

RAILROADS TURN TO GOVERNMENT TO END TIE-UP

Washington May 12—The nation's railroads, swamped with business, and not yet on their feet after the long period of federal control, turned hopefully to the government today for relief.

With reports from industrial centers showing several hundred thousand cars held up because of insufficient equipment and labor, the interstate commerce commission was expected to heed the appeal of the carriers and take charge of the situation.

Railroad officials said there was slight hope of early improvement. The great need is to clear the tracks of non-essentials and open the way for the necessities of life.

So great is the traffic congestion, according to reports, that there is immediate danger of wholesale closing of big industrial plants and the consequent cut in production.

Should the commission find, on the strength of reports laid before it by the railway executives that the emergency justifies it, orders taking a virtually complete control of the movement of freight, probably will be issued today.

SAYS FOOD PRICES TO REMAIN HIGH FOR SOME TIME

Scarcity Will Halt Production This Year, Illinois Agricultural Director Declares.

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Springfield, Ill., May 12.—The American people will pay high prices for food for some time, in the judgment of Charles Adkins, state director of agriculture.

In a statement Adkins declared that scarcity of foodstuffs this year will halt a reduction in prices. He says no country in the world will harvest a normal wheat crop and that the old crop of wheat will be exhausted when the new crop comes in. Predicting that bread tickets will be necessary in the United States, Adkins says bread will be no cheaper in the near future.

Some politicians tell the people that prices for all commodities are fixed by corrupt combines of speculators and if they get in power they will reduce the cost of living. The statement says, "Our great consuming masses should be advised, instead of being harangued by some demagogue into the belief that by waving some magic economic wand he can reduce the cost of living."

Bullfight in Chicago Suburb Nets Firemen Choice Cuts of Beef

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, May 12.—Ordinarily the suburb of Cragin is as peaceful as a cemetery, but Saturday there was staged in the midst a bull fight that was not short of the thrills. As a result of the fight a street car was destroyed and the firemen were called to the scene.

Early in the day several steers escaped from a can and all but one were captured by the train crew. The one that escaped immediately started something. After terrorizing pedestrians, charging and overturning automobiles, being shot at by policemen and dodging missiles thrown by mounted cops, the steer discovered the vegetable garden kept by members of the fire engine crew and speedily ruined it. This act was the pride of the neighborhood and the firemen were furious.

Walter Coyle rode out on one of the fire horses to drive off the marauder and was promptly charged and unhorsed. Then the steer charged a number of spectators into a street car and rammed the car. Another fireman managed to lasso the beast, but had to race for his life. Just as the steer was upon him it dropped dead from exhaustion and bullets. The carcass was claimed by the firemen, because their garden was destroyed, and all the firemen will have fresh beef for several days.

Motorist Saves His Life By Leap to Train Engine

Eldorado, Kan., May 12.—Timothy Manion, an oil renner, owes his life to sheer nerve and presence of mind here today. When his motor car was struck by a St. Louis & San Francisco freight train Manion leaped to the pilot of the engine and clung there until the train was brought to a stop. His automobile was converted into junk by the wheels of the train.

Boy Is Caught Trying to Peep Through Window

Paul O'Donnell, 17 years old, 1733 South Eleventh street, was arrested early yesterday morning when he was caught peeping into a window at the home of L. H. Thompson, 1913 South Tenth street. Mr. Thompson caught him before he could escape. He was charged with incurrability.

Negroes Go to Trial for Seduction of White Girl

Chicago, May 12.—Dorsey Chambliss, negro policeman, and two other negroes, went on trial in criminal court today in connection with the death of Wickbeck, 16-year-old white girl of Pawnee Rock, Kan. The defendants are charged with abduction and seduction.

Market, Financial and Industrial News of the Day

Live Stock

Omaha, May 17, 1936. Receipts were: Cattle, 10,850; Hogs, 10,850; Sheep, 10,850. Total receipts, 32,550. Market was active, with prices generally higher than last week.

Table listing various livestock items such as Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, and their corresponding market prices and quantities.

Financial

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, May 17.—Processes made familiar by repetition during the last three weeks were seen again at work today in the security markets. Professional traders utilized unfavorable factors in credit and transportation to assist in the depression of industrial stocks one to four points during the morning, with a moderate recovery before the close.

Despite the continued reaction of stocks, sentiment could be raised where needed by the factors which assisted the decline. The market was held back by the lack of new issues, with the exception of the 4-1/2% and 4-1/4% per cent notes reaching new low figures. In these issues there appeared the same influences that marked initial stages of the downward movement early in April.

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Chicago Grain

By CHARLES D. MICHAELS. Chicago, May 17.—A belief that the switchmen's strike would be settled, and that when the Interstate Commerce commission pooled grain cars that the movement to market would increase materially.

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Chicago Closing Prices

Table listing closing prices for various commodities including Wheat, Corn, Soybeans, and other grains, along with their respective price changes.

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Liberty Bond Prices. New York, May 17.—Final prices on Liberty bonds today were: 3's, 90.80; 4's, 84.30; 4 1/2's, 84.80; 5's, 85.70; 5 1/2's, 87.40; 6's, 92.40.

Bar Silver. New York, May 17.—Bar Silver, 24 1/2; Mexican dollars, 76 1/2.

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