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Railroads and Business.

A number of railroad presidents have united in a statement that relief from freight congestion cannot be expected until the end of the war. Conditions precipitated by the war have caused the railroads to be called upon to perform a service in many instances 40 per cent. in excess of the preceding year, and the roads did not have the reserve for such a condition. Here are two implications. One is that the present commerce of the country is founded to such a great extent on war business, or business temporarily diverted to the United States on account of the war, that there will be an enormous slump when peace is made, and that naturally will have a disastrous effect on domestic industry. The other is that the railroads are not equipped to handle expeditiously anything more than the normal average business of the United States. In the former case we may protect ourselves to an extent by keeping actively after the foreign markets to which the war has given us entry. In the latter instance the railroads must have first aid treatment in the form of relief from the onerous regulation of multiplicity of national, state and local agencies that hamper development of transportation systems.

Traveling in a Circle.

It looks as if the net result of all the activities set in motion by President Wilson's efforts to accommodate the difference between the railroads and the brotherhoods of train service employees would be to carry us back to the beginning of the whole controversy. If that be so we shall have but another demonstration that all the boasted Wilsonian force is of no effect in carrying us ahead by settling any problems. This railroad case is like the one of Mexico, an example of running around in circles and getting nowhere. The Adams law is in the Supreme Court for determination of its constitutionality, but the decision is of no particular interest to those directly concerned because neither side wants it enforced. At that nobody believes it will be upheld. Now the supplemental legislation proposed by the President, being brought down to possible workable form, is found to be of little or no practical value. Strikes will not be enjoined even temporarily and strikers will not be interfered with in the exercise of any rights which they have heretofore enjoyed. Specific prohibition of trespassing on railroad property with a view of preventing by violence, intimidation or threats the operation of trains merely confirms existing police power. Making more specific the exemptions of organized labor from the operations of the anti-trust statutes is a work of supererogation. Giving the President authority to take over and operate "such part of" a railroad or its equipment as may be necessary to move troops or munitions in time of war, threatened war or insurrection, makes statutory power that would be exercised anyway as a public necessity. But nothing seems to be accomplished against disruption of the transportation system of the country in a wage war between employers and employees.

JAPAN'S COMMERCIAL PROGRESS

Japan exported about \$500,000,000 worth of products, and imported about \$350,000,000 worth during the first 11 months of the current year, leaving a favorable balance of about \$150,000,000. Exports of cotton yarns and fabrics showed an increase from \$50,000,000 in 1915 to \$71,000,000 in 1916; exports of matches increased about \$2,500,000; copper, \$8,000,000, and considerable increases were recorded in exports of porcelain. The most important imports consisted of cotton, wool, iron ore, rods, plates and machinery, in all of which large increases were recorded. Japan is on the job. All these imports are to be used in the manufacture of goods at a labor cost of from 10 to 25 cents a day, and much of them will come to us paying less than revenue rates. The Shensi opium fields of China having given way to cotton plantations, Japan is talking of establishing a large mill in that vicinity to take care of the crop. This will have a further tendency to oust Americans from the Chinese market in cotton cloths. She is now driving the Pacific Coast millers of this country out of the Chinese flour market, and she was looking forward to a lucrative oriental business in woolen textiles before the British Government elected to take over the entire Australian and

New Zealand wool crop. The Japanese banks are still in a state of prosperity, and this money is to be used to develop Japanese industries. If Japan can have the Wilson-Underwood law to shoe-horn herself into our domestic market, what a rich harvest of dollars she will reap from us.

NO MONOPOLY OF PROGRESSIVISM

Representative Chandler of New York was first elected to Congress as a Progressive, the only one ever so chosen from his State, we believe. re-elections have come to him as a Republican. He told the New York County Committee the other night that "no group or coterie can claim a monopoly on progressivism in the Republican party. The party as a whole is progressive," he declared, "and I believe it will remain united for future victories." Mr. Chandler evidently spoke without having the fear of George W. Perkins before his eyes.

An article appearing in the New York Journal of Commerce on the Federal Advisory Council says, "In the twenty-six months of its existence even its own members have not been clear as to what its real functions are." Apparently they are in a plight similar to that of the President.

The Treasury deficit on January 1st was \$140,871,290, compared with \$60,869,672, same date, 1915. This is exclusive of Panama Canal and debt transactions. Clap on the taxes!

THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD SYSTEM

The fingerprint method of identification is to be adopted by the police department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad System for apprehending fugitives from justice and for protecting the company and its patrons against criminals, according to Edmund Leigh, general superintendent of police. The adoption of this method which is generally recognized in police circles throughout the world as infallible will be the first undertaken by a private concern for self-protection, and its operation on a large railroad system will be studied by police departments throughout the world.

W. F. Shenler, assistant to Chief Leigh, who is in charge of the office work of the railroad's police department at Baltimore, has been attached to the New York police department temporarily in order to make a general study of the fingerprint system, install it in the railroad's police organization and instruct the members of the department in recording and indexing impressions.

Copies of all fingerprint impressions of persons arrested on serious charges by the railroad police will be forwarded to the office of Commissioner Wool of the New York Police Department, for classification. Impressions will be furnished to other police departments using the system, thus facilitating the work of criminal detection throughout the country.

Mr. Leigh believes that of the 12,000 arrests made by the Baltimore and Ohio officers last year, many old offenders fugitives from justice eluded punishment because their identity was not established. This opinion is born out by a confession made by one of America's notorious yegmen, now serving a penitentiary sentence, that in making his escape after the seventeen robberies he had always used Baltimore and Ohio freight trains.

"Hereafter, the suspicious character when arrested on our trains or elsewhere on the property will have to submit to finger impressions—Mr. Leigh explained in connection with the new department," and when circumstances warrant the man will be detained pending an investigation. Before long the criminal class by means of their underground method of communication, which extends from Sing Sing, Stillwater, San Quentin, Canyon City and other penitentiaries, will learn that we mean to be uncompromising with them and will give the Baltimore and Ohio lines and its cities and towns a wide berth.

"The fingerprint method is so un-failing in establishing identity," continued Mr. Leigh, "that English juries frequently convict on no other evidence. While connected with the New York Police Department I frequently saw finger impressions come in from Paris, Berlin, Copenhagen and Petrograd and later it would be found that a suspicious-looking foreigner arrested in the Bronx, or perhaps in South St. Louis, was a criminal of international reputation.

"This class invariably uses the railroads unlawfully when setting out upon a crime or making an escape and with the railroad offices equipped to secure finger impressions, it is reasonable to expect that better work will be done in bringing them to justice. Recently a murderer escaping from New York was arrested as a train rider in one of our large yards and was released on account of lack of in-

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formation. His final capture was delayed several months, but happening of this kind will be largely prevented in the future by the new system."

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

Pittsburgh, Jan. 30. Butter—Prints, 44@44 1/2c; tubs, 42@42 1/2c. Eggs—Fresh, 45c. Cattle—Prime, \$9.50@11; good, \$9.75@10.50; city butchers, \$9.50@10; fair, \$8.50@9.50; common, \$7.50@8.50; cows, \$5@5.50; fresh cows and springers, \$4@5. Sheep and Lambs—Prime wethers, \$10.75@11.25; good mixed, \$10@10.50; fair mixed, \$9.50@9.50; culs and common, \$4.50@5.50; heavy ewes, \$6@6.50; spring lambs, \$10@14.65; veal calves, \$14.50@15; heavy and thin calves, \$7.50@10.

Hogs—Prime heavy, heavily packed and mediums, \$12.05@12.40; heavy Yorkers, \$12@12.05; light Yorkers, \$11.50@11.55; pigs, \$10.50@10.75; roughs, \$10.50@11; stags, \$9@9.50.

Cleveland, Jan. 30. Hogs—Medium, heavies, mixed and Yorkers, \$11.60; pigs, \$10.50; roughs, \$10.25; stags, \$9.25.

Cattle—Choice fat steers, \$9.25@9.75; good to choice butcher steers, \$8.75@9.25; fair to good butcher steers, \$8.25@8.50; common and light steers, \$6@7; choice heifers, \$8@8.25; light heifers, \$7@7.75; good to choice butcher bulls, \$7.50@8;ologna bulls, \$6.75@7.50; good to choice cows, \$6.50@7.25; fair to good cows, \$5@5.50; common cows, \$4@4.75.

Calves—Good to choice, \$14@14.75; fair to good \$13@13.50; heavy to common, \$9@11.

Sheep and Lambs—Good to choice spring lambs, \$14@14.25; fair to good, \$13@13.50; culs and common, \$9@10.50; good to choice wethers, \$8.50@9.50; good to choice ewes, \$8.50@9.50; mixed ewes and wethers, \$8.50@9.50; culs, \$6@7.

Chicago, Jan. 30. Hogs—Bulk, \$11.40@11.65; light, \$11.15@11.65; mixed, \$11.20@11.75; heavy, \$11.25@11.75; roughs, \$11.25@11.40; pigs, \$9.35@10.60.

Cattle—Native beef cattle, \$7.75@11.90; western steers, \$7.75@10; stockers and feeders, \$6@9; cows and heifers, \$5@10.50; calves, \$11@15.

Sheep—Wethers, \$9.75@11.25; lambs, \$11.75@14.40.

Wheat—May, \$1.71 1/2. Corn—May, 99 1/2c. Oats—May, 55 1/2c.

AN OVERWORKED WORD.

This Writer Suggests That "Very" Be Given a Long Rest. There is a word that once possessed a vigor and a power that is altogether lost. "Verily," verily—"in truth, in truth." Now it is "very," and though it still means "in truth," it has become so weakened by usage that it conveys no force whatever. You meet men on the street and say, "It is a very fine day." What do you mean? Probably you mean, "How do you do?" What you have said is simply a salutation. But if you should say to me, "It is a fine day," you probably mean it is a fine day. That little word "very" has been so weakened, so frayed at the edges, that it harms rather than helps its companions.

So, gentle reader, I would say to you if I had arbitrary power over your speech, "This week I will allow you only two 'veries,' and, though for a time such restraint may make you self-conscious, yet it will force you to grope about for many memory and furnish up adjectives and adverbs, even drive you now and again to a careful appraisal of your best along, and when this temporary self-consciousness shall pass not only your vigor of speech, but your exactitude and clarity of thought will be the better for it. That is a gain that will be worth all the sacrifice."—Burgess Johnson in Century.

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Taken to the Hospital. About a year ago Mrs. William Fritz, who resides near Fritz church, suffered from a disease in her eye, and in order to save the one the diseased one was removed. Since that time a cataract has formed upon the other eye and this week she was taken to the hospital in Cumberland where an operation will be performed for the removal of the growth.

A report is prevalent that cars will not be furnished for loading coal from wagons. This is an error as the roads are furnishing the cars as usual, but owing to the demand for gondolas and flats they cannot always be furnished and box cars are being furnished instead. The latter are just as convenient and can be loaded cheaper, as they dispense with the scaffold, and are loaded direct from the wagon.

Suppression of Forest Fires.

The various telephone exchanges near or about forested areas of the Fayette Westmoreland Somerset fire ward district have received lists of the forest fire wardens in their respective counties and are posting the same that they may readily inform committees who their nearest wardens are, in case of forest fires.

V. M. Bearer, State Forester, Ligonier, Pa., will mail similar lists to sportsmen, farmers, of wood lands and others who make request for such.

Murray-Pfeiffer.

A very pleasant wedding occurred at the parsonage of the Amity Reformed church on Monday evening at which time and pace Rev. A. E. Truxal said the words which united for life for better, or for worse, until death do us part, Mr. Maurice Murray of Akron, Ohio, and Miss Grace M. Pfeiffer, of High street, Meyersdale. Mr. Murray was formerly of Larimer township. The happy couple will make their home in Akron where he is employed in the rubber works, taking with them the congratulations of their many friends here.

Versatile. "Do you know," she simpered, "you are the first real actor I ever met. It must be extremely interesting to act the parts created by the master dramatists like Shakespeare and—" "Now you're talkin', kid," he broke in. "I just eat that Shakespeare stuff alive. Why, I played in Shakespeare's 'East Lynne' for two whole seasons, and part of the time I played a horn in the orchestra."—New York World.

Firth of Forth Bridge.

The bridge across the Firth of Forth in Scotland is a cantilever bridge erected 1883-90. The two main spans are each 1,710 feet long. The total length of the bridge is 8,295 feet; the towers are 343 feet high; the bridge contains 51,000 tons of steel and cost about \$13,000,000.

Delicately Eliminated. "How did you get Mrs. Bounce out of your bridge club? Did you ask her to resign?" "No, we didn't like to do that, but we all resigned except Mrs. Bounce, and then we all got together and formed a new club."—New York Times.

Hartley & Baldwin's Boys, this is the last week of our sale. If you want to get in on this sale you must get what a camel has on his back. Sale Closes Sat., Feb. 3. Hartley & Baldwin Meyersdale, Pa.

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