

SAFETY DEMANDS FEDERAL CONTROL OF THE RAILROADS

Only Way to Meet Emergencies
of Nation, Says A. P. THOM.

STATES' RIGHTS PRESERVED

Principles Which Railways Hold Should Govern Regulatory System in Interests of Public and the Roads—Compulsory System of Federal Interoperation Favored.

Washington, Dec. 1. That the interests of national defense require that control of railway lines should rest with the federal government and not with the states was the claim advanced by Alfred P. Thom, counsel to the Railway Division of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in his preliminary statement of the case for the railroads before the Newlands Joint Committee on Interstate Commerce.

"We must be efficient as a nation if we are to deal successfully with our national emergency," said Mr. Thom, "and we must appreciate that efficient transportation is an essential condition of national efficiency. If we are to build and maintain our transportation system by state lines, by the fragmentary jurisdiction of hundreds of separate legislatures, we will make national efficiency impossible."

States' Rights Would Not Suffer.

Mr. Thom cited many instances in which shippers in one state were irreparably injured by such regulations imposed upon the railroads by legislatures of other states. The national interest, he said, would be served by a compulsory system of federal interoperation, which would preserve the states' rights in the matter of interstate commerce.

What the Railroads Advocate.

The railroads which the railroads have a right to be controlled in any emergency by the federal government, but in normal times they should be controlled by the states.

1. The interstate commerce commission should have the duty of regulating the interstate commerce in the hands of the federal government, except as to matters which are local and incidental to interstate commerce.

2. As one of the means of interstate commerce, a system of compulsory federal interoperation should be established, which should be brought into effect in all emergency situations.

3. The Interstate Commerce Commission should have the duty of regulating the interstate commerce in the hands of the federal government, except as to matters which are local and incidental to interstate commerce.

4. The power of the Commission should be extended to enable it to regulate the maximum rates and to regulate the maximum rates of interest on loans made by the railroads.

5. It should be made the duty of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in the exercise of its powers to fix maximum rates, to inquire into the cost of the railroads and to report thereon to the public.

6. The Interstate Commerce Commission should be authorized to fix the maximum rates of interest on loans made by the railroads.

7. The Interstate Commerce Commission should have the duty of regulating the interstate commerce in the hands of the federal government, except as to matters which are local and incidental to interstate commerce.

8. The law should recognize the essential difference between things which are interstate in the case of ordinary interstate commerce and those which are interstate in the case of emergency interstate commerce. The question of competition is not the only one involved.

9. The law should expressly provide for the meeting and agreement of traffic or other officers of railroads in respect of rates or practices. This should, however, be safeguarded by requiring the agreements to be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission and to be subject to its disapproval.

"My least proposition," Mr. Thom said, "is that the Constitution as it now is gives full authority to Congress to regulate the instrumentalities of interstate commerce in all their parts. If the power of regulation is to reach the public requirements, it must be co-extensive with the instrumentalities of commerce."

Mr. Thom explained that the railroads are not asking either of the Commission or of Congress any increase in rates, but that they are merely asking the perfection of a system which will be responsible to any need that may arise.

NEW POLICY NEEDED IN GOVERNMENT RAILWAY CONTROL

Helpfulness and Encouragement
Urged by Alfred P. Thom.

CREDIT MUST BE IMPROVED

Increase of Transportation Facilities
Necessary to Secure Relief From
High Cost of Living May Thus Be
Provided For by the Railroads.

Washington, Nov. 28. A new policy of government railroad regulation, based on "constructive" principles of helpfulness and encouragement instead of mere penalties of repression and punishment was urged by Alfred P. Thom, counsel to the Railway Division of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the first address on behalf of the railroads before the Newlands Joint Committee on Interstate Commerce, which has held a general inquiry into the problem of national regulation.

"It is proposed by the joint resolution of Congress," said Mr. Thom, "to make a comprehensive study of the whole subject of transportation, including a re-examination after 20 years of its history, its present conditions and its future needs. The railroads accept the view that the solution is a permanent and enduring part of government in America and that the first duty of the Congress is to the public. That duty is to effect reasonable facilities, on reasonable terms, and at reasonable rates, and this must be done before any private interests can be considered."

Certainty, Safety and Sufficiency.

Mr. Thom contended that the real interest of the public is in being assured of certainty, safety and sufficiency of transportation facilities, rather than in price. The first consideration of the railroads is to be sure that they are able to furnish a certain, safe and sufficient service.

"The Interstate Commerce Commission," he said, "is an agency of government regulation, which is a method of securing relief from the high cost of living. There have been less than 1000 miles of new railroad constructed in the United States during the past year. The cost of living in any year since 1818, except the period of the Civil War, and yet the cost of living is daily increasing owing to a shortage of supplies which might be remedied by securing access to new areas of production."

Credit Must Be Improved.

"This leads to the consideration as to whether railroad credit is as good as the public interest requires. It is impossible for railroads to earn enough to supply the necessary new facilities from current revenues. They must be protected from credit. Investors cannot be deceived, but must be attracted."

Among the conditions affecting railroad credit, which deter investors, he mentioned the following:

1. "First, railroad revenues are not controlled by investors, but are fixed and limited by governmental authority and not by one bit by several governmental authorities, which do not recognize responsibility for assumed results to investors and are uncoordinated."

2. "Second, railroads cannot control and the government cannot and does not control the expense account."

3. "Third, the present system of regulation is based on a policy of penalties and repression and not on a policy of helpfulness and encouragement."

