FEWER MILES OF TRACK WERE LAID

Railroads Hold Back on Expenditures Because of the General Financial Conditions.

NEW LINES NOW PROJECTED

Less miles of new railroad were built in the United States during 1915 than in any other year for over fifty years, or since 1864, and more miles of railroad were in receivers' hands during the year than ever before, according to the Rallway Age Gazette's summary of its railway statistics for the year, compiled from official sources and published in its annual review number. There have only been three other years since 1848 when the increase in railway mileage was less than 1,000 miles and they were the civil War years of 1861, 1862 and 1864.

In 1915 the total mileage of new rallread constructed in the United States was 963, as compared with 1,532 in 1914 and 3,671 in 1913. There was also a large reduction in the mileage of second track built. In addition to the new line there was built 356 miles of second track, as compared with 565 miles in 1914, and 1,364 in 1913, and sixty-five miles of third track, fourth or other multiple track, making a total of 1,354 miles of track, as compared with 2,127 in 1914, and 4,466 in 1913. The largest mileage in one state was in Pennsylvania, which heads the list of states with ninety-eight miles. Oregon was second with eighty-three miles and Washington third with seventy-one miles. New lines were built in thirty-seven states while none was built in eleven states. Canadian roads built 718 miles of new first track, as compared with 1,978 in 1914. Mexico 36.5 miles of new line was built as against none reported for 1914.

New Lines Projected.

In the United States the reports received by the Rallway Age Gazette show 2,062 miles of new line projected, 1,624 under survey and 1,207 under construction and uncompleted, a total of 3,800 miles in prospect. A year ago there were 2,031 miles of new line projected, 1,229 miles surveyed and 1,015 miles under construction, or more than was actually completed in 1915. In Canada there are 275 miles of line projected, 299 miles under survey and 578 miles under construction, a total of 1,258 miles, and in Mexico twenty-five miles of line are be-

On December 21, 1915, according to the Railway Age Gazette's compilation, 38,661 miles of railroad with a total funded debt of \$1,607,895,500, and a total \$747,004,801 capital stock, or securities amounting to \$2,354,900,501 in all, were being operated by receivers. This represents nearly onesixth of the total mileage and capitalization of the railways of the country. On October 1, the mileage in receivers' hands, over 41,000, was the greatest ever recorded. Since then the receivership of the Wabash, with 2,515 miles, has been terminated, and several smaller roads have been sold under fereclosure. The mileage now being operated by receivers was exceeded in 1894, when the total was 40.818 on June 30. Roads having a total mileage of 20,163 and a total capitalization of \$1,070,808,628 went into receiver-ships during the calendar year 1915. This is the greatest mileage placed in receivers' hands during one year since the panie year, 1833

Adds to Equipment . Onel of the best indications of the progress of the railways is the extent to

which they have added to their equipment, and the Railway Age Gazette has also compiled statistics showing the numand locomotives orders and built during the year, as follows:

1915. 1914. 1913.
Freight cars ordered .107.796 80,364 146,732
Passenger cars ... 3,692 2,002 3,179
Locomotives ordered .1,673 1,265 2,467
Freight cars built ... 74,112 104,541 207,634
Passenger cars built ... 1,449 2,521 3,227
Locomotives built ... 2,083 2,325 5,322
The number of both cars and loco-

motives for which orders were placed in 3915 was greater than in 1914, due to the large orders that have been placed during the last three months, but it was smaller than for any other year, except 1906, since the Railway Age Gazette began compiling those statistics. The 1915 Figure for passenger cars includes 603 cars ordered by the Pullman company for its own use, whereas in the other years Pulman cars were not included. In addition to the cars and locomotives ordered by the roads in the United States, American builders received foreign orders for 18,223 freight cars and 850 locomotives.

