DEPARTURE IS RADICAL

Washington, Dec. 7 .- The Interstate Commerce commission in its annual report today to congress recommended a sweeping change in methods of establishing freight and passenger rates so that shippers would not longer be compelled to show a proposed rate unreasonable or see it become effective. Carriers seeking to alter a rate would be com-pelled to show the change was rea-sonable.

pelled to show the change was reasonable.

The recommendation is "that by statute congress fix the interstate rates, fares, charges, classifications, rules and regulations existing at a specific date, prior to that of enactment, as just and reasonable for the past, and provide that no change therein after that specified date may be made except upon order of the commission; with provision that such statute shall not affect the proceedings pending at the time of enactment."

The purpose of the suggestion is said to be mainly to correct flaws in the present method by which an injured shipper seeks reparation for payment of a higher rate than subsequently is approv d by the commission.

Means Radical Change.

Means Radical Change.

It was said, however, that the effect of such legislation would be radical upon methods of rate establishment. At present tariffs proposing rate changes filed by the railroads become operative on a fixed date unless suspended by the commission and shown on hearing to be unreasonable, unjust or discriminatory. If existing rates are declared by statute to be just and reasonable, it was pointed out, the burden will be on those who wish ito change them.

"The necessity for flexibility in order to fairly meet rapidly changing industrial and commercial conditions," says the report in this connection, "is fully recognized, but the soundness of the theory of leaving each carrier free to initiate its own rates and thus investing each of them with the power to overthrow or seriously disturb an adjustment that is recognized as reasonable and fair by the overwhelming majority of the carriers and shippers interested therein, may well be doubted.

"All rates, fares, and charges have been open to complaint for a period of more than ten years, within which the commission had power to fix the future maximum rates. For a period of more than ten years, within which the commission had power to fix the future maximum rates. For a period of more than ten years, within which the commission had power to fix the future maximum rates. For a period of more than ten years, within which the commission had power to fix the future maximum rates. For a period of more than ten years, within which the commission had power to fix the future maximum rates. For a period of more than ten years, within which the commission had power to fix the future maximum rates. For a period of more than ten years, within which the commission had power to fix the future maximum rates. For a period of more than ten years, within which the commission had power to fix the future maximum rates. For a period of more than ten years, within which the commission had power to fix the future maximum rates. For a period of more than ten years, within

general level of the rates and the relationship of rates should be fixed as reasonable.

Plan Is Constructive.

"The adoption of such a plan as this would make it possible to apply the energies expended upon rate controversies in the direction of constructive work for the future instead of expending them upon controversies as to reparation for the past, with every probability that in a majority of the cases the one who ultimately bore the charge will never be reached by the reparation."

To relieve car shortage the commission asks legislation giving it authority to prescribe rules governing interchange of cars, return to owning roads, loading conditions on foreign roads and compensation for the use of cars.

"It seems to us beyond question," says the report, "that largely increased railroad facilities are necessary to adequately handle the commerce of the country and that in some way those facilities must be provided. Obviously this cannot be done by leaving these matters for determination by unanimous vote of all the carriers of the country. Within certain limits the force of competition between carriers cannot be denied. The carrier that desires to participate in the movement of traffic must carry it as cheaply as its competitor. It must accord as liberal rules and regulations as are accorded by its competitor, and these competitive influences make unanimity of opinion as to what are proper rules and regulations more difficult of attainment than it would otherwise be. From these facts and experiences, and a study of these considerations over a substantial period, we are led to the conclusions hat a reasonable degree of the desired and necessary improvement can be reached within any reasonable time only by vesting power to regulate these questions for all railroads in the appropriate federal body and also providing means by which rules and regulations promulgated can be enforced."

The commission further recommends that unless the suggestion for fixing existing rates by startes is followed.

enforced."

The commission further recommends that unless the suggestion for fixing existing rates by statute is followed the law be changed to curtail the present period of suspension and resuspension of a filed rate from fourteen months to a year and that railroads be required to give sixty instead of the present thirty days notice of proposed rate changes.

New Warning Sent Beware U-Boats In American Seas

New York, Dec. 7.—Another warning to merchant steamers of the entente allies to beware of German submarines was sent broadcast by wireless at 1:30 o'clock this morning by a British cruiser about forty miles off Sandy Hook.

The wireless message said:

"German submarines may be met anywhere in the Atlantic, especially west of 60 degrees west. Keep good lookouts. Show no unnecessary lights, Avoid all trade routes and converging points."

