

INCREASE FOR POSTAL EMPLOYEES IS URGED

Bills to Provide More Pay to Meet Living Costs Already in Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—It is more than likely that Congress will pass a bill this session granting increases of salary to all the postal employees. There is a strong sentiment for such a measure to be passed either as a separate bill or as a part of the postoffice appropriation bill. The members of both the Senate and House, who realize that a raise of salaries paid five or ten cents ago is not sufficient to meet the high cost of living, are anxious to provide the increase were introduced in both the Senate and House on the opening day of the session, and the House will be urged by its members whose aid has been solicited by the employees all over the country.

London Sees Need of War Aims Pledge

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more physical war measures. Judging from the reception of President Wilson's address, the plan will be brought to the fore today.

"If the President could have said earlier what he said today," the Daily News editorial declared, "and if in Britain and France and Italy the responsible leaders in these nations had made his language their own, Russia might today be defeating the German army from her borders."

The demand for a statement of war aims had been repeated and insisted. In the light of Mr. Wilson's speech a statement which will mean wiping off the slate of much that ought never to have been written on it is imperative. There will be no lip-synch to the spirit of yesterday's speech and the spirit of knockout blows or of economic warfare or of post-war boycotts."

The Daily News held up the President's speech to more praise than it has given any previous utterance of the American Executive, judging it "another example of common sense by which he clarified fundamental issues of the war."

It would be a reflection on a President that the speech echoes the declarations of Allied statesmen; the editorial concluded: "His vision comprehends the world's needs only half."

The Times still refused today to agree with the President's differentiation between the German Government and the German people.

"President Wilson," the Times said, "has restated the Allies' purpose with uncompromising force. With a straightforward statement of war aims the last hope of the pacifists must founder."

"Asia reaffirmation of previous war utterances," the speech is of first-class importance," asserted the Chronicle.

"Clear, far-sighted, and statesmanlike" was the Express opinion.

Virtually every editorial referred to the address as the most emphatic announcement of America's determination to wage war to the limit. The President's recommendation that war be declared on Austria was regarded as one further evidence of this inflexible determination.

WILSON'S WORDS OPEN WAY FOR ALL NATIONS TO STATE WAR AIMS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—America's cards are on the table. If Germany is to escape being crushed she must as freely and as frankly state exactly what she is fighting for, a President Wilson outlined the war aims of the United States.

The way is open for the German ruling powers to respond—explain to the German people and the world exactly what they are fighting for or admit America's indictment and fight it out.

The table is likewise waiting for England, France and the other Entente powers to put their cards upon it, as the President declared.

This, it may be stated today, is the official view of the President's epochal address before Congress.

It is the most powerful blow of the political offensive against Germany that has yet been struck. It was addressed to the German people as much as to the other peoples of the world.

The war will be considered ended when a peace based on justice—to enemy and friend alike—can be made and guaranteed by spokesmen of the German people whose word we can believe."

There is no mistaking the meaning of President Wilson's outline of American war aims.

American blood is not to be shed and American money is not to be spent toward realization of any selfish aims. The President did not mention the restoration of Alsace-Lorraine. The question, according to the official view today, may take care of itself when Germany is brought to the final reckoning, but the restoration of territory lost forty years ago is not in the category of American aims. These subjects are not considered among essentials of the war.

The President asked for a declaration

Such writers as these—Booth Tarkington, Edgar Lee Masters, Owen Wister, Gouverneur Morris, Charles Hanson Towne, George Ade, Julian Street, Gertrude Atherton, these and many more authors, poets, painters, musicians, sculptors and actors have joined together in a magnificent tribute to France. It is a gift book of rare beauty.

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of war on Austria. This will be voted by Congress immediately. But, as he asked that Austria be listed among America's enemies, he voiced the cause of the dual monarchy by declaring that under peace terms to which this country can subscribe Austria-Hungary must have free access to the sea and must be free of Prussian domination.

If Italy still maintains ambitions of obtaining Istria and Dalmatia in return for her efforts in the war she will not find support from this Government. This would cut Austria off from the Adriatic.

Authorities point out today the particularly strong bid for the Austrian people to assert themselves and throw off the curse of Hohenzollernism, along with the Germans, while at the same time he sought to swerve Russia to renewed support of the Allied cause.

British Guns Smash Foe's Massed Lines

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the drive, but they are confident of the strength of the Italian divisions.

ROME, Dec. 5.—The official Italian announcement yesterday said:

In the Giudicaria region (Trentino) front) at dawn yesterday, enemy parties after artillery preparation attacked our advanced line on the slopes south of Duane Valley, but were repulsed.

