

## RAILROAD NOTES

### P. R. R. Will Clean Up.

A house cleaning will take place on the Pennsylvania Railroad system in a short time for the purpose of sanitation and improvement of conditions in general bettering the health of the employees and preventing the spread of disease. Separate committees are at present at work on the various divisions and branches headed by company officials and at an early date a sanitary inspection of the shops, yards and rights of way of the entire system with a view of ascertaining the sanitary conditions and making improvements where necessary.

Delaware, Lackawanna and Western's rail requirements for 1912 amount to approximately 20,000 tons. Around 20,000 tons was ordered last year. Neither the board of directors nor the executive committee has authorized the purchase as yet, but are expected to take such action shortly. The requirements comprise not only renewal necessities, but will be used partly for new construction.

Without an interruption of traffic the Delaware & Hudson Railroad company has accomplished the general revision of grade between Ninevah and Oneonta, thirty-seven miles. Ten miles of track were raised or lowered in bringing about the improvement which cost \$250,000.

Dr. W. J. Condon has been appointed Erie physician at Susquehanna to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Clayton Washburn who left for the south a month ago.

Thomas Davey, of Stroudsburg, who has been Acting Master Mechanic at the Erie shops, has been officially appointed Master Mechanic to succeed William H. Taylor, deceased.

**"EVERY LITTLE MOVEMENT HAS A MEANING OF ITS OWN."**  
"Every Little Shipment."  
(Apologies to Madame Sherry).  
"Every little shipment has a meaning of its own.  
Every new consignment, by an increase, can be known;  
And each new carload that comes a rolling  
O'er our road bed is just extolling  
By its presence, which is consoling  
Some good hustler, that's all our own."  
—ERIE.

### Erie's Improvements.

The Erie railroad is building 140 miles of double track on the Ohio division between Leavittsburg and Marion, in Ohio, of which 42 miles was completed during 1911. During the past few years the Erie railroad has made a number of improvements upon its system for expediting and economically handling its rapidly growing traffic. It has replaced 384 bridges with steel structures capable of carrying the heaviest equipment, and there is not a single wooden bridge on the main line between New York and Chicago. The system has replaced one rail to the extent of 177,000 tons with new rails within a few years. The Erie recently placed an order for 45 new locomotives, 60 passenger cars and 4,000 freight cars, which will be delivered in January.

### The Writers.

Frank G. Carpenter, the travel writer man, has purchased a home in Washington for \$30,000.

Maurice Maeterlinck has been forced to give up the use of tobacco, which he formerly used in prodigious quantities, while writing, but he sticks to his pipe, filled with a denicotinized preparation.

Mary Roberts Rinehart, although she has an elegantly furnished library in her home, does very little of her writing there. She had a study in one of Pittsburgh's largest office buildings, where she spends a certain number of working hours each day. When at home her attention is bestowed entirely upon her husband and three sons.

### Flippant Flings.

Edison's proposed cement furniture won't be any softer to stumble over in the dark.—Philadelphia Record.

The man who opposes the revival of the knee breeches idea will be subject to suspicion, no matter how impersonal his motives.—Atlanta Journal.

A nineteen-year-old boy asked a New York court to make his bride of twenty-five his guardian. To the looker on this is needless formality.—Baltimore Sun.

A London scientist proclaims that shock has been known to alter the color of the eyes. Usually, we have observed, it makes them black.—St. Paul Dispatch.

### Electric Sparks.

It is probable that a telephone service between England and Switzerland will soon be established.

A storage battery illuminated electric sign has been invented to be worn on the arm of a person selling refreshments in theaters or other public places, to save the labor of crying his wares.

An oscillatory electric spark has been found by C. Caudrelier to be made up of about 10,000 individual sparks per second. An air current separated the sparks one-half inch, and this and the velocity of the air gave a means of estimating the number.

### SIRENS AND SONS.

Kubelik, the famous violinist, gave 220 concerts last year, at an average fee of \$1,200, making his year's income nearly \$205,000.

Maurice Burke-Roche, grandson of the late Frank Work and heir to a large fortune, is working as a clerk for the Lackawanna railroad.

Caradoc Roberts, on whom Oxford recently conferred the degree of doctor of music for an oratorio, worked at a carpenter's bench only a few years ago.

Andrew Bonar Law, retired Glasgow iron merchant and leader of the Unionist party in England, is socially unknown, owns no land and is simply a business man. He is the son of a simple Scottish pastor, is without university education and is a nonconformist.

William P. Fowler, for eleven years head of the institutions registrations department of Boston, who has just resigned, has regularly turned back his salary of \$3,000 a year into the city treasury for that length of time. He is wealthy and does not need the salary and, besides, declares the bulk of the work is done by clerks.