NUXATED IRON



Once Crippled, Heiress Makes Debut Mid Fortune of Flowers



Chicago, Dec. 7.—Miss Lolita Armour; daughter of the millionaire Chicago packer, once believed hopelessly crippled, is a debutante today, having made her debut amid a fortune of flowers. Miss Armour is a happy, charming brunette and doesn't show any sign of cogenital lameness, which Dr. Lorenz, the noted Vienna expert, made two trips to the United States to cure when Miss Armour was a little girl. Miss Armour has been in the best of health since the bloodless operations performed by Dr. Lorenz. She recently wore khaki for a month in the women's training camp of the National Naval league. Miss Armour was colonel of the women's corps,

Friend of Grass Widows Yells for Their Alimony

"Hear ye! Hear ye! All ye former husbands who are delinquent in pay-ing alimony," cries "Sandy" McLeod, cashier in the office of the clerk of the district court and patron saint of

the district court and patron saint of divorcees who severed their matrimonial bonds in Douglas county.

The grim-looking Seotchman, whose gaze many a divorced hubby recalls when he thinks of what he did with his summer's wages, has appealed to former bread-winning spouses to hasten their December payments of alimony, as Christmas is drawing near and many widows of the grass species wish to buy presents.

Two States Still Bar Local Cattle

Nebraska cattle are now barred ? only two states, Oklahoma and Montana, A. F. Stryker, secretary of the South Omaha Live Stock exchange,

South Omaha Live Stock exchange, announced Thursday morning, when he received a telegram telling of South Dakota lifting the embargo.

The message says that although actual embargo has been raised all cattle received into South Dakota from Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Sioux City, Ia., shall be subject to inspection.

To Cure Children's Colds.

Feep child dry, ciethe comfortable, avoid exposure, give Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Ho Raises phiegra, reduces inflammation.

FREE DINNER SETS ATTRACT MANY TO STORE

Palace Clothing Company Gladden Hearts of People by Their Generous Christmas Offer.

Complete Stock of Suits and Overcoats and Many Sets of Dishes Still to Be Given Away.

Given Away.

"Come on, fellows, let's get the women folks some dishes for Christmas and a new suit or overcoat for ourselves!" In all parts of the city during the past few days the above remark has become a by-word. And the Palace Clothing Company, 14th and Douglas streets, has launched this real Christmas spirit.

Last Friday night appeared the initial announcement that starting on Saturday they would give absolutely free with each purchase of a \$15 suit or overcoat a 42-piece gold-band dinner set. Long before the store was opened people were waiting to obtain first selection and to avoid disappointment by delaying purchase. Since the inauguration of this novel Christmas plan many sets of dishes have been given away—ects that will mean a happy Christmas for some one. The suits and overcoats offered in this sale are from the regular stock—a stock that is noted for the high quality maintained and for the variety offered. The dishes, given away absolutely free with each \$15 purchase, are of high grade china with a fine gold band around the edges, and is a full service for six people. If you are desirous of obtaining a good suit or overcoat and a fine set of dishes free do not fail to visit the Palace Clothing Company, 14th and Douglas Sta.—Adv.

MURPHY ESTATE TO PAY HEAVY TAXES

About \$3,000 to County and \$7,000 as Federal Inheritance Tax.

MUCH CASH IN THE BANK

The late Hugh Murphy, contractor, of "once a bricklayer always a bricklayer" fame, who died at Old Orchard, Mc., August 8 of this year, left an estate valued at \$291,500, according to

an inventory filed with the clerk of the county court. After numerous bequests to rela-tives and friends, the remainder of the estate is divided among the widow, Mrs. Ellen Murphy, and four chil-dren, Hugh A. Murphy, jr.; Richard Murphy, Helen Murphy and Mrs. Mary C. Adams. Mr. Murphy came to Omaha forty

Mr. Murphy came to Omaha forty years ago—penniless; in fact, he was worse off than that, for he had to borrow money to get some of his belongings from the railroad station. His first job in the Nebraska metropolis was inspector of sewers on Jones street.

That the one-time poor man who died a wealthy contractor had great faith in municipal and public utility bonds is attested to by the fact the inventory of his estate contains several items of this nature. The different items are as follows:

Cash in Bank.

hy company, \$63,000; real estate was inspector of sewers on Jones street.

That the one-time poor man who died a wealthy contractor had great faith in municipal and public utility bonds is attested to by the fact the inventory of his estate contains several items of this nature. The different items are as follows:

Cash in Bank.

