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Lest We Forget

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press.

No Surprise at All

Request of American railroads for the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to raise their rates comes as no surprise at all. It is precisely what was expected, and was predicted in this column about settlement was made with the brotherhoods that gave their wage increases running to about \$456,000,000, the amount of the rate increase now sought.

The request of the I. C. C. states that the rate boost is needed to meet increased operating costs arising from the wage grant, and one may safely go a step further in guessing that the appeal of the carriers will be allowed. We are rather inclined to think that it should.

While the railroads are reputedly doing the biggest business in their history, incident to the defense program, little is known as to their profits. Roads that have regularly been in the black, and have also been cognizant of the rights and claims of their shareholders, are making money now. Those that have been habitually in the red appear to be still on that side of the ledger, or near it. Our own guess would be, however, that stockholders are still, as they have been for many years, the forgotten men of the industry.

After highly paid officials and employees generally have been taken care of, maintenance costs paid and taxes provided for, together with interests by competing services, very little apparently has been left for anybody or anything else.

When, therefore, by a stroke of the pen hundreds of millions of dollars of expense are added to already mounting costs, it is but natural that funds must come from somewhere to meet such an item.

The railroads are not ignorant of the fact, though, that every hike in costs to their patrons tends to drive those patrons to cheaper forms of transportation. As has before been observed in this department, there is enough business now to provide capacity for all, and whatever the cost may be it will have to be met, even if the difference is passed on to the consumer by the shipper, as is almost always the case. When and if something resembling normal conditions returns to a topsy-turvy America, and the predicted slump sets in, it will be felt in this industry as in others, and new problems will arise for solution, as they did a dozen or so years ago.

The immediate result of increased freight rates will be, however, a continuation of the inflation spiral, in that the vicious circle will move the faster as difficulties mount and as all interests strive to overcome them in whatever manner they may.

These buck-toothed Nipponese won't be so proud of their oversized eating tools when they realize they've bitten off far more than they can chew.

Charter of Liberty

In the midst of the greatest war in its history, the United States turns aside for a while today to observe the sesqui-centennial of its charter of liberty, commonly known as the Bill of Rights. High dignitaries, from the President down through lesser lights, are reminding of the significance and import of the event.

One hundred fifty years ago today, on December 15, 1791, the State of Virginia ratified the Bill of Rights, which made enough states to place this creed of freedom into our organic law. The other colonies, including North Carolina, which was one of the first to act, had already approved this decalogue of liberty, and from that time until now it has stood as a bulwark between free men and autocracy.

The bill of rights is the first ten amendments to the Constitution. What goes before is a matter of legitimate form having to do with functions of government. The ten amendments assure and guarantee individual rights that were won in the long struggle for independence that had been successfully concluded. That little handful of Americans were determined that their sacrifices should not be in vain. Nor have they been.

The ten amendments to the Constitution known as the Bill of Rights relate to (1) freedom of religion, speech and press; (2) the right to establish State militia; (3) quartering of troops in private houses; (4) the security of persons against unwarrantable searches and seizures, (5) capital crimes, (6) criminal prosecutions, (7) trial by jury in common law cases, (8) bans, fines and punishments, (9) the relation of constitutional and "national" rights, and (10) the powers reserved to the States.

These ten of American liberty, inaugurated today in the way and spirit of this people, they are worth guarding, preserving and advancing at every cost and by every means, the anniversary of their adoption is therefore an anniversary well deserving of celebration.

In the final analysis this people will so far as the United States is concerned, as every other free nation when the nation was engaged, it is essentially to defend the Bill of Rights. For if America comes to be second and third class, it is because the charter of liberty will cease to be worth the paper it is written on.

Aggressors state recognize to each thing as the freedom of the individual. In their theory of government, the state is supreme and the citizen is first, not and always secondarily. The individual is the servant of the state, or better still, of the man who sits at the top. Here in America we have always been a free people, so much so that we can scarcely conceive of what the system of Central Europe and in Russia and Japan really is, and the extent to which it restricts personal action.

