Federal Electric Railways Board Recommends Sweeping Reforms in Report

Washington, Aug. 24.-Satisfactory colution of the problem presented by the electric street railway industry can reached through application of prin ciples "of ordinary economic and busithe Federal Electric Railways Commisdon appointed by President Wilson in The report of the commission prepared after exhaustive hearings and examination of nearly 100 witnesses, was made public today and says:

"The commission can go no further than to point out the principles upon which the readjustment should be based. The task really is that of the state and local authorities upon the one hand and of the companies upon the other. and the service is possible only if those spirit that makes settlement impossi-

Outstanding among the recommendations is that of the installation of the service-at-cost plan of operation, now operative in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dallas, Montreal and other cities.

The electric railway industry as and is not properly performing its pub-This condition is the result of early

financial mismanagement and economic causes, accentuated by existing high-price levels of labor and materials and the failure of the uniform unit fare of five cents prescribed either by statute by local franchise ordinances or contracts to provide the necessary revenues to pay operating costs and to maintain property on a reasonable basis.

"The industry can be restored to a normal basis only by the introduction securing a reasonable return upon the terprises, involved a when honestly and efficiently

Restoration of credit involves a readjustment of relations which will remove public antagenism, provide public co-operation and insure the investor the integrity of his investment and a fair rate of return thereon.

Improve Working Conditions

Full co-operation of labor is essential to the prosperity and usefulness of the electric lines, the report says, add-ing that employes should receive a livwage and have bumane hours and working conditions.

"They should have the right to deal collectively with their employers," it continues. Through committees or representatives of their own selection. All labor disputes should be settled voland binding upon both parties.

to occasional paralysis, whether by strikes or 'ocknots."

A satisfactory solution of the problems of the industry cannot be renched without considering the fair valuation of the properties, the report says. When this is done, it adds, companies should voluntarily reduce capitalization to the basis of that valuation.

The commissioners held that while it seemed best for state authorities to have jurisdiction over electric lines, either directly or on appeal, that there was

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'no mauperable objection' to large and sive regulatory powers over rates and

Discussing cost-of-service contracts. the report says they are in an experi-mental stage, but "seem to have secured fair return upon capital, established ory public service.
"Such contracts may safely be en

tered into." it continues. "where the public right eventually to acquire the property is safeguarded."

Public Ownership Opposed This leads the commission into a discussion of public ownership of street railways, from which this conclusion is

TROLLEY FINANCING IS HIT derived: While eventually it might become expedient for the public to own and operate electric railways, there is nothing in the experience thus far obtained n this country which will justify the

eral rule be continued for an extended

"If the reforms incident to public Failure to rehabilitate the industry regulation which we suggest in this reand the service is possible only if those upon whom the responsibility rests fail ownership satisfactory to the public, to undertake the work or pursue it in a such reforms should at least enable pubjust and equitable basis."

Should Regulate Jitneys

Development of motorbus and jitney service has been 'a serious although not fatal competition' to trolley lines, the commission finds. Where such convey-Summary of Conclusions and the summary of its conclusions and they should be subjected to "equivalent regulatory provisions" with the troileys. might well be used to supplement trolley

ervice to advantage. The commission recommends that special assessments against troller com-panies for construction and maintenance of bridges and streets also used as publie highways be eliminated. It urges also that trolley extensions into new erritory where property values were perially benefited should be paid for by assessment of such property and that the amount of such assessments should not be added to the physical value of the corporate property. In this connection the report enumer-

ates among factors that have contrib-uted to the "present plight" of the trolof economies in operation, improving lev lines "overbuilding into unprofitable lts tracks, equipment and service and perritory or to promote real estate encentises, involved sometimes with no-

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Washington, Aug. 24.—(By A. P.)— Standard plans for rat-proofing business buildings, dwellings and wharves are being drawn up by the Public Health Service as part of its campaign to stamp bubonic plague out of the country. The plans are to be furnished to states and ities for incorporation in building

While bubonic plague is under control in this country, there will always be scattered infection until the rat can be exterminated," said Surgeon Gen-

'According to authoritative estimates untarily or by arbitration, and the there is one rat for every one person in award of such a heard should be final the United States. To maintain this huge number of rats costs the people of "It is intolerable that the transpar-this country approximately one cent per tation service of a city should be subject person every day for rat food, an intolerable and unnecessary burden for the people to carry.

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in this country which will justify the assertion that it will result in better of cheaper service than privately operated utilities could afford if properly regulated.

"Public ownership and operation of local transportation systems whether or local transportation systems whether or political del Presidente Wilson, nei rigus."

**Washington, Aug. 24.—(By A. P.)—Candy has not taken the place of alcohol for men who formerly indulged in beverages now under the prohibition ban, according to Walter C. Hughes, secretary of the National Confectioners. ocal transportation systems whether or politica del Presidente Wilson, nei riguable, is now, because of constitutional ardi dello Russia, come inconsistente

> Giolitti e Lloyd George dice che essi the candy trade, he said.
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> Sono d'accordo nella pecessita' di "The theory that men addicted to the sono d'accordo nella necessita' di ri- use of alcohol have become candy eatuna tule pace e' basata sui varii trat-cause the people have more money to spend."

