

RAIL VALUES IN EXCESS OF ESTIMATES

First Figures Now Available In Government Investigation Started Seven Years Ago—Over \$30,000,000 Spent.

FORECAST BASED ON REPORTS OF EXPERTS Aggregate Worth of Roads Probably Will Prove to Be Over \$6,000,000,000 Above Market Price of Stocks.

Based on Experts' Reports. This forecast, based on the completed field reports of the government engineering experts for 11,853 miles of road in all parts of the country, and covering nearly one-sixth of the total investment in American railroads was offered in evidence today in the railroad rate hearing before the Interstate Commerce commission.

Summary of Report. Mr. Hulme summarized these reports as follows: Cost New on Carriers' Investment Books. Eighteen east-ern roads... Fourteen south-ern roads... Eighteen west-ern roads... Fifty roads...

Norris Supports Bill Proposing Embargo On Exports of Sugar

Washington, May 27.—All-day discussion by the senate agricultural committee of the McNary bill proposing an export embargo on sugar resulted in no final action and another attempt to reach an agreement will be made Friday.

Senate Votes to Abolish 42 Standing Committees

Washington, May 27.—The senate voted to abolish 42 standing committees and reduce membership of all others, effective in the next congress. The reform has been urged for years and the new committee slate was adopted virtually without discussion.

Sutherland Lead on Wood Grows With Late Returns

Wheeling, W. Va., May 27.—Senator Edward Sutherland's lead for the republican presidential preference over Gen. Leonard Wood in the West Virginia state-wide primary election of last Tuesday today continued to increase as additional returns were tabulated by the Intelligence. One thousand five hundred and twenty precincts out of 2,260, the state gave Sutherland 23,006; Wood, 23,129.

Former Saloon Man Pays \$5,000 for Whisky But Gets Prune Juice

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, May 27.—Selling prune juice and water, with a dash of paprika, tobacco juice and just a suspicion of whisky, at a cut rate of \$80 a gallon, proved a highly profitable business until one of the purchasers squawked to the police. He gave up \$5,000 for a consignment of the stuff to stock up his depleted saloon supplies.

HOUSE WRECKED BY EXPLOSION OF MOONSHINE STILL

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, May 27.—Amateur booze manufacturers, working in a house that was supposed to be unoccupied, evolved a compound that had a kick in it. In fact, the kick was so potent that it blew up the still, shattered every window within a radius of a block, wrecked the walls of the house in which the distillery was located, and brought the police and fire departments in mad haste, under the belief that someone had touched off an immense bombfilled with T. N. T. The damage will run into hundreds of dollars.

Silk Stockings and Baby Linen in Army Stores Worry French

By EDWIN L. JAMES. New York Times-Chicago Tribune Cable, Copyright 1920. Paris, May 27.—Who in the American army wore women's silk stockings? Who among Pershing's braves needed baby linen? These are two questions agitating Paris today. These articles have been found at Gievres in American military stocks sold to the French government. M. Emmanuel Brosse, in charge of representative stocks, has asked the representatives of the Paris department stores to have a look at these articles and he is more interested in their good quality than in reasons for their presence at Gievres.

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REPUBLICANS FEEL LIQUOR ISSUE IS DEAD

Neither "Wet Nor Dry" Plank Will Be Mentioned During National Convention at Chicago, Party Leaders Say.

CONSIDER QUESTION OF PROHIBITION SETTLED

Committeemen Interested in Statement by Senator Johnson That He Will Not "Bolt" If Not Nominated.

Chicago, May 27.—Beer, light wines and prohibition will not be mentioned in the republican national convention, if present plans of party leaders are carried out, it was learned today. Directors of the party's policies have decided that the question has been settled and neither a "wet" nor a "dry" plank, nor endorsement of any modification of the present "bone dry" rule will be incorporated in the platform, according to Samuel A. Perkins, national committeeman from Washington.

Interested in Johnson

National committeemen who are gathering here for the opening of the hearing on contests Monday received word yesterday that the reports of Senator Hiram W. Johnson's speech at Concord, N. C., in which he declared he would not "bolt" the convention if not nominated. The probable attitude of the senator in the event of defeat in the convention has been the source of speculation for weeks along "presidential row" and his pronouncement on the subject was received with visible relief.

Coliseum To Be Ready

With approval today by the city building inspector of the temporary galleries, installed to add 1,000 extra seats to the normal capacity of the Coliseum, Charles R. Hall, superintendent of the building, notified the convention committee that he would have the hall ready to turn over to the republicans late next week.

Italy May Upset All Reparation Divisions As Agreed to by Allies

New York Times-Chicago Tribune Cable, Copyright 1920. Paris, May 27.—Italy is threatening to upset the reparations divisions agreed to at Hythe by insisting on receiving 10 per cent of the reparations as agreed last year. But if France is to get 55, the British 25 and the Italians 10, that leaves only 10 per cent for Belgium, Serbia, Portugal and Roumania and all other nations.

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CONDEMN PALMER IN CONNECTION WITH RED DRIVE

Commission of 12 Attorneys Charge Persecution and Cruelty on Part of Department of Justice.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, May 27.—Charges of persecution, cruelty and lawlessness against officials and agents of the Department of Justice and condemnation of Attorney General Palmer in connection with the government's recent campaign against "reds" and radicals are contained in a report made public here today by a commission of 12 attorneys under the auspices of the National Popular Government League.

