



KNOW HIM WHEN YOU MEET HIM.  
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### ***CONSTANT CARE CUTS CLAIMS***

In this and in previous issues much space has been devoted to the organization of Claim Preventive Committees, and it is proposed to devote more space to this subject in succeeding numbers.

It is one of those sad but true facts that the Frisco is continually paying big round dollars for freight claim settlements and this, in the language of William Shakespeare, "should give us pause."

If as a result of the formation of these committees, its slogan of reducing the claims \$100,000 in this fiscal year becomes a fact and not a war cry, it would be difficult to find a more valuable movement unless it is that of Safety First.

In a measure the claim prevention movement has certain features similar to Safety First inasmuch as it draws upon loyalty and carefulness.

It is hardly necessary to state that the conservation of life is infinitely more important than property, but, at the same time, the wanton destruction of property through carelessness or for other causes, means a loss of money and money is needed to purchase the necessities by which we sustain life and so we travel around a circle and find that to a degree claim prevention has a terminal in which Safety First trains enter.

### ***The Fire Box King***

It has been reported that Master Mechanic William Henry, otherwise known as Bill, is training for the big league and in order to be entirely fit he is using bricks instead of baseballs.

An eye witness, there are always a lot of them somehow, reports that Bill used bricks with accuracy and vigor in a fire box recently and as a result a threatened engine failure was averted.

### ***Watch Dry Spots***

The season is at hand for field conflagrations, whatever that means.

Anyhow every section foreman should be doubly careful about the inflammable stuff along and adjacent to the right of way as a few sparks improperly applied can cause a lot of trouble all along the line.

### ***Claim Clamor***

It is doubtful if the importance of taking careful care of freight has even been really appreciated along the line, nor the amount which is paid out for freight claims.

Reports from practically all divisions indicate that there will be something doing when the next fiscal year rolls around and it will be something thing worth while, too.

### ***A Little History***

Of course, what the Newburg team did to the Springfield club is a matter of history. With some a matter of profane history. Nevertheless it is stated that the huskies from Newburg were regarded plumb flippant not to say disdainful, in fact they were bushers until the game was over and all of the score added up

### ***In the Spotlight***

Hardly a day passes that the Frisco-Man is not in receipt of a publication which contains reference to something noteworthy that has been done, said or written by a Frisco employee.

Recently the Pennsylvania, in its bulletin, quoted liberally and with due credit from an article on courtesy which appeared in the Frisco-Man and was written by Agent J. W. West, Lockwood, Mo.

### ***All Together Now!***

Recently one of the members of a department caught an error in the work of another, and to an extent, utterly foreign department.

Making a short cut through a lot of red tape the observer called up the other department by telephone and pointed out the mistake. Promptly by first mail the next day he received a letter thanking him for the correction in brief but sincere form—and closing without the hint of an alibi.

In the beginning we have used the expression "to an extent utterly foreign department," this is and should be absolutely meaningless on the Frisco, there is no department which is utterly foreign to another, they are all related, all have the same parent and self-interest, if nothing else, should cause one to aid the other and those aided should show proper appreciation as in the above instance.

This spells harmony which is but another name for success.

"A nursed grudge growing out of a surly answer has been responsible for many of the troubles of the railroads."—Fairfax Harrison, President Southern Railway.

### *Your Catch*

This is the vacation season and with a due regard to the possibilities of space and the tension on truth The Frisco-Man might be able to print a few "real" fishing stories. Of course, Tarpon in Colorado and Pompano in the Ozarks are barred and a further suggestion as to the need of keeping recitals within the provisions of the game laws may be timely.

### *Rhyming Roadsters*

Though frequent appeals have been made the stream of poetry continues to purl against the banks of the Frisco-Man. Particularly in summer is the epidemic most virulent, but if the poet wants to write verse, or whatever it is, why should anyone else object save those that read it and that is what they are paid to do after all.

An amusing story of a "Safety First" button is going the rounds of the Chicago press. Mr. Henry Spieckerman, of the auditing department of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, is said to be owing his life to the fact that he accidentally swallowed his "Safety First" button, as he was straightening out the fastener with his teeth. The button could be removed only by an operation, during the course of which it was discovered that Mr. Spieckerman's appendix was so diseased that his life was in danger. The surgeon who removed both button and appendix asserted that if Mr. Spiecker-

man had not swallowed the button, he would have died within a month.  
—Safety.

