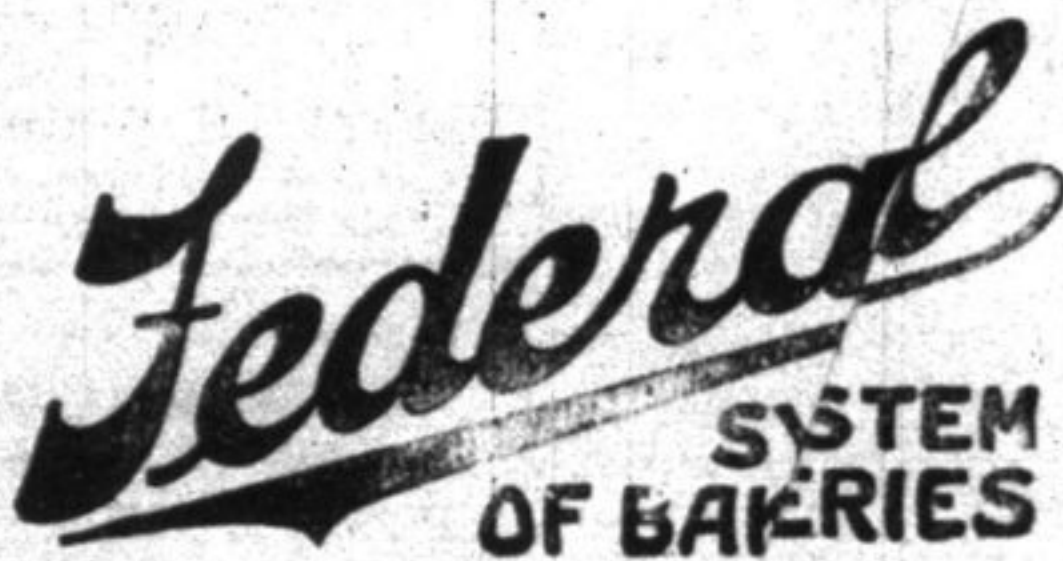


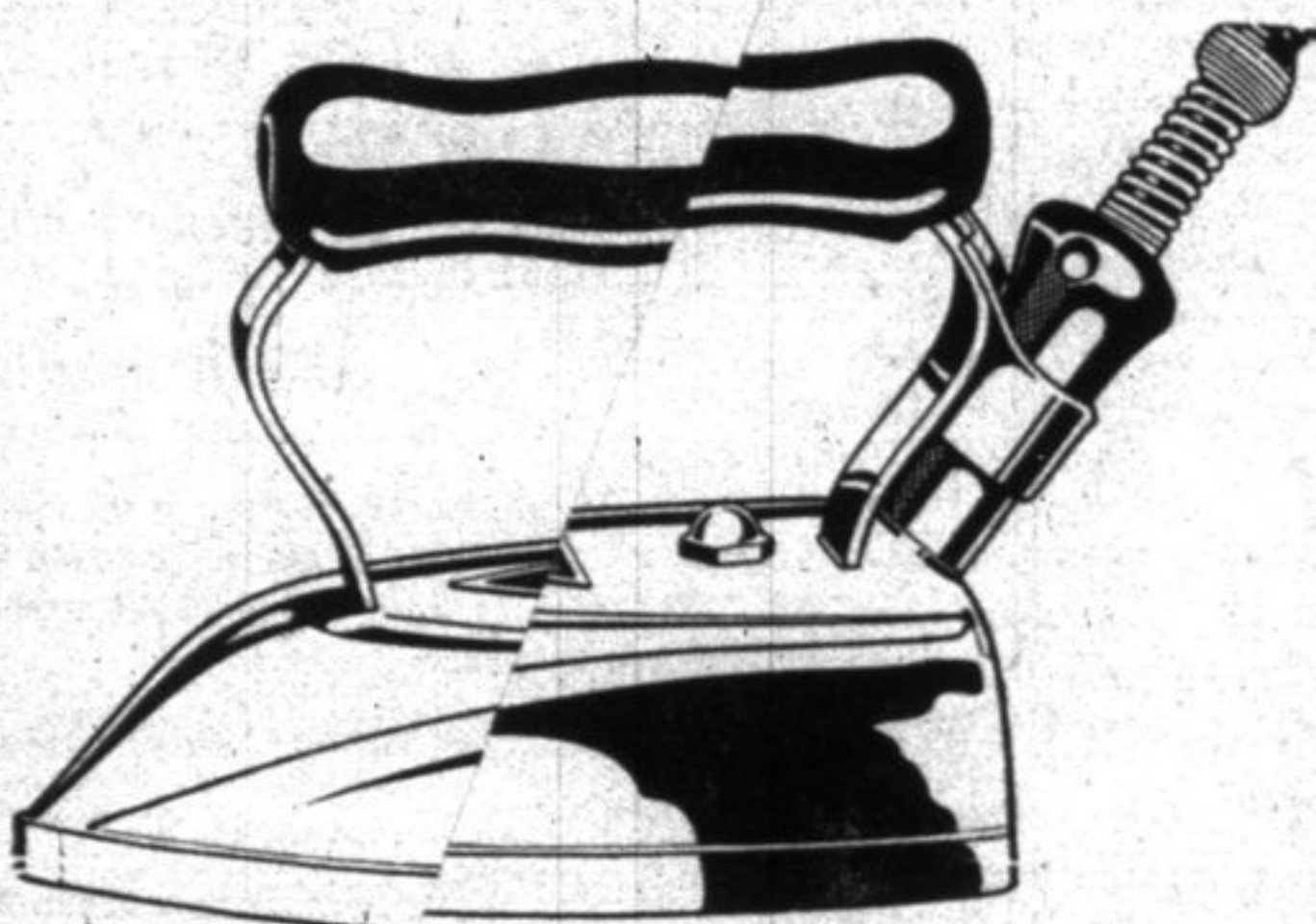


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North Shore Line Makes Fare Increases Granted By Interstate Commission

Announcement has been made by officials of the Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee railroad that, effective November 1, the passenger rate of fare on all interstate traffic is 3 cents a mile. The present rate which has been in force since September 1, is 2.7 cent a mile.

Authority to charge the increased rate was granted by the interstate commerce commission on a showing made by the electric road that under the present rate of fare it is unable to meet operating expenses and earn a reasonable return on the actual value of the property.

The new rate, which is considerably lower than is charged on the steam railroads, applies only to interstate business, but the company has filed a petition with the interstate commerce commission asking that the new rate be made uniform between all points on the line from Chicago to Milwaukee and thus wipe out the discriminatory interstate rates. No action has yet been taken on the petition so that for the present the rates on interstate travel will remain as they are in both Wisconsin and Illinois.

Increased cost of operation, due principally to the higher wages paid to the employees is given by the company as the reason for asking for additional revenue. While the gross earnings of the company have steadily increased as a result of the heavy travel on the electric line the net earnings are said to have steadily been decreasing.

Operation into the heart of Chicago while proving a great convenience to travelers is said to have added more than \$500,000 a year to the operating expenses. Since August 1, 1918, the employees of the company have been granted two wage advances, aggregating \$660,000 a year. The increase in the cost of electrical energy and coal to heat the cars is said to be costing the company about \$80,000 a year more than it did a year ago.

Officials say the policy of the company has been to keep fares as low as possible and endeavor to meet the rising costs of operation by increasing the volume of business. In August last year the net earnings of the company were at the rate of 3.4 per cent per year on the actual value of the property. An increase in rates was granted September 1, which the company at the time hoped would prove sufficient, but which proved inadequate. Although exceptional conditions made the earnings for September unusually heavy, they were only at the rate of 4.8 per cent a year, while the company has been paying a rate of 9 per cent on capital borrowed to carry on its business.

For these reasons, the officials say, the new rate of fare is absolutely essential to enable the road to continue giving the public the character of service that it demands and to which it has grown accustomed.

AMERICAN RED CROSS
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Armistice Day to Thanksgiving Day—Nov. 11 to Nov. 25.
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Your membership in the Red Cross will continue to help in the following activities of the Chicago Chapter.

