

### Railroads Launch a Publicity Drive for Public Favor

Urge Adoption of Liberal Policy Toward Carriers in Order to Enable Them to Aid Industrial Development.

By GEORGE F. AUBIER, Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee. Washington, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The railroads of the country today inaugurated a publicity program aiming to secure more liberal treatment from the government and from the public.

The first move is contained in a preliminary report submitted by the carriers to the United States coal commission in which the plea is made for the "adoption of a liberal policy towards the carriers in order that railroad credit can be strengthened, thus enabling them to increase their facilities to keep pace with the industrial development of the nation."

"This suggestion comes when it is acknowledged there is no chance to secure passage of any amendments of the Esch-Cummins transportation act in this session of congress, with even less likelihood of anything constructive being done by the next congress.

Cummins Pessimistic.

"Any attempt to secure any railroad legislation at this time would be futile," is Senator Cummins' view, although he acknowledges he may submit his proposed amendments sometime before the close of the session. This will be for the purpose of centering public attention upon the transportation problem. As Senator Cummins views it, the question is development of the present law or government ownership, while Senator Couzens of Michigan points out that the government ownership idea is growing and that some way must be found to finance future railroad extensions.

Recognizing the difficulty of getting unified action in congress, either now or in the next congress, all sides to the railroad controversy are preparing for the eventuality of seeing the problem a major issue in the next presidential campaign.

Prepare Program.

Administration forces are preparing to formulate a program and it may take the guise of a transportation congress in Washington. This is being urged by the proponents of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterways project and is becoming more and more popular. Its purpose would be to focus attention on the problem and in this way seek a solution.

The recommendations made by the roads for more liberal treatment are summarized in the following paragraphs:

"First—Such an attitude towards the railroads as will convince the public that money invested in railroads will receive a fair return, thereby strengthening railroad credit and

making it possible to increase railroad facilities so as to care for the growing transportation needs of the country.

#### Plea for Peace.

"Second—Peace in coal industry and in the railroad industry, with such relations between employers and employees as will prevent strikes, the fruitful cause of interrupted production and restricted transportation."

The report concludes with this appeal: "It is certain that the commerce of the country will increase with resulting increase of traffic, and that periods will continue to recur when the railroads will be unable as heretofore, from time to time, to transport traffic as offered. If the public desires service, it is obvious that the facilities of the carriers will have to be increased substantially, in order to enable them to meet the public demand, which increase will be possible only in the event that railroad credit is strengthened and a more liberal treatment extended than that has heretofore prevailed."

#### Gradual Decline.

The gradual decline in railroad facilities is acknowledged in an address made in New York December 23 by Donald D. Conn, manager of the public relations section of the American Railway association.

"On October 1, 1922," Mr. Conn says, "the railroads owned 2,302,918 freight cars, contrasted with 2,555,069 cars on October 1, 1920. Of this number, the serviceable cars in operation on October 1, 1922, were 2,011,264, contrasted with 2,187,095 cars on October 1, 1920. Locomotives owned October 1, 1922, were 64,361; October 1, 1920, 61,772. Serviceable on that date this year were 44,634, contrasted with 47,430 on the same day, 1920."

According to well informed sources, the roads are planning to resist payment of the amount earned over 6 per cent, to the government, claiming this as confiscation. This attitude is prompting several of the stronger lines to endorse the proposed repeal of section 15a, the so-called guarantee clause, which also includes the provision relative to the sharing of earnings over 6 per cent with the government. Repeal of the section, it is believed, would prevent the necessity of appealing to the courts.

#### Little Chance of Passage.

The bill pending in the interstate commerce committee, known as the railroad series, one of which calls for the repeal of section 15a, have as little chance of passage as any administration proposals.

The fact is, the decision has been reached for the present to let the Esch-Cummins bill ride in the hope that under it the roads will recover.

#### Mussolini Slightly Ill.

Rome, Jan. 18.—Premier Mussolini is slightly ill with influenza and confined to bed, but continues his work, receiving visitors, dictating letters and telegrams and keeping in touch particularly with the international situation.

Gambling and public lotteries are prohibited in Switzerland.

### Herrin Riot Case in Hands of Jury

"It Is Murder or Nothing," Says Judge, Instructing Jurors.

Marion, Ill., Jan. 18.—(By A. P.)—After more than three hours' deliberation the jury in the Herrin riots trial up to 2:35 p. m. had given no indication that any decision was in prospect. A rumor spread that the jury was deadlocked.

Marion, Ill., Jan. 18.—(By A. P.)—The fate of the five men charged with murder of Howard Hoffman, one of the victims killed during the Herrin riots, was given to the jury today after lengthy instructions had been read by Judge D. T. Hartwell.

In his instructions to the jury, Judge Hartwell said: "It is not against the law to mine coal without being a member of the United Mine Workers of America. If assaulted or killed for no other reason it cannot be justified because they were not members of that organization."

"If one of the accused men committed the crime charged in this indictment and if the other defendants stood by, aided, or encouraged the crime, it is your duty to find all of

the defendants guilty," the court declared.

After the jury retired, Judge Hartwell said: "It is murder or nothing."

#### Brookhart Cuts Short Sinclair Statement on Oil

Washington, Jan. 18.—An attempt by Harry F. Sinclair, chairman of the board of the Consolidated Oil corporation, in testifying today at the senate oil investigation to go into the broad features of the Tea Pot Dome controversy was cut short by announcement by Senator Brookhart, republican, Iowa, a committee member, that "the committee had decided not to go into that subject."

The announcement by Senator Brookhart, made with the consent of Chairman LaFollette, who has been one of the leading critics of the administration's action in granting a lease to Sinclair interests to develop the Tea Pot Dome naval oil reserve, came when Mr. Sinclair endeavored to present the obligations assumed by him under the lease.

Mr. Sinclair before being interrupted, however, did get into the record estimates that his obligations under the contract amounted to 60 or 70 millions of dollars and that his holdings in the Mammoth Oil company, the Tea Pot Dome operating concern, probably had a curb market value of about \$100,000,000, although he emphasized "it is very doubtful whether that much could be realized on the stock."

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An excellent quality of 40-inch width in light and dark colors. Practical weight for lingerie, blouses and dresses.

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36-inch width vesting in white, flesh and pink knitted in fancy stitches. A three-fourths yard length is generally required to make a generously proportioned vest, yard, **\$1.59**

Saturday—Daylight Silk Shop—Second Floor

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