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## IllinoisCentral Presents Comparative

 Costs of Passenger FaresAmericans pay more for nearly everything they buy than do Euro-
peans They are able to pay more because their wages are relatively peans. They are able to pay more because their wages are relatively
higher. There is one notable exception, however-passenger transhigher. There is one notable exception, however-pas.
portation charges in this country are substantially lower.
Although there has been a recent increase in American passenger
fares, Americans still pay less for traveling accommodations than Europeans. The following is a comparison between passenger fares charged peans. The following is a comparison between passenger fares charged
inthe United States, the points being on the Illinois Central System,
and fares paid by Europeans traveling similar distances: and fares paid by Europeans traveling similar distances:

| FROM | то | Distance (Miles) |  | Sleeping Car Fare | R. R. Far R. R. Fare and Bert |
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| Jackson, Miss. <br> London, Eng. | .New Orleans, La. <br> . Manchester, Eng. | $\begin{gathered} 183.1 \\ 183.5 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ .13 \\ \mathbf{1 1 . 0 7} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ .65 \\ \hline 2.43 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13.750 \\ 1.78 \end{gathered}$ |
| Memphis, Tenn. Paris, France... | .Vicksburg, Miss. <br> Liege, Belgium | $\begin{aligned} & 228 \\ & 221 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 8.59 \\ 14.51 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4.05 \\ & 7.53 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{22.04}^{12.64}$ |
| St. Louis, Mo. London, Eng. . | Chicago <br> Carlisle, Eng | $\begin{aligned} & 294.2 \\ & 299 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11.24 \\ & 19.59 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4.05 \\ & 3.65 \end{aligned}$ | 15.29 23.24 |
| Chicago <br> Paris, France. | Fort Dodge, lowa. Geneva, Switzerland. | $\begin{aligned} & 374.6 \\ & 375.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 14.89 \\ & 25.68 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4.05 \\ & 14.63 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r}18.94 \\ \hline 40.31 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Sioux City, Iow Paris, France. | Chicago $\begin{aligned} & \text { Biarritz, } \\ & \text { France }\end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 509.6 \\ & 507.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20.15 \\ & 32.60 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 18.86 } \\ 18.31 \end{gathered}$ | ${ }_{50.91}^{25.01}$ |
| Chicago...... Paris, France. | Memphis, Tonn.... Milan, Italy | 526.7 522.5 | 21.15 47.59 | $\begin{gathered} \text { 22.08 } \\ 28.0 \end{gathered}$ | 69.71 |
| Birmingham, <br> Paris, France. | Chicago …. | $\begin{aligned} & 689.2 \\ & 687.2 \end{aligned}$ | 25.62 61.39 | $\begin{gathered} 8.10 \\ 27.56 \end{gathered}$ | 33.72 88.95 |
| Chicag | Jackson, Miss. ... | ${ }_{731.3}^{737.4}$ | 29.34 <br> 54.45 | $\begin{gathered} 8.91 \\ 32.00 \end{gathered}$ | 38.25 86.45 |
| $\xrightarrow{\text { Louiteville, }}$ Parit, France | worlent, Le.... | $\begin{aligned} & 787.4 \\ & 786 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 30.11 \\ & 93.13 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 8.91 \\ 2.96 \\ 24.96 \end{gathered}$ | 39.02 118.09 |

merican sleeping-car fares are for lower berths.
The American custom of handling, free of charge, as much baggage
as the ordinary passenger carries is unknown abroad. In addition, baggage rates in Europe are much higher than in the United States. This
condition should be considered in comparing passenger fares in the various countries.
In the United States the railroads collect a surcharge on sleeping car fares, which is included in the above table. This surcharge helps
to meet the cost of hauling the heavier cars required, in which fewer passengers During 1919 the Illino
each coach passenger carried, and $44-10$ gross tons of weight for each sleeping-car passenger carried. Not to collect the surcharge, there-
fore, would obviously be a discrimination against the coach passenger, and an injustice to the railroad.
The costs of facilitiés for rendering passenger service have increased
greatly. The average passenger coach cost $\$ 12,400$ in 1914; it now greatly. The average passenger coach cost $\$ 12,400$ in 1914; it now
costs $\$ 30,300$, an increase of 144 per cent. The average passenger osts $\$ 30,300$, a increase of 144 per cent. The average passenger
locomotive cost $\$ 20,000$ in 1914 ; it now costs $\$ 65,000$, an increase of 225 per cent. There have been heavy increases in the costs of wages, fuel and other material.
higher now than they were reasons why passenger fares are necessarily higher now than they were in former years.
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