

**SAY RAILROADS
HAVE NOT TOLD
ALL OF STORY**

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We believe an impartial investigation would show that the actual cost was very much less than that estimate. For the purposes of this argument, however, we can afford to accept the highest estimate. The wage increase was in effect for eight months during 1920—from May 1 to December 31. At \$60,000,000 a month this would mean an addition to operating expenses of \$480,000,000 on account of wages. But the total increase in operating expenses under private control, as

shown by the Interstate Commerce commission was \$1,391,000,000. After allowing the most extreme estimate of the wage increase, we still have \$911,000,000 to account for. What did the railroad managers do with that vast sum under private ownership? It can not be claimed that they invested it in equipment or in construction and maintenance. Their additions to equipment are unimportant and instead of maintaining and reconstructing they have dismissed tens of thousands of employes who might have performed that essential work. Government control has been denounced by the publicity agents of the railroad executives as an "orgy of waste." If that be an accurate description

what should be said of the performance under private ownership? It is said that Cuba's supply of wet goods is running low, and tourists should remember that rum wasn't built in a day!—Brooklyn Eagle.
Stock hogs wanted by the Nebraska Land Co. 103-tf
Natives in the Yukon say the temperature of 60 below is just "a cold snap," but few will be in any sweat to get there.
Easter flowers, all kinds. Alliance Florists. 106 West Third St. 31-34
Food prices are reported to be going down, but some of the menu cards are reluctant about printing the news.

TIMELY TOPICS

The rabbit that picks a quarrel with a bull terrier has nothing on the Russian army transport the French say tried to sink a French fleet.
South American women getting to be leaders in fashion. Of course, down around the equator there's not so much chance of catching cold.
The crusade on baby talk is nonsense. Let the babies tell things their own way lest they acquire proficiency in profanity from the grown-ups.
There is also a question of how much more than a quarter of a cent a tax of a quarter of a cent a gallon or gasoline would add to the retail price.
American are said to spend \$5,000,

000,000 annually for amusement and still remain bored. We may be clever people, but somebody is not giving us our money's worth.
Austria ought not to welcome the suggestion that she join Germany. She tried that once.
Luckily for poor John Bull, he has had long training in keeping three hot potatoes in the air at once.
It is a pretty safe gamble when two women claim to be the "widow" that deceased did not die bankrupt.
If the hostilities between naval and air experts could be stored for use in war, the enemy would be licked from her start.
Fire has destroyed the government

census records of 1790, but surely even a government bureau has 'em counted by this time.
It takes a keen eye nowadays to distinguish between the advertisements of underwear and those of motion pictures.
No matter how much right may be on his side, a man will find himself in the wrong at the end of any argument with a woman.
The census office asserts that America has the biggest collection of bachelors in the world. Has anyone counted the old maids?
Chauffeurs in Buenos Aires, it is reported, earn \$360 a month, which is about what some get in this country regardless of what they earn.

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