

IDLE FREIGHT CARS REDUCED

Net Surplus is 7,225, Lowest For Present Year.

EXCELS BUSINESS OF 1909.

Report of Railway Association Indicates Heavy Traffic—Railroad Officials Expect Shortage in Rolling Stock to Increase for Some Time Yet.

Chicago, Nov. 7.—For the first time during the present year the total shortage of freight cars reported by the railroads of the United States and Canada came within 10,000 of the total surplus, according to the fortnightly bulletin of the American Railway Association.

The report shows a decrease in the surplus of 5,604 cars, making the total 29,131, while the shortages have increased by 1,377 cars, making a total of 21,896 and a net surplus of 7,235, the lowest for the year.

The present surplus is 1,755 cars less than shown by the bulletin for Oct. 27 last year, while the shortage is considerably less than last year, when the figures were 36,655 and there was a net shortage of 5,470 cars.

Based on the figures for last year, the number of surplus cars ought to increase from this time on. It is believed by railway officials, however, that the shortages will continue to increase for some time to come, as the car loading figures show a heavier traffic than during the fall of 1909 and the purchases of equipment during the year, owing to the policy of retrenchment adopted by many of the roads, have been less.

STRIKE STILL IN FORCE

Garment Workers Repudiate Agreement Made by Representatives.

Chicago, Nov. 7.—An agreement between President T. A. Rickert of the United Garment Workers of America and the firm of Hart, Schaffner & Marx, entered into for the purpose of ending the differences between that firm and its employees, was repudiated later at various meetings of garment workers.

It was believed for a time that the contract, which had been signed by representatives of both the firm and the union, would end the strike difficulties so far as Hart, Schaffner & Marx are concerned and lead to an adjustment of strikes that were called more than two weeks ago against other firms.

When the agreement was submitted to a meeting of the strikers, however, a storm of protest resulted.

Rickert, it is said by some of the strikers, was almost mobbed when he appeared at one of the meetings with a copy of the agreement. Cries of "throw him out" were heard in all parts of the hall and Rickert is said to have left the meeting.

HUNTER RESCUED FROM LAKE

Woman Hears Cries of Drowning Man and Neighbor Hurries to His Aid.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Nov. 7.—Struggling for life, shouting for help, but slowly sinking into soft mud covered by a thin sheet of icy water, John B. Keeline, at Big lake, was only saved after an hour and a half's battle with death by the prompt action of Mrs. Coaners, who heard his shouts for help coming from the lake. Peering into the darkness she saw the head of a man just above the water and a dog barking and pulling at the slowly sinking man. She telephoned to the police and then ran to a neighbor's house and told him the story. The man seized a coil of rope and ran to the spot pointed out. Far out in the water, with his head just visible, he could see the outlines of a drowning man. The rope was thrown and fell within the grasp of Keeline, who got it under his arms and was dragged from the muddy depths.

RATE ADVANCES ARE UPHELD

Commission in Divided Decision Dismisses Southeastern Cases.

Washington, Nov. 7.—Upholding the sweeping advance in rates on southeastern traffic on many classes and commodities as justified by the condition of the railroads and the needed improved facilities, the interstate commerce commission, in a divided decision, dismissed the cases instituted by the railroad commissions of Alabama and Georgia, the A. P. Morgan & Co. company and others.

The decision may have an important bearing on other pending cases—the southwestern shippers' case, which was heard by the commission and taken under advisement and the wholesale increases in rates by the railroads generally, now suspended by the commission pending investigation.

Switch Engine Hits Car; One Dead. Decatur, Ill., Nov. 7.—An Illinois Central switch engine, pushing a cut of cars, backed into a street car at Wood street, instantly killing J. B. Coulter, the conductor, and injuring two women passengers.

Boy Loses His Hand. Beatrice, Neb., Nov. 7.—Earl Emal, eighteen years old, lost his right hand in a corn sheller at his home near Pickrell.

ASQUITH HAS HANDS FULL

Young Liberals of United Kingdom Ask Early Action.

