

### Railroad Wages Cut 12 Per Cent By Labor Board

Annual Saving to Roads Estimated at \$400,000,000—31 Labor Organizations on 104 Lines Affected.

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the second six months. Clerks with less than one year's experience, now receive \$120.

A new monthly schedule for floating equipment employees on ferries, tugs and steam lighters, gives captains \$200, engineers \$190, firemen and oilers \$140 per month. On lighters and barges, captains will receive \$120 to \$150, engineers \$140 to \$160 and mates \$100.

#### Unions' Attitude Uncertain.

The attitude of the railway unions toward the decreases ordered remains to be determined. The big brotherhoods are expected to meet here July 1, to consider the board's decision.

Claiming they were hard hit by the winter slump in business, railroad managements have been clamoring for lower wages and the decision will mark the first relief granted by the board since it set the advanced wage scale more than 10 months ago.

#### Drive Started in February.

The campaign for lower wages was begun in February, when Brig. Gen. W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania lines, first demanded the right to hire unskilled labor at the rate prevailing in each road's territory.

Provisions of the transportation act of 1920 require that before any dispute is referred to the labor board, both employes and employer shall have made a sincere effort to effect a settlement. In case no agreement can be reached, the case may be referred to the board by one or both parties.

#### Reductions Denied.

Following their hearings, the Erie, which had already put a reduction in force, was ordered by the board to restore the former rates and the New York Central was denied permission to make an immediate reduction, pending a hearing of the merits of the dispute.

After only one day's deliberation, the board made public a resolution on May 17, stating that prevailing conditions justified a readjustment downward and that a new wage order would be issued on or about June 1, to be effective July 1. The decision, however, is not as comprehensive as that which granted the \$600,000,000 wage increase to railway workers on July 20, 1920.

#### List of Roads Affected.

The following are the 104 roads affected: St. Louis-San Francisco; Chicago Great Western; Denver & Salt Lake; Boston & Albany; Boston Terminal; Pittsburgh & Lake Erie; Lake Erie & Eastern; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western; Lehigh Valley; Rutland; Gulf Coast Lines; Houston, Belt & Terminal; Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh; Toledo & Ohio Central; Zanesville & Western; Kanawha & Michigan; Kanawha & West Virginia; Staten Island Rapid Transit; Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe; Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe; Beaumont, Wharf & Terminal; Ann Arbor; New York, New Haven & Hartford; Central New England; Erie and subsidiaries; Central Union Depot & Railway of Cincinnati; Lehigh & New England; Chicago & North Western; Indiana Harbor Belt; New York Central; Maine Central; Portland Terminal; Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis and subsidiaries; Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis; Southern Pacific company; South Pacific lines in Texas and Louisiana; Grand Trunk; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; Illinois Central and subsidiaries; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific; Chicago, Rock Island & Gulf; Central Railroad of New Jersey; Cincinnati, Indianapolis & Western; Boston & Maine; New York, Ontario & Western; Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville; Texas Midland; Detroit Terminal; Monongahela; Great Northern; Buffalo, Susquehanna, Philadelphia & Reading and subsidiaries; Norfolk & Western; Northern Pacific; Minne-

### Princess Mary May Wed Serbian Ruler



Princess Mary, the only daughter of the king and queen of England, is, according to current rumors, engaged again. This time, so the reports go, it is a "really truly engagement" to Prince Alexander, regent of Serbia. Dame Rumor has even gone so far in this case as to say that the wedding will take place in August. The princess has been reported engaged many times.

