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Raising Prices And Making Profits.

There is always a point beyond which it is not safe to raise prices. The railways found that when they jumped the freight rates after the war and killed practically all business except the carrying of actual necessities of life. The express companies are now complaining that they are not making any profits and that it is necessary to raise the rates. The express companies are really departments of the railways and their profits or losses depend largely on the amount the railways charge them for carrying the goods which they handle. There has to be a sufficient margin between the cost of transportation to them and the amount they charge the customers, else they lose money. The question from the point of view of the people who use the express service is whether the extra amount should be taken from the customers or from the railway companies.

A railway is a public utility concern and one of the great objects of the railway in all its departments is to give public service. If the rates become exorbitant the public finds itself unable to use that service. Even at the present prices charged, there is a great deal of grumbling among the farmers and others along the railway at the high rates charged on small shipments by express. It is claimed that often the express rates not only take all the profit but take the whole sum realized from the sale of the produce. If these things are true, it is plain that rates cannot be raised and the institution still be of service to the people.

Strenuous Times In British Elections.

Apparently the British people are taking the present election campaign seriously and tomorrow's results will be looked forward to with a good deal of interest. The American newspapers, as well as Canadian, are devoting a great deal of space to the contests, showing that on this side of the ocean the big political battle has much more than passing interest. It is one of the common subjects of conversation and discussion wherever people congregate. Because of that the results tomorrow evening or the following day will be looked forward to with a great deal of interest.

Get Very Best Civic Candidates.

The Daily News has no intention of taking part in the civic contest except to report the meetings and to place the issues before the public, but now, before the contest begins we strongly urge that an effort be made to get the best possible candidates in the field. Prince Rupert needs a strong council this year, the city needs a good school board and also there is need of good men or women on the police commission.

There has been talk of a third candidate for mayor and also of one or two women candidates for the council. It is now time that all the candidates were in the field so that electors may have an opportunity of familiarizing themselves with their records.

The coming season promises to be an important one in the history of the city. In view of that, an effort should be made to induce the best businessmen of the city to undertake the conduct of affairs.

Sowing The Wind And Reaping The Whirlwind.

The rulers of Germany since the war have been deliberately sowing the wind and the people there are reaping the whirlwind. In the apparent effort to avoid reparations obligations the currency of the country has been systematically devalued by keeping the printing presses running and turning out paper money at wholesale. The result is that today German money is valueless and the stricken people find that even in their own country it will not purchase the necessities of life. Clothes and soap and common household articles are beyond the reach of the worker and the coming of children is dreaded owing to the impossibility of providing for them. The condition is not so much the result of the war as of the mad policy followed since peace was declared.

URGE INCREASE ARMY NUMBERS

Secretary Weeks Asks Congress to Provide for Enlistment to 150,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—An urgent warning "against the slightest cutting of the budget" for the army is contained in Secretary Weeks' annual report to Congress.

The army not only is "cut below our vital needs," the Secretary said, but increased appropriations for national defense soon would be necessary due to the consumption of war stocks.

"We are not able even now to make the progress which is necessary to insure the fulfillment of the purposes of national defense," the report continued. "Since 1921, the total number of individuals under military training, or in military organizations, has decreased from 519,041 to 504,010. This does not spell progress, but rather reaction.

"I am convinced that our people as a whole are in accord with the constructive policy under which we are endeavoring to operate. I believe that they will deeply approve the constructive statesmanship which demands that this policy be fulfilled even at the expense of the natural complaints on the part of the tax payers."

In specific terms, Secretary Weeks reaffirmed his recommendations of former years that the enlisted strength of the regular army be increased from its present limit of 125,000 men to 150,000 men "at the earliest possible date."

The Man in the Moon SAYS:-

THERE are two difficult things in this life, keeping up appearances and keeping down expenses.

I HAVE been wondering how many of those men who brag about honesty being the best policy tell their wives the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

THE Chinese were truthful until they started playing golf and the Japanese until they took up hunting and fishing.

WHAT I hate is making decisions. Every morning I have to decide to get out of bed and it hurts.

ONE thing worse than being a candidate is being a candidate a second time.

THAT Elks street may be like Centre Street, but I can't believe they ever raked a man in the old town like they did the visitors at Elks Home last night.

WIVES are beginning to humor their husbands. Christmas is coming, evidently.

A MAN does not need to marry two wives in order to get into trouble. One is enough.

WHEN two men begin to call each other liars, you know both are telling the truth.

WHEN she calls you "Old Dear," button up tight.

IF a man would find favor with the girls here he needs to be a raig bean.

A GOOD way to get rid of a bill collector is to pay him.

MANITOBA Free Press suggests that if faith will move mountains, British Columbia should try it on the excess freight rates to the west.

PERSIA has a Shah that it can't control. The difficulty about shahs is that they are very much like other people.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

December 5, 1913.

Miss Anna Christing McLeod and Bernard McDonald were married this morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil McLeod, Hays Cove Circle. Rev. F. W. Kerr

officiated. Writing to the city from Smithers, Harry Hanson, the plumber, tells of very prosperous times there. Much building is going on. Several letters to which the writers refuse to attach their names for publication appear in Ex-Mayor Newton's paper condemning the present civic administration.

Sport Chat

Negotiations between the Grotto Athletic Club and "Red" Campbell, the Ketchikan middleweight, with a view to staging a bout here this month between

him and R. B. Skinner of this city are off. The Ketchikan man wants \$150 and expenses to come here, the figure being above what the local interests were prepared to pay. There is a possibility, however, that the two men may yet meet in Ketchikan.

Prince George received an acquisition to its population last week in the person of "Sunny Jim" who claims to hold the heavyweight championship of the Peace River district. He says he fights best at 195 pounds and is willing to tangle with any one who is willing to meet him. In the interval he proposes to take a course of training in the tie camps but will be ready for engagements at any time.

After a sensational race between Harry Heilmann of Detroit and George Ruth of New York, the Detroit slugger led the batters in the American League during the past season for the second time in his career. His percentage was .403 against Ruth's .393. Heilmann and Ruth led the procession all season. Old timers were prominent among the leaders and few new men reached over the .300 mark. The first ten men were: Heilmann, .403; Archdeacon, Chicago, .402 (22 games only); Ruth, New York, .393; Speaker, Cleveland, .380; Uble, Cleveland, .364; Collins, Chicago, .360; Williams, St. Louis, .357; Sewell, Cleveland, .353; Jamieson, Cleveland,



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