London, Nov. 7.—President Asquith continues to sound a confident note in all statements of the settlement of the great constitutional issue between the Liberal Government and the Conservative Party, but he has his hands full in keeping the aggressive elements in the radical coalition from leaping over the traces.

Were the remonstrances of parliament more than ten days off, he might find the young liberals out of hand. They loudly voice their impatience at the delay in announcing the understanding, if any, to which the Asquith-Balfour conference on the constitutional crisis has come. They declare that "a single day's postponement beyond Nov. 15 would give color to the old doubt of the good faith of the liberal leaders in entering the conference."

What they demand is "early and decisive action on the veto usurpation by the lords," and the idea of allowing the "council of eight" to go ahead and develop at leisure a scheme for dealing with a dozen complicated questions before giving the house of lords its quietus inflames them.

Farmer Back Held Up and Robbed. Omaha, Nov. 7.—Driving along a wooded stretch of road, Duft Boek, a farmer who lives a half mile east of Millard, was held up and robbed of \$264 by three men.

EYES OF CAPITAL ON OHIO AND NEW YORK

Washington Chiefly Interested in Next Congress.

Washington, Nov. 7.—Interest at Washington centers on the Ohio and New York elections and in the congressional returns generally, both as to the bearing they may have on the spread of Republican insurgency and on the political complexion of the next congress.

President Taft has held aloft from campaign speech-making, resting on such party pronouncements as those exchanged between himself and Chairman McKinley of the national Republican congressional committee. In the campaign Secretary Knox has spoken in Ohio and Pennsylvania, Secretary MacVeagh and Attorney General Wickersham in Ohio, Secretary Wilson in New York, Ohio, Iowa and other states and Secretary Nagel in Missouri, New York and Connecticut.

President Taft will vote in his old precinct in Cincinnati, Vice President Sherman at Utica, Secretary Knox at Valley Forge, Secretary Meyer at Hamilton, Mass., Postmaster General Hitchcock at Newton, Mass., Attorney General Wickersham at New York city and Secretary MacVeagh in Chicago.

Secretary Dickinson will be on the last lap of his return trip from the Philippines and Secretary Ballinger will remain at Washington. Secretary Wilson does not expect to go from Ohio to Iowa to vote.

MURDER AS POLITICAL ISSUE

One of the Features of the Campaign in Tennessee.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 7.—Just two years to the day, Nov. 8, since former United States Senator E. W. Carmack was assassinated by D. B. Cooper and his son, Robin, the people of Tennessee will cast their ballots in an election in which that killing has been the real issue.

The Carmack Democratic faction indorsed the Republican nominee, B. W. Hooper, for governor, while the Patterson wing, in a reorganization convention, following the withdrawal of Governor Patterson from the race, nominated Robert L. Taylor, who defeated Carmack for the United States senate four years ago.

Patterson's pardon of D. B. Cooper within an hour after the supreme court had affirmed his conviction, and the declaration of three members of that court that Patterson had attempted to influence them, was the chief basis of the final split in the Democracy of the state.

Hanging Pays Stryker.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 7.—George Stryker has filed his bill with the state for \$142.50, which is the amount he charged for superintending the execution of Bert Taylor at the state penitentiary. Of this amount, \$43.40 is for expenses and the \$100 is his fee. The expenses were divided as follows: Railroad fare, \$2.70; battery and express, \$12.50; day's work on scaffold, \$17.20; rope and express, \$11.

Kramer and Moran Win Race.

Boston, Nov. 7.—Frank Kramer of East Orange, N. J., and James Moran of Chelsea won the six-day bicycle race, their mileage of 1,345 miles, 8 laps, marking a new American record for a ten hours a day six day race.

Girls' Death Laid to Autoist.

Akron, O., Nov. 7.—Earl Sprinkle was arraigned on a charge of manslaughter after, it is alleged, he ran an automobile into a group of high school girls and caused the death of Helen Starr and Laura Waldkirch.

Fall From Auto Kills Woman.

