

WAR LOANS RISE TO 14 BILLIONS

House Committee Drafting Bill for Third Issue of \$3,000,000,000

INTEREST RATE TO BE 4 1/2

Secretary McAdoo Looks for Loyal Response by People of Country

Washington, March 26.—Bond authorizations since the United States entered the war will be brought up to \$14,000,000,000 when the House approves the enabling legislation for the third Liberty Loan...

House Considering Bill The first draft of the new bond issue bill was considered by the House Ways and Means Committee today.

Secretary McAdoo's Statement Secretary McAdoo issued this statement: "The Secretary of the Treasury, in a conference with Mr. Kitchin, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, today outlined his plan for the third Liberty Loan."

The bill will provide also for the creation of a sinking fund whereby the parity of the bond issues may be maintained. In fixing the amount of the third Liberty Loan at \$3,000,000,000, the Secretary stipulated that the right be reserved to allow oversubscriptions.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in a conference with Mr. Kitchin, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, today outlined his plan for the third Liberty Loan. Actual expenditures of the United States Government and of the Allied governments have been much less than had been indicated by the estimates, the amount of the next loan will be only \$3,000,000,000, the right being reserved to allow oversubscriptions.

The Secretary will ask authority from Congress to issue bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent per annum, acceptable at par and accrued interest in payment of United States inheritance taxes and having the benefit of a sinking fund of 5 per cent per annum during the period of the war and for one year thereafter.

It is the belief of the Secretary that the rate now proposed is sufficient and that by restricting unnecessary capital issues and by inducing the people who subscribe for Liberty Bonds to save and keep them for investment, and by purchases with the sinking fund from those who find themselves compelled to sell, future increases in the interest rate may be avoided.

In addition to the foregoing principal items of the proposed campaign, Congress will be asked for authority for bonds to the amount of \$1,500,000,000 in addition to those now authorized, in order to provide for future issues, for authority to issue additional treasury certificates of indebtedness; for authority to make additional loans to the Allied governments during the summer, and authority for deposit and income profits taxes with national banks, State banks and trust companies throughout the United States in the same manner as the proceeds of the Liberty Loans.

Look for Loyal Response "I am sure that the people will respond to the third Liberty Loan with the same loyalty and enthusiasm that characterized their support of the first two loans. The great events now happening in France must fire the soul of every American with a new determination to furnish all the dollars and all the material resources of America that are needed to put an end to the execrable atrocities of German militarism. Defeat faces the Kaiser. Let us hasten it by asserting America's might with increased vigor in concert with our gallant comrades."

It is expected that authority will be given to issue additional bonds amounting to four and one-half billion, and in accordance with the Secretary's plans; additional blocks of Treasury certificates of indebtedness; to make such additional loans to the cobelligerents of the United States as are necessary; to deposit income and excess profits taxes with national banks, State banks and trust companies in the same manner as the proceeds of the first two Liberty Loans were handled.

One very significant result of the conference between Secretary McAdoo and

German God's Defeat, Swedish Socialist Hope

Stockholm, March 26.—"A few days will show whether the German god, who has been officially called upon, achieves a victory," declares the newspaper Social Demokraten.

"We hope the opposite for the freedom of the world."

Majority Leader Kitchin here was the statement that estimates of necessary expenditures by both the United States and its allies have been too large. They have fallen even below the figures hoped for by Secretary McAdoo. This has resulted in a very much smaller bond issue being planned than had been deemed necessary. The new issue will not be convertible, indicating that the interest rate, 4 1/2 per cent, will prevail on all further bond issues needed. This is designed to put an end to the expectation of higher interest rates on future bond issues.

FREIGHT EMBARGOES MENACE PRODUCTION

Eastern Farmers Try in Vain to Get Implements Needed to Grow Increased Crops

Freight embargoes are seriously menacing agricultural production in Pennsylvania through the inability of farmers to get agricultural instruments and repair parts. Production in the eastern States will be materially cut this year, local implement dealers say, unless orders are given the railroads to haul the machinery needed by the farmers.