Anyhow we know enough about it to show that we want none of it here. Likewise, we should realize that our way of life has never been threatened as it is today. In observing Bill of Rights day, Americans should drink deep once again of the life-giving air that has nurtured them through the decades, and highly resolve now, and then again and again, that never shall they surrender these precious possessions. At this shrine, as citizens we bow today and worship.

Leaf from Hitler

With their war on the United States only a week old, the Japs already have demonstrated their capacity to take a leaf from Hitler's book in the way of lying and exaggerating. They have always been known as a race of imitators and are adding to their reputation in that respect as they go along with a major war.

It has been officially admitted that our navy has suffered heavy losses in the week-old conflict, but no American believes that these losses even remotely approximate claims that have been broadcast from Tokyo. That sort of stuff may be swallowed by gullible Japanese and Germans, and may be intended for that, primarily. It would be terribly disheartening for Americans, too, if they were silly enough to believe the wild-eyed, loud-mouthed yappings that are coming from the official propaganda bureau.

Propaganda is a powerful weapon, when used wisely, but certainly when it comes from the Japs it is going to fall upon deaf ears in the United States. Facts, not plain unadulterated publicity, will be necessary to convince Americans. And all indications thus far point to a superabundance of propaganda, as compared to truth, being dished out in Tokyo.

As far as the enemy is concerned, we're all in favor of Uncle Sam eating his Christmas bopping early—and often.

Do It Quickly

There is no reason that we can think of why Henderson and Vance county cannot raise the \$5,000 Red Cross fund in one day as easily as it could in two days, or a week or a month. It is simply a matter of giving, and no one needs a week to make up his mind about a contribution to a cause as worthy and as urgent as this.

Dozens of workers have volunteered their time away from business at an important season of the year, so that they can help put this campaign across. They are sacrificing more than any individual, and this sacrifice certainly should be matched by corporations and individuals who are being waited on so that there shall be a decisive demonstration of the community's loyalty and patriotism.

For a year or more watchmen on the tower have been hinting to the country of sacrifices that would have to be made for the defense program. Gradually those warnings have ceased to be hints and have become positive statements. Especially during the past week since war was declared, since we been told of what lies ahead.

Taxes will be heavy, but there is no escape from them. Voluntary donations will also be sought and there will be no end to them until the war is over. We had as well learn that now. And the time may come when the man or woman who refuses to help will regret that he or she did not.

Let's put the Red Cross appeal over the top in one day. If those who are bearing the brunt of the burden are willing to go all-out in this behalf, surely the rest of us can do our part. Vance county can furnish that \$5,000 tomorrow—in one day—if every one will do his part. It can be done otherwise, however.

What Do You Know About North Carolina?

By FRID H. MAX

- 1. What is the capital of North Carolina?
2. When did the American flag begin to fly over the state?
3. What were the total receipts from motor fuel taxes in North Carolina during the year 1940?
4. What was the name of the North Carolina congressman who was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives in 1940?
5. What punishment was provided for deserting during the early 1800's?
6. Who were the first and last Democratic nominees for governor chosen without opposition?

ANSWERS

- 1. Salem, N. C.
2. 1776.
3. \$1,200,000.
4. Walter H. Hoke.
5. Death by firing.
6. John Motley and James H. Hunt.

From Hill, the world famed 17th century Dutch painter, died in a paralytic.