Princess Mary was born April 25, 1897, and christened Princess Victoria Alexandra Alice Mary. She is an accomplished musician and equestrienne, very popular with the British people and considered the highest type of English beauty. Prince Alexander, who is now regent of Serbia, was born in 1883. He became regent of Serbia in 1919.

apolis & St. Louis; Michigan Central; Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis; Bangor & Aroostock; Union Pacific; St. Joseph & Grand Island; Oregon Short Line; Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company; Hocking Valley; Pittsburgh & West Virginia West Side Belt; Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie; Duluth South Shore; Mineral Range; Minnesota & International; Big Fork & International Falls; Chicago & Eastern Illinois; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; Wabash; Missouri & Texas; Wichita Falls & Northwestern; Missouri, Kansas & Texas; Texas; Belt Railway of Chicago; Baltimore & Ohio; Chicago Terminal; B. & O.; Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic; Maryland, Delaware & Virginia; Central Vermont; Chesapeake & Ohio; Chicago & Western Indiana; Chicago Junction railway; Denver & Rio Grande; El Paso & Southwestern; Fort Worth & Denver City; Wichita Valley; International & Great Northern; Indianapolis Union; Kansas City Terminal; Kansas City Southern; Los Angeles & Salt Lake; Lake Erie & Western; Fort Wayne, Cincinnati & Louisville; Long Island; Louisville & Nashville; Missouri Pacific; Northwestern Pacific; Pennsylvania lines; Pere Marquette; Tennessee Central; Western Maryland; Western Pacific.

### Relatives Fail to Break Will Leaving Estate to Friends

Villisca, Ia., May 31.—(Special.)—It required but 20 minutes for a jury in district court at Red Oak to decide that David Whitmyer of Villisca was of sound mind when he made a will giving the bulk of his \$100,000 estate to a business associate, cutting off his relatives with a paltry \$12,000.

The case was on trial before Judge Woodruff for nine days and nearly 100 witnesses were examined. The will was contested by nine nephews and nieces of Whitmyer. The will gave the major part of the big estate to Frank Pierson, a business associate of Whitmyer. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McMan and their daughter were bequeathed \$2,000 each and Mrs. Gaskill, another friend of Whitmyer, was given his home. None of these beneficiaries are relatives of Whitmyer.

### Baby Alligator Is Worn for a Brooch



Mrs. Franklin Hobbs of San Francisco, photographed while "wearing" her baby alligator pet. Mrs. Hobbs, who formerly lived in Boston, obtained the baby alligator while touring the south by motor. The little "gator" sleeps in the pockets of Mrs. Hobbs' coat and at night is turned loose in the bathtub.

### Harding Plans Early Relief For Railroads

Immediate Payment of Compensation and Funding of Debts to Government Considered.

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, May 31.—To relieve the financial plight of the railroads as a vital step in reviving business, President Harding is considering the adoption of the following policy of government assistance:

1. Immediate payment to the railroads of \$400,000,000 due in compensation from the period of government operation and payment as fast as adjusted, of the railroad under maintenance and other claims, the total remaining amount which the government is obligated to pay the railroads under these heads being estimated at \$1,800,000,000.

2. Funding of the railroads' \$800,000,000 debt to the government for capital expenditures into 15-year, 6 per cent obligations.

Under the present system of deducting the government's contribution from the amounts it owes the railroads, the amounts the railroads owe the government. Under the policy the president is considering, the government would proceed to pay what it owes carriers and give them 15 years to pay their debt to the government.

#### Discussed by Cabinet.

The proposal was discussed at the cabinet meeting today and later at luncheon to which the president invited Senator Cummins, chairman of the senate committee on interstate commerce, and James C. Davis, director general of railroads. Senator Cummins approved the plan the president is considering, but took issue with President Harding's belief that freight rates should be reduced immediately.

Senator Cummins said the government acknowledges \$900,000,000 of the railroads' claims and pointed out that President Harding had authority to order the payment of this amount. He expects one of the principal railroads to institute suit in the court of claims at an early date for settlement of its claims, which will form the basis of the settlement of all the claims.

#### Opposed to Rate Reductions.

"It is all very well to talk of rate reductions. But rates cannot be reduced at this time. They cannot be reduced until the cost of operation comes down. There are some hopeful signs in that direction, but when we propose to cut rates, we must be prepared to face a deficit of \$600,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000, which the government would have to pay under present conditions. We don't want to force the roads back into government operation because they probably would cost the government from \$1,000,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000 annually."

Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania, told the senate committee that the question of the financing of the remainder of the \$1,200,000,000 capital expenditures by the government is vital to the roads at this time. Transcontinental railroad freight rates are being altered to meet ocean competition between the Atlantic and the Pacific via the Panama canal. Edward Chambers, vice president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, told the committee.