4. "Fourth, the unrelenting collection of the railroads have already exceeded the maximum rate of safety and created a tremendous amount of obsolescence, which is a dead charge."

5. "Fifth, they have the most ancient and the most obsolete security with no assurance of a surplus of earnings to support it."

6. "Sixth, out of competitive lines of interstate passenger service are being discontinued, and the railroad business is largely controlled by political instead of business considerations."

"Look Forward, Not Back." "We must debate about what has caused the present conditions," said Mr. Thom, "but we must not debate about what the people feel. The President has taken the view that we must look forward in this matter and 'make a fresh assessment of circumstances' in order to deal helpfully and intelligently with the problem. There are no more precedents in the railroad business today than in any other business humbly conducted. The great question now is whether the existing system of regulation gives the public reliable assurance of sufficient present and future railroad facilities."

"Those who oppose any change must make their appeal on the ground that the present system assures the public of the continued adequacy of transportation facilities. If they do not, no argument based on the desirability of the present dual system of regulation will be accepted by public judgment. The question of 'states' rights' is not involved. If the regulation of transportation facilities privately owned should fall government ownership must follow, and then all power of the states over the railroads would disappear."

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ROYALSTON FEELS.

Walter Reese, teacher at Boylston school, treated the children with candy and oranges on Thanksgiving. Rev. J. R. Limer made a nice talk and the debating was carried on with great interest. Speeches were made by the little tots. Dinner was plentifully spread on the grounds and all was enjoyed by the parents and visitors.

Little Sophia Holtzclaw has pneumonia fever and is very serious.

Prayer meeting at Boylston church next Sunday at 3 o'clock, subject, Christ's Second Coming, conducted by Walter Reese.

A Bell has been bought for Boylston church. It has not been installed.

Your far away friend, if a former resident of the county, would not enjoy a small gift more than a subscription to the News.

SUPERIOR COURT

Proceedings of the Superior court, which adjourns this week, will be given next.

MASONIC MEETING

The regular communication of the Masonic lodge of Brevard will be held Friday night of this week.

The law gives the finder no title to lost property until he has made a "reasonable effort to find the owner."

The reasonable effort is to advertise it in the "Lost and Found" column. Apply the golden rule.

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Men's sizes, per pair.....	.75	Nickel-plated Goat Hangers, in all leather cases, 35c and.....	.59
Two sizes Correspondence Cards (Gift Edges) and Envelopes, per box.....	.59	Imperial Silver Picture Frames, guaranteed not to tarnish, in oval and square designs, four sizes—25c, 39c, 59c and.....	1.50
Two sizes note paper and envelopes, box.....	.59	Sewing Hangers, containing scissors, stocking and glove menders. Made of ribbon and white ivory, in old rose, light blue and pink, each.....	.59
Ladies' genuine leather Handbags, fitted with mirror and coin purse, good serviceable lining, each.....	1.00	Sewing Hangers, thimble, glove mender and pin cushion, made of ribbon and white ivory, in pink, blue and rose.....	.25
Fancy Boudoir Caps, net trimmed, each.....	.25	Children's Leather Handbags, fitted with small mirror, lined with flowered satin.....	.50
Embroidered wash silk Boudoir Caps, lace trimmed, each.....	.50	German Silver Mesh Bags, many sizes and styles, priced at 59c, \$1.25, \$3.50, \$5 and 6.00	
Genuine leather Collar Bags, packed one in a box, brown, black or tan—		All leather Handkerchief Cases, 6 by 7 inches, brown, packed in box.....	1.50
6 inches.....	.50	Ladies' Striped Lisle Hose, two pairs in a holiday box for.....	1.25
7 inches.....	.75	Ladies' Silk Hose (Phoenix make), two pairs in a holiday box for.....	1.60
7 inches.....	1.00	Cow Hide Traveling Bags, \$6, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$9, \$10, and up to.....	25.00
8 inches.....	1.50	Suit Cases in genuine cow hide, \$6.50 to.....	25.00
8 inches.....	2.50	Wardrobe Trunks, \$20, \$22.50, \$25, 27.50, \$30, and up to.....	70.00
Pearl Necklaces, white or flesh color, in satin lined push boxes, each.....	1.25	Fancy Ribbon Sachets, white, pink, blue and lavender, 25c, 29c, 39c, 50c, 59c to.....	1.00
Hat Pins in gold or silver-pearl or rhinestone setting, one in box, each.....	.50	Children's Sweater Sets, rose, copen, red, white and brown, \$2.50, \$3.50 and.....	4.50
Hat Pins in satin lined box, gold or silver with pearl or colored settings, two to box, per box.....	.25	Ladies' Lisle Hose, four pairs in a holiday box for.....	1.15
Ear Bobs, plain, pearl or jet, per pair.....	.25	"Dina Face" Emery Balls, with red, green and yellow ribbon caps, each.....	.39
Pearl with colored centers, per pair.....	.50		
Ladies' Sewing Cases, containing two spools cotton, needle holder and thimble, in leather case, silk lined.....	.50		
Leather Pullman Folding Slippers, ladies' or men's, in leather case, per pair.....	1.25		
Canvas, in canvas case, per pair.....	.75		
Silk and linen covered Umbrellas, with sterling silver knobs or handles for monograms, extra values at.....	2.50		

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A good three reel program including an episode of the famous "Hazards of Helen" series. Admission 10c.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

"The Gray Friar," second episode of the "Romance of Elaine," featuring Pearl White.

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Thursday, Dec. 14

Tenth chapter of "The Grip of Evil" in two parts.

"Pathe News," giving the events of the day.

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