

I. C. C. RAILROAD MERGER SCORED FOR INEQUALITY

Primary Principles of Rate Territory Disregarded, Says Expert.

By United Press
NEWTON, Mass., Dec. 23.—Professor William Z. Ripley of Harvard university criticized the interstate commerce commission's railroad merger plan and charged the commission with lack of diplomacy in a statement at his home here.

In general, Ripley declared the plan failed to create substantial equals which could compete with each other effectively, and the "cardinal principles" of confining each system to a definite rate territory.

Professor Ripley, a leading authority on railroads, was retained by the I. C. C. and in 1921 drew up a preliminary consolidation plan which later was scrapped.

Would Be Pygmy
With reference to the former, the Harvard professor declared that "it is inconceivable for instance, that the Wabash, which is a string line anyway, with nothing but trackage rights east of Detroit, by being placed together with the Chesapeake & Ohio of Indiana line, itself subnormal, and even with the prosperous Lehigh valley into New York, could be built into anything like an even-handed competitor with the powerful Pennsylvania, New York Central, Baltimore & Ohio and Van Sweringen system. It would be a pygmy among giants."

The principle of confining each system to a definite rate territory "seems to be substantially disregarded in the plan," Ripley said. "New England roads are projected into trunk line territory. The Illinois Central is extended far to the north and into the southwest. The Burlington reaches from Canada to Mexico. Mobile & Ohio way down by the gulf is tied in with the Chicago & Northwestern.

Disregard Boundaries
"And so it goes, disregarding the boundaries which with more and more distinctness have been set to these rate adjustment territories."

Fast decisions of the commission have in practice tied its hands, Ripley felt. "Thus the Union Pacific was thwarted in its desire to get the Central Pacific, which gives it a line from Salt Lake City into San Francisco. This one denial in its ramifications stands in the way of any statesmanlike plan for even-handed competition between systems each of which operates straight through from Chicago to the coast.

BREEDERS WILL MEET

Outline Convention Program for State Duroc Association.

General business and discussions on swine breeding will constitute the program of the thirty-third annual convention of the Indiana Duroc Swine Breeders' Association to be held at the Severin Jan. 7.

Harry T. Gooding of Anderson is secretary of the association. Edwin C. Mosley of Peru and Perry M. Barker of Thorntown will discuss the Duroc promotion campaign. Speakers will include Charles M. Townbridge of Mays and H. L. Igheart of Elizabethtown, Ky. Presiding officers will be R. C. Jenkins, Orleans, president, and Dr. Earl Ferre, Danville, vice-president.

CITY ALUMNI TO DINE

De Pauw Grads to Elect 1930 Officers at Session.

Indianapolis alumni of De Pauw university will hold a dinner Jan. 13, at Broadway Methodist Episcopal church to elect officers for 1930. Addresses by President G. Bromley Oxnam, Bishop Edwin H. Hughes and music by the De Pauw choir will make up the program according to Mrs. William H. Remy, secretary.

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Each student in the class will be given opportunity to serve on one of the class committees this year, Scanlon said.

Owen After Removal of Ban on Street Coasting

Seeks Park Board Permit for Barricading of Thoroughfare.

Lieutenant Frank Owen, head of the police accident prevention bureau, will confer with the park board Thursday in an effort to obtain modification of the order banning barricades in streets for winter coasting.

The board refused to authorize Recreation Director Jesse P. McClure to designate certain streets for children to coast this year because of the hazards. John E. Milnor and Michael E. Foley, park commissioners, expressed the view that the practice is dangerous and the city would be liable in event of an accident.

Foley said there was danger resulting from skidding cars and removal of barricades when police officers are not on guard at the intersection where the street is blocked. The board also received several complaints because principal streets had been turned over to coasters. Lieutenant Owen believes that the children should be provided with ample coasting facilities to keep them out of unguarded streets, and he warned all children to "stay out of the streets," citing danger from autos and reckless drivers.

In a survey Saturday Owen found no youngsters using the streets but hundreds enjoying themselves with sleds in city parks.

Permission to use the recreation department barricades was offered the police department if Owen would assume all responsibility, halt the barriers and place red lanterns on them.

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PROBE CHARGE OF SLAVERY IN AFRICAN NATION

League of Nations Body Hopes for Eradication by Next Year.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The year 1930 may see the last vestige of slavery or forced labor wiped off the earth.

With the opening of the new year a commission of three members, accompanied by many assistants, will leave Paris for the Republic of Liberia on the west coast of Africa to decide whether slavery or forced labor still exists there.

The investigation was demanded of the League of Nations by Liberia after disparaging comment from other nations that slavery still was rampant in that republic. The United States has one member on the commission, the League one, while Liberia has appointed the third.

The slavery convention adopted by the league in 1926 and which so far has been signed by twenty-eight

nations, seeks complete abolition of slavery or enforced labor, which is known to exist still in certain colonies of Africa.

The United States, which early ratified the convention and has been one of the prime movers in its enforcement, has taken such an interest in the commission's work that it recently appointed Henry Carter of the state department to become charge d'affaires ad interim at Monrovia, Liberia, to observe and assist the work of the international slavery commission.

The league hopes that the work of the commission can be started soon after the first of the year and finished before June 30 in order that a report can be made during the summer to the league. It appears that Liberia is withholding her ratification of the convention until the investigation has been completed.

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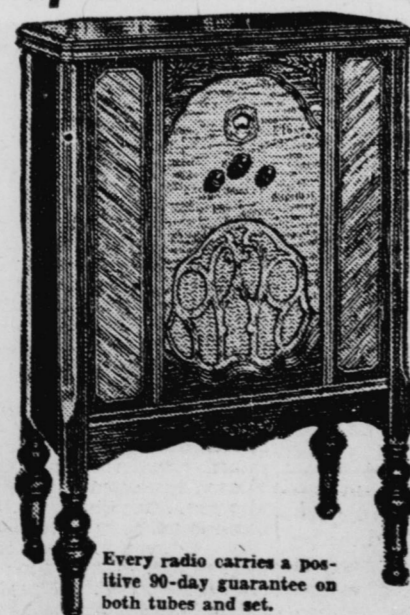
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