stintimintid flappers, burlesque comedians, editorial paragraphs 'n giddy ole girls."

"Lik'wise it proves us wimmin, or th' weaker sex, so 't speak, is intitled 'our rights,'" says Maggie wit her usual bare up.

"If y'd seen Mike McGovern this mornin'," says I. "ther'd be'dn doubt in yr mind that his missus 'boug'd 't this weaker sex."

"What was wrong wit him?" asks Maggie.

"Mike kick'd bout his brekfask bein' late," says I. "a Missus McGovern in a viry ungentlelmy way uses her right 'n bangs a peach o' a black eye on him."

GIRARD ESTATE SELLS

69 Dwellings Go to Private Purchaser and School Board

Sixty-four dwellings in the vicinity of Fifth, Sixth, Marshall and Brown streets and Fairmount avenue have been sold by the Girard estate to John J. Cree. The estate also has sold five dwellings adjoining the Wyoming School to the Board of Education. The price is reported at \$300,000, about \$30,000 more than the assessed value. The sale was negotiated by Albert Greenfield and J. H. Massey & Son. This is said to be the first sale of Girard estate realty, a clause in the will of Girard's will prohibiting sales, except under special circumstances.

Confirm \$5,500,000 Coal Land Sale

Pittsburgh, March 2.—An order was filed in the United States District Court here today confirming the sale of the Josiah V. Thompson coal properties to the Piedmont Coal Co. for an amount said to be between \$5,000,000 and \$5,500,000. The order confirming the sale and disposing of the property was signed by Judge W. H. S. Thompson.

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Victrola IX, any finish, \$70; with cabinet to match, \$27.50; total \$97.50

Outfit No. 4—\$5 Down
Victrola VI, mahogany or oak, \$35; Lundstrom convertible cabinet to match, \$70; \$35; total \$105.

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