

RAILROAD NOTES

For the first time Wednesday of last week came known just how extensive the car buying by railroads had been during the year 1911, when the total figures were presented by the steel concerns interested. Orders amounted to approximately 136,000 cars of all kinds. These figures astonished all of the companies, though many knew that estimates of 100,000 cars had been made and were considered a trifle high.

Statements made in explanation of these enormous purchases of cars showed that up until November 1 the total car buying for the year 1911 had been so far below the normal as to make comparisons somewhat disconcerting. But from the opening of the November trade the orders began to come in so rapidly that by the end of the month 40,000 new cars had been added to the books. December orders fell below and it was supposed that the actual increase for the month would be small.

The totals given out recently indicated that the railroads had been purchasing new cars quickly and for some reason were withholding the information from the public. It is said that the railroads had placed orders for cars for over \$140,000,000 for the year just closed, and the larger orders to come are expected to open the new year on a basis that has seldom been equalled.

That railroad companies are preparing for an active season in new work was further indicated by the announcement that the orders for rail spikes during the past few weeks aggregated 15,000 kegs, or sufficient to keep the spike mills busy for the next two months or more, while many additional orders are pending. The purchase of spikes will mean more extensive reconstruction work as well as new track laying.

Erie Prize Section Marked.

A monument of merit for the best maintained section on the Susquehanna division of the Erie Railroad has been erected at the upper end of the Erie station at Waverly. An attractive white enameled gateway has been placed which bears the legend, "Prize Section," across the top. Those passing through on trains can plainly see the sign of efficient work.

WARSHIPS TO BRING THE MAINE'S DEAD.

Armored Cruisers, Conveyed by Scout Cruisers, Will Carry the Bodies.

Although definite plans of the navy department for bringing back the bones of the men who perished aboard the battleship Maine will not be announced until word comes from the war department that there remain no more bones to be recovered, a tentative plan has been drawn to have two armored cruisers conveyed by scouts bring back the Maine's dead. The armored cruisers the Washington and the North Carolina and the three scout cruisers the Birmingham, the Chester and the Salem may be assigned to this duty.

The suggestion that the battleship Maine be given this assignment for sentimental reasons was made to Secretary Meyer, but difficulties have been encountered in putting this plan into execution. The Maine is now in reserve at the Philadelphia navy yard, and to send this ship to Havana would necessitate considerable rush work.

The suggestion that the battleships the Florida and the Utah, the two newest super Dreadnoughts, be selected has the disadvantage of keeping these vessels away from the fleet formation, and the navy department's winter program calls for keeping the battleships as much as possible together for the tactical exercises which Rear Admiral Hugo Osterhaus, commander in chief, wishes to put the fleet through.

FOR CENTENARY OF PEACE.

Bill Appropriating \$7,500,000 For a National Commission.

A plan for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the treaty of Ghent is pending before the senate committee on foreign relations in the shape of a bill appropriating \$7,500,000 for that purpose. Senator Burton of Ohio framed the measure. It proposes that a commission of seven members, all citizens of the United States, one of whom shall be a retired engineer, shall be appointed by the president, to be known as the peace centenary celebration commission. The members of this commission shall serve for not more than four years without compensation. The duties of the commission would be to aid in the formulation and execution of a plan to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of peace among English speaking peoples in conjunction with any citizens' association of recognized standing either in the United States or in the British empire.

An invitation to the nations of the world to join in celebrating the Ghent treaty anniversary will be extended by the commission through the state department should the measure be favorably acted upon.

To 102 on Tea and Rye Bread. James Cain, a stone mason and Chicago pioneer, died at the age of 102 years, having lived for the last decade on tea and rye bread. He often told his friends that a diet of tea and rye bread, supplemented with a little other food, was the secret of his longevity.

Prof. John Grier Hibben Is New President

He Has Been Professor of Philosophy at the University Since 1891.

JOHN GRIER HIBBEN, who has just been elected president of Princeton university, is a graduate of Princeton, class of 1882, and since 1891 has been a member of the Princeton faculty, occupying the chair of logic. He is well known as an author, having published over half a dozen volumes on logic, philosophy and belles lettres. He is president of the American Philosophical society and editor in chief of the International Series of Philosophical Monographs, the first of which he wrote. Princeton men generally will rejoice at the selection of Professor Hibben.

Hibben Is of Princeton

Son of an Illinois Clergyman. He Was Graduated from Princeton at 20.

from that year until 1891, when he returned to Princeton as instructor in logic and psychology.

The versatility of his scholarship was early demonstrated on his return to Princeton, for in addition to his work in logic and psychology he conducted classes in mathematics, Biblical literature and ethics. He was advanced to an assistant professorship of logic in 1894 and in 1897 to the Stuart professorship of logic.

Meantime he has been active in original research, having published in 1898 his "Inductive Logic," which is extensively used as a textbook in schools



JOHN GRIER HIBBEN.

and colleges: "Problems of Philosophy" in 1896, "Hegel's Logic" in 1902, "Deductive Logic" in 1905 and "The Philosophy of Enlightenment" in 1909. The latter is one of twelve volumes in a series on "The Epochs of Philosophy," of which Professor Hibben is the general editor, the contributing authors being leading philosophers of Great Britain and the United States.