Los Angeles, Nov. 7.—Mrs. Vesta Stafford suffered a fracture of the skull when she fell from an automobile and died before she could be taken to a hospital.

TAFT TO VIEW CANAL PROGRESS

President to Start This Week For Panama.

WILL LOCATE THE FORT SITES

Excavation Work Advancing So Fast That End of it is Almost in Sight. Chief Executive Will Sail for Isthmus in United States Warship.

Washington, Nov. 7.—President Taft expects to start this week for a visit of inspection to the Panama canal. The last time he went to the isthmus it was to ask if, after all, the whole canal project might not be a gigantic mistake. That was just twenty-one months ago. Now his errand is to look over fortification sites to discuss the permanent government of the zone, the rates of toll, the final disposal of the Panama railroad, the suggested government coaling station for ships—to take up the problems of the finished canal. His journey means that the end of the great work is in sight.

Fiction of American Soil. Like President Roosevelt, the present executive will preserve the fiction that he has not left American soil by making the voyage on an American warship. He plans to sail from Charleston on Nov. 10 on the armored cruiser North Carolina, with its sister ship the Montana for a convoy. The journey each way will take about four days, and the president plans to remain four days on the isthmus.

Stemming into the canal from the Caribbean, there will be little for the president to see, though the work of the dredges has pushed a channel for six miles in from deep water nearly up to the locks and dam of Gatun. Here is the greatest change the president will see. When he left the isthmus the lock site was a gaping hole in the rock, roaring with the work of drills and rock trains. The cut was three-quarters of a mile long and nearly 400 feet broad.

Today the cut is floored with concrete for two-thirds of its length. The two huge chambers of the upper lock are done, except for a few finishing touches. Along this lock makes one of the greatest masses of masonry in the world.

Putting in the Cement.

The middle lock is filled with the disorderly properties of a great engineering job. Steel towers that would hold up a lighthouse are braced to hold the fresh concrete on the growing walls. Ropes, tracks, braces run everywhere. Men work in swarms trampling the slushy concrete into place in the high steel walled pits, loading cars, setting up shores.

The lowest lock of the three is still noisier, for the work of excavation is not yet finished. By the time the president arrives, however, it will probably be ready for the concrete men to begin their work.

On the Pacific Slope.

The cement plant at Miraflores is just getting under way, and only the floor of the upper lock has been laid. From Miraflores it is only five miles to the harbor of Panama and four miles more between the islands of the shallow bay to deep water in the Pacific. Here the president will see the site of the great breakwater, which may be carried from the shore as far as Naos island, nearly two miles out at sea.

These islands form one of the objectives of his journey, for there the men in charge of the canal plan to mount the batteries of mortars and disappearing rifles that are to guard the work on the Pacific side. The president, as commander in chief of the army and navy, has the final word as to the placing of the forts.

CLASSIFICATION OF INDIANS

Board Makes Rules for Santee and Ponca Tribes.

Nebraska, Nov. 7.—F. H. Abbott, assistant commissioner of Indian affairs, was here consulting the competency board regarding the Santee and Ponca Indians. This board, comprising Superintendent E. E. McIntyre, Chief Clerk A. G. Pollock and H. P. Marble, has decided to classify the Indians thus: First, all restrictions removed as to his ability to manage his estate, which would exempt; second, those whose estates are in their own hands, but who are not in their own business; third, those whose estates are in their own hands, but who are not in their own business; and will have the same government protection as the Santee. Commissioner Abbott is also consulting the advisability of bringing the trust lands of the Indians under the Brown law, which taxes them, but does not serve as a lien on the lands. The government will protect counties in this wherever Indians have leased lands and will hold the individual Indian responsible pending the issuance of his patent.

Money for Soldiers.

Lincoln, Nov. 7.—Governor Shallenberger has received \$4,952.54 for the soldiers' home at Grand Island and \$2,100 for the home at Milford. The money was sent by the government as a quarterly payment on the \$100 per member of the soldiers' homes, which it pays annually.

