

Industry's Growth in Interior Real Canal Rate Issue

Railroads Must Be Able to Compete or Inland Cities Will Lose Manufacturing Plants.

Industrial development in the middle west is vitally affected by low ocean rates and low rates through the Panama canal.

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BY WILL M. MAUPIN. The writer of the propaganda seeking to convince the people that the railroads are conspiring to destroy the Panama canal closes his first article by the astonishing statement that "the larger issue is the survival of the canal as a coast-to-coast waterway."

The absurdity of that statement is instantly apparent when the real truth is known—that the larger issue is to maintain and develop interior industries, to provide interior transportation at reasonable rates, and prevent the building up of the two coasts at the expense of the interior.

Waterways Not Conspired Against.

This subtle propaganda against a few instances of railroads made rates lower than interior waterway rates, and after ruining the water transportation companies immediately raised their rail rates higher than ever.

The Panama canal, now beginning to fulfill its main commercial purpose, is a new world to conquer. That is the true purpose of the recent application of the transcontinental lines for relief from section 4.

Roads Not Seeking Relief.

The railroads are not seeking relief from section 4, as charged. The charge has as little foundation in truth as the charge that the railroads are conspiring to close the Panama canal.

The railroads are resisting the efforts of Senator Gooding and his supporters to amend the interstate commerce act as to prevent the commission, upon application and proper showing, from granting the railroads permission to make a lower through rate than the combined rates to intermediate points.

Gooding Bill Would Ruin Interior.

Depriving the railroads of an opportunity to compete with the Panama canal for traffic between the coasts means that the growing industries of the interior must either languish and die, or move to one or the other of the coasts.

Houston Rioters Freed.

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 14.—Four of the 67 Houston rioters originally sentenced to life imprisonment were released from the federal prison yesterday upon receipt of certificates of parole from the Department of Justice.

Canal Gains as Roads Lose.

The Panama canal was opened to traffic on August 15, 1914. The low number of transits during 1916 was due to the closing of the canal for seven months due to slides.

Despite the construction of section 4 of the interstate commerce act permitting the railroads to make rates for transcontinental traffic competition in some measure with the rates via the canal, the railroads have constantly lost tonnage, and therefore lost revenue, while the canal has gained immensely in both. Manifestly it is impossible for the railroads to compete with the coast-to-coast waterway in rates, even were they so disposed. Their contention is that they

The Daily Cross Word Puzzle

10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54

- Horizontal. 1. Apparition. 2. Daughter of Zeus. 3. Expression of pain or distress. 4. Designates. 5. Year (Bible style). 6. Male child. 7. To take a position of rest. 8. Virginia (abbr.). 9. To regenerate. 10. A liner or toe. 11. The first numeral in Latin. 12. Empty talk. 13. The organ of smell. 14. Indian antelope. 15. Male sheep. 16. Small point. 17. A fraternity. 18. A continent. 19. Definite article. 20. To venture. 21. To mix together. 22. A tree. 23. That is (abbr.). 24. Negation. 25. An animal. 26. A proposition. 27. The title of an Abyssinian ruler. 28. Small coin. 29. Large books. 30. Proper name meaning "The king" in French. Vertical. 1. A color. 2. A cell. 3. Fertile spots in deserts. 4. Frozen rain. 5. Lady in Arthur's Court; Tennyson's "Idyll of the King." 6. A dead language. 7. A measure of type. 8. One of the Lesser Antilles. 9. Part of the brain. 10. Satisfied. 11. Autumn fruit. 12. Low (French). 13. Acquired. 14. Entire range or extent. 15. To move sideways. 16. To sink down. 17. A real cedar. 18. Stamping device. 19. Religious abbreviation. 20. Soft cushion. 21. Fernlike. 22. Rain and snow. 23. Year (Latin). 24. To hinder. 25. Abounding with rain. 26. Medicine. 27. A wrap. 28. To move. 29. Word of denial. The solution will appear tomorrow. Solution of yesterday's puzzle.

Favorable Signs Continue Bright in Business Sky

Retail Merchants Will Have Lower Stocks at Inventory Time Than Year Ago, Canvass Shows.

By RICHARD SPILLANE, Universal Service Financial Editor.

New York, Dec. 14.—All signs in the business sky continue bright. As a straw shows how the wind blows, so one example sometimes suffices to illustrate very important conditions in relations to trade. Here it is: Information gathered by the Rice-Stix Dry Goods company of St. Louis, a concern that does a nationwide business, indicates that retail merchants will have lower stocks at inventory time than they had a year ago.

What a tremendous increase there has been in values within the last 12 months is indicated by the fact that in 12 of the 29 most active securities dealt in on the New York stock exchange last week, the advance in price had been in excess of 20 points in some instances—Southern Railway, for example, it went more than 40 points.

Better reports come from the textile industry. Construction work the nation over averages 7 per cent greater than at this time last year.

News from agricultural quarters is excellent. Grains are at the highest price since war days. Cotton farmers have a pretty fair return. Farm suppliers from the sewing machine seller and the radio manufacturers up to the International Harvester people are sharing the prosperity with the man with the hoe.

WEST INDIES MERCHANT HOME

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Wymore, Neb., Dec. 14.—Denzil Noll, Wymore high school graduate of the class of 1908, now a merchant at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, West Indies, has arrived in Wymore, being called back by the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Dave Noll, pioneer resident of Wymore.

Agricultural Club Elects.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Tecumseh, Neb., Dec. 14.—The Johnson County Agricultural and Mechanical association, in annual meeting here yesterday, reelected the following officers: President, J. F. Kuhlman; vice president, J. H. Miller; secretary, Carl H. Brock; treasurer, J. V. Johnson, members board of directors: T. E. Roberts, H. C. Lintz and W. A. Kelley.

Big Grain Movement.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 14.—Since price of corn jumped to \$1.65 a bushel, a few farmers are marketing their grain here. The roads are improving since the storm of last week, and if prices keep going skyward a big movement of grain is looked for within the next few weeks.

A WIFE'S CONFESSATIONAL Revelations of a Wife

The Amazing Cry that Was Wrung from Mother Graham.

My little lad's face was turned up to mine trustfully, and I bent to him with a reassuring smile. "That's a good boy not to hurt Granzie," I said, and then with a sudden anathema at my own absent-mindedness, I realized that I had not secured Junior's silence concerning Lee Chow.

"There's something else you must not tell Granzie now while she is sick," I said impressively. "What?" Junior queried, his eyes alight with the determination to keep all discomfort from the old lady he adored.

"She doesn't like Chinese people very well," I answered, "so you mustn't say any thing before her now about seeing Lee Chow at the beach. Don't speak of him at all."

"But I like Lee Chow lots," he replied in an aggrieved tone. He's terrible nice." "Of course he is," I assented hastily smothering an itching impulse to correct his atrocious diction, "and you may like him all you please. But you mustn't tell Granzie about him until she gets well and strong again."

Marion Helps Junior. My fears were not justified, however, Junior rushed into her arms with such precipitancy that at first she had no chance to see his face so buried was it in the hollow of her shoulder as he clung to her in childish ecstasy.

FIRE DAMAGES LEGION QUARTERS. Humboldt, Neb., Dec. 14.—Quick work on the part of the firemen of this city, today, in the use of chemical apparatus, saved the Home Legion bank, and an entire block of business houses from destruction by fire today.

Baby Upsets Hot Water, Is Severely Scalded. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Columbus, Neb., Dec. 14.—Ralph Borer, 2 son of Philip Borer, Lind-say, Neb., suffered severe burns on his arms and the entire lower half of his body when Mrs. Borer, carrying a kettle of boiling water, slipped on the kitchen floor, the vessel's contents hurling over the child.

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Fluctuations in Bond Prices Seen During Last Week

Uncertainty Over Policy of Federal Reserve Bank Causes General Reaction Early in Week.

New York, Dec. 14.—Undue apprehension over a possible increase in the local federal reserve bank's discount rate contributed to the erratic fluctuations of bond prices last week. Uncertainty over the reserve bank's present policy, combined with the firming tendency of money quotations, caused a general reaction early in the week, but the market later made irregular recovery in response to maintenance of the 3 per cent rediscount rate.

Merger Deadlock Broken. Breaking of the deadlock in the "Nickel Plate" railroad merger negotiations through the acceptance of the lease terms by the Erie railroad encouraged a brisk rally late in the week in the bonds of the companies involved. Chesapeake & Ohio convertible 5s soared to a record high price and lens of the Erie and "Nickel Plate" roads scored impressive gains.

Utility Issues Lead. A contraction in the volume of new financing brought the total for the week down to about \$56,000,000, contrasted with more than \$90,000,000 and \$137,000,000 in the two preceding weeks. Public utility issues led the list of new offerings.

Various other railroad obligations responded to constructive merger and dividend developments. Approval of the Missouri Pacific consolidation and indications that the directors of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway would inaugurate dividends on the preferred stock this week enabled these bonds to continue their upward movement.

ELECTION RESULT TO BE CONTESTED

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Wynne, Neb., Dec. 14.—Contest proceedings having been filed by Thomas R. Sundahl, democratic candidate at the late election for county commissioner of the second district in Wayne county, through his attorney, C. W. Peasinger of Randolph, against Henry Rethwisch, republican, who was declared elected by a majority of four votes, a hearing will be held here before Judge J. H. Cherry, December 29, when the ballots will be inspected in court and evidence submitted. The petition claims that while, according to the canvassing board, Sundahl received 1,593 votes and Rethwisch 1,602, sufficient errors were made by the election boards in counting some votes and throwing out others to have elected Sundahl.

Mr. Rethwisch is the present county commissioner of the second district, having served several terms in this office.

STORM DAMAGE REACHES \$200,000

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 14.—Telephone, telegraph and electric wires which have been out of commission most of the time since the sleet and wind-storm of 10 days ago, are almost back to normal, although linemen are still replacing broken poles and making other repairs. It is estimated that the damage to lines in this section of the state as a result of the storm will reach \$200,000 or more.

EASTERN STAR ELECTS OFFICER

Blue Springs, Neb., Dec. 14.—The Eastern Star chapter of Blue Springs elected the following officers for the coming year: Pearl Sandritter, worthy matron; Gilbert Sandritter, worthy patron; Mae Stephenson, associate matron; Anne Craig, secretary; Dora Harpster, treasurer; Clara Rosenfeld, conductress; Laura Crannell, associate conductress.

Men Form B. I. L.'S, P. O. E. AUXILIARY

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Cozad, Neb., Dec. 14.—The P. E. O. Sisterhood entertained their husbands at a dinner last night. The men formed an auxiliary which is known as the B. I. L.'s. Several new members were initiated at the meeting last night. The dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pierce. All the decorations fitted the Christmas season. After the ceremonies of conferring the degrees the company was entertained with radio. Stations were heard from Winnepeg to East Philadelphia.

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Florida Seminole The Floridan The Seminole An appreciated gift—a vacation in Florida

If You Are Seeking HEALTH Investigate Chiropractic No matter what your disease may be, you can investigate with safety, as no qualified practitioner will accept a case he cannot help.

Are You A Woman Who Gives or A Woman Who Takes? Both live and love in Wallace Irwin's latest novel

THE GOLDEN BED an amazing story of success and marriage to appear serially in this paper starting Tuesday, December 16