

## RAILWAY LOSSES SHOWN ARE HUGE

United States Lines' Gross Earnings for Year Drop \$139,000,000.

### APPEAL ON FINES HEARD.

FEDERAL COURT CONSIDERS ARGUMENTS PERTAINING TO SAFETY APPLIANCE LAW—RAILWAYS' CONTENTIONS.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 11.—Gross earnings of the railroads of the United States decreased by the immense sum of \$139,000,000 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, according to figures compiled by Slason Thompson, manager of the bureau of railway news and statistics, from the monthly reports of the roads to the Interstate commerce commission. The results of Mr. Thompson's compilation are included in a circular just issued from his office which shows how seriously the revenues of the railroads were affected by the recent business depression in all lines of activity.

According to his figures during the last fiscal year, the gross earnings were \$2,450,000,000, with a mileage of 230,000 or \$10,652 per mile. For the year ended June 30, 1907, with a mileage of 227,454 the gross earnings were \$2,589,105,578 or \$11,383 per mile. The annual statistics of the commission have not yet been prepared.

"As the operating expenses for 1908 (approximately \$1,729,000,000) will fall more than \$20,000,000 below those of 1907," says Mr. Thompson, "the official returns for the year just closed will show a loss of \$120,000,000 in net earnings from operation as compared with 1907."

"Concealed behind these figures," he continues, "which will become imbedded in official statistics to render future comparisons with the year 1908 misleading, if not valueless, lies the fact that the decrease in railway revenues coincident with the panic of 1907 averaged over \$50,000,000 a month and was equivalent to \$600,000 a year."

### Figures Show Business Collapse.

The cause of this discrepancy between the railway statistics of the panic year 1907-1908 and the truth as to the slump in operating revenues during that year is due to the fact that the fiscal year included four of the most prosperous months in the history of American railways. Happily the monthly reports of the Interstate commerce commission afford the data by which we are enabled to separate the fat from the lean months. These show that the gross earnings of the railways during the first four months of the year preceding the collapse of business were \$955,351,156, against \$747,929,600 for the second third of the year and \$715,400,000 for the last third.

"Here is shown a drop of \$207,417,556 on the first four months' earnings after the panic and of \$239,951,243 on the second four months, making a total loss of \$447,368,798 on eight months' earnings from the level of the preceding four months. The recession of railway revenues, which began to be noticeable in comparative returns as early as August, 1907, did not reach the point where a decrease below those of 1906 was recorded until the second week in November, 1907—a condition which justifies the use of the level of July, August, September and October in the above statement.

"It is estimated that the earnings of the 5,000 miles of railway not covered by the monthly reports to the Interstate commerce commission will bring the total earnings for 1908 up to approximately \$2,450,000,000."

### Hear Safety Law Arguments.

Judges Grosscup, Seaman and Baker of the United States circuit court of appeals heard arguments yesterday on the appeal of four railway companies from fines imposed by District court judges for violations of the federal safety appliance law. The roads are the Wabash, fined by Judge Humphrey for alleged failure to properly equip locomotive with safety appliances; Elgin, Joliet and Eastern fined by Judge Betea for failure to provide a car with automatic couplers; the Santa Fe fined by Judge Betea for a similar case and the Belt railway, fined by Judge Landis for failure to equip 75 per cent of the cars in a train with power brakes.

The importance of the cases hinges upon the contentions of the railways that congress has no power to regulate the equipment of cars and locomotives, except where they are actually engaged in interstate commerce.

## WORKS HARD TO STAMP OUT DISEASE

Sanitary Inspector Hopes to Curb Smallpox Spread.

Sanitary Inspector George Young continues in his fight against the smallpox that exists in the northern section of the city. Young is busy with his "needle" and wherever he believes there is danger from exposure he requires the person to be vaccinated. Sunday morning he attended to eight "suspects" and required all to submit to the ordeal. No new cases have been reported and the disease has been confined entirely to the one section of the city.

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When Mrs. Monroe took charge of spurs; some snuffing, others chewing, and many longing for their cigars and whiskey punch left at home; some with powdered heads, some frizzled and oiled, some whose heads a comb has never touched, half hid by dirty collars, reaching far above their ears, as stiff as pasteboard."

Mrs. Monroe was a stately, polished woman, well trained to her position by her long experience as an ambassador's wife, but she was not strong physically and her retiring nature left a chilly impression. She was never popular like Dolly Madison, who loved company, enjoyed life and had a healthy interest in all that happened about her.

Mrs. Monroe did her duty by her position and gave society what it expected, but she did not really care for it, and so it only respected her. She remained for the quiet of her Virginia home and the company of her husband, who for so many years had been in public life.