Western Railway Chief Requests Rate Increase

Great Western President Says Boost Necessary to Keep Pace With Business.

Washington, May 27.—Opening the case of western railroads, requesting a 24 per cent increase in freight rates, S. M. Felton, president of the Chicago & Great Western railway, told the Interstate Commerce commission today that additional returns were needed by the carriers to keep pace with business and serve the public welfare.

New York Girl Convicted Of Killing Her Sister

New York, May 27.—Miss Marie Tucci, 20, tried on a charge of first degree murder for the shooting of her sister, Mrs. Angelina Conti, March 8, was found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree. The jury reported its verdict after being out 11 hours and 30 minutes. Sentence was deferred.

Fire Losses for 1919 Show Decrease From Year Before

New York, May 27.—Fire losses in the United States during 1919 approximated \$325,000,000, as against \$350,000,000 in 1918, said F. C. Buswell, president of the National Board of Fire Underwriters at the fifty-fourth annual meeting of that organization. While the fire losses of last year showed some improvement, Mr. Buswell pointed out, the total was far higher than that of any other year in the country's history, save those of 1918 and 1906, the latter being the year of the San Francisco disaster. Mr. Buswell also reported that the total estimated loss by fire or insured properties alone during the last 20 years was \$4,407,941,689.

Ten Persons Are Injured In Oklahoma Train Wreck

Tulsa, Okla., May 27.—Ten persons were injured, none seriously, when an eastbound St. Louis and San Francisco passenger train left the rails five miles east of Keystone, a small town 25 miles west of here, late Thursday afternoon. The injured were brought to hospitals here.

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Measure Shorn of Provisions For Federalization of National Guard and Voluntary Training.

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Kansas Youth Found Not Guilty of Murder of Father and Mother

Lincoln, Kan., May 27.—Lee Bunch, 21 years old, charged with first degree murder in connection with the death of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bunch, last August, was found not guilty by a jury in the Lincoln county district court. The jury took only one ballot.

Negro Couple Convicted Of Death of Kansas Girl

Chicago, May 27.—Policeman Dorney Chambliss and Mrs. Emma Ross, both colored, were found guilty by a jury of abducting Bertha Wiebeck, 17-year-old white girl, with provision for shifting of unit officers. The summer training camp system is perpetuated to aid in developing reserve officers.

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WILSON EXCHANGES BLOWS WITH CONGRESS OVER KNOX PEACE PLAN AND MANDATE

President Vetoes Resolution Declaring War With Germany at an End Regardless of Treaty at Versailles—Says Method Would Be Stain on Honor of United States—Foreign Relations Body Rejects Plea of President to Accept Rule Over Armenia.

TEXT OF PAPER FROM PRESIDENT VETOING PEACE

Washington, May 27.—President Wilson's message vetoing the peace resolution of congress follows: "To the House of Representatives: I return, herewith, without my signature, house joint resolution 327, intended to repeal the joint resolution of April 6, 1917, declaring a state of war exists between the United States and Germany, and the joint resolution of December 7, 1917, declaring a state of war to exist between the United States and the Austro-Hungarian government, and to declare a state of peace. I have not felt at liberty to sign this joint resolution because I cannot bring myself to become a party to an action which would place ineffaceably the stain upon the gallantry and honor of the United States, because the resolution fails to accomplish the purposes for which the nation went to war as embodied in the rejected Versailles treaty.

Report Resolution to Senate

By a vote of 11 to 4 the committee reported to the senate a resolution providing that "congress hereby respectfully declines to grant the executive the power to accept a mandate over Armenia." Voting for the resolution were Senators Lodge, McCumber, Borah, Brandegee, Fall, Knox, Harding, Johnson, of California, and Wood and Moses, republicans, and Shields, democrat.

President Refused to Resubmit the Peace Treaty

The president refused to resubmit the peace treaty with the veto of the Knox peace resolution, as had been predicted by Senator Hitchcock, and information from the White House indicates that Mr. Wilson revised his plans and postponed the broadcast he contemplated unloading on the league of nations issue.

One Alternative Left

The only alternative left by the veto is repeal of the war legislation to which the democrats in the house committed themselves. Senator Borah is demanding this action but Mr. Porter thinks it would be a futile move, being convinced that the president would not measure withdrawing his extraordinary war time powers.

Whisky, Mash and Still Are Nabbed by Police in Two Raids

Fourteen gallons of whisky, 150 gallons of mash and a complete still were seized by Detective George Summitt and the police raiding squad yesterday in raids on the home of William Engle, 614 South Fifteenth street, and a residence at 1535 North Twentieth street.

Omaha Policeman Found Guilty of Taking \$20 Bribe

William J. Wilkenson, Omaha policeman, was found guilty of bribery by a jury in District Judge Sears' court. The trial lasted only half a day. The verdict was returned at 6 o'clock yesterday evening.

Two Pay Supreme Penalty For Murder of New York Man

Ossining, N. Y., May 27.—Walter Levandowski and Leo Jandowski were put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison Thursday. Both were convicted of murder in the first degree for killing John Gunther, a keeper in the Dannemora state hospital.

Six Killed in Explosion

London, May 27.—An explosion during experiments in the chemical laboratory of Muenster university resulted in the death of six students, says a wireless message from Berlin.