Cash in bank, \$43,000; other cash, \$500; note of Hugh Murphy Construction company, \$13,000; furniture in residences here and in Old Orchard, Me. no value given; quantity of paying material on hand, \$5,000; omaha, \$24,000; bonds of the city of Omaha, \$24,000; steed times are as follows:

Carloads of Apples Are

Being Shipped to Europe

A solid train of eighteen cars of apples from the Hood river district of Oregon are enroute east over the Union Pacific and Rock Island, design material on hand, \$5,000; omaha pay bonds, \$6,000; paving material on band, \$5,000; powing court house bonds, \$6,000; paving bonds of the city of Omaha, \$24,000; schedule time.

A pickpocket on a Burlington train for two New York drafts, one for \$261 and the other of \$50, from the clothes of P. J. Fagan of Missouri \$282 in cash and a check while riding on a North Twenty-fourth street car.

A. Brown, 2812 Webster street, left a travelers' check book containing between \$75 and \$100 in currency on a table in the rear of a grocery store at the above number and the book disappeared a few moments later,

Burglars gained entrance to the estate will apy an inheritance tax will apy an inheritance tax

Xmas Gifts for Mother

Something for the Home.
Sewing baskets and cabinets.
Pottery vases and jardinieres.
Tea table and tea things.
Lamps, clocks, flower vases.
Writing desk.

Something for Personal Use. Magnifying glasses for reading. Cameo brooches. Black silk for dress. Embroideries and handwork Foot warmers.

comething to Wear. Real lace collars Knit shawls, jackets, kimonos. Silk waists. Bed shoes. Beaded handbag.

Something Inexpensive. Sewing trays in mahogany. Card receivers.

Foot stools. French mirrors and candlesticks. Robe for couch throw.

PICKPOCKETS ARE SHOPPING EARLY

Numerous Thefts, from Cigars to Autos, Are Reported to the Police.

WASHING MACHINE STOLEN

Light-fingered pickpockets, unscrupulous sneak thieves, strong-arm artists, porch-climbers and just plain

tists, porch-climbers and just plain burglars are evidently collecting the where-with-all with which to do their Christmas shopping early, judging from the squeals and complaints registered at police headquarters.

C. O. Harker of Grand Junction. la., came to Omaha with a load of stock which he sold on the South Side market, obtaining a Chicago draft for \$1,207.10. Harker climbed on a street car at the Stock Exchange building and went to the depot. When he arrived there he discovered the draft, with two \$5 bills, was missing. It is thought they are in possession of It is thought they are in possession of a pickpocket now.

Loses Two Drafts.

Dodge street, and stole 100 squares of sole leather valued at \$140.

Two boxes of cigars were swiped from a delivery wagon belonging to H. Beselin, 1405 Douglas street.

Mrs. Nellie Blalock, 1411 California street, reports a washing machine taken from her porch.

Otto Webber, Defiance, Ia., is shy \$13.75 in cash, a watch and a knife Otto asserts his roommate at the Nebraska Lodging house, one Ralph Snyder, knows about it.

Nebraska Lodging house, one Ralph Snyder, knows about it.

I. Grossman, 417 North Eighteenth street, had a roadster stolen from a garage at 1609 California street. A car belonging to T. C. Rich, 5437 Florence boulevard, was taken from Seventeenth and Harney streets, while another one belonging to the Nebraska Auto Filling company was taken from in front of their establishment.

Half Million Ask For Naturalization During Last Year

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Ap-proximately half a million foreigners proximately half a million foreigners toop steps to become naturalized American citizens during the year ending in June, according to the annual report of the bureau of naturalization, made public today. Declarations of intention were filed by 207, 935, petitions for naturalization by 108,009 and courts issued certificates to 93,911. It is estimated that 150,000 women were represented.

Mrs. Woodworth Etter, evangelist and healer, is coming to Omaha in April, Mrs. Etter is now in San Francisco. William E. Foshier, Rev. Charles W. Sayidge and Mrs. M. D. Crites are the committee promoting this matter.

Coming Here in April

Woman Evangelist is

The Supreme Christmas Gift

for you and your family. An opportunity that can last but a very short time

WHAT more prized or princely present could be conceived? It lasts a lifetime; it is of daily value to all the family; it is a sensible gift that will always pay dividends in pleasure and mental development; it is the biggest gift for the smallest amount—only \$1 brings it to your home. It is the Encyclopaedia Britannica.



The New Encyclopaedia Britannica is indispensable to you because of the very complexity of the civilization of which you are a member. It is obvious that no man nowadays can carry in his head all that he needs to know of the vast realm of knowledge that lies outside his own experience. No ordinary books will help him. for they are mere fragments.

But modern ingenuity has come to his assistance. A great book has been devised and perfected, the function of which is Utility. Every man can now increase the sum total of his knowledge by resorting to this useful and neverfailing storehouse of universal information.

