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NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL

Former Penn Central Finance Chairman David C. Bevan and two associates have been arrested and accused for conspiring to take more than \$21 million from the railroad's treasury. The charges are from a year-long study and probe of the financial state of the troubled road. (South Bend Tribune)

Amtrak is threatening to end service across northern Indiana, Ohio, and other states if it is not paid for a part of losses accumulated. Only Ohio, of five states had approved money for it. Indiana says it did not receive Amtrak's "bill" until a week before the due date. (S.B. Tribune)

Chicago, South Shore and South Bend has received approval for grants to buy new equipment and almost simultaneously filed to reduce service on its lines.

TAMR*****

Mike Bonk has officially been ~~xxx~~ appointed as HB editor. The European Region will meet in Munich, Germany this summer. Meanwhile, problems with the HOTBOX have caused controversy and general confusion. And apparent further delay of that paper.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

Enclosed in this issue is the proposed GLR constitution, and a ballot for same. Please return the ballot to Tim Vermande. ~~More details there.~~
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Subscriptions of the following expire with this issue, please send \$1 to Tim Vermande: N. Stout, RC Wagie, T. Papadeas, G. Tempco, R. Larson, D. Belton, T. Schiltgen, M. Matejka, D. Minter. Next issue will be last for B. Sprague and S. Lake.

The TAMR election is being "reheld", we are told, by a person with no connection with anything except knowing the auditor, and past officers ask the auditor what he thinks he's doing. This is the upshot of some problem with the last issue of the HOTBOX which some

members did not get. How many is not known, but the additor went ahead and called a new election, and then appointed someone else to do the counting of ballots, a function which is donstitutionally given to the auditor only. The WF staff would like to ask ~~the auditor~~ just where the auditor gets his authority for this, since it is not in the constitution. We would also like to state that the auditor does not seem to be doing his job too well, which is supposedly watching the club for proper constitutional procedure. What the members will do is up to them, and we hope they will keep chekk on future TAMR activities closely, for now that one small thing has been disregarded, ~~it~~ won't be much to trouble to just totally ignore the new document.

The ~~editor~~ has annimportant announcement. He would like to announce that concurrent with the new constitution, if appproved, he will soon resign. The burden of Vice-President is not a light one, and add to that contributing material for the WF and HB. There is also a heavy work load at home of study. Anyone interested in starting as an assisstant editor and working to editor about June should contact Tim Vermande at once.

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WF or new member for TAMR

STATE OF THE GLR FINANCES*****

The GLR Balance stands at \$14.66, not including a) postage for this issue, b) monies collected by the Publisher, which are \$(Terry--put in how much you have). Of this, \$20 has been received this year in dues. Ads have brought in some money, most of which has gone into postage and new member work. Office expenses of the editor have been about \$1. In addition, the editor and publisher receive \$1 credit on expenses each toward the subscription. Costs include promotional copies mailed, stationery, receipts and postage. What to do with all this money is up to you, the members. One thing which has been done is getting colored stencils. Possibilities include purchasing ad space; making the WF larger. There is also a need to obtain back copies of the WF. Lone Eagle Payne has offered to make back copies available for photocopying. Our file only extends back to the first Schiltgen issues, and the editor has some in his files. If you would like to approve a back file, please so indicate with your renewal, and constitution ballot. This will not use all the extra money, so there will still be other projects we can have. These copies would be available to any GLR member for reference. If approved, money will be spent for postage, if any, of obtaining these copies, and the photocopy cost, which is 3-5¢ a page.

*****DETACH HERE AND RETURN TO EDITOR*****

MEMBER'S INFORMATIONAL SURVEY

Name _____ ETC. (_____) (NO NEED FOR ADDRESS. PLEASE ~~PHONE~~ ~~NAME~~)
Telephone _____
Model Railroad Gauge _____ Pike Name _____ ... AT

- 1. What aspects of model/railroading could you contribute to the membership through articles in the WF?
- 2. What aspects of prototype Railroading?
- 3. Do think the present format of the WF should be continued? _____
- 4. What, if any changes would you suggest in the WF? Should it cover more topics in general and model railroading? What other changes?
- 5. What are the strongest WF features?
- 6. What are the weakest?
- 7. Are the regions being overemphasized? _____ What observations could you suggest?

Answer on back: 8. What do you like about TAMR? What don't you like? Please try to offer alternatives when possible.

CONSTITUTION VOTE: FOR _____ AGAINST _____

BACK ISSUE FILE: FOR _____ AGAINST _____

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Miscellany.....

We are full for a few months with layout and train-trip stories. We can use construction articles, etc.

Next issue deadline March 25. Will contain "Build a Coal Tipple" by Mike Matejka, and Patrick Golden's story of a ride on the Monon.

Has anyone heard from the Yankee Region? I have gotten nothing but requests for money.

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NEW FEATURES:: Remember "What our Members are Doing". Also, "What's What in Railroad Lit" and a new, yet unnamed section where you may report on on new equipment you have, telling of problems, how it works, and anything else (including the cost). Is it coincidental that this feature is being started just after Christmas?????????

Latest Amtrak Timetable is dated November 14, patterned after airline tables. Available from Amtrak at 955 L'Enfant Plaza North SW, Washington DC 20024. Complaint man is Mr. Harold C. Graham, VP of Marketing, at same address.