

RAILROADS SHOW NEED OF INCREASED RATES

Opening Statement Sets Out That Revenues Have Fallen of \$53,000,000, While Expenses Grow.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—President Daniel E. Willard, of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, chairman of the committee of railroad presidents, made the opening statement before the interstate commerce commission today for the eastern railways in their application for increased freight rate, based on the world finance exigency due in a great measure to the European war.

"The needs of the carriers are pressing and immediate," he declared. "The actual situation has become extremely critical.

"The roads are seeking a flat increase of 5 per cent in freight rates throughout the territory east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers.

The annual statements of all the railroads involved in this proceeding combined, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, show roundly that the total operating revenues during that year were approximately \$53,000,000 less than during the previous year, while the operating expenses during the same period were approximately \$18,000,000 greater.

The net operating income of these companies for the period amounted to \$258,000,000 or approximately \$77,700,000 less than was earned during the previous year and equal to but 3.98 per cent upon the property investment, a lower return than was shown at any time in fifteen years."

TAFT DINES WATTERSON.

Kentucky Editor and President Wilson End Differences.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—A luncheon, given in his honor by former President Taft, was the final incident in the visit to Washington of Henry Watterson. Mr. Watterson, who, following his call on President Wilson, had planned to leave for New York last night, decided to remain over when he received Mr. Taft's invitation.

Col. Watterson's presence at the white house brought to an end the differences existing between President Wilson and George Harvey, former editor of Harper's Weekly, and Mr. Watterson. His visit, like that of Mr. Harvey's recently, was on the invitation of President Wilson.

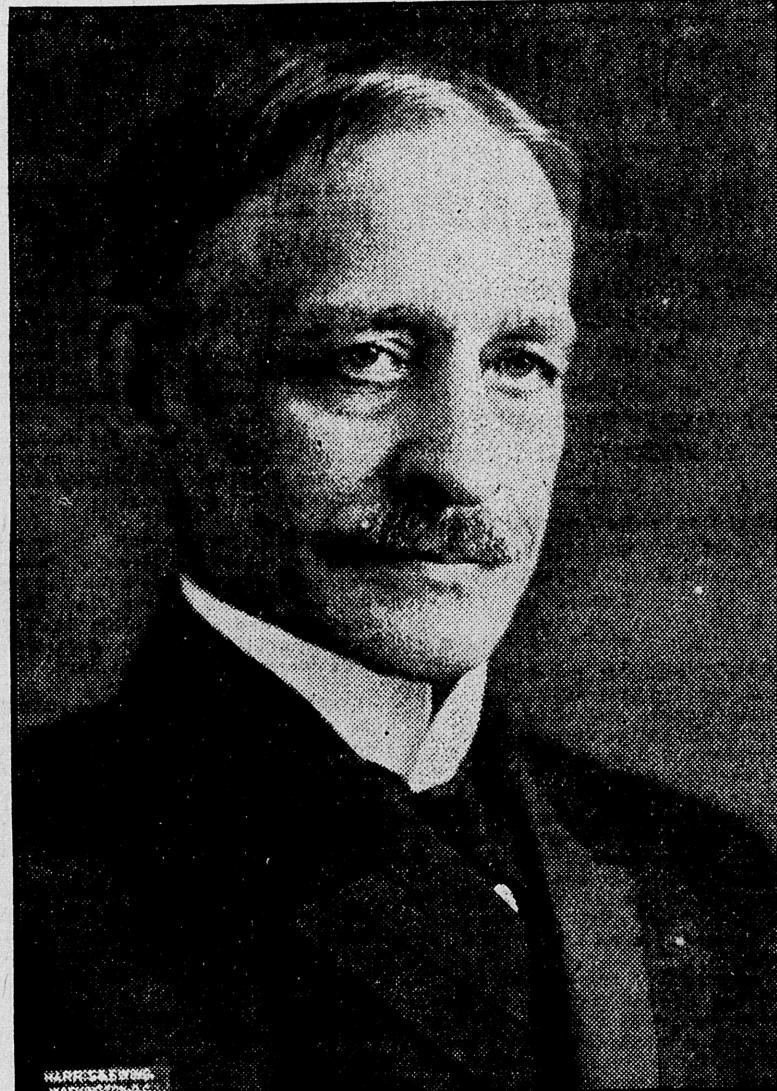
GERMANS' HOPES RAISED.

BERLIN, Oct. 19.—By wireless to Saville.—"Great Britain's cry for help to Portugal," the "chaotic situation" in South Africa" and the "revolts in India," according to announcement made in Berlin today, are all tending to raise German confidence. Reports received here from Constantinople declare that Great Britain has sent three active battalions from Malta to India.