The length of railroad in the United States operating under the block signal system on January 1, 1916, is 97,809 miles, an increase of 9,677 miles over the mileage reported on January 1, 1915. The automatic block signal mileage, 31,160 miles, is 1,471 miles greater than one year ago, and no less than 40 per cent greater than the automatic mileage three years ago,

Official Notice for Zion Mule Corps

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) LONDON, Nov. 29.—The Zion Mule corps, composed of Jewish refugoes from Jerusalem, gets official notice in the latest awards from the Dardanelles. The keror of special mention goes to Private Nissel Rosenberg, a member of the corps. while Sir Ian Hamilton pays the following tribute to the organization in a letter: 'It may interest you to know that I have here, fighting under my orders, a purely Jewish unit. As far as I know this the first time in the Christian era that such a thing has happened. The men who compose it were cruelly driven out of Jerusalem by the Turks, and arrived in Egypt with their families absolutely des-

"A complete transport corps was there raised from them for voluntary service against the Turks, whom they naturally detest. These troops were officially described as the Zion Mule corps, and both officers and rank and file have shown great courage in taking water and supplies up to the fighting lines under heavy

itute and starving.

TROOPS IN CANAL ZONE TO ENGAGE IN FIELD WORK

dence of the Associated Press.) PANAMA, Dec. 10.-The United States troops stationed in the Canal zone will ragge in extensive field work during the coming dry season, beginning with January. At first the various regiments, empanies and battalions will be emdoyed as separate units, but later the mire mobile force of the Canal troops will take the field for two weeks' training. A mimic war will be waged with the idea that the Canal is being attacked from the Pacific.

Advertiser and customer profit by the Classified Ad" habit.

THE Linen! Bed Spread!! and Bedding Sale!!!

Starts at the Sound of the Gong 8:30 a. m. Monday

For more than TWO DECADES we have followed the OLD WORLD custom of KEEPING OPEN HOUSE on the FIRST business day of each year. There is a neighborliness, a warmth, a sociability, a home-i-ness about it that we confess appeals to us more as the years go by. Memory takes us backwards half a century or more as we write. Oh! how we enjoyed the family visits of other days. How we used to watch for the QUELTAUGH, or first foot. So much depended on the color of his eyes and hair-whether light or dark, etc.—and how we enjoyed the delicious fruit cake, and how the cockles of our hearts were warmed as we clinked glasses and sang, "May the Lord send ye a joyful New Year— A New Ye-ar, May the Lord send ye a joy-a-ful New Ye-a-r!" Oh, for the versatility and musical genius of our good Irish friend, Tom-an' we had that, we would set the words to music and have all Omaha humming it on Monday morning. At any rate we can most cordially grasp your hands and wish you from the bottom of our hearts A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.



Just a wee bit and sup

You and Yours are requested to come and help us keep open house, Monday, January 3, 1916. Luncheon served by The Cobbs. Urns will be Steaming hot and ready to serve you at 10 a. m. and the feasting will continue till 5 p. m. We hope all of our old friends and customers will join with us. Thomas Repatriett

Just a wee bit and sup

horrible cataclysm and carnage in Europe continues. We banked on Kitchener's words of warning and prophecy that nent, but looked shead. We thought we had a case of "Heads I win, tails you lose" sure thing proposition in any case. AS WE OWN, WE SELL. Our word to you. You cannot make a mistake. You should buy for the near future, as

