

# McADOO CRITICIZES R. R. FUNDING BILL

## Former Director General Thinks President Must Have Been Misled

### NATION NOT OBLIGATED

By the Associated Press  
Washington, Aug. 24.—Disapproval of the Administration's Railroad Funding Bill, recently reported by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, was expressed by William G. McAdoo, former Director General of Railroads, in a letter presented to the Senate today by Senator Stanley, who requested Mr. McAdoo's views after the committee refused to hear him.

The Government is not "morally and legally bound," as stated by President Harding, to fund the \$783,000,000 the railroads owe the Government for additions and betterments, Mr. McAdoo asserted. He declared the President must have been misled "into making such a statement," adding that the law provides for the funding only of "the remaining indebtedness" of the railroads, which he calculated at \$293,000,000.

Payment of this balance, Mr. McAdoo said, may be deferred ten years by the railroads provided satisfactory security were given and 5 per cent interest were paid.

"This is the kind of settlement the law now authorizes and contemplates," Mr. McAdoo said, adding that when the roads were returned to private control they owed the Government \$1,144,000,000 for additions and betterments, of which \$351,000,000 already has been extended for a long period. He urged that before any further advances were made the railroads be required to abandon the "inefficiency of labor" claims, amounting, he estimated, at about \$500,000,000.

"I suppose you realize that in addition to the \$1,144,000,000 the railroads owe the Government for additions and betterments they have received additional loans under the Esch-Cummings Bill of about \$300,000,000, making a total of \$1,444,000,000," Mr. McAdoo's letter said.

"Stripped of confusing non-essentials, what is now proposed is that the Government shall wait ten years for \$783,000,000 the railroads owe it for betterments and improvements and pay immediately \$500,000,000 to the railroads on account of claims for alleged under-maintenance, etc., taking from the 180 or more railroads involved with their varying degrees of financial responsibility, such securities as they may be able to provide; securities which in many instances may not be adequate to protect the Government against loss.

"This is not a question of legal or moral obligation on the part of the United States to lend the railroads \$500,000,000 more for ten years. It is a question of legal obligation on the part of the railroads to pay for the adoption of such a policy the Administration must, of course, take the responsibility, but it could be candid about it. The public mind should not be confused by juggling of figures, manipulation of accounts, or securities or governmental agencies."

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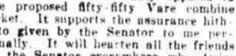
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to Judge Brown and Thomas W. Cunningham, they said, in forwarding the Penrose statement, let it be known he would stand with the Vares in backing the Combine ticket. In short, the Penrose statement was not considered by the "Judge" as a clarion call on him to smash the Combine and line up with the Independents.

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### Voters League Statement

The text of the statement issued today by the Voters League, through its executive secretary, E. J. Hunter, follows:

"Information has come to the Voters League as the result of the publication in the newspapers of the league's request that men and women desiring information concerning registration call Spruce 6831, that makes it necessary to warn all independent voters, particularly the women, that they should inquire definitely whether or not their names are on the assessors' lists.

"From one division in a northwest ward comes the information that the assessor in making his error—of the ward asked for the names of the men in each house, ignoring the women. Steps have been taken to advise this Assessor of his error—if it is simply an error. From other divisions come reports that the assessment has been carried on in the same slipshod manner that has characterized this work in recent years.

"So little time remains between now and the first assessment day, August 30, for the rectification of these mistakes, or attempts to disfranchise voters, that it becomes incumbent upon every citizen, man and woman, to see that his or her name is on the Assessors' list. Those who have no poll tax receipts purchased within two years of the coming election will have to procure new ones on the day of registration before they can enroll. It will be impossible to procure this poll tax receipt unless the name of the man or woman applying for same is on the Assessors' list.

"In the battle which is to be fought at the primaries on September 20 every independent voter in Philadelphia will be needed. Men and women should act immediately, and so that their names are on the assessors' lists. The Act of May 29, 1917, requires that a copy of the assessor's list shall be exposed to public view at the division polling place. If it is not there, demand that it be put there. If your name is not on the list, insist that it be put there.

"The law on this matter provides that the assessor shall personally visit each house in his division beginning

**THE DAILY NOVELETTE**  
*A House to Rent*  
By CLARISSA MACKIE

Mr. Brent arranged his tie with precision, brushed an imaginary speck from the shoulder of his immaculate black coat, opened a window so that the room might air while he dined, and then with one glance around the four grim walls he closed the door and walked slowly downstairs.

On the floor below he hesitated as he always did when Miss Wren's door was open. He liked the cheeriness of the crimson carpet, the wicker chair, the big Boston fern, the sewing table and an occasional glimpse of Elsie Wren, sewing or reading or feeding her bird with little house-wifely airs that seemed strange in a fashionable boarding house.

But Elsie was not there, and her door was almost closed, so he did not absorb any of the hominess which he craved. He went down and dined with a dozen other lonely men and women who tried to make homes for themselves out of four walls in another man's house, and with more or less success.

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"One room is furnished," he said at last, when it was time to go.

"Which one?"

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**POLICE TRANSFERS**

Several Promotions Also Announced by Cortelyou

Director Cortelyou this afternoon announced several changes and promotions in the police department.

Captain Andrew F. Jolly was transferred from the traffic squad to the third division. He succeeds Captain Nicholas J. Kennis, who was recently appointed assistant superintendent of police.

Lieutenant Harry Schultz was sent from the reserves to the traffic division as acting captain to succeed Captain Jolly.

Sergeant Caleb Brinton was made acting captain of the reserves.

**George M. Smith's Funeral**

George M. Smith, widely known in theatrical circles as "Pop," died late last week and was buried yesterday in New Cathedral Cemetery after services in St. Elizabeth's Church. He was for many years associated with Fred G. Nixon-Nirdlinger, who was actively identified with the Park and Peoples Theatres and had the personal acquaintance of many stars, managers and producers until ill health forced him into retirement. Mr. Smith is survived by his widow and two children.

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Durable as Iron

Note the wide range of sizes and prices—

Size	1920 Price	Present Price	Saving for You	Size	1920 Price	Present Price	Saving for You
27x54	\$14.50	\$9.75	\$4.75	9x9	\$117.00	\$77.00	\$40.00
36x68	23.75	15.00	8.75	9x12	142.00	92.00	50.00
4.6x6	40.00	26.00	14.00	9x13.6	176.00	116.00	60.00
4.6x7.6	49.00	32.00	17.00	9x15	196.00	128.00	68.00
4.6x9	59.00	39.00	20.00	10.6x10.6	171.00	112.00	59.00
4.6x12	79.00	52.00	27.00	10.6x12	196.00	128.00	68.00
6x9	88.00	58.00	30.00	10.6x13.6	220.00	145.00	75.00