## NEWS OF SOCIETY

TO REACH THE SOCIETY EDITOR, CALL PHONE 1121

### SOCIAL EVENTS TODAY.

Mrs. Byram Robbins is entertaining a bridge whist club this afternoon.

The Home Economic club is meeting with Mrs. John Shroyer this afternoon at her home, B and South Sixteenth street.

The Central Aid society of the First Christian church is meeting this afternoon in the church parlors.

The Penny club is meeting with Mrs. Stever, 314 South Sixth street.

The Keramic league is meeting this afternoon in the dome room of the Morrison-Reeves library.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First English Lutheran church is holding a session this afternoon in the church parlors.

The St. Paul's Guild of the St. Episcopal church will serve supper this evening in the parish house.

Mrs. T. C. Harrington and Mrs. John Harrington will entertain this evening at the home of the former on South Thirteenth street for Miss Mary Harrington, a bride-elect.

The Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Whitewater Quarterly meeting of Friends is meeting this afternoon with Mrs. Benjamin Johnson 201 North Eleventh street.

The members of the Earlham faculty gave their annual dinner last evening at the home of Professor and Mrs. E. P. Trueblood 227 Central avenue. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers and ferns. Yellow and white chrysanthemums were used in profusion. Dinner was served at eight tables. The following toasts were given at the call of the toastmaster, Mr. E. P. Trueblood:

Response from a new member of the faculty to the welcome by the host—Miss Anna Moore.

Chicago University—Mr. Elbert Russell.

Experience in the Rocky Mountains—Mr. Allan D. Hole.

Michigan University—Mr. Hadley. "After Twelve Months"—Mrs. Mendenhall.

Places were arranged at the table for Miss Elsie Marshall, Miss Kirk, Mr. Vale, Miss Hecker, Miss Edwards, Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Trueblood, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hole, Mr. and Mrs. Lindley, Mr.

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Chicago, the author of "Fairy Tales from Folk Lore," and other books, is the guest of Miss Grace Robie of North Thirteenth street, for a few days.

Mrs. Nathan Overman entertained in a delightful manner last evening for their son, Mr. William Marine, whose marriage took place last Thursday at Anderson.

The Misses Rosella and Clara Lukan entertained in a charming manner last evening for Miss Mary Harrington at their home on East Main street. Drive whist was played at six tables. Prizes were won by Miss Anna Harrington and Mrs. George Gay. After the game luncheon was served in the dining room, the guests being seated at one long table. A bowl of scarlet carnations formed a centerpiece for the table. Red cupids and hearts were also used in decorating this apartment. Miss May Griffin captured the ring which was hidden in the bridal cake.

The wedding of Miss Lillian Horton, daughter of Mrs. Belle H. Horton of North Ninth street, and Mr. S. S. Cooke, of Galesburg, Illinois, was celebrated Monday evening, November second in the English Lutheran church at Galesburg. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. S. O. Hanson. The bride was becomingly attired in a tailored gown. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke will be at home to their many friends after December first, at their newly appointed home in Galesburg.

Mrs. Cooke is well known here. She is a graduate of the Richmond High School. Mrs. Belle Horton has just returned from Galesburg where she attended the wedding.

A reception will be held Thursday afternoon in the South Eighth Street Friends' church for the members of the Home department, the primary department and the cradle-roll. The hours are from two until five o'clock.

### CLUB NOTES.

An enjoyable card party was given yesterday afternoon at the Country club house by the present social committee. Miss Grace Robie acted as hostess. Whist was played at four tables. Mrs. S. E. Swayne captured the prize. Those who attended were: Mrs. E. B. Grosvenor, Mrs. Henry Gennett, Mrs. Ella Van Heusen, Mrs. S. E. Swayne, Mrs. Harry Gennett, Mrs. George R. Williams, Mrs. Thomas Kaufman, Miss Florence McGuire, Miss Georgia Cole, Miss Edna McGuire, Miss Juliet Swayne, Miss Sophie Gates, Mrs. Robert Study, Mrs. Florence Lodwick and Mrs. Rudolph Leeds.

The usual monthly meeting of the ladies' auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal church was held yesterday afternoon. The regular business session was held and arrangements were made to send a box at Christmas time to North Carolina.

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The Lady Maccabees will give a euchre party tomorrow evening in the Odd Fellows' hall. All members and their friends are invited to attend.

The regular meeting of the Tuesday

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In the case of Kepler vs. the town of Cambridge City, in which an injunction was sought, the demurrer to the complaint has been sustained in the Wayne circuit court. The defense represented the plaintiffs were fully aware of the intended street improvements upon which the suit is based and by their negligence were responsible for conditions existing at present.

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