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FACT VS. THEORY

It is often argued that a reduction in railroad freight rates to pre-war levels, would increase the volume of business handled by the lines. Leaving aside the very vital question of how the railroads would meet 1939 payrolls, operating costs and taxes with 1913 revenues, there is a fundamental fallacy in that argument.

Freight rates are entirely unlike passenger fares. A sharp reduction in fares will often increase the number of passengers riding the trains, and result in a temporary increase in passenger revenues. But, as an authority on transportation has observed, "Nobody ships freight just to give it a ride. Freight moves only because there is someone, somewhere, to use or consume it. Unless the freight rate is so large a part of the price paid by the final consumer as actually to limit his use of the commodity, freight rates have mighty little to do with the total amount of commodities shipped. Freight rates in the United States do not keep our peoople from eating food, wearing clothes, building homes, or doing anything else they want to do."

The argument for sharply reducing freight rates is naturally based on the premise that current rates are too high, and have an adverse effect on consumption. The truth of the matter is that freight rates are usually one of the smallest items in the selling cost of any product. The freight cost, for instance, on a fine big apple from Oregon, moved three thousand miles across the continent to the New York market, is just a little more than one-half cent And the rail freight on all lumber in a $5,000 house will not average more than $150.

What this all adds up to is that the American railroads, under private ownership, give the nation the finest transportation service in the world, at a very reasonable cost. That is fact, as against theories.

INCLUSIVE PROTECTION

All of us have some realization of the value of life insurance to protect dependents, and to assure for ourselves an adequate old-age income. Comparitively few know that life insurance can also be used for a multitude of other vital tasks.

For example, policies are written to guarantee future education for children. Other policies will guarantee that a home mortgage be paid off, in the event of the wage earner's death. Others have been framed to care for contingencies that may arise from the death of a partner in a business enterprise. Others provide for protection against business reverses.

So it goes, down a long line. Life insurance has come a long way since it was an instrument for protecting dependents, and little else. And the American people have come a long way with it in the all-important matter of inclusive economic protection.

A LESSON FROM HOLLAND

The American people can learn a valuable lesson from the lifeguards at the beaches of Holland!

For, according to an item in the Dairymen's League News of New York, these guards make a practice of drinking a glass of milk every hour to give them greater endurance.

Medical men and dieticians often observe that the per capita consumption of milk in this country—by both children and adults—is far lower than it should be, in the interests of health. Few foods contain as much nutritive value as milk, few are more palatable, and few are less expensive. A national milk consumption double or more that existing today, would result in marked betterment of the average standards of health. And, incidentally, it would mean a great deal to the dairy farmer, who has been faced with excessive production over consumption.

SIN OF OMISSION

It seems to be generally agreed that Congress' worst sin of omission was its failure to amend the National Labor Relations Act.

No Act, in spite of its occasional good points, has done more to promite industrial strife, to encourage labor racketeering, and to damage the interests of the honest working man, union member or non-union member.

If Congress is interested in serving the public interests, it will make up for its failure at the last session by going to work immediately on revising the Act when it meets again in January.

Business continues to look up in many lines. Nothing comparable to a boom is in evidence, but the slow and steady improvement that set in some time back is continuing.

General forecast is that there will be a substantial fall upturn.

Important factor is a change in feeling on the part of some industrial leaders. They were pleased by the relatively conservative attitude of the last Congress, and regard it as evidence of a rightist swing in public opinion.

"The miracle makers may build up the hopes of the multitude, but the miracles will continue to lack enduring substance."—Arthur E. Morgan.

"The annual interest charge on our national debt alone is over $1,000,000,000 per year. If we were to initiate a policy of paying the current interest and decreasing the debt and principal $500 million per year, it would take one-fourth of our entire national income for nearly a century, or approximately 90 years."—Sen. H. Styles Bridges, New Hampshire.

Just like all of us the government meets interest charges to keep its credit good. Interest on the Federal debt—now more than $1,000,000,000 a year—takes 1 out of 5 tax dollars.

