

### GRADUAL REDUCTION IN FREIGHT SAVING

#### IS EXPLAINED BY EXPERT

#### Committee of Public Relations of Railroad Group Tells How Economy Is Aiding Growth

The gradually-decreasing average rate for carrying a ton of freight one mile over a period of six years has resulted in a saving of 900 million dollars in the nation's 1927 freight bill, said C. D. Morris of the Western Railways' Committee on Public Relations, Chicago, before the Lions club of Maywood, recently.

The average ton mile rate for the year 1921 was 1.275 cents. This average rate has decreased annually since 1921 until for the first eight months of the present year it was 1.075 cents. This constitutes a reduction of approximately 16 per cent in the average rate charged for freight service, and that at a time when the roads as a whole were not earning a fair return on the amount they had invested in their property.

#### Decrease in Revenues

In the first nine months of this year the freight revenues of our Class I roads were 54 million dollars less than for the corresponding months of last year, or an average of six million dollars each month. But this is not all. During the same nine months there was a decrease of 47 million dollars in passenger and nine million in express and other revenues, so that the aggregate revenues of Class I railroads were 110 million dollars less in the first nine months of this year than during the same period last year. Operating and other expenses were some lower during the nine-month period this year than last, but not sufficiently so to absorb this large loss in revenues. Net operating revenues, therefore, for the first nine months of 1927 were \$82,500,000 less than in the corresponding months of 1926.

Some portion of this loss in revenues was due to decreased traffic, notwithstanding the carloadings during the first four months of the year were almost half a million in excess of the corresponding period last year. From May 1st on, however, carloadings have been less each month than they were last year. The decreased average rate for both freight and passenger service, along with the decreased traffic, constitutes a loss of serious consequence to the carriers and one they ought not be called upon to suffer. During this nine-month period there has been but little reduction in railroad taxes and none whatever in the cost of labor, so that the loss falls upon the net returns of the railroads alone.

#### Saving in Operation

But for the saving accomplished through economies in operation in recent years, net railway income this year would have shown a much heavier decrease than has actually occurred. By the continual investment of large sums each year in railway betterments and modern equipment the roads have been able to lower their operating costs. Modern locomotives have made possible a large saving in fuel, the pulling of heavier trains and at increased speed; better and larger freight cars have made possible heavier tonnage per car and per train, thereby decreasing the operating cost per unit of service. In this way only vast economies have been effected by the railroads over a period of years, which suggests the necessity for a continuation of this betterment program in both facilities and equipment in the years to come.

### AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTS LEADING IN ONTARIO

In the point of production value, automobile manufacturing leads Ontario industries with an output value of \$110,835,380 while electric light and power leads in capitalization with \$356,375,495.

In the nine groups into which all industry has been divided, vegetable products occupies first place in value of production over the iron and steel group. These figures were recently compiled from various authentic sources by Si Mayer, president of the Automobile Club of Illinois, and vice-president of the American Motorists association, and shows what activity concentrates throughout this section.

Canadian tourist traffic for the last two years has resulted in an unusual amount of new hotel construction. One hundred seventy-three hotel and club building contracts were let in the first nine months of 1927, with a value of \$15,464,700.00, states Mr. Mayer.

### "LUCKY NUMBER" PRIZE CONTEST ARE ILLEGAL

"Lucky numbers" of any sort are taboo under Illinois laws according to a recent ruling by Attorney General Oscar E. Carlstrom. An opinion to this effect was handed down to the state's attorney of Union county, where in a certain town the merchants gave tickets with purchases, the lucky number winning a \$25 prize. The attorney general quoted a supreme court case in which illegal lottery was defined as one which contemplates distribution of prizes by chance and a chance to win or lose by the drawing.

### BRITISH LEGION TO SEND MISSION, PLAN TO IMPROVE RELATIONS

#### Recent Invasion of Europe by Second A. E. F. Prompts Return of Visit by English Veterans

By increasing mutual understanding and friendly relations between the United States and Great Britain a visit to this country by members of the British Legion or the British Empire Service League would be a great aid in further promotion of world peace, said Howard P. Savage, retiring national commander of the American Legion in an interview in Chicago.

Mr. Savage has returned to his home in Chicago after having led more than 20,000 war veterans on a pilgrimage to Paris, France, for the annual convention of the American Legion, after which he headed a smaller group on a visit to six European countries. It was at a reception in London that Mr. Savage told British veterans that he looked forward to the time when they could make a similar journey to the United States.

Members of both the British Legion, which is confined to veterans in the British Isles, and the British Empire Service League, which includes those in the Dominions as well, evinced considerable interest in the possibility of making such a good-will tour, Mr. Savage reported. He said they questioned him and other Americans in detail concerning the financial plan under which the American veterans made the trip and made careful inquiry about arrangements which preceded this return to Europe of the American Expeditionary Forces.

Whether it would be possible for the British veterans to work out a plan for a visit to this country, Mr. Savage said he was not competent to predict, as he did not know enough of their financial situation, but he was certain that there was a sentiment among them that such a pilgrimage would be a help toward world peace. Earl Haig, president of the British Legion, said they hoped to go to France on such a mission, Mr. Savage reported.

#### For Better Understanding

Because there are closer ties between war veterans than exist between many other groups, and because these men know the necessity of peace, visits of the veterans of one nation to the homes of veterans of another country must result in a better understanding, he continued.