### *A Poem*

Old Take a Chance and What's the Use

Children of Fail and Disaster;  
Limping along with Poor Excuse  
Slaves to few, to many the master.

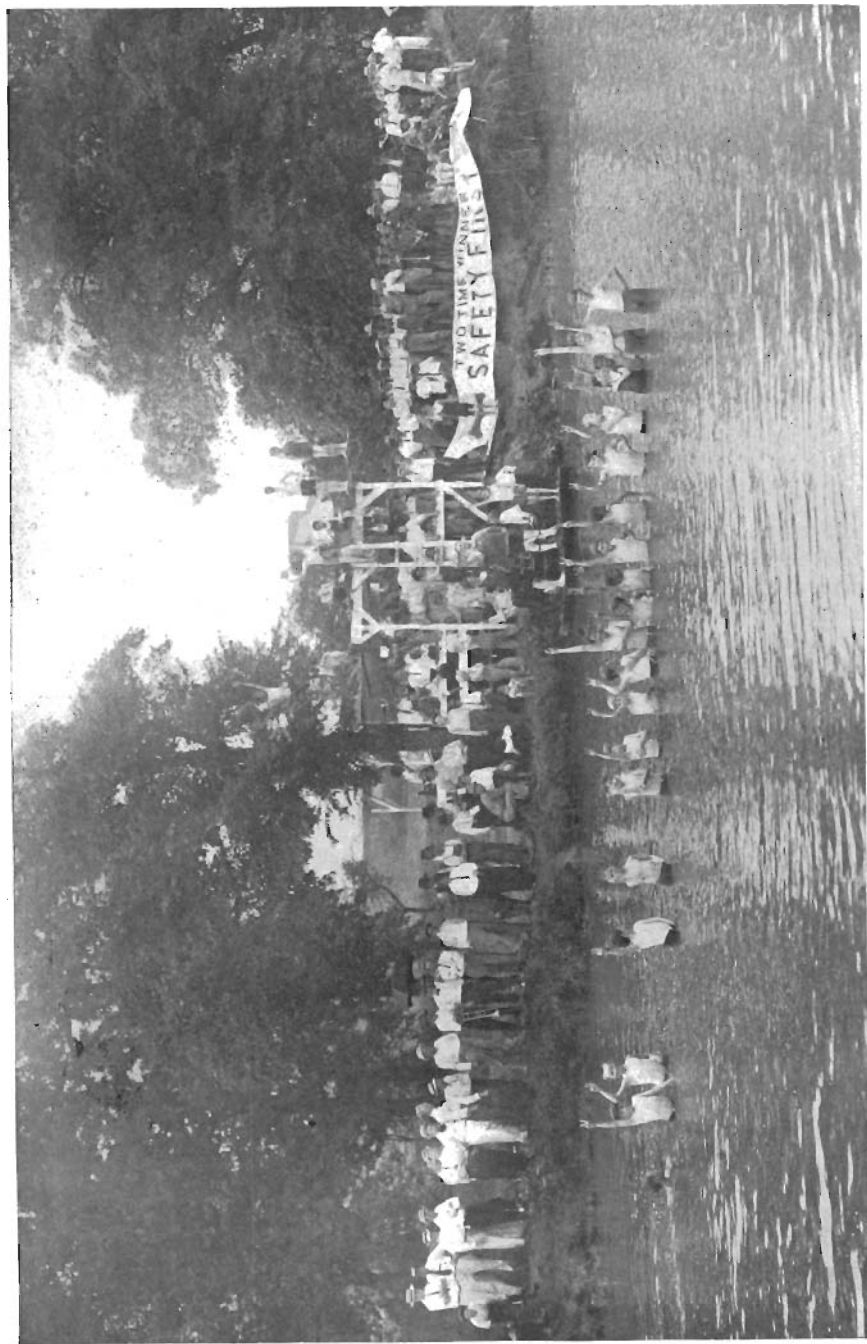
Whine and Wail are the tongues they use

Short Cut and Sloth their feet;  
The shine of their mind you'll generally find

In the realm of their trouser's seat.



Steel, Mo., Depot. Reading from left to right, seated on the truck, are: J. A. Brown, agent; R. L. Burton, helper; and J. R. Barnes, clerk. Mr. Brown has been agent at Steele for the last ten years.



The famous "Safety Pool" at Thayer, Mo.—Warm Ewing and George MacGregor among the spectators. "Pikers" would not go in. The above picture was taken July 17, 1914, Flag and Pennant Day—Big Safety First Rally at Thayer.