Patriotic farmers who want to obey the Government's wishes and plant the biggest average in history are heavily handicapped because plows, repair parts, manure spreaders, cultivators, tractors and all kinds of implements are held up. Tools purchased two weeks ago and ordered for shipment to farmers throughout the State are undelivered, and farmers and dealers are frantically begging the railroads to lift the embargoes so that the machinery may reach them in time for the spring plowing and sowing.

An embargo of carload shipments of farming machinery east of Indiana has been in force for some time, and only by special priority orders have shipments come through. Regional Director Smith, of the eastern railroads, said today that an embargo was on to clear the lines, so that agricultural implements might be moved more freely when the movement is released.

Editors Acquitted in Tageblatt Trial

Continued from Page One The court because it was contended that the Government had failed to produce the entire newspaper in which the alleged article appeared.

The first so-called overt act, which was an article in the Philadelphia Tageblatt published August 2, 1917, picturing Germany's strength like the "paws of a lion," was introduced soon after Professor Peck had completed his testimony. This article read, in part, as follows:

"Gloom upon gloom. The German lion tent dead yet; he is even so much alive that he can hold fast in Flanders and on the Aisne with two paws and administer blows with the third in Galicia and Bukovina."

Root as "Raging Old Man" Elihu Root was portrayed as an old man who ought to be able to bridle his tongue in another article, published August 19, 1917. This article was also permitted to go to the jury despite many objections of the defense. The attack on Mr. Root in part read:

"Mr. Elihu Root is an old man and ought to be able to bridle his tongue. But he cannot, because he is boiling with rage, and this rage must come out. Mr. Root is raging because of the failure of his Russian mission. This failure is not to be denied."

The last alleged treasonable article allowed to be submitted by the Government was the attack on A. Curtis Roth, an American vice consul, who, until last summer, was stationed at Plauen, Germany. The article was published July 22, 1917, and in part said:

"Roth is the name of the American vice consul at Plauen, in Volhland, until the breaking out of the war. As a mitigating circumstance the Christian name of Curtis was allowed him, which indicates that Roth was born in this country. He is therefore no mangy German dog, but an American rattle-snake."

There was a battle between opposing counsel on the matter of the accuracy of the translations. Mr. Gray brought an admission from Professor Peck that there is a possibility of translations being incorrect and that the meaning and intent of any writing in the German language might easily be different when in English form.

BETTER CAR SERVICE PLEDGED BY RAPID TRANSIT COMPANY



CHRISTIAN NEES, 3D Of 269 West Sedgley avenue, who is one of the youngest engineers in the merchant marine. He recently sailed from this port on the steamship Orient.

NEW MEXICAN MISSION TO NEGOTIATE WITH U. S.

State Department "Not Concerned" Over Tie-Up of Economic Agreement Plan

Washington, March 26.—State department officials said today they "were not concerned" with the seeming tie-up that has resulted from the rejection by President Carranza, of Mexico, of the economic agreement reached by Ambassador Fletcher and Rafael Nieto, special Mexican commissioner. It is entirely Mexico's affairs, they said.

Carranza has named a new commission to negotiate the matter and up of Manuel Aguirre Beranza, Alberto Pani and Camillo Aguilar. It will have to deal entirely with Ambassador Fletcher, who has been given full power by Secretary of State Lansing in the premises. As a matter of fact the United States is permitting Carranza to work out Mexico's destiny along his own lines, and so long as he does not want to adopt a revision of the United States whether the economic problem in Mexico becomes a Mexican one, the embargo remains in force so that the interests of the United States are in no way suffering.

ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPT TO ROB U. S. MAIL CAR

Valuable Packages Recovered After Arrest of George Sutton on Express at Reading

Reading, Pa., March 26.—A daring attempt to rob a United States mail car was followed by the arrest of a man who gave the name of George Sutton at the outer Philadelphia and Reading station last night, after the arrival of the Philadelphia express.

Parcel-post packages and express assignments said to be valued at anywhere from \$100 to \$200 were recovered. John Henne, baggage-master and mail clerk on the Philadelphia express frustrated the man's attempt to escape.

UNDERTAKER ASPHYXIATED Had Been in Bad Health—Body Found by Wife

John Courtney, sixty-five years old, of 655 Preston street, a retired undertaker, was found by his wife asphyxiated from illuminating gas today in the kitchen of his home.