Dr. Philander Priestly Claxton, the new United States commissioner of education, graduated from the University of Tennessee at the age of nineteen, managing to borrow sufficient money to enable him to keep in school without loss of time. He meant to be a lawyer, but teaching obtained such a hold on him that he devoted himself to the work.

### Rules of War.

It is announced that the nations are making an effort to codify the rules of war. The first rule of war is always to jump on a weaker nation.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

A European commission has started out to study "modern methods of war." Simple—first select a weaker nation and then blow it off the map before it knows what you are about.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

### New Bogus Five Dollar Bill Out.

A new counterfeit five dollar silver certificate has appeared in circulation, and the secret service has circulated a warning. The counterfeit is a poorly executed photograph on two pieces of cheap paper, the back being colored with green water color paint. The note bears check letter A, "Series 1899."

### ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK

German Composer Who Is Near Death in Berlin.



Berlin, Jan. 9.—Engelbert Humperdinck, the noted composer, is seriously ill. For two days he was unconscious, but regained consciousness.

While the precise nature of his disease is not known, it is said that symptoms of paralysis have appeared.

### KILLS MOTHER AND SELF.

Boy of Seventeen Believed to Have Been Insane.

Milford, Mass., Jan. 9.—Clarence L. Racine, seventeen years old, murdered his mother, Mrs. Louis Racine, with a butcher knife, set fire to their home and then killed himself.

The blaze was extinguished by firemen with little loss. The boy is believed to have been temporarily insane.

From the appearance of the rooms it is believed that Mrs. Racine fought desperately to save her life. It was in the kitchen that the youth first attacked his mother with the knife. A trail of blood and upset furniture through the dining room and into a bedroom indicated that Mrs. Racine had endeavored to overpower the boy. Her body was found in the bedroom with the head almost severed.

### Statue to Carnegie.

Dunfermline, Scotland, Jan. 9.—This city, the birthplace of Andrew Carnegie, will erect a statue to him in recognition of his many benefactions.

### Advertising Pioneer Dead.

St. Louis, Jan. 9.—Ewing Hill, originator of street car advertising in America, is dead here, aged seventy.

## News from the WORLD of SPORTS

Murphy, the young Scranton shortstop, who is to be given a tryout by the Albany Club of the New York State League, is said to possess a wonderful throwing arm.

President Lynch, of the National League, in speaking of the new out-law league, says "These fellows talk as if they could start a new major league on a postage stamp."

Hughey Jennings appears to be right on the job in Detroit for he has signed most of his big stars in the Tiger lineup.

It will be tough on Charlie Murphy if Brown, his great pitcher, should accept the job as manager of the United States League, the new out-law organization.

Marty O'Toole, the Pirates \$22,500 pitcher, writes that his arm is as good as ever, and that he expects to finish up the season among the leading pitchers of the league.

Seeing that Wallace is to be kept in command of the Browns another season all the scribes of the Mound City are strong for him now, though they knocked him freely enough all last summer.

McIntyre, Bodie and Callahan will form the outer trio of the White Sox in 1912, unless some of the youngsters oust them out of their jobs.

There are many worse first basemen in the majors than "Dutchy" Schaeffer and it will take some tail hustling to toss the Washington comedian into the discard.

This being the time for the making of good resolutions "Slim" Sallee, the lanky twirler, has signed the—, you know. Wonder for how long?

### Pert Personals.

Besides, Dr. Mary Walker is the twenty greatest women.—Baltimore Sun.

P. A. B. Widener bids fair to be as successful in collecting Rembrandts as street railways.—New York World.

J. Pierpont Morgan has established his private office on the thirtieth floor, thereby rendering it all the harder to reach the man higher up.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

It is reported that Kipling can get \$1 a word for every word he writes. If that is the case he ought to be publicly thanked for the restraint he exhibits.—Chicago Record-Herald.

### German Gleanings.

An average good potato crop in Germany totals about 50,000,000 tons.

There is much unhappiness in Germany because the excessive heat of last summer resulted in a short crop of cabbage and consequently of sauerkraut.

Before electric motors are permitted to be used in German coal mines they are exhaustively tested in various guises to show that they will not cause explosions.

### The Old, Old Story.

Congress is in session.  
Clark is in the chair.  
Uncle Joey Cannon  
Sits serenely there.  
Taft is in his glory.  
Bob La Follette, too;  
Public now a-waiting  
To see what they will do.  
Lots of bills are pending.  
Piled up in a row.  
Congress doesn't worry,  
Takes it mighty slow.  
Red tape there a-plenty,  
Speeches by the score.  
Congressmen are sleepy.  
Hear their gentle snore.  
—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

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