And we surely guessed rightly. OUR STOCKS ARE well as for the present. Now for a few quotations—	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY O
Wash Cloths	Turkish Towels
Lace Knit Cloths	12 % c before—No. 705, Monday
5c Quality will be	Linen Towels, 100% Pure
7 1/2 Quality will be	30c Grade at
22 ½ c Linen will be	25c Quality for
namasks 39¢	Bleached Damask
\$1.50 Silver Bleached \$1.15 \$1.50 T. K. Special \$1.25 \$1.50 Cream \$1.25 \$1.75 Extra heavy \$1.45	\$1.00 All Linen at
Irish Damask Sets	Scotch Damask Cloths and Napkins to Match
\$13.25-72x72 Cloth, 24x24 Naps, instead of \$16.50.	22-in, Napkins, SA SE instead of \$6.00
\$14.25-72x90 Cloth, 24x24 Naps, instead of \$17.50.	25-inch Napkins, \$6,25 instead of \$7,50. Cloths, 8x8, \$4,25 instead of \$5,00. Cloths, 8x10, \$5,25 instead of \$6,25. Cloths, 8x12, \$6,25 instead of \$7,50.
\$24.75-72x90 Cloth, 27x27 Naps, instead of	Cloths, 8x10, \$5.25 instead of \$6.25.
Note marked reduction on the best quality.	Cloths, 8x12, 86.25 instead of \$7.50.
Square Number One	FOLLOW THE CROWDS MONDAY,
Dresden Embroidered Scarfs, 19¢, instead of 25c.	Square Number Two
Square Five Will be covered with bargains in Handkerchiefs, some slightly soiled.	18-Inch Cluny Centers. 39¢ each, instead of 75c. Square Number Six Lunch Cloths, 36x36, at \$1.19, instead of \$1.50.
Our great Basement Salesroom will be	rou will find 8 different squares—each square TEST LINEN FEAST Of e filled to overflowing with just such housekee would have had no such stock on hand to sell,
PILLOW CASES	PILLOWS
on which our prices were already low, will be priced	S54 pair for hemmed, were \$1.00.

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10¢ 15¢ 19¢ 19¢ 25¢ 29¢	Lunch Napkins Were \$2.75 per dozen—Will be
	Odd Napkins
25¢ 29¢ 39¢ 59¢ 79¢	\$2.00 Quality, 20-inch, at, dozen
	Breakfast Cloths
19¢ 25¢ 29¢	\$1.55 for 60x60 in, Cloths, instead of \$1.95 for 64x64-in, Cloths, instead of \$2.75 for 68x68-in, Cloths, instead of \$1.55 for 68x68-in
79¢ 98¢ 714 714 714 .25	Austrian Damask Sets \$11.25—Cloth 72x72, Naps 22x22, ins \$13.50. \$14.25—Cloth 72x90, Naps, 22x22, ins \$16.50. \$14.50—Cloth 72x108, Naps 24x24, ins \$17.50. Bed Spreads Made in England \$7.50 for size 90x99, instead of \$10.00. \$8.75 for size 90x99, instead of \$12.50
	\$10.50 for size 90x99, instead of \$15.0 You cannot touch old prices now with a pole.

40-foot GREAT WHITE WAY, AS YOU ENTER, Square Number Three All Linen Huck Towels, 59¢ each, instead of 75c. Square Number Seven All Linen Dress Scarfs at \$1.29, instead of \$1.75

\$2.25.

\$3.25.

Odd Pattern Cloths \$3.00 72x72. at, each.......\$1.98 \$4.00 72x72, at, each..........\$2.98 \$4.50 72x72, at, each......\$3.95 \$5.00 72x90, at, each..... Dropped Patterns \$5.25 Quality, 72x126, at...... \$6.00 Quality, 72x126, at. \$3.75 \$7.00 Quality, 72x144, at. \$4.25 \$7.00 Quality, 72x126, at. \$4.75 \$8.00 Quality, 72x144, at. \$5.75 Lunch Cloths \$1.50 for 45x45, instead of \$2.00. \$1.98 for 45x45, instead of \$2.50. \$2.45 for 45x45, instead of \$3.00. \$3.15 for 45x45, instead of \$3.50. \$4.25 for 45x45, instead of \$3.50. Fine Breakfast Cloths \$3.25 for 66x66, instead of \$4.00. \$3.98 for 70x70, instead of \$5.00. \$4.95 for 72x72, instead of \$6.00. Austrian Colored Breakfast Sets \$ 8.25, instead of \$10.00.
\$ 9.75, instead of \$12.50.
\$11.75, instead of \$15.00.
\$13.75, instead of \$17.50.
\$14.75, instead of \$20.00. Nainsooks You Know, the Bolt Is 12 Yards. No. 21—At \$1.45 a bolt, worth \$1.30.
No. 25—At \$1.95 a bolt, worth \$2.40.
No. 40—At \$2.45 a bolt, worth \$3.00.
No. 53—At \$2.95 a bolt, worth \$3.60.
No. 1994—At \$1.95 a bolt, worth \$2.40.
No. 1907—At \$2.45 a bolt, worth \$3.00.
No. 1942—At \$2.95 a bolt, worth \$3.00.
No. 1942—At \$2.95 a bolt, worth \$3.60. Square Number Four Embroidered Linen Scarfs, \$1.69 each, instead

ch square covered with specials-making as it were a triumphant Great White Way strewed with ST OF ALL THE YEARS housekeeping goods as you will want. Here, too, PREPAREDNESS counts. If our faith in the fund to sell, nor would such money saving opportunities have been yours.

