

Profiteering Is Blamed for Bad Rail Situation

Decreased Prices Have Already Brought Large Measure of Relief, Economist For Unions Declares.

Chicago, April 22.—Wartime and postwar profiteering was held responsible for a large part of the financial difficulties of American railroads, in an exhibit filed by the railroad union before the railroad labor board today. Decreases in the cost of materials have already brought a large measure of relief to the roads, the exhibit said, and this should be taken into consideration before the employees' payroll is sliced.

The two industries in which profiteering was most rampant were those from which the roads purchased the bulk of their materials—the iron and steel industry and the coal mines, according to W. Jett Lauck, economist for the unions, who compiled the exhibit.

"A conservative estimate," he said, "of what this profiteering cost the railroads from 1916 to 1919 is \$75,000,000 a year in coal bills and \$200,000,000 for steel and iron products, including equipment and repairs from locomotive and car companies."

Estimates Conservative. "Prices in 1920 were increased to such an extent that the proportion attributable to profiteering was unquestionably much greater and would probably have totaled \$300,000,000," the exhibit continued. "It must be understood that these estimates are thoroughly conservative and are based upon information which is by no means complete."

"The railroads expended approximately \$700,000,000 for coal and \$1,210,300,000 for other materials and supplies in 1920, a total expenditure of about \$2,000,000,000. Since then there has been a decline in the cost of almost everything purchased by the railroads. According to figures published by the bureau of labor statistics, there was up to February, 1921, a decline of 38.1-2 per cent in average wholesale prices of all commodities, although the decrease in the cost of living in the same period was less than 10 per cent. If, as the railroads claim, this recession is to continue, it will be only a comparatively short time before an average decline of 50 per cent will be recorded.

Big Reduction in Expense. "It is plain what this would mean to the railroads. The same amount of materials purchased in 1920 will cost \$1,000,000,000 less. In other words, making no allowance for increased traffic and the consequent higher revenue at increased rates now in effect, railroad operating expenses would be reduced by this amount, which would be a direct addition to operating income."

On earnings of 17 companies, the exhibit showed that from an average percentage of 7.9 in 1912, the percentage rose to 27.2 in 1917, declining to 17.2 in 1918.

Illustrating profiteering in the iron and steel industry, Mr. Lauck continued: "During the prewar years, 1912-1914, 18 steel companies had an average net income of \$74,650,000. For the war years, 1916-1918, the income of these same corporations averaged approximately \$37,000,000, or almost exactly four and one-half times the prewar average."

The average profits of the United States Steel corporation for the years 1916-1918 were \$21,094,557, representing 24 per cent of its heavy and light capital stock. This was more than four times its prewar average of \$53,000,000."

Early Nebraska Settler Dies at Home of Daughter. William Lewis Foster, 91, early settler in Nebraska, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Barnhart, 3335 Pine street, yesterday morning after an extended illness.

Mr. Foster was born at Woodville, Miss., December 6, 1829. He came to Nebraska in 1857, settling at Tecumseh, where he engaged in business as a millwright. Since the death of his wife in 1917, he had made his home with his daughter here.

Two daughters, Mrs. Barnhart of Omaha and Mrs. Charles W. Pool of Lincoln, nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren survive. Funeral services will be held from the Barnhart residence Sunday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. Arthur Atack officiating. Grandsons will act as pallbearers.

Yates Not Named in Damage Suit Filed Over W. O. W. Row. It was stated erroneously in the Friday morning issue of The Bee that Frank G. Yates was one of the men accused by J. M. Ellsberry of pulling him from the runway of the stage and seriously injuring him during the Woodmen of the World convention at Columbus Monday. J. Raymond Loues and C. O. Bradshaw are the two men named as defendants in the \$15,000 suit filed Thursday afternoon by Ellsberry for alleged personal injuries and damages.

Commerce Sales Classes Design Sign for Building. The Omaha Sign company will choose one of the designs submitted by members of the advanced sales classes of the Omaha High School of Commerce for a sign to be placed in front of the store building in which the advanced sales classes carry on their work.

The Loose-Wiles Biscuit company, decorated one of the windows of the salesroom last week and the Skinner Manufacturing company sent up an expert to trim the other.

Omaha Bond Salesman To Wed at Columbus, O. Stewart Kirkpatrick, bond salesman for the Omaha Trust company, will be married Saturday morning in Columbus, O., to Miss Clara Miller of that city. Since last September, Miss Miller has been a teacher in the Omaha public schools. Mr. Kirkpatrick graduated from Grinnell college in Iowa and during the war was a lieutenant at the Fort Omaha balloon school. He served as assistant adjutant both at the fort and at Florence field.



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On May 3, 1916, City Commissioner DAN B. BUTLER introduced Ordinance No. 9390, reducing the primary electric light rate from 8 to 6 cents. On September 2, after a thorough investigation, the city council passed this ordinance.

On February 17, 1920, BUTLER introduced still another ordinance cutting the rate to 5 cents. This is the ordinance which was recently revived, amended to provide for a 5½-cent rate and recommended for final passage.