No matter what your situation in life-whether you are a millionaire or a wage-earner, a professional man or a clerk in a store, the head of a bank or a bank clerk, the head of a household, a retail merbank clerk, the head of a household, a retail merchant; 14,000 other illustrations: 18,000 other illustrations in the modern work of the New Encyclopaedia Britannica can help you to solve your problems, to add to your efficiency, and to make the most out of yourself. To form the acquaintance of the New Encyclopaedia Britannica is to rub shoulders with the genius of the modern world. It is new; it is up-to-date; it is trustworthy; it is comprehensive; it is easy to handle; it is easy to consult; it is easy to buy.

Encyclopaedia Britannica "Handy Volume" Issue

down and \$3 a month for a limited period

150.000 Americans are using daily this wonderful new encyclopaedia, which tells the whole story of human knowledge in a new way, in the light of the most recent research and in readable and interesting language. Every university library, more than 2000 public libraries, all of the great newspapers, hundreds of banks, manufacturing corporations, thousands of business men, lawyers, doctors, clergymen, engineers, have bought it. Many of them paid a high price for the Cambridge issue, but you can buy The Britannica ("Handy Volume" Issue) at a big reduction. It is identically the same as the big and expensive set except in size and type—and you can have it printed on genuine India paper if you

it printed on genuine India paper if you

A few of the Britannica's Features—See how many-sided it is

An International Dictionary of Biography, including biographies of living celebrities, Statesmen, Politicians, Emperore, Kings, Queens and Presidents, greet Merchants, Soldiers, Sallora, Ariste, Musicians, Sculptors, Expierers, Scholars, Writers, Administrators, etc.

A Gassetteer and Guide to Geographical Knowledge upon the largest naile (with descriptions of Seas and Oceans, Continents, Islands, Rivers, Lakes, Mountains and Hills, Deserts, Volcanees, Natural Worders and Phenomena of the Earth, its Climates, Weather, Plants and Animals, native Peoples, Countries, Cities and Towns, and narratives of Exploration and Discoveries!

and Discoveriesi.
As Encyclopsedia of Medicine and Surgary. (Scrum Treatment, Bectornology, Tropical Medicine, Malaria, Yellow Fever, Sleeping Sickaness, Piague, Tuberculosis, Diphtheria, Meningitis, Hydrophobia, Leckjaw, the X-ray, Surgery of the Heart and Brain. Aseptic Treatment, Radium in Surgery, Household Medicine, Hyglene, Batha, Scinttstina.)

Medicine, Hyglene, Baths, Sanitation.)

A History of War and Military Science, such as has not appeared in any other work of reference. (Armies of the world, Army Organization, Infastry, Artillery, Cavalry, Ordanaca, Machine Grons, Ceast Defense, Army Signaling, War Game, Stratery and Tattica, History and Criticism of Individual Wars, Battles and Campaigna, Great Soldiers.)

A Register and Detailed Summary of Contemporary Life and Progress. (Developments of today in the social, artistic, industrial and political life of our own and all other countries, the new movements and teadencies in literature, science, philosophy, in philinularopy and other fields, every activity in recent world history, the warp and woof for the history—making of tomorrow.)

ing of tomorrow.)

A Ready Reference Guide to Industries, Commerce and Trade (with statistics pertaining to agriculture and manufacturing output of all countries, states, cities and important towns). A Handbook of Manners and Customes. (Tattooing, Totemism, Cannibalism, Taboo, Witchcraft, Initiation, Funeral Rites, Ameestor-worship, Salutations, Mouraing, Tarring and Fosthering, Ritual Murder, etc.)

A History of All Nations, Ancient and Modern, with an account of their Government, Laws, Institutions, Finances, products of Agriculture, Mines, Fureds and Commerce (with statistics).

A Handbook of Science, (Astronomy, Biology, Ch. Agriculture, Mines, Fureds and Commerce (with statistics).

Handbook of Science, (Astronomy, Biology, Ch. Agriculture, Mines, Fureds and Commerce (with statistics). A Handbook and Dictionary of Archaeology and Chanical Antiquity. (Recent excavations in Crete, Sardinia, Asia Minor, Egypt, Africa, Mexico, Central and South America, new discoveries about Ancient Greece and Rome.)

new discoveres about Ancient Greek.

A Handbook of Art and Applied Art. (Painting, Sculpture, Engraving, Illustration, Photography, Printing, Cerumica, Lace, Embroidery, Tapestry, Jewelry, Furniture, Woodcarving, Metal Work, Decoration, Glass, etc.)