Bargains, all leading up to the GREAT Our great Basement Salesroom will be	Г
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PILLOW CASES	
on which our prices were already low, will be priced still lower.	
Saranac42x36, was 11 %c, at96 45x36, was 12 %c, at106	
Hotel	
Pepperell	
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Century 42x36, was 20c, now 18c	
Brighton 42v36 was 25c at	3
American Beauty 45x36, was 27c, at	•
INTEREST TO YOU	
10c Cotton Challie for	e
COMFORTERS. The very name suggests coziness.	
\$1.29	

1.00 pair for hemmed, were \$1.00. 3.25 pair for hemmed, were \$1.25. 4.00 pair for Eureka, were \$4.00. pair for T. K. Special, were \$5.00. pair for T. K. Special, were \$6.00. \$6.50 pair for Guest Room, were \$7.50. Ask us if your needs are urgent. We have many special messengers. "Service Is Our Pride." SHEETS There is a wonderful difference in sheets. Ours are torn and then hemmed, insuring you straight

are torn and then hemmed, insuring you straight hems. Well sewn, too, helps.

Saranac 72x99 at 35¢, instead of 45c.
Acorn, 72x99, at 39¢, instead of 50c.
Pepperell, 63x99, 65¢, instead of 75c.
Pepperell, 72x99, 70¢, instead of 80c.
Rugby, 63x99, 69¢, instead of 80c.
Rugby, 72x99, 74¢, instead of 80c.
Rugby, 51x99, 79¢, instead of 85c.
Century, 89c, instead of \$1.00.
American Beauty, 98¢, instead of \$1.20.
Brighton, 98¢, instead of \$1.20.
Pays to have the sheets long enough to tuck in, especially in cold weather. especially in cold weather.

WOOL BATTS COVERED WITH CHEESE CLOTH, 2-lb. weight, \$1.90, was \$2.50.
3-lb weight, \$2.85, was \$3.75.
4-lb. weight, \$3.80, was \$5.00.
Attractive materials for covering—all colors.

BABY BLANKETS

39¢ pair-usually 50c. 39¢ pair, fancy, usually 50c. 59¢ pair, fancy, usually 75c. 89c pair, fancy, usually \$1.00. People are beginning to discover that frills of all kinds are costly. You don't pay for any fol-de-rols in this store.

ATTRACTIVE PATTERNS.

A DISCOUNT OF 3C per yard from the former prices of SHEETINGS, which were already low. MATTRESS PROTECTORS 27x34, at 50c. instead of 65c, 34x52, at 85c. instead of \$1.00, 36x76, at 81.19, instead of \$1.50. 42x76, at 81.49, instead of \$1.76. 54x76, at 81.69, instead of \$2.00. 60x76, at 81.98, instead of \$2.25.

Deliveries may be somewhat retarded for the first ew days of the sale. few days of the sale. Bear with us, please. BED SPREADS

We have the most favorable connection with the best makers of Bed Spreads, and are thus able to sell to you at what many other stores would have First-Plain hemmed crochet. These take to the wash tub more readily than the heavier makes. wash tub more readily than the heavier makes.

Morning Glory, 95¢—were \$1.25.

Rest Easy, \$1.20—were \$1.50.

Pleasant Dreams, \$1.45—were \$1.75.

Our Own, \$1.65—were \$2.00.

Manor, \$2.15—were \$2.50.

Monarch, \$2.45—were \$2.75.

The names of most suggest repose. Pure white and fresh, the effect is restful as well as soporific.

Pay you to speculate a little for the future.