UNION. (Ledger.)

A telegram was received here Monday announcing the death of the little child of Emery Bauer and wife of Stratmore, Cal., Ca.

Misses Pearl and Carrie Banning went to Plattsmouth Monday evening to attend a Halloween party given by the Eastern Star.

Mrs. J. A. Talkington and two daughters visited several days this week with Union friends, on their way to their new home at Surprise.

W. G. Glasgow arrived home last Friday night from Hot Springs, S. D., to make a visit with his family, and cast his vote next Tuesday.

J. B. Roddy and C. F. Harris arrived home last Friday morning from Canyon City, Texas, where they had been on a business trip.

W. L. Taylor arrived home on the Tuesday night train from Coleridge and Hartington, where he had been to dispose of a carload of apples.

E. L. Daniel and family, who had been making an extended visit to relatives and friends in this village and vicinity, departed last Sunday for their home in Oklahoma to arrange for moving back to this county.

David E. Shagle, formerly a resident of this vicinity, has been here several days to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shagle, northeast of this village. He went to Lincoln on the Tuesday evening train to visit his wife, who is being treated in a sanitarium.

Last Friday morning the house of N. C. Delles Dernier, one mile west of town, was robbed, and B. S. Hathaway was the chief offender. Our friend B. S. confessed to the charge and soon proved justification. For the past several years some bees have been industriously working and storing their treasures in the top of the house around the rafters of the house occupied by N. C. Delles Dernier on the Grandma Applegate farm. Last Friday B. S. and Mr. Delles cut a hole into the bee apartment, and much to their surprise they found over 200 pounds of nice honey. They certainly made a nice haul and the charge will be justified.

NEHAWKA. (News.)

The little year-old baby of E. M. Pollard was quite sick the first of the week.

Nathan Hager, an employe of the east quarry, is the father of a boy, born last Friday night after we had gone to press.

Mr. Stewart, who works for Ray Pollard, has been laying off this week nursing a sprained hip, caused by alighting backwards from a horse.

John Neu, who has been here for the past two weeks settling up the affairs of his father, who died a short time ago, returned the first of the week to his home at Gothenburg, Nebraska.

Mrs. G. F. Switzer, who has been ill for some time, is not getting along as well as her friends would wish.

Forest Cunningham, who recently sold his business at Grand Island, is here and has not decided as yet where he will locate.

Herbert Opp commenced work Wednesday for D. Steffens in the store. Herbert is a young man of excellent habits and will no doubt be of great value to Mr. Steffens. We congratulate them both on their business judgment.

Charley Chriswisher was a little uneasy about what might happen to his new house Monday night, so he borrowed a gun from James Miller and spent the night in his barn, on watch. Tuesday morning he undertook to unload the gun and was surprised to find there was nothing in it.

Wilbur Patterson came in from Crete last week for a visit to George McReynolds and family. Mr. Patterson brought two carloads of potatoes of his own raising down to Crete from Alliance. He owns a section of land out there and in addition to fifty head of horses has a large herd of cattle and other evidences of prosperity that will be pleasing news to his old friends.

WEEPING WATER. (Republican.)

A very fine monument has been erected in Oakwood cemetery to mark the resting place of C. A. Ralston.

Mrs. C. A. Baldwin departed last Friday for Massillon, O., to attend her mother, who has been ill for months.

Herbert Rathour has been appointed rural carrier on route No. 1 and C. B. Andrus has been transferred to route No. 2, the change dates from November 1st.

C. E. Joyce recently purchased 160 sheep, which, added to those at the farm, make him 500. Harry McGrady having moved from the farm to town, Mr. Joyce has had the sheep brought up to the home place to feed.

About fifty young people gathered at the country home of Mr. and Mrs.

Jenkins : Opera : House!

MURRAY

Saturday Night, Nov. 12

Young People of the Christian Church will Give Two One-Act Plays

"A Case of Suspension!"