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Including those of fine quality tricotine, in tailored, flare and box effects—some with trimmings of embroidery and braid. These are suits of quality and are in styles, materials and prices not duplicated this season. Reduced for Saturday, **\$57.50**

Underpriced Dress Sale

Just by way of creating a real thrill of satisfaction to about 50 appreciative patrons, on Saturday we have taken that number of attractive dresses from regular stocks and greatly reduced them. There are crisp Taffetas, fresh Canton Crepes and Crepe de Chines in smart spring colorings and combinations, white ruffles, ribbons, tucks, plaits and unique trimming effects give individual touches that please. Reduced for Saturday, **\$29.00**

Springtime Underwear for Women

Beauty and Comfort in these Silk Top Union Suits, The Product of **Kayser** Bodice Top Sizes, 34 to 44. A Radical Price, **\$1.29**

Gingham House Dresses

In Billy Burke and "Waist Line" models of excellent grade of striped gingham in pink, blue, gray, green and lavender. One model has collar and cuffs of pique, while another one has self collar, prettily piped. Also there are a few broken sizes and slightly soiled dresses included. The values are exceptional. Sizes 36 to 46, inclusive. Saturday, special, **\$2.50**

Silk Envelopes—Nightgowns

Smartly fashioned of high grade crepe de chine—both tailored and frilly types trimmed with fine lace, ribbons and rosebuds. All garments cut full, large and a variety of styles.

Silk Envelopes at - \$3.95
Silk Nightgowns at \$5.95

Glassware

The Floor Below

A Closing-Out Group of Foreign and Domestic Stemware.

Imported goblets and sherbets, per dozen **\$14.75**

Domestic etched tumblers, ice tea glasses and low sherbets, per dozen **\$4.95**

Gold edge goblets and sherbets. A trifle irregular, at a very low price. Per dozen, **\$6.95**

Men's Things

—in wide assortment

The new spring selections have fashion's touch and yet retain the requisite of service.

Shirts, Gloves, Neckwear, Underwear FOR SATURDAY

A short knit union suit in special sleeved lisle. An excellent first change, each, **\$1.15**

Seamless socks at a price that created enthusiasm five years ago, per pair, **15c**

CHILDREN'S AND JUNIOR SECTION

Mother and daughter will be delighted and well repaid in shopping here Saturday on account of both price and variety.

Junior Suits

Grouped in three lots for a quick sale. There are wool jerseys, tweeds, mixtures and serges—all of them smart spring styles and suitable for school, street or sport wear. Reduced for Saturday—**\$13.75, \$19.75, \$23.75**

Individual Model Suits

For the junior girl or small woman. They are man tailored of fine tricotine and Chic in every line, white beads, braid and embroidery are deftly used. There are only 10 suits in the lot in navy and tan. These will be sold Saturday at a saving of from \$7 to \$15. Reduced for Saturday to—**\$39.50 to \$65.50**

A Dress Close Out

For juniors and small women at a saving of about one-third from regular prices. The styles are smart and refined. The materials are mainly of Taffeta, Serges and Foulards in attractive combinations and colors. Tiered effects, ruffles, beads and embroidery lend distinctive charm. Reduced for Saturday—**\$19.75 to \$29.75** A Saving of About ¼ From Regular Prices.

Outer Garments for Springtime

NEW COATS, CAPES AND WRAPS—Just the right weight for immediate wear. They come in basket weaves, pelis, soft velours, jerseys, tweeds and serges and in all the smart spring colors, including Tally-Ho Red.

For the Kiddies, sizes 2 to 12 years, **\$5.95, \$6.50 to \$19.50**

For the Juniors, sizes 12 to 16 years, **\$11.75, \$14.75 to \$26.50**

CHILDREN'S HATS AND TAMS—2 to 14 years—Spring has ushered in new straws—new colorings—new shapes. We have them and all most moderately priced—**\$2.75, \$5.50 to \$10.75**

Toilet Goods

Makes the following bids for your patronage.

- Pinnaud's Lilac Vegetal 95c
- City's L'Origan Face Powder, 85c
- Listerine Tooth Paste, 35c
- Cuticura Soap, 15c
- Mentholum, 15c
- Non Spi, 35c
- Resinol Soap, 25c
- Pond's Vanishing Cream 15c
- Mavis Talcum, 15c
- Hind's Honey and Almond Cream, 85c
- Pebeco Tooth Paste, 35c
- Haskin's Hard Water Castile Soap, 75c
- Pepsodent Tooth Paste, 85c

Cobb's Confection Specials

OPERA CREAM CARAMELS—Luscious blocks of soft creamy caramel that just melts in your mouth, filled with fresh cracked Texas pecans, flavored with vanilla and chocolate. A wonderful confection at the special price, per pound, 60c.

CHEWEY BUTTERSCOTCH—Most everyone loves butterscotch, especially the Cobb quality. Made rich with pure cream and that delicious buttery flavor that will delight you. Special, per pound, 50c.

CHOCOLATE BUTTER FUDGE—Another delicious confection of the superior kind. Center of mellow chocolate fudge and then dipped in a smooth rich milk chocolate that makes them doubly good. Specially priced, per pound, 80c.

SMOOTH SUGAR PEANUTS—Large crispy peanuts with a smooth jacket of sugar. Similar to the Jordan almonds. Special, per pound, 40c.

For Sunday Dinner

A Box of Our Famous Candies for the Hostess.

- Large selected almonds and Mints in Form of Fruits and Flowers.
- Apple Jelly Mints. Old Virginia Fruit Cake, Irresistible
- Marshmallows in Cream. Fresh Strawberry Ice Cream.

Ex-Service Men—

The bureau of war risk insurance will be located at the American Legion Booth, Builders' Show, Auditorium, up to Friday evening. Thereafter at Room 825, W. O. W. Bldg. Full information on reinstatement or conversion of your government insurance.