Pay you to speculate a little for the future. "When icicles hang by the wall, and Dick the Shepherd blows his horn—" When the old owl calls, "Tu-whit! Tu-whit!! Tu-whoo—" Then you appreciate BLANKETS

ALL WOOL. Wayne gray \$2.98, were \$4.00
Waterloo plaid \$2.98, were \$4.00
Morning Glory \$3.95, were \$5.50
T. K. Special \$5.00, were \$6.50
Nebraska \$5.50, were \$6.50
Norgate \$6.50, were \$7.50
Rancho Rose \$6.95, were \$8.50
Manatee \$6.95, were \$8.50
These From the Mill to You.

Fancy Dishes, Vases, Cake Plates.

stead of stead of stead of Square Number Eight 50c Bath Towels at 39c. MARSEILLES SPREADS Heavier than the crochet, these have a rich and

Laconia. \$2.10, was \$2.50
Hardwick \$2.45, was \$3.00
Wellington D. \$2.75, was \$3.50
Raleigh D. \$2.95, was \$4.00
Euclid \$3.95, was \$5.00
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\$1.39—XA, instead of \$1.80, \$1.65—XC, instead of \$2.10, \$1.95—XD, instead of \$2.40. \$2.35—XE, instead of \$3.00. LINEN PILLOW CASES 45x36—\$1.25 pair, instead of \$1.50, 45x36—\$2.15 pair, instead of \$2.50. Irish Embroidered, \$4.25 pair, instead of \$5.00. Irish Embroidered, \$4.95 pair, instead of \$6.00.

If the people knew as much about THE CHINA situation as the dealers on the inside, within a month you couldn't get a piece of Fine Porcelain for love or money. The DAMPHOOLISHNESS of the gilded puppets overseas seems to have no end. If we can profit by their misfortanes without hurting the poor devils in the trenches, why not? Now hearken: We have carried some very choice Dinner Ware—these sets cannot be replaced—ONE-HALF PRICE ON MONDAY—Here's where someone profits surely. FRENCH CHINA is included, made by Haviland et Cie, Lanternier, Bernadand, etc. Service Plates which are works of art. Royal Doulton (a favorite factory with George and Mary), M. Redan, Limoges, Royal Worcester, etc. Time was when people would prize just one of these plates and would have it under a glass case. We have put prices on these for a fare-you-well sale. By the way, such China as happens to be in importers' hands cannot be touched at old prices. Prices are still climbing. As we own, so we sell. Come in the

Unusual Bargains-Gathered on Tables, Priced Plainly, for Your Benefit as well as Ours Table 2-19¢ Table 3-33¢ Table 4-59¢ Table 5-98¢

Plates, Dishes, Vases, Sugar and Creamers,

Jap Cups and Saucers, French Plates, French, Jap Cups and Saucers and Plates, Pancy Glass Vases, Salts and Peppers-

Lace Curtains

These prices by and of themselves mean but little.

Lot 5-The pair

Fancy Dishes, Sugars and Creamers, Fancy Dishes, made in Germany and Ja-Teapots, Jardinieres—values up to 35c. pan, also a lot of Glass Pitchers, were 75c. up to \$1.25. Drapery department. Some sacrificing of profit will be evident on Monday. Lace Nets

Sunfast Madras FOR OVERDRAPES, LINEN EMBROIDERED PORTIERES \$3.98 per pair. Very good value. Cretonnes which sold from 30c to 65c, at 20¢ Madras, colored border Voiles and Marquisette Serims. 40e to 65c grades......29¢ Come and see-the former prices were much higher. Drawn Work borders, 45c quality ,at 25c COME IN THE MORNING.

Cut Glass Dishes, Pitchers. Vases, Pancy Ware for teas, etc; sold up to Come up with us to our 3d floor. Not all of those who enter our doors ken this part of our establishment, and yet it is a very important section, for here is a well appointed Bath Room Rugs \$1.50 Quality at, each. \$1.17\footnote{1.35 Quality at, each. 98c \$1.95 Quality at, each. \$1.40 \$2.25 Quality at, each. \$1.98

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