> "I vittoriosi in guerra-continua il comunicato - dovranno spiegare uno spirito di mederazione nell'applicare i loro termini ed i vinti uno spirito di Was Veteran of 36 Years' Service in lcalta' nell'eseguirli. Inghilterra ed Italia credono che la buona intesa raggiunta nella conferenza di Spa dovral years old, the oldest lighthousekeeper essere il futuro sviluppo per coprire tutte le questioni tuttora pendenti."

> "Prima che la pace sia pienamente retired in 1917. ristabilita, vi sono un certo numero di October 1, 1881, and served at various importanti questioni da essere decise. points, including the River Range lightuna maggioranza delle quali e' indis-solubilmente connessa con la marcia degli eventi nei territori dell'ex-impero russo. Fino a che una completa pace non sara' stata ristabilita tra la Russia ed il resto del mondo, una atmosfera di irrequietezza e disordine continuera; di mondo. Persia la Rusa minacciare il mondo. Percio' Inghil terra ed Italia hanno preso i passi di fronte a tale rappresentazione errone per ristorare le relazioni tra la Russia ed il resto del mondo.

"Inoltre, con profondo rincresci-ento, essi hanno ora inteso che il Governo Soviet, nonostante le ripetute Public Health Service Working to assicurazioni in contrario date a Londra, cerca di imporre alla Polonia condioni incompatibili con la indipendenza pazionale. Il comunicato seguita constatando

che i Soviet con la quarta condizione imposta nei termini di pace mira no

ad organizzare una forza col proletariato per rovesciare con la violenza la costituzione democratica della Polonia e sostituirvi un regime di dispotismo a favore di pochi che hanno assorbito le dottrine bolsceviche.

Per una nazione che insiste come ondizione di pace con un'titradice il omunicato—che la forza organizzata per la protezione delle vite, della pro-prieta' e del buon ordine debba essere prelevata soltanto da una classe di cittadini, con la esclusione di tutti gli altri, rappresenta lo schiacciamento della liberta' e della indipendenza della nazione alla quale la condizione si vuole

But It's Because People Have More Money-No Substitute for Liquor

In a letter to the State Department and statutory prohibitions, financial and con le dichiarazioni della conferenza di relative to the coming session of the international congress against alcohollegal obstacles, the present degree of responsibility of our lecal governments and the state of public opinion, practice of non-aveva desiderio ne intenzione international congress against alcoholism, Mr. Hughes today placed the confectionary industry as fifth among those ticable in so few instances that private ownership and operation must as a general rule be continued for an extended America.

di immischiarsi con le cose interne dell' benefited by prohibition. Savings banks, the soft-drink industry, ice-cream makers in Un comunicato ufficiale emesso, that order had drawn greater propor

such reforms should at least enable pub-lle ownership to be established upon a just and equitable basis."

stabilire la pace del mondo al piu' presto possible e che la prima garanzia per una tale pace d' basata sui vasii trat-

LIGHT KEEPER DIES

Fourth Naval District William T. Maltman, seventy-three in the fourth naval district, died Sun-day. He was a veteran of thirty-six years in the lighthouse service when

house at League Island and the Horse la marcia Shoe Shoal station at Fort Mifflin, where he was stationed when retired.

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membership in the American Legion of 55,000 paid up in Pennsylvania is the goal set by Commander David J. Davis by August 28. This is the date on which the basis of representation in the national con-

vention in Cleveland will be computed If Pennsylvania can increase its presen paid-up membership to 55,000, the delegation to Cleveland will number sixty and the Keystone State will rank second among all the states in point of representation in that important gath-

ring.
Each state department is entitled to five delegates for the department, and one additional delegate for each 1000 members whose current dues have been received by the national treasurer thirty days prior to the meeting of the con-

days prior to the meeting of the convention. The gathering will take place September 26, 27 and 28,
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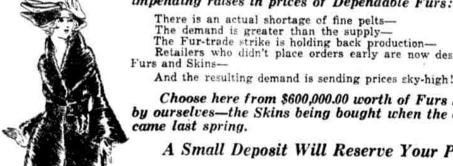
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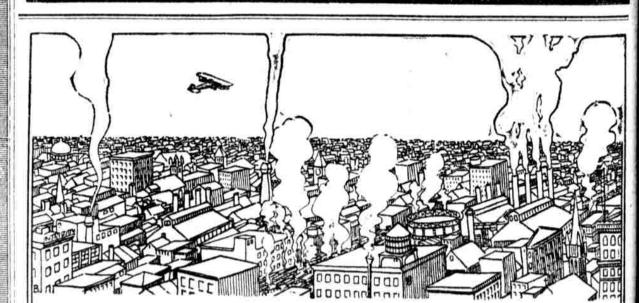
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