

RAILROADS ASK RATE INCREASE OF 28 PER CENT

Submit Statements Showing Boost Is Absolute Necessity to Meet the Present Operating Expenses.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, May 5.—The railroads of the country submitted to the Interstate Commerce commission yesterday statements showing the amount of additional revenue needed to meet increased operating costs and to adjust their income to the 10 per cent income basis provided in the new transportation act. The requirements they estimated, which mean a 28 per cent increase in freight rates, yielding \$1,017,000,000 a year.

The carriers show that while the basis of operating expenses due to higher wages and increased prices of material and fuel has advanced about 100 per cent, their revenue basis has increased less than 40 per cent, and that it will require now to restore the relation between revenues and expenses, an increase of 20 per cent.

Passenger Rates Exempt.

The railroads suggest to the commission that the additional revenue be gained from freight traffic, leaving passenger rates at the present level. To provide these increases to total revenues without disturbing passenger rates, the carriers estimate they will require an average increase in freight rates of about 28 per cent.

Railroads in eastern territory estimate the need of an increase in all revenues of 21.1 per cent or 30.4 per cent in freight rates. Southern railroads propose to advance freight rates by 30.9 per cent to provide 20.7 per cent larger revenues. The needed freight advance in the west is put at 23.9 per cent to increase all revenues by 17 per cent.

The carriers show that their net income in 1916 was \$1,056,000,000, and that in 1919 it fell to \$510,000,000, notwithstanding an increased investment in these three years of more than \$2,000,000,000. But, the carriers point out, if the present level of costs has been in operation throughout 1919 the year's net would have been only \$220,000,000, or a little more than 1 per cent on their property investment of \$20,616,000,000.

Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio, chairman of the railroad executives' rate committee for the eastern territory, presented to the commission a statement of the situation of the eastern roads, in which he estimated they need \$544,000,000 additional revenues to restore the relation of revenues to expenses, and to adjust their income to 6 per cent.

Provides 6 Per Cent Return.

The transportation act provides for a return of 5 1/2 to 6 per cent on the value of the railroads. Mr. Willard states that the property investment of the eastern carriers is \$9,368,698,000, on which 6 per cent tober 31, 1919, with adjustments to present costs, show a net income of only \$18,000,000, leaving a deficit of \$544,113,000 to be made up. This amount equals 30.43 per cent on the freight revenues.

the earnings of the year ending October amounted to \$562,121,000. But "The estimated aggregate annual net railway operating income," says Mr. Willard, "is related to the aggregate property investment account in the belief that as an aggregate amount this account is not excessive, but more probably the minimum, as representing true value, and further because it is the only estimate of aggregate value practically available at this time, just as it was the only estimate of value available to congress when it prescribed the percent ge on aggregate value that should be taken as a fair return for the two years beginning March 1, 1920. The commission will, of course, make use of any other data it may find available."

Kentucky Democrats Elect Women Delegates

Louisville, Ky., May 5.—Eight delegates, including three women, to the democratic national convention, each with a half vote, were elected by the democratic state convention. John N. Camden of Versailles was elected national committeeman from Kentucky, succeeding Gen. W. B. Haldeman, resigned.

Alcohol and Carbolic Acid Cocktail Gets Goat of Chicago Judge

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, May 5.—Justice Boyer and court attendants in Evanston leaned "ack in their chairs and looked at Thomas Russell in awe, mixed with considerable admiration. He had been brought in on a charge of intoxication and it was such a complete, thorough and satisfactory source that the court desired to know more about it."

"What did you have to drink that produced this remarkable effect?" he asked Russell.

"Half a quart of alcohol, mixed with carbolic acid,"

"Mixed with wh-a-h-t," gasped the court.

"Carbolic acid," was the calm reply. "They say a quart will kill a man, but a half-quart only made me feel good. It is fine stuff, your honor."

The court was minded to give the defendant the Memphis test to see if his "eath would burn a hole through cloth or paper, but decided to plaster him with a fine of \$25 and costs and study his case further.

Delay of High Court Holding Back Work of Federal Farm Banks

Washington, May 5.—Federal farm loan officials in conference here have found no way to avoid a summer of inactivity in loaning operations. The sessions, which were practically concluded Tuesday night, brought convincing evidence, members said, that no further new business could be handled until the supreme court had passed on the validity of the farm loan act.

Despite the fact that the 12 land banks have borrowed approximately \$16,000,000 from private banks to loan, more than \$70,000,000 in applications for loans have accumulated. In going into the open market for funds the banks are losing one-half of 1 per cent interest, the government rate being 5 1/2 per cent and the private rate 6 per cent.

To offset this loss, however, the net income of the 12 banks have averaged \$240,000 monthly since the first of the year.

More Bakers Join Strike.

Vancouver, B. C., May 5.—Union bakers of Victoria have walked out adding their number to bakers already on strike in Vancouver, Seattle and Portland it was announced at the labor temple here. The prediction was made that the entire coast will be affected before the strike was over.

LODGE IS NAMED TEMPORARY HEAD OF CONVENTION

Massachusetts Senator Will Deliver Keynote Address at Republican Meeting—No Contest Anticipated.

Washington, May 5.—Senator Lodge of Massachusetts is to be temporary chairman of the republican national convention at Chicago and will deliver the keynote speech, according to republican leaders in congress who have conferred recently with Chairman Hays of the republican national committee.

Republicans in congress are said to have been virtually unanimous in urging the selection of Senator Lodge by the committee on arrangements which will meet at Chicago May 10. No contest over the chairmanship is anticipated, although some friends of Senator Hiram Johnson have been urging substitution of Senator Borah of Idaho, and reports have reached here that former Senator Beveridge of Indiana also aspired to the chairmanship.

Republican platform pronouncements will be considered here May 23, by the general platform committee appointed by Chairman Hays. Many questionnaires on paramount issues have been turned in by the platform committee and others. At the conference here it is expected to outline some of the general principles, at least, to be recommended.

Chicago Broker Held on Fraud Charge in New York

New York, May 5.—Theodore A. Frey of Chicago, a stock broker, was held on \$5,000 bail to await the action of the grand jury on a charge of defrauding his clients. Assistant District Attorney Kilroe told the court that Frey is also wanted in Los Angeles and that the amount involved in the alleged frauds is approximately \$100,000. Three complainants have filed charges against the broker here.

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Poland and Ukraina Agree.

Copenhagen, May 5.—A dispatch to the Berlingske Tidende from Koven, quotes the newspaper Sevodnia, as saying that Poland, in addition to its understanding with Ukraina, has arrived at a secret agreement with Finland.

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