The Department of Home Service which last year helped the families of 32,535 needy soldiers and sailors. These men crossed the seas for you.

The Department of Disaster Preparedness. Three times in less than one year this department showed its ability for quick action. When incendiary fires back of the yards drove 608 people into the streets, the Red Cross furnished 1079 garments and administered food and money to start anew. After the race riots, when 20,000 colored men were temporarily idle, the packers offered to underwrite expense, if the Red Cross would distribute supplies. The quick relief given not only kept many from starvation, but did much to quiet unrest of 20,000 idle men. When a tornado struck Melrose Park and vicinity, the Red Cross appropriated \$10,000 for first relief, opened stations and co-operated with the local committees in furnishing food, clothing and shelter, and later helped in the distribution of \$234,683.87. Through this cooperation many homes were rebuilt which otherwise would have been lost. In case of fire, flood or

any other disaster this department is ready to serve your city.

Thru the Teaching Center Department, thousands of Chicago and Cook county women have learned how to care for their sick, in an emergency. The Department of First Aid with its Sanitary Training Departments and classes in Water First Aid may save the life of one near you. The Bureau of Junior Activities' aim is to train children for citizenship, through service. Your dollar membership will help in all this work.

The Red Cross program for the coming year consists of the following activities:

Department of Home Service: Care of needy ex-soldiers and their families.

Disaster Preparedness: Help given to victims of tornado, fire, flood, etc.

Teaching Center: Teaching of Home Nursing and Dietetics.

First Aid: Lessons in First Aid.

Bureau of Junior Activities: Teaching children home care of the sick and promoting good citizenship.

MRS. LYSANDER HILL ADRESSES FRENCH CLUB

Will Give Series of Talks Before Alliance Francaise, Chicago. Begin Nov. 4

A series of eight talks on French History will be given by Mrs. Lysander Hill on Thursday mornings at 11 o'clock at the library of the Alliance Francaise, 406 Fine Arts building, Chicago, beginning November 4. The talks will deal with the Crusades, The Hundred Years War, The Revolution and The Great War. The proceeds will be donated to the Refugee Children of France.

The French Conversation classes of the Alliance will be held on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, for beginners and for intermediate students. These classes were very popular last season.

The library of the Alliance contains more than eight thousand volumes, besides current periodicals.

Many interesting activities are planned for the coming season. There will be a Children's Hour of French Songs and Games on Saturdays at 10:30 directed by Mile. Odette Fourgeaud. Mme. Mercedes Devries Schmit will continue her classes in French Diction for the staging of French plays for adults and children. The Tuesday seires will be resumed shortly, and the lecturers, already engaged for the lecture course, are brilliant and distinguished.

MANGANESE DEPOSITS IN THE WESTERN STATES

During 1917 and 1918, when there was a shortage of manganese ore and a possibility of greater shortage, the deposits throughout the country were actively exploited, and every one reported was examined, in order to determine its probable size and the grade of material it would yield. Geologists of the State and National Surveys examined about 1,200 deposits. Some valuable deposits were discovered, but many that were examined can not yield much ore.

The United States Geological Survey of the Department of the Interior has just published two reports that describe manganese deposits in Colorado and Wyoming. The only deposit that was known in Wyoming in 1918 consists of manganese oxides in limestone, and lies near the head of Sheep Creek, Albany County, 88 miles north of Medicine Bow. A small quantity of rather high grade ore was shipped from this deposit.

Nine groups of deposits in Colorado were also examined, and seven of them are described in one of the reports just issued. Reports on the deposits of manganiferous ore at Leadville and Red Cliff have already been published. Four groups of deposits lie near Salida, Chaffee County; one near Iola, Gunnison County; one near Moffat, Saguache County, and one near Cedar, San Miguel County. Ore has been shipped from some of these deposits, and others could yield small quantities of high-grade ore, but probably none can be worked with profit except when, as in 1917 and 1918, a great shortage exists and prices are much higher than those now offered.

Copies of these reports may be obtained free by applying to the Director of the United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C. The deposit in Wyoming is described in Bulletin 715-C, and the deposits in Colorado in Bulletin 715-D; both by E. L. Jones, Jr.

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