Courtney, who had been ill for some time, left his bed about 4 o'clock, explaining to his wife that he would return in a few minutes. Mrs. Courtney, a short while later, detected the odor of gas and running to the kitchen found her husband sitting before the gas range, gas having freely from the open jets. He was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital and pronounced dead.

Continued from Page One portation companies of every kind are and have been laboring. "The management of the company is much pleased with the broad and liberal view taken of the situation by the commission and fully recognizes the obligations which present conditions impose upon the company. Philadelphia, more than any other large city, is being called upon by the Government to assist in every way in the prosecution of the war. The Delaware River will produce approximately one-third of all the shipping so urgently needed, and scarcely less important are the activities of the navy, Frankford Arsenal, the Midvale Steel Company and the large plants of the Westinghouse Manufacturing Company and the Baldwin Locomotive Works.

"These Government demands are bringing to the city a largely increased population which must be cared for. The same conditions which call for increased services have necessarily led to a step to the completion of the city's system of high speed lines which was designed to meet the very material growth in industrial enterprises which Philadelphia is now experiencing.

"The task thus presented to the company can be successfully met only if it secures the co-operation of the public, which the commission holds out is so much to be desired, and the further assistance of the administration in giving the company a clear track which the commission earnestly recommends to the Mayor and Councils. In this connection it is only fair to say that much of the improvement in service experienced in the last month has been due to the increased co-operation of the city's traffic squad in preventing unnecessary delays and dragging on cars by other conveyances, enabling the company to maintain its schedules.

"If necessity is shown in the improvements ordered by the Public Service Commission, the United States Government will not hinder their being carried out. Richard L. Austin, of the Federal Reserve Bank, made this clear this morning. Mr. Austin acted as Secretary of the commission at a conference of city officials yesterday at which the officials were told that the Government wanted all contract work of the kind that line department officials consider necessary.

"If these new lines and improvements are not in getting labor to shipyards, League Island and other Government plants quicker, there will be no interference and the Government will allow materials to be apportioned for this work," said Mr. Austin. "This was made clear yesterday to the city officials. Wherever anything is proven a necessity there will be no requests or interference from the Government. The officials at Washington merely want to stop unnecessary work so that materials and men may be released for war work."

Mr. Austin was asked if the people in office in the central section of the city would be considered necessary to a prosecution of the war, inasmuch as many war industries have their offices in that section.

"That would require a study," he replied. "That matter would have to be done into carefully so as to ascertain just how much Government work was being hindered by improper service in that section."

Sixty-third Street Line Nearly Ready Thirty-third Street Crosstown Line Will Be in Operation by the First of May if Everything Moves Smoothly. It was announced at the office of the company today.

The actual work to be done consists of straightening out the curves at Havertford and Lansdowne avenues, and laying a few hundred feet of track to connect the few gaps that exist. This can be accomplished in a week. Otherwise a complete double track runs from the Overbrook terminus to the Sixty-third and Market streets station.

Most of the material required is now in the city, while the rest is on its way here.

The Allied Business Men's Association of West Philadelphia has sent a telegram to the Public Service Commission commending it for its aid to West Philadelphia in directing the company to build and operate the Fifty-sixth street crosstown line.

The new line will furnish transit service to about 150,000 persons, those who live in about 49,000 homes near the line. It is to start at Fifty-fourth street and Gibson avenue, at Barrtram's Gardens, and run on Fifty-fourth street to Baltimore avenue; on Baltimore avenue to Fifty-sixth street, and thence to Lancaster avenue. It will be the only north-south line between Fifty-second and Fifty-sixth streets.

The telegram, signed by John N. McGarvey, chairman of the transportation committee of the association, follows:

Ban on City Works Hits Jobholders

Continued from Page One a full stop, thus leaving many of this large force without any visible means of putting in their time or excuse for drawing city pay.

The loan fund list has grown steadily until it bids fair to rival the record of the Municipal Court, which, until the present time, holds the record for rapid job making. Director Twining's report to the Government will show these facts as well as an outