

ILLINOIS CENTRAL'S REPORT

Annual Statement Shows Gross Earnings at Over Forty-Six Millions. INCOME AWAY ABOVE THE EXPENSES. Latter Show Increase, Due to Pro-

From this fund \$3,481,241.91 in interest has been paid on funded debt and St. Louis division prior to the bonds and \$3,461,200.45 for rent of subsidiary railroads.

The increase of 25,557,967.96 in the expenses of operation is explained as due to the protracted and intense cold of the last winter, to the increased cost of fuel and to an increase of over \$1,200,000 in the wages of those engaged in the operation of the railroad in consequence of the changes in the rates of pay and does not include any increase due to changes in the scale of pay of those employed in the betterment of construction work.

In the statement in the report for the year ended June 30, 1904, that in order to simplify the organization by further reducing the number of the subsidiary corporations, proposals would be submitted to the stockholders looking to the acquisition of the Illinois Central Railroad Company of the title to certain railroads therein named which had heretofore been controlled through ownership of stocks and bonds.

In 1903 the Dubuque & Sioux City Railroad Company leased its railroad to the Illinois Central Railroad Company for a term equal to the term of the property, such earnings being based on agreed divisions of the through rates of transportation.

In the betterment of the Illinois Central properties there has been spent during the year \$2,745,118.43. Under the contract made November 1, 1902, the Michigan Central had the option of paying to the Illinois Central \$27,287.50 in lieu of rent for the use of certain tracks in Chicago, which option was exercised during the year, and the amount so received applied toward expenditures for betterments.

William Cotter, manager of the Missouri Pacific, is to leave the employ of the Goulds and go with the Fox Merritts, which has recently passed into the control of J. J. Hill. The change takes place the first of the month and there is considerable speculation regarding changes to follow as the result of the vacancy which will be made by Mr. Cotter.

Parties intending to ride either on horses or on floats during the electric parade of the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities have been requested to meet at the den Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of rehearsal prior to the grand ball. It is the intention of the management to follow the usual precedent of having the knights in costume lead the grand march.

STEPHEN VAIL COMES CLEAR

Leader of Packing House Strikers Declared Innocent of Violating Injunction.

BUSINESS AGENT STEPHENS IS FINED

He is Assessed Two Hundred and Fifty and Thirty-Four Others Twenty Dollars Each by Judge Munger.

Judge Munger Saturday handed down an oral decision in the United States court finding George Stephens, business agent of the Packing Trades assembly of South Omaha, guilty of contempt of court in violating the injunction order of July 23, and fixed his fine at \$250 as his proportionate share of the costs of the suit, and to be committed to the county jail or Douglas county until the fine and costs were paid.

In addition to Mr. Stephens the following named strikers were adjudged guilty of contempt of court in violating the injunction order: Louis Aulicks, J. Alicks, Owen Benkin, Tom Budants, Charles Beckel, John Bechtel, Peter Bosman, Charles Brown, G. L. Brown, W. Burns, C. Cunningham, Charles Carlson, Pete Dorso, John Hughes, G. James, M. Kasek, J. Kasky, William Kain, Bert Lake, James Moravos, Ed Mason, Dennis McLain, George Osborn, R. Poroski, V. Quackenbush, William Riley, James Sutherland, Mike Sobelski, A. W. Sullivan, A. C. Smith, Lavie Turney, H. B. Talbot, Lewis Weiss and Chester Williams.

All Get Same Sentence. The sentences pronounced in the foregoing cases are that each must pay a fine of \$20 and his proportion of the costs of the suit, and stand committed to the county jail until the fines and costs are paid. Judge Munger granted a suspension of sentence until October 8, to enable the attorneys for the strikers to file the customary motion in the premises.

The plea of nonjurisdiction in the case of Frank Boeraman was overruled, but Judge Munger gave the attorneys for the defense until October 8 to be heard further upon the motion.

The decision of Judge Munger was of considerable length and reviewed the testimony exhaustively. Referring to the charge against Mr. Vail, Judge Munger said there was no evidence, except that of the witness Jenree, against Mr. Vail, and that Mr. Vail's testimony was of equal value to that of Jenree.

The original bill of complaint cited Stephen Vail, George Stephens and 173 other strikers to appear and show cause why they should not be committed for contempt of court, in counseling and condoning the violation of the order of injunction issued by Judge Munger July 23, commanding the strikers to refrain from interfering with the employes of the packing plants, by intimidation, picketing or other means that would deter the men from seeking employment at the packing plants in the places of the strikers.

Of the 175 cited to appear service was secured upon hardly more than half of that number, and when the cases came to trial hearing only about sixty were brought to trial. Several of these were discharged as not being strikers and one or two others were let go, as it was clearly shown they did not intend to violate the injunction.

It is clear the strike breakers were to be intimidated and were invariably taken to the headquarters of the strikers. It was part of the plan to take them there, and it is further shown they were talked to by Stephens.

In the case of Mr. Vail, while he was the responsible head of the strikers, there is no evidence, except that of Jenree, that he had counseled any acts of intimidation, but that, on the other hand, he had acted with the sheriff in making strike breakers enter the packing plants.

Drunk Worker in Prison. Hunsco Steerer is Landed and Drains Sixty Days in the Police Court.

C. J. Marshall, characterized by the police as being a professional drunk worker, has been sentenced to sixty days by Acting Police Judge Bachman. Marshall was arraigned on a vagrancy charge, in the absence of a more specific complaint against him.

The annual rally day of the Central United Presbyterian Sunday school will be held at the church, Twenty-fourth and Dodge streets, Sunday, "Rally Day" after the summer vacation season is a growing custom in city Sunday schools, the idea being to gather up all the forces, both teachers and scholars, that have scattered during the summer.

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TOPICS FOR A DAY OF REST.

The Ministerial union has resumed the usual monthly meetings, the first being held Monday in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian association.

Dr. E. H. Jenks spoke of the wondrous growth of California and especially of the coast cities and predicted great prosperity as a result of the development of trade with the Orient.

At the Second Presbyterian church the choir will render the following anthems, under the direction of Mrs. H. A. Connett.

Thursday evening the members of Walnut Hill Methodist Episcopal church and their friends gave a reception at the home of W. A. Erickson, Portieth and Charles streets.

Rev. W. A. Main, a missionary, who has been stationed at Yumping, Fukien province, China, is visiting his brother, Rev. G. H. Main.

Musical services at Calvary Baptist church this morning under the direction of Mrs. G. W. Noble, with Carl Schurr at the organ, include the following:

Rev. William Gorst is the new presiding elder of the Methodist Episcopal church in this district.

Rev. J. W. Braxton, a delegate to the Afro-American conference now in session in Omaha, will occupy the pulpit of the Peoples' church this evening.

Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., president of Midland college, will preach at Grace Lutheran church this morning.

Prof. E. S. Lovingsgood, president of the Sam Houston college, Austin, Tex., will occupy the pulpit of the Hancock Park Methodist church this evening.

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