During the present year Professor Hibben has been giving a series of public lectures in Princeton on philosophical and scientific thought which has attracted large audiences. By these lectures, Princeton men say, his ability to give clear and persuasive expression to an abstruse theme has been brought out more than ever before. For several years also he has been much in demand as a speaker before alumni associations as well as at anniversaries of other institutions and on public occasions.

Professor Hibben has for several years served on important faculty committees, which has given him valuable administrative experience. He is also a member of the graduate council, which was constituted a few years ago to give organized effect to the work and influence of the alumni.

CANADA WANTS A NAVY.

Minister of Marine to Visit London in Connection With Scheme.

Canada is evidently contemplating some new scheme of naval defense. Mr. Hazen, the new minister of marine, is to visit London in order to consult with Mr. Churchill and the board of admiralty concerning the best available method of naval defense which Canada might adopt.

Mr. Hazen, it is considered, will proceed on the assumption that the interests of the empire as a whole must determine whatever new policy Canada may adopt. After Mr. Hazen has returned home the Canadian government will formulate its naval policy in accordance with the advice and desire of the board of admiralty at Whitehall.

To Fine Gum Chewers a Dime.

Determined to abolish gum chewing in the Athol (Mass.) high school, Principal W. J. MacDougal has announced that hereafter the pastime will cost every pupil detected "10 cents a cud." Mr. MacDougal says that the fines will be collected if it takes a sheriff to do it and applied to some worthy purpose.

Married In Bed.

Confined to his bed with a severe attack of pneumonia and refusing to have his wedding day postponed, Julian Knox of Cleveland was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Feller of Akron.

TO PRINT SULTAN'S RECORDS.

Abdul Hamid Told Whereabouts of Secret Chamber Containing Them. The authentic records of the terrible thirty-three years' reign of the deposed sultan of Turkey, Abdul Hamid, are to be given to the world.

The minutest search had failed to reveal their whereabouts until Abdul Hamid himself disclosed the secret chamber where every written record has been kept.

The Constantinople correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle declares that it has now been decided to publish the documents, which are complete, as Abdul Hamid never destroyed a letter or paper. Strangely enough, not a single line of these records was written by the sultan, who had a strong aversion to writing even his own name. His signet served to authorize the official documents, even death sentences.

ALL ST. HELENA TO AMERICA.

Plan to Bring 3,000 Residents of Napoleonic Isle to California.

When Napoleon surrendered to the British he asked permission to come to America. It was refused, and he was taken a prisoner to the barren island of St. Helena, 1,200 miles west of the African coast. If he were alive today, he might have his wish to be brought to America granted.

Alfred Mosely, the English philanthropist, has been in consultation with immigration officials about a plan to bring the 3,000 poverty stricken residents of the rocky island to California. The British government withdrew its military station several years ago, and since then the residents have had a desperate struggle for existence.

MRS. CLEVELAND HONORED.

President's Widow Elected Life Member of Forestry Association.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland, whose husband, the late President Cleveland, signed the original bill providing for the creation of national forests, was elected a life member of the American Forestry association.

Among those chosen as vice presidents were former President Roosevelt, former Forester Pinchot, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Secretary of the Interior Fisher, Curtis Guild, American ambassador to Russia, and Governor Johnson of California.

Donkeys In Egypt.

In Egypt the women still follow the ancient custom of riding on donkeys. The animals are small and well trained and carry their burdens about without remonstrance. The riding under these conditions demands no especial skill of horsemanship. The women make a great convenience of these little steeds, riding them to market or to their shopping as well as on considerable journeys.

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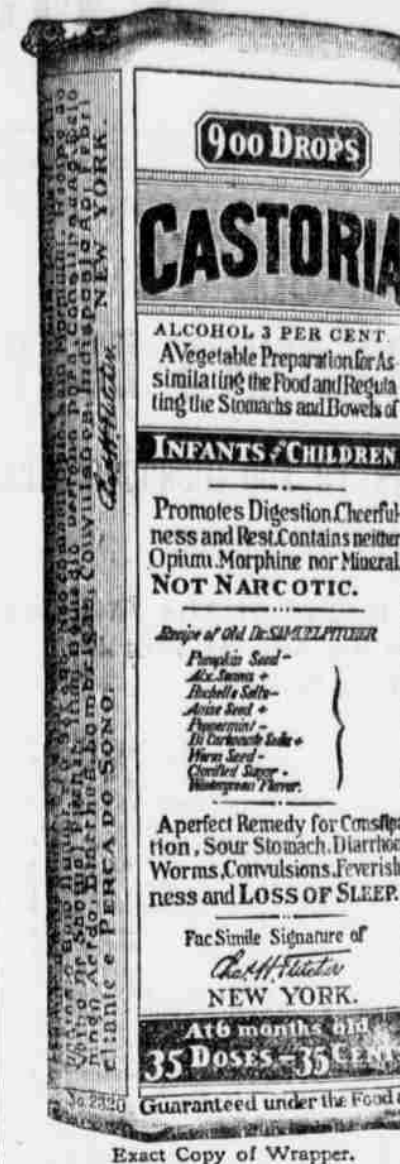
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