On the Asiago plateau the enemy artillery was very active between Monte Stano and Monte Castelgomberti. Our reconnaissance parties brought back prisoners and our batteries made powerful concentrations of fire on masses of troops sent in Giallo Wood, at the southwest of Asiago and north of Monte Fontanafredda. Enemy troops and equipments also were hurled by our aircraft in Gialmarada valley and neighboring zones.

An enemy infantry regiment east of Monte Badeneche was promptly stopped by our fire.

FRENCH TAKE CAPTIVES IN CHAMPAGNE FORAY

PARIS, Dec. 5.—Surprise attacks by the enemy in the Champagne region failed completely, the War office announced today. The French penetrated a German trench east of Rheims, capturing prisoners, the statement adds. Artillery was active on the right bank of the Meuse.

Enemy airplanes bombarded the region north of Nancy. Three persons were injured.

GERMANS TAKE FIRST BRITISH GUNS SINCE 1915

LONDON, Dec. 5.—For the first time since May, 1915, the Germans captured British guns at Cambrai, said General F. B. Maurice, director of operations today.

"We captured 138 of the enemy's guns at Cambrai alone; therefore there is no reason for us to be ashamed at the balance."

"Some adjustment of the British line around Cambrai may be necessary," General Maurice announced, as a result of the Germans' small gain in that section. He described the south flank gain as most important because it menaced supplies.

"There is no doubt that Quartermaster General Ludendorff planned and supervised the Cambrai attack," General Maurice continued. "It was made simultaneously on both flanks and was followed by an attempt at penetration of the center. Behind the stroke at Bouillon and in the center failed. In the south the Germans succeeded, on account of the surprise nature of the attack and broke our original line to a depth of 6,000 yards, overrunning our guns."

"Of the Italian situation, Maurice said: 'I see nothing to modify my opinion that the Italian crisis is over. I see no immediate indication of a big enemy attack and the advance is definitely checked.'

War Declaration Now Before House

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ment that Turkey and Bulgaria are mere tools of Germany and do not yet stand in the direct path of our necessary action. Congress will leave them out for the present.

The House of Representatives, marking time while the war resolution against Austria was being rolled out in committee, swung into routine at noon today. Several minor important bills carried over from the special session were in line for consideration. Among them which may come up is one to punish destruction of war materials.

Aside from national prohibition and woman suffrage legislation, which will be cleared away by the Christmas recess, leaders will confine Congress rigidly to win-the-war measures. Both suffrage and prohibition appear likely to pass in the House at least. The House Judiciary Committee will report them out next Tuesday, the suffrage amendment without recommendation.

Anti-enemy alien legislation, extension of price-fixing and conservation of national resources will have early call on the legislative schedule. The giant money measures, both for raising revenue and appropriating it, are not expected until later in the session.

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Police Plan to Strike as the Year Closes

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more than 2000 policemen would resign in a body on December 31 if salaries are not increased. Johns was dismissed yesterday by Director Wilson.

Decision to strike was reached at a series of meetings held in Grand Fraternity Hall, 1625 Arch street, which were attended by more than 1000 members of the Patrolmen's Benevolent and Protective Beneficial Association. Arrangements were made at each session for all the men who are off duty tomorrow afternoon to hold a mass meeting on the north City Hall plaza at 2 o'clock, under the windows of the Mayor's reception room. Speakers will set forth the demands of the men, following which they will march on Councils to demand that they be paid a living wage.

AUSTRIAN ALIENS OFFER HARD PROBLEM FOR U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Inclusion of Austro-Hungarians in the list of alien enemies will present a serious problem to the United States. The question of just how they are to be handled must be decided. The number of subjects of the Dual Empire in this country is very large. They are represented in many lines of industry.

Especially are they active in coal production, in the steel plants everywhere, in the big ore ranges and in many other lines of industry. Certain strikes of the I. W. W. in Minnesota, in the Pacific slope states and in the south were promoted by these aliens in sympathy with Germany. But the great majority of the subjects of Emperor Karl in this country, officials who have investigated the situation say, have been unopposedly anti-German.

However, if they still are unopposed there will be nothing for this country to do but to regard them as citizens and to act accordingly. At least 500 will immediately be forced to leave the District of Columbia after war is declared, as this is a prohibited zone. They also will have to keep away from the water fronts everywhere, and from localities where war materials are being manufactured.

It is too early, officials say, to determine whether there will be any interference with coal mining through the barring of Austrians and Hungarians. Like the subjects of the Kaiser, they will be able to get permits after they have registered with the local authorities. Department of Justice officials are working to solve the many problems that are sure to arise after Austria is lined up as an enemy.