DRAMATIS PERSONAE

Dorothy	Young ladies of the Seminary	Edith LaRue
Alice	.....	Loretta Carroll
Mildred	.....	Olga Minford
Harold	.....	John Jenkins
Tom	Undergraduates of a College near by	Chas. Valley
Jack	.....	Harry Creamer
Miss Ophelia Judkins, of the Faculty	.....	Marie Davis
Prof. Emilius Edgerton, of the Faculty	.....	Guy Stokes
Kathleen, a Celtic maiden	.....	Clara Copenhaver
James, the Seminary man	.....	Wayne Lewis

"His Model Wife!"

COMEDY

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Arthur Everett, an artist	Everet Thamason
Robert Parks, his chum	Guy Stokes
Representative John H. Potts, a Rough Diamond	Wy. Seybolt
Miss Agnes McPherson, Everett's Aunt	Bessie Brandel
Mrs. Manford-Wells, a Society Matron	Ruth Thamason
Miss Eleanor Perry, Parks' Cousin	Isabella Young
Miss Bella Potts, a Nouvelle Heireess	Lela Valley
Wilhelmira, a Model, commonly known as "Willy"	Villa Gapan
Patsy, whose Mother "washes"	Clara Copenhaver
Mary, a Maid	Tressa Stokes

Time—Present. Place—Washington, D. C.

Admission : : : : 25c, 35c

Chas. Spolin last Monday night and held high carnival. They enjoyed various games, some edibles and celebrated Halloween fittingly.

H. P. Christensen returned home from his trip to the coast last Friday. Delighted, would hardly express it, for he thinks the west a great country and Oregon especially a fine state in which to live. He took in about all the sights in the coast cities.

The directors for the Weeping Water Lake & Power company, at a meeting, elected Mayor Gorder president; A. L. Ralston, vice-president; T. M. Murty, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Murty went to Lincoln Thursday to apply for permission to dam the Weeping Water and thus start the ball rolling.

Judge H. D. Travis was a visitor in town last Monday. Mrs. Travis and daughter, Helen, are in California, where the former went for her health. Mr. Travis says that on account of delay in the Clarence case he dismissed court for a while. It seems good to have the judge come over and visit, for our people feel that this is his natural grazing ground, and where he ought to reside.

LOUISVILLE.

(Courier.)

J. L. Burns has been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. W. C. Frampton and Miss Minnie Lenhoff, of Lincoln, visited in Louisville this week with friends.

Miss Lou Burns has returned home from Berlin, where she conducted a milliner store.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mayfield, of Stanton, Nebraska, spent Sunday in Louisville with relatives.

Little Vivian Blake celebrated her 5th birthday last Monday by giving a party to a large number of her little friends who enjoyed the occasion greatly.

Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Worthman and children and Mrs. E. Stevenson and son Frank, went to Seward, Sunday, in the former's automobile, returning Monday.

Station Agent Starkey has moved

his family into the rooms on the second floor of the Burlington depot, the house he formerly occupied having been sold.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lohnes entertained about 45 friends and relatives last Sunday at their home, the occasion being the 41st birthday of Mr. Lohnes. It was an all day affair and is one long to be remembered by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fetzer went to Omaha last week to attend the funeral of Herman Heitzhausen. The latter suffered from Bright's disease, and his death was no surprise to his family. He was 49 years of age and up to the time of his demise conducted a saloon in Omaha. He leaves a wife and two daughters. The Heitzhausens were early settlers in Louisville and have a large circle of friends who extend sympathy to the family.

Proud of Their Little Niece.

Misses Mary Foster and Alma Larson were passengers to Union yesterday morning, where they spent the day at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Foster. They are both very proud of their little niece.

Mrs. John Vickroy, of Tecumseh, arrived yesterday and will be the guest of Mrs. William Street for a time. Mr. Vickroy had the good fortune this season to raise two crops of strawberries from his garden, which is not a common occurrence in this latitude.

Poultry Wanted

Spring	8 1/2c
Hens	8 1/2c
Old Roosters	4
Stag Roosters	6 1/2
Ducks, fat	8
Geese, fat	8

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