A Handbook of Sociology and Economics. (Capital, Wages. Wealth. Production. Money, Socialism. Communism. Co-operation. Tariff, Value, Liquor Lawa, Charities, Prisons. Criminology, the Insane, Doaf and Blind, Trusta, Temperance, etc.)

noscoy, the insane, Deaf and Blind, Trusta, Temperance, etc.) As Excyclepaedia of Religious, Philosophy and Literature:

(i) History of the Christian Church, Ismous Hersaics, the Paper, Religious Orders, the Referention, Secta and Creeda, the great non-Christian, Religious Systems, Buddhism, Hindusen, Mohammedanism, Religious Leaders, Andrein Religious, the Story of the Bable and of each of its books, the Talmud, etc.; (2) Mysteiam, Soopticism, Scholasticism, Logic, Metaphysics, Pragmatism, Psychology, Aesthetics, Ethica, Physical Research, etc.; (2) the Literatures and Authors of all nations and times, Asia to Study of Literature.

Authors of all nations and times, Asia to Study of Literature.

A Library of Law, 1706 articles comprising (I) Legal Systems, such as Roman and Greek Law, Mohammedan Law, Iodian Law, etc.; (2) International, Ecclesiastical Law; (3) Criminal Law, Ecclesiastical Law; (3) Criminal Law, Exidence, Divorce, etc.; (4) Social and Laber Legislion; (5) Company Law, Bunkruptey; (6) Biographies of Lawyers and Lawmakers.

A Dictionary of Music. (One hundred and sixty articles on musical instruments of all kinds; articles on musical forms, such as Symphony, Opera, Concerto, etc.; the Orchestra History of Music; the Great Musicians. Composers and Singers of the past and of today)

A Nature Library. (The whole circle of life, articles about every species of Beast, Bird, Reptile, Fish, Inaect or Mollusc, etc., of land and water; the great families of Plants and their subdivisions; the story of Evolution, in its manifold applications, Mimory, Heredity, Migration, etc.)

You need the new Britannica and you certainly should have it printed on the famous India paper



IMPORTANT The present prices of The Encyclopsedia Britannica hold good only on orders sent to us at once. We are sorry to state that on account of the higher cost of all materials for the making of books, the Publishers are obliged to increase the price to us, and we to the general public. The present low prices will, therefore, be advanced by from one to three monthly payments (from \$3.00 to \$9.00), according to the binding, on or before December 20th.

How long it will be possible to maintain these

How long it will be possible to maintain these new prices without another facrease is uncertain. In any case, if you wish to purchase The Encyclo-paedia Britannica at the present low prices,

SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.

The Miracle of India Paper

How it put the world's greatest library on 29 inches of shelf-space

It is India paper-thin, tough, India paper -that reduced the size of The Britannica's 29 volumes from over 5 feet to 29 inches of shelf-space; that reduced their weight to nearly one-third: that was preferred by 145,500 of the 150,000 purchasers of The Britannica: that makes The Britannica much more usable, therefore much more valuable; that cannot now be obtained to print The Britannica.

War stops the supply of India paper

No more India paper can be obtained because war has devastated the flax fields of Europe. Only a few thousand sets of The Britannica printed on India paper remain unsold. When these are gone, as they soon will be, no more can be offered. Therefore, your chance for securing this notable library in the most valuable form, depends upon prompt action. 70,000 sets of the "Handy Volume" Issue of The Britannica were sold in 6 months. You can realize that

the present supply cannot last long. You should act at once whether you buy for Christmas or not.

The probabilities are that you have always coveted a set of The Britannics. There is no time so suitable as Christmas time for giving it to yourself or friends—and it is especially important that you order now because of the exhaustion of the supply of India-paper sets. All of these factors make it advisable that you

This is the last time you will have an opportunity to purchase The Britannica printed on India paper as a Christmas gift. This sale will soon be history—the lack of India paper presents further printing. If you act now you will be the smoled aware of a library which cannot be duplicated in form. You must buy this Christmas, but NOW, to assure ownership and save disappointment.

Send for the "Book of a Hundred Wonders" now

This book is a wonder in itself. It contains 130 pages and is liberally illustrated. It tells you curious facts and gives interesting information about a hundred subjects giving you complete information about The Britannica—bindings, prices, specimen pages and all details.

SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO., Chicago

Gentlemen:—Please send me, free, "The Book of 100 Wooders," illustrated, giving interesting information on a hundred subjects, and full information about The Encyclopaedia Britannica. Also, tell me what I have to pay for one of the remaining sets of the "Handy Volume" Issue of The Britannica printed on genuine India paper.