#### Competitive Basis.

"We shall fix the rates from San Francisco to New York to meet the water carriers," Mr. Chambers said, "and then modify the interior rate structure so that Kansas City, Chicago and Cincinnati for instance, will get the same rate as that of New York and producers in all points will be placed on a competitive basis."

Mr. Chambers discussed Panama canal competition, declaring that the water rates should be regulated. "Reasonable rates should be fixed," Mr. Chambers said. "The public will be better served. Between the ports of the United States, the water carriers should be under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce commission and the rates should be high enough to allow the Panama canal to pay interest on the costs of construction."

Repeal of the provisions of the transportation act, which declare that rail freight rates shall be fixed to provide adequate return to the roads on their actual valuation, is provided in a bill being drafted by Representative Sweet of Iowa, republican, member of the house interstate and foreign commerce committee.

#### Memorial Services Held at Stanton

Stanton, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—Memorial services here, in charge of the American Legion, were held on the court house lawn with the G. A. R. and Spanish-American veterans as honored guests. George A. Eberly was the orator of the day. The regular memorial services were held at the Stanton cemetery.

#### Bluffs Youth Catches 8 3-4-Pound Fish at Lake

Walter Gray, 15, 1722 Sixth Avenue, Council Bluffs, has made the largest catch at Lake Manawa so far this season. He landed a channel catfish weighing 8 3/4 pounds. It measured two feet and four inches in length. The combined strength of both Gray and a young companion was required to haul in the big fish.

#### Chautauqua Dates Set

Upland, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—The Upland chautauqua will be held June 22 to 26. A very strong program has been arranged. The local committee in charge consists of August Imhof, chairman; R. Lohr, E. Arnold, Dr. N. T. Johnson and Fred Mason.

#### Salesman Killed by Girl

Texarkana, Ark., May 31.—Claude A. Dunigan, 30, a salesman, last night was shot and killed by a 14-year-old girl who, according to police, said she fired at Dunigan when he appeared at her bedroom window.

### Memorial Services Are Held at Minden

Minden, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—Memorial day was observed in Minden with services conducted by Strong post, No. 91, of the G. A. R., assisted by women of Strong circle, No. 4, Ladies of the G. A. R. and members of the local post of the American Legion. The first part of the services was conducted at the Minden auditorium, in charge of the G. A. R. post.

### 4,000 Pay Tribute to Vets at Blue Springs

Blue Springs, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—Nearly 4,000 people gathered in the cemetery here on Memorial day to pay tribute to soldiers and sailors of this country. Over 500 automobiles lined the road on which marched soldiers of the Civil war, Woomen's Relief corps, American Legion, Spanish-American War Veterans, women's auxiliary of

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the American Legion and Daughters of the American Revolution. H. E. Sackett of Beatrice was orator of the day. Boy Scouts, under the direction of Scoutmaster Roy M. Smith, had gathered great quantities of evergreen branches and these were reverently laid on the base of the monument as the procession passed slowly around it.

### Military Funeral Held at Stanton for Overseas Vet

Stanton, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—Stanton post of the American Legion had charge of the military funeral for Fred Frank Belz, who died in France October 27, 1918, while in the service. At the cemetery Rev. Ph. Martin held a short service. Fred Belz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Belz, was born in this county September 16, 1895. His entire life was spent on the Belz farm until May, 1918, when he entered the field artillery at Camp Dodge, sailing for France in the early part of September. He died at a French hospital.

# June Sales at Thompson-Belden's Bring the Lowest Prices of the Season

## Compare These Silks in Quality and Price Savings Are Unusual

### Our Entire Stock of Novelty Sport Silks, \$4.95 a yard

From the best American manufactures. All of the most desirable weaves, new this season. Attractive silk crepes, Canton crepes, silk and wool crepes included. Every yard reduced to \$4.95.

### Summer White Silks Repriced

Exceptional values in white silk skirtings—dress silks and silks for blouses. Nearly all of our best white silks are repriced.

### 36-inch Heavy Silk Tricolette, \$1.50

This is a choice quality, free from flaws—all colors.

### 40-inch Silk Crepe de Chine Heavy Quality in All Colors, \$1.95

### Black Silks, \$1.75 a yard

Taffetas, Satins, Poppins. A clearance at this price.

### 40-inch Silk Foulards, \$2.50

New patterns—\$2.50 a yard.

### 33-inch Tub Silks, \$1.98

Attractive hair line stripe; also plain silk La Jerz, colors and white.

### 36-inch Pure Dye Chiffon Taffeta Wednesday, \$2.49 a yard

A table of sport silks, short lengths, that will be closed out for only \$2.95 a yard. Lingerie satins, \$1.98.



## June Apparel Economies Are Pleasant to Contemplate

Because the garments offered are fashionably new and of a quality that will never prove disappointing.

## Spring Suits, Dresses, Wraps, Coats, Blouses, Our Entire Stock

In sufficient variety to assure a selection that is becoming. A sale of spring clothes so early in the summer makes it possible to complete vacation wardrobes at a very desirable saving.

Priced at Their Lowest Level Wednesday

A Small Charge for Alteration Service

### Pure Linen Huck Towels 65c and \$1

This is a value that reminds one of prewar days, for linen huck of this quality, hemstitched, is unusual at this price. Guest towels are 65c each. Larger ones, \$1 each.

Linens—Main Floor

### June Sales in Toilet Goods

Prophylactic Penetrator hair brushes for 79c. Physicians' and surgeons' soap on sale for 7 1/2c.

Krank's lemon cream is excellent for 79c a jar.

Center Aisle—Main Floor

### Fowne's Silk Gloves for \$1.29

Two-clasp, washable silk gloves with double-tipped fingers and Paris point or three rows of embroidered stitching on the back, are priced Wednesday, \$1.29 a pair.

### Madeira and Armenian Lace Handkerchiefs 98c Each

Finest linen is used and the handiwork is exquisite.

North Aisle—Main Floor

### Hair Nets for Only 50c a dozen

Sonia and Opera nets, very durable and a good size, may be had in either cap or fringe shapes in all colors, for 50c a dozen.

Notions—Main Floor

### New Pumps of Gray Suede \$9.85 a pair

Pearl gray is softly harmonious with summer frocks.

Two styles are offered, one with a wide, cut out instep strap, the other with two narrow straps, both with hand-turn soles and Louis heels.

### Fine Cotton Union Suits for 89c

Globe and Richelieu suits are a good value at this price. These have either band or bodice tops and wide or tight knees. Selling Wednesday for 89c.

Second Floor

### Stamped Bath Towels 50c

Attractive designs on towels of an excellent quality, in the June sale, 50c each.

Artneedlework—Second Floor

### Black Silk Lisle Hose for 75c

A sturdy stocking that we recommend especially for gymnasium wear and hiking. A very good economy, too, at 75c a pair.

## Hats for Sport Wear

Their colors recommend them, vivid orange, rose, green, gold or all white, as well as darker navies and rich browns.

Soft hand-made taffetas and good looking straws are fashioned into shapes and sizes to please every taste.

\$5 \$7.50 \$10

A pleasing group at each price.

Millinery—Fourth Floor

## Six Sales for Men

### Delpark Collars, 35c—Three for \$1

Harvard, Astor, Copley, La Salle, Ambassador, Biltmore, Chamberlain and Commodore.

### Neckwear, 55c

All silk ties made with "slip easy" bands for summer comfort. The patterns are highly desirable.

### Arrow and Eagle Shirts for \$1.25

The low price is better appreciated when one examines the qualities. Soft and starched cuff styles in sizes 13 1/2 to 18.

### Handkerchiefs of Pure Irish Linen, 35c—Three for \$1.

### Pajamas for \$2.35

A special that is timely. Nainsook and percales. Sizes A, B, C, D.

### Night Shirts, \$1.25

Extra large and comfortable, in sizes 16 to 20 inclusive. Regular sizes, 15 to 20. Short or long sleeves. Faultless and Universal makes (none better).