"The government has tried every scheme except the right one to revive business. Business does not want to get further in debt; it looks forward to the day when there will be renewed confidence in the future and particularly the government's fiscal policy, and freedom from persecution. Any other attempts to appease business are superficial aids which only prolong the day of reckoning."—Estherville, Iowa, News.

The Rhoades Family . . . by Squier

DIVERSION HONOR ROLL—Seven states now have constitutional provisions to prevent the diversion of automotive taxes to non-highway purposes. Legislatures of five additional states—Idaho, Iowa, Nevada, South Dakota and Wisconsin—this year adopted resolutions to submit anti-diversion amendments to the people for ratification.

Quotation Marks

UNTIL: "I have put on my old soldier's coat and I will not take it off until we achieve victory."—Adolf Hitler.

EXPLAINED: "Herr Hitler's claim recently for Polish land, which he calls the Corridor, can be explained only as a manifestation of his will to extend the Reich by force."—Ignace Jan Paderewski.

SIGNIFICANT: "In the present world situation it is hard to overestimate the significance of the Soviet-German treaty." — Foreign Commissar Malotoff.

FIGHT: "The entire Polish nation blessed by God, wil lfight for the nation's righteous cause shoulder to shoulder with its army on the battlefield until final victory."—President Moscicki.

NONE: "We have no quarrel with the German people."—Prime Minister Chamberlain.

COOPERATION: "In the event of the United Kingdom becoming engaged in war in the effort to resist aggression the Government of Canada have unanimously decided as soon as Parliament meets to seek its authority for effective cooperation by Canada at the side of Britain."—Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

TASK: "The important task which faces America is that of learning the direction it should go." — Professor Arthur H. Compton.

They Say . . .

"Patents are the basis of much of our progress, and it is difficult to see how our enormous research programs could continue without their protection of discovery rights. It is easy for the man on the street to appreciate the tangible values of more work and greater comfort that have come to the American people through American inventions." — Chemical Industries.

The U. S. uses petroleum at the rate of 8½ barrels a person each year. This is more than twice the rate of the second ranking country.

During th last ten years, this country's national debt increased so rapidly it now exceeds the amount we spent in the World War.

Today's Taxogram

70% of all Federal revenues come from taxes on commodities and from levies on business representing a hidden burden on stockholders, consumers and employees.

North East Items

Mr. Rufus Wells, wife and daughter spent the week-end in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Annie Barber visited Mrs. R. C. Simpers on Labor Day. Her son, Ellis Barber, wife and children were also present.

The W. C. T. U. was entertained by Mrs. Sarah Lowe on Thursday afternoon and plans were made to attend the County Convention which will be held in Rising Sun M. E. Church on Friday, September 15. A silver medal contest will be held in the evening.

Mrs. Howard Young and children and Mrs. Lohr and daughter, Janet, were Wilmington vistors one day last week.

Mr. Leonard Hall and wife, of Philadelphia, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carter Simpers.

Mrs. Frank Benjamin and daughter, Betty, have returned home from a visit in Washington.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. Church met Tuesday evening.

The Rebecca Lodge met Wednesday evening in the lodge room with a good attendance.

School opened on Wednesday at the usual time.

Rules For Bicycle Riders

1. Equip bicycle with a lamp on the front and a red reflector or lamp on the rear.
2. Equip bicycle with horn or bell in proper operating condition.
3. Obe yall traffic signals and signs.
4. Use proper hand signals to indicate turning and stopping.
5. Ride on right side of highway close to curb.
6. Park vehicle in a safe place.
7. Stop and render assistance in case of accident, and report accident to police.
8. Assume liability for any damage resulting from the careless and negligent operation of vehicle when the othr party is not guilty of ngligence.
9. Stop while passengers are boarding and alighting from street car.
10. Keep vehicle in safe operating condition.

It also is pointed out that the law forbids bicycle riders to:

1. Hitch on or hold fast to the outside or rear of any other vehicle.
2. Carry an extra passenger on the handle bars or any other part of the vehicle.
3. Engage in any trick, zig-zag or fancy riding on the highway.
4. Ride his bicycle on a sidewalk unless a local ordinance directs otherwise.

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE BY TOPPS

Gayety Theatre
Baltimore, Md.

"Mary Joyce's Rockin The Town"

A new Hirst Circuit Burlesque show, "Rockin The Town," will be seen at the Gayety Theatre all of next week, starting with the regular matinee Sunday, September 10th. The attraction is said to be handled with sparkling humor by funny comedians, dainty exhibition dancers, specialists and high specialty dancers who command attention and win applause.

Miss Mary Joyce tops the roster. She is billed as "A parcel of loveliness" endowed by nature with a beautiful face and symmetrical form and she has an original way of presenting her exotic work.

Supporting Miss Joyce are a number of competent entertainers including Bob Carney of night club fame. He clowns amusingly and tells a lot of funny stories and what is more important, knows how. Another prime comedian is Harry (Hello) Jake Fields. His East-Side Hebrew characters are pretty nearly true to life. Two dashing young sisters, Jean and Roberta, sing and dance with commendable enthusiasm. John Barry, Irish comic, and Evelyn Brooks, tantalizer, turn in a dandy vaudeville sketch. Others are Jack LaMont, character actor; Bobby Burns, snappy fast-stepping jeuvenile; Faith Arlington, veil and classic dancer, and sixteen girls in line who are the tops in chourus work.

Children Benefitted By Camp Experience

Twenty of the children who are under the supervision of the State Services for Crippled Children were among the youngsters who spent the summer at the camp conducted by the Maryland League for Crippled Children in the Catoctin Recreation Area of the National Parks Service in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Thurmont. All of the children were appreciably benefitted by the experience.

The camp—appropriately known as Camp Greentop—opened soon after the schools closed in June, and closed for the season on August 24. There were 96 children in attendance, 76 from Baltimore City and the rest from the counties. The total was about evenly divided between boys and girls. Twelve counties—Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Caroline, Charles, Frederick, Garrett, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester—were represented in the enrollment from outside Baltimore City. The children ranged in age from eight to sixteen years.

This was the third season for the Maryland Camp which is occupied under special arrangements with the National Parks Service. It is said to be the only one for crippled children in the Federal Parks Service. The camp is situated at an elevation of 1,200 feet and occupies about 25 acres of well-cleared forest land with good roads and carefully tended trails The buildings are scattered over an open plateau which makes the getting about easy for the youngsters using crutches or wearing braces. A swimming pool just the proper depth for the children, is a center of attraction.

Care Means Safety

As evidence of the efforts made by American industry to make it products better and safer and maintain high standards is found in the fact that 14,00 men—one out of every 9 —hold inspector's jobs in the automobile industry.

MISCELLANEOUS CLAIMS IN OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AUGUST 31, 1939

Daniel H. Garrett & Co. — Insurance for County Bldg.	$352.38
Dr. John B. Slicer — Coroner	65.80
William T. Duff — Constable	13.25
J. Howard Pugh — 3 months office rent for Trial Magistrate	21.00
Ralph M. Reed — Pauper Burial	35.00
Department of Health — Board of Health	343.33
Terrell & Terrell — Insurance for County Bldg.	281.00
W. J. Cameron — Insurance for County Bldg.	159.37
Dr. Frank Hines — Services rendered Cecil Co. Prisoners	20.00
Baltimore National Bank — Safekeeping Box Rnt	39.87
Dr. V. H. McKnight — Mental Examination	5.00
James W. Hughes — 3 months office rent for Welfare Board	90.00
Clifford Marker — Office rent for Trial Magistrate	15.00
Elkton Gas Co. — Gas for County Jail	7.50
J. Albert Roney — Bond for J. Howard Pugh, Trial Magistrate	37.50
Albert Constable — Legal Service	25.00
Charles K. Keithley — Supplies for Jail	19.36
Ralph W. Pearce — Supplies for Jail	109.13
Samuel H. King & Sons — Supplies for Jail	5.16
Paul Arbour — —Supplies for Jail	12.30
Sarah J. Campbell — Supplies for Jail	3.12
Frank Davis — Supplies for Jail	3.00
The Cecil Democrat — Supplies for Jail	14.17
N. B. Karl — Supplies for Jail	3.88
Charles Brown — Supplies for Jail	3.60
Huber Baking Co. — Supplies for Jail	12.20
John S. Keithley — Supplies for Jail	6.27
Cameron's Store — Supplies for Jail	.91
Idella Racine — Supplies for Jail	5.15
Davis Supply Co. — Supplies for Jail	2.75
John E. Nickle — Guarding Automobile for Sheriff	3.00
David O. Haines — Repair work at Jail	3.50
Fonnie C. Boyd — Stenographic Service for the Sheriff	15.00
John S. Cook — Repair work at Jail	2.00
Joseph E. Scarborough — Constable	28.10
Harry M. Riley — Service Rendered	13.00
David Randolph, Sheriff — Expenses of 2 men for raid at Spready Oak	18.00
Ralph H. Rees — New Assessment	147.00
Edwin Sapp — New Assessment	105.00
Joseph W. Clay — New Assessment	120.00
Louis M. Jones — New Assessment	120.00
J. K. Lamb — New Assessment	65.00
N. Munson Jackson — New Assessment	65.00
John H. Price — New Assessment	111.00
H. B. Manlove — New Assessment	114.00
C. W. Purner — New Assessment	126.00
Ralph M. Reed — New Assessment	84.00
Harvey T. Davis — New Assessment	84.00
Conowingo Power Co. — Service & Lighting of Towns	298.55
Campbell Bros. — Storage of Election Booths	10.00
Warren W. Boulden — Rent of room for Special Election	20.00
Singerly Fire Co. of Elkton — Rent of room for Special Election	20.00
Shawnah Tribe of North East — Rent of room for Special Election	30.00
Jr. O. U. A. M. Hall of Cecilton — Rent of room for Special Election & Storage	50.00
Community Fire Co., Rising Sun — Rent of 3 rooms for Special Election	45.00
Del-Mar-Va Motor Co. — Rent of room and Storage of Election Booths	50.00
A. W. Meekins — Erection of Election Booths	7.50
Thomas R. Freeman — Supplies for Court House	28.15
Commercial Printing Co. — Supplies for Court House	13.75
Coronet Ribbon Co. — Supplies for Court House	3.87
Lucas Bros. — Supplies for Court House	12.85
Young & Selden Co. — Supplies for Court House	41.12
Underwood Elliott Fisher Co. — Adding Machine	189.00
The Cecil Whig — Adv. & Printing	23.85
Daily Record Co. — Adv. PWA Project Contract	15.84
C & P Telephone Co. — Service County Bldgs.	59.60
Omar D. Crothers, Jr. — Rent for School Board Office	60.00
Mac's Laundry — Service	2.00
Robert E. Lee, Sheriff Kent Co. — Board of Prisoners	122.50
Agnes M. Schmitz — Stenographer Clerk W. P. A. Office	26.00
Ralph Speakman — Street Light at Pleasant Hill	4.00
G. Reynolds Ash — Clerical assistance for Trial Magistrate	25.00
Cecil County Star — Printing & Adv.	27.75
G. Reynolds Ash — Office Rent	12.00
Total amount of claims	$4,113.38

The above claims will be acted upon by the County Commissioners on September 12, 1939.

W. Herbert Baker, Asst. Treasurer

LET THEM USE PLENTY OF HOT WATER IT'S DIRT CHEAP!

Hot water helps settle that early morning argument, "Don't forget to wash behind the ears before you go to school!" And hot water, always on tap, speeds the job of bigger washings. Why not treat yourself to a constant flow of clean hot water by installing an Electric Water Heater? It gives a never-failing supply . . . without any attention from you.

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