TAFT VISITS WILSON.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Former President Taft called upon Mr. Wilson today at the white house. He was immediately received by the president, who greeted him warmly. Mr. Taft expressed his pleasure at being at the white house again but said that he enjoyed private life.

Had Notable Part in Work Done by Congress, Just Adjourning



HON. BENJAMIN F. SHIVELY.

Indiana's senior senator, who, as chairman of the foreign relations committee, attained a notable record as

supporter of President Wilson in his policies toward the Mexican situation and towards the European crisis.

CONGRESS ENDS NOTABLE WORK

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were ratified by the senate, as follows:

At Peace With World.
Great Britain, Japan, Italy, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Portugal, Switzerland, Paraguay, Austria-Hungary, the Netherlands and Salvador.

Later in the session and in the midst of the European conflict, the senate upon recommendation of the foreign relations committee, ratified new treaties providing for peace commissions of investigation in international disputes not settled by ordinary diplomacy with twenty-three foreign nations as follows:

Norway, the Netherlands, Portugal, Switzerland, Denmark, Italy, Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Persia, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Honduras, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Paraguay, Great Britain, France and Spain. Similar treaties negotiated and urged for ratification but held up in the senate for further consideration are with China, Panama and San Domingo. A similar treaty had been negotiated with Russia, to be sent to the senate later.

Much time was given by the committee for hearings and consideration of a treaty with Nicaragua, to acquire the Nicaraguan canal route and naval station rights in the Bay of Fonseca for \$3,000,000; and the treaty with Colombia, to pay that country \$25,000,000 compensation for the Panama canal strip. Action on both treaties was deferred until next session.

Investigations by congress were less than has been undertaken in recent sessions. The special lobby investigating committee of the senate, however, continued its existence and probed into alleged lobbying in connection with the passage of the Panama canal act, and the subsequent repeal of the tolls exemption provision. The committee has not yet made a final report. The house lobby committee reported a resolution of censure for Representative McDermott, of Illinois, who resigned his office. Investigation by the interstate commerce commission into the financial operation

DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

FRANK WILSON MCKEEN.
The funeral services of Frank Wilson McKeen were held at the residence, 501 Washington avenue, Sunday afternoon and at Highland Lawn. The Rev. John E. Sulger, pastor of St. Stephen's church, was in charge of the services at the church. The Knights Templar had charge at the grave. Terre Haute Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar, assembled at the hall, Seventh street and Wabash avenue, and marched to the house in order, the gathering being the largest the commandery has had for a number of years. Following the services at the home, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Sulger, the ritualistic ceremony of the Knights Templar was given by Prelate John Warren and Eminent Commander John W. Parke. The Vigo concert band headed the funeral procession which was very large out to Highland Lawn cemetery, where the burial service was conducted by the order. The pall bearers were Fred Hehn, George Schaal, Charles Walker, George Foulkes, Charles Neely and S. S. Anderson.

JOHN M. CARTER.
John M. Carter, 57 years old, 1310 North Sixth street, died suddenly at his residence at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning. He was the oldest journeyman in the city. Carter had been a carpenter and had lived in Terre Haute for a number of years. Mr. Carter had been sick but a very short time with what was thought to be some minor trouble. His son, He is survived by his widow, Alice V. Carter, two sons, Alvin C. and Mark, and one daughter, Mrs. Grace Richards, all of Terre Haute. The funeral arrangements have not been made.

CORNELIUS SULLIVAN.
Word has been received in Terre Haute of the death of Cornelius Sullivan, better known, perhaps, as "Con" Sullivan, a policeman on the Terre Haute force for a number of years, who was found to have been ill for more than two years ago and go west in search of health. Mr. Sullivan died in Colorado. It is not known whether or not the body will be brought here for burial.

CORY B. GOULD.
Cory B. Gould, 49 years old, died at his residence, 429 South Seventh street, at 9 o'clock Sunday night. He is survived by his wife and daughter, Mrs. and a brother, Bruce of San Jose. The Eagles will have charge of the funeral services which will be held at the residence at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

MRS. FLOE BILBY.
Mrs. Floe Bilby, 23 years old, wife of Edward Bilby, died at 8:30 o'clock Sunday night at St. Anthony's hospital. The body was taken to the residence, 118 South First street, where the funeral services probably will be held Tuesday afternoon.

NAOMI COONEY.
Naomi Cooney, one year old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cooney, died at the residence, 117½ North Fourth street, at 8 o'clock Sunday night. The Eaglets will have charge of the funeral services, which will be held at the residence Tuesday afternoon and burial will be in Shepherd cemetery.

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