The visit of the American Legion to Europe gave people there an entirely new conception of the average American, Mr. Savage continued. "They saw us as we are and we saw them as they are," he said, declaring that the same sort of clearer understanding probably would result between the United States and Great Britain if British veterans were to visit this country.

### USE ELECTRICITY TO CLEAR OUT FISH POND

Electricity has recently been applied to scientific fish-farming by engineers in Germany with a series of experiments that have attracted wide attention.

In fish-farming the ponds must be cleared at least once a year of all predatory fish or otherwise undesirable fish that may have found their way into the water. This has been possible hitherto only by draining the ponds and picking out those fish not wanted.

By the new method large ponds have been completely freed of undesirable occupants. A bare copper cable was laid lengthwise along the bottom of the pond, and another cable was held on the surface with floats. A 380-volt alternating current was sent through both cables, which were drawn from one side of the pond to the other. It was found that every fish within a distance of 16 feet of either cable became unconscious when the current was turned on and floated to the surface. Men in boats picked up all trespassers. The remaining fish regained consciousness almost as soon as the current was turned off.

A second test indicated that every undesirable fish had been brought to the surface and captured during the first application of the current.

### EIGHT-HOUR DAY IN ILLINOIS INDUSTRY

Survey of the working time during October in the industries of Illinois, just completed by the department of labor, shows that forty-four percent of all establishments and fifty-one percent of all employees worked eight hours a day.

The eight-hour day was general in the mining and building industries, with less than 25 per cent of the workers employed more than that time. In manufacturing industries the working day was somewhat longer. The survey shows sixty-four percent of all Illinois factories worked nine hours a day or more, and in fifty-nine per cent of all the manufacturing establishments employees worked for more than a forty-eight hour week.

Industrial conditions show that fifty-nine per cent of all the manufacturing industries are working a five and one-half day week.

### NOTICE OF LETTING CONTRACT

BOARD OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received for the construction of a concrete system of water mains in Eastview Road, Summit Road, Ridgeway Road, Old Briar Road, Summit Road, Shannon Court and Poplar Road, all in the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, as a whole in accordance with the ordinance hereon.

Said bids will be received by the Board of Local Improvements at its office in the City Hall, Highland Park, Illinois, until 7:45 p.m. on the 9th day of January, 1928, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

The specifications and blank proposals will be furnished at the office of the Board of Local Improvements in the City Hall of said City.

The contractor will be paid in bonds, which bonds will draw interest at the rate of six per cent per annum.

The successful bidder for the construction of said improvement will be required to enter into a bond in a sum equal to one-third of the amount of his or their bid with sureties to be approved by the President of the Board of Local Improvements when entering into the contract for the construction of said improvement.

All proposals or bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the President of the Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park in the sum of \$1000.00.

Said proposal must be delivered to the President of the Board of Local Improvements in person or by mail at the time and place fixed herein for the opening of the same.

No proposal or bid will be considered unless accompanied by check herein provided.

The Board of Local Improvements reserves the right to reject any or all bids if they deem it best for the public interest.

BENJAMIN F. LEWIS, WM. J. BROWN, LYLE GOUBLEY, W. M. RAY, Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park.

Dated at Highland Park, Illinois, December 19, A.D., 1927. 43-44

### NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake, and State of Illinois, has filed in the County Court of Lake County, Illinois, a certificate that the following improvement has been completed, and that it conforms substantially to the requirements of the original Ordinance for the construction of same, to-wit:

For the cost of construction of grading, drainage, paving with Portland Cement Concrete, and otherwise improving Washington Avenue from the southerly line of the present pavement in Washington Avenue, southerly to the East Limits of the City of Highland Park, Lake County, Illinois.

Highwood Special Assessment of said Court Docket Number 106, and that application has been made to said Court to consider and determine whether or not the facts stated in said certificate are true. That a hearing will be had upon said application on Tuesday, the 18th day of January, A.D., 1928, at the hour of ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the County Court Room of said Court, in the County Court House at Waukegan, in said Lake County.

Objections may be filed to said application on or before the hour of ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon of said day.

JOSEPH SEVERSON, HERMAN SWANSON, EDGAR C. RENSON, E. J. BUCKREIS, Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park.

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For the cost of the construction of a fifteen (15) inch vitrified bell and socket sewer pipe additional outlet sanitary sewer for the proper disposition of the sanitary sewage system of the City of Highland Park, partly within and partly without the City of Highland Park, and through which the said sewer from within the system of said City will pass to promote the health and improve sanitary condition of the City of Highland Park.

Highwood Special Assessment of said Court Docket Number 102, and that application has been made to said Court to consider and de-

termine whether or not the facts stated in said certificate are true. That a hearing will be had upon said application on Tuesday, the 18th day of January, A.D., 1928, at the hour of ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the County Court Room of said Court, in the County Court House at Waukegan, in said Lake County.

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For the cost of improving by grading, drainage, and paving with Portland Cement Concrete, and otherwise improving Sard Place and Summit Avenue, Maple Avenue, Wendale Avenue, Oak Avenue and Burtia Avenue, all in the City of Highland Park, County of Lake, and State of Illinois.

Highwood Special Assessment of said Court Docket Number 107, and that application has been made to said Court to consider and determine whether or not the facts stated in said certificate are true. That a hearing will be had upon said application on Tuesday, the 18th day of January, A.D., 1928, at the hour of ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the County Court Room of said Court, in the County Court House at Waukegan, in said Lake County.

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