It is now known that the President's recommendation that women and men en masse be recognized as an equal footing will be carried out by Congress. Bills along that line will be introduced in the Senate and House next week and speedily passed. With their passage confinement in Federal prisons of labor will be substituted for ease in internment camps.

BULGARIA WANTS TEXT OF WILSON'S MESSAGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Dr. Stephen Panaretoff, Bulgarian minister, will ask the State Department to transmit to Congress President Wilson's message to Bulgaria.

"That America will break with Bulgaria now is extremely improbable," Bulgaria is extremely improbable. "Unless American troops invade Bulgarian territory"—is impossible, Bulgarian officials declare.

While Serbia, Rumania, Greece, and even Italy, want America to sever relations with Bulgaria, both England and France are satisfied to see friendly relations continue. No actual advantage will result from such a move, diplomats admit.

Another significant fact is that this country has asked permission to send more men into Bulgaria to assist Dominic Murphy, American consul at Sofia. Minister Panaretoff has advised the Bulgarian minister to grant the request of this Government.

Of all the allies of Germany, Bulgaria alone retains some vestige of her independence. While virtually the vassal of Prussia, the fact that she can get along without Germany easier than German can get along without her has made the Kaiser less anxious to "cross" or "force her hand."

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This promise followed a visit today to Director Wilson by Stumeter, who called in company with Edward Keenan of the Central Labor Union and other representatives of the American Federation of Labor.

Sergeant William Scull, Organization man, was elected at the Thirty-second street and Woodland avenue station. Sergeant Martin was chosen from the Manayunk station.

Others elected were:

Fourth and Master streets—Charles Klein (association).
East Girard avenue—Lieutenant Harry Pluckfelder (organization).
Fourth and York streets—Sergeant Hilliges.
Seventh and Carpenter streets—Edward Walligaher.
Fifteenth and Locust streets—John J. Molinda.
Twentieth and Fitzwater streets—Charles McWilliams.
Twelfth and Pine streets—John J. Toland (association).
Second and Christian streets—Sergeant Harry McArchie.
Third and De Lancey streets—Edward Looney.

Railroad Unification Urged on Congress

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entire American railroad system, the vested interests of individual owners of railroad securities would have to be protected by provision for the guarantee of payment of interest and dividends, the commission says.

The commission's letter reviews the history of American railroading and points out that the European war has made it imperative to reverse completely the theory of regulation. In the past, it is pointed out, all legislation, both State and Federal, has been directed to the fostering of keen competition and the prevention of just such pooling as now is recommended. This reversal of policy must be accompanied by appropriate legislation, which will prevent the punishments of the existing anti-trust laws from falling upon the railroads. A suspension of those laws must be arranged.

WAR MEASURE ONLY

It is made plain by the commission that its recommendation is distinctly a war measure. It is stated clearly that the vital industries of the country, engaged in turning out the munitions of war are wholly dependent upon the railroads. For that reason nothing must be left undone which would increase the efficiency of the railroad machinery.

In his dissenting memorandum Commissioner McChord says that if the President, under the powers given him in the act of April 29, 1916, does not see fit to take over and operate the railroads Congress should, on its own initiative, enact legislation creating some central body to administer the railroad lines, at least for the period of the war.

In justification of his revolutionary recommendation the commission says:

"Since the outbreak of the war in Europe, and especially since this country was drawn into that war, it has become increasingly clear that unification in the operation of our railroads during the period of conflict is indispensable to their fullest utilization for the national defense and welfare. They must be drawn, like the individual, from

the pursuits of peace and mobilized to win the war."

The commission emphasizes that the recommendation is made necessary by the war and that it would not for a case reason propose the overturning of the elaborate structure of law and operating practice which for a quarter of a century and more has directed that the opposite policy be pursued.

SPEEDY ACTION URGED

The element of time is given great importance by the commission and for that reason speedy action by Congress may be expected.

The rights and interests of shippers would not be prejudiced by the proposed action, the commission says. While there would be a complete reorganization of the entire transportation system, with the establishment of new routes and terminals and other changes of importance, the Federal Government would see to it that no discriminations should be worked upon the shipper to his prejudice. However, it is made clear in the letter that under the new regulation the railroad system would be used first for

war business and that all nonessential shipments would have to await their turn.

R. R. OWNERSHIP MOVE MAKES STOCKS SOAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Railroad shares and many other stocks responded quickly today to the special Interstate Commerce Commission report to Congress.

The market closed strong.

Union Pacific gained 3 points, 113 1/2. Reading was up 2, to 71, while St. Paul led the advance with a 2 1/2-point gain, to 29.

Marine preferred sold up 1/2 in the last hour, to 29 1/2, and United States steel and Bethlehem "B" made big gains.

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