SALLY'S SALLIES



"ALL LIGHTS OUT-BUT ONE"



Weekly Market News Review

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—Japanese hostilities caused an unsettled condition in the farm markets at the close of the week ending December 14, according to the U. S. and North Carolina departments of Agriculture in its weekly news service review. Wheat futures were up 2.00 to 3.00 per ton with light offerings and a more active inquiry. Oatseed cakes and meals were also up 2.00 to 3.00 per ton. Cornfeeds advanced 1.00 to 2.00 per ton with a fair demand for export offerings. Some milks and accessories withdrew offerings and prices were very firm. The price of hogs at wholesale level, as advanced about 8 points to 17.5, the highest level since mid-September and compares with 1943 for the previous week and 11.7 for the corresponding week last year. During the past few days the pig market in North Carolina and Virginia has strengthened further, though the movement of pigs from the farms to the mills has been reduced. Stocks remain high on the market, lighter than is customary at this season of the year and most remaining points are being held on higher prices. Meanwhile, best hams are bringing growers 5 to 6 cents per pound delivered at the mill and best bunch and stelling stock about as much. All hog buying interests in Chicago operated cautiously this week with a view of avoiding drastic changes but sentiment from all sources favored higher prices. Compared with a week ago hog values were up around 1.00 per cwt. in Chicago and from 55 to 70 cents higher on Carolina and Virginia markets. Fed steers and yearlings grading good and better closed 50 to 75 cents higher in Chicago while fat lambs picked up 40 to 65 cents. The egg price trend reversed itself this week and scored a mild advance but live poultry values continued irregular, ranging from slightly weaker to slightly stronger. In the Raleigh area at the close, candied and graded U. S. Extras large white eggs advanced 1 cent per dozen to 40 cents but colored hens were off 1 to 1 1/2 cents per pound at 16 to 17 1/2. Colored fryers advanced 1 cent to 29 and 21 cents per pound but turkeys held at 20 to 24. Cotton prices were irregular during the week declined about 30 cents a bale. The basis advanced slightly and was higher than at any other time this season so far. Prices of other commodities were higher and securities prices dropped sharply. Harvesting in the northwestern part of the belt made good progress and is nearing completion. Activity in spot cotton markets decreased. Domestic mill activity during early December was maintained at record levels. The volume of sales of unfinished cotton cloth decreased, but it was reported that considerable business was done in construction slated for "blackout" use. The 10 market average of 17.22 cents for middling 5-16 inch on Friday, December 12, compared with 17.34 a week ago and 9.36 a year ago. Prices on Friday were 133 points higher than the high point. The ten market average price for middling 5-16 on December 12 was 34 points higher than New York March futures compared with 32 points a week ago.

ANSWERS TO TEN QUESTIONS

- 1. Tree
2. A Vail from St. Nicholas
3. True
4. Weight
5. Rome
6. Great Britain
7. Nitric
8. Twenty
9. Commissioner, Securities and Exchange Commission
10. It is

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NOTICE OF REDUCTION OF CAPITAL STOCK. The Anchor Stores Ready Company, a Corporation of North Carolina, does hereby certify that it has amended its Charter by reducing the Common Capital Stock of the Corporation from a par value of \$70.000.00 to a par value of \$17,500.00. The Capital Stock of the Corporation heretofore consisted of 1369 shares of Preferred Stock having a par value of \$100.00 each, making a total par value of Preferred Stock of \$136,900.00, and consisted of 700 shares of Common Stock having a par value of \$100.00 per share, making a total par value of Common Stock of \$70,000.00, or a total Capital Stock of \$206,900.00 par value. The reduction in the Common Capital Stock to be made by reducing the par value of each share of Common Stock from \$100.00 to \$25.00 so that the Common Stock of the Corporation will consist of 700 shares having a par value of \$25.00 each. This reduction in par value in no wise effects the par value of preferred stock. The said reduction of the Common Capital Stock has been declared by a RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of said Corporation to be advisable and has been duly and regularly assented to by the vote of TWO-THIRDS (2-3) in interest of each Class of Stockholders having voting power, at a meeting duly called by the Board of Directors for that purpose. The written consent of said Stockholders is hereto attached.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed in its name by its president and Secretary and its Corporate Seal to be hereto affixed, this 3rd day of December, 1941. ANCHOR STORES REALTY COMPANY. By: J. W. Horner, President. W. C. Cates, Secretary. (Corporate Seal.)

THE RUSSIAN language belongs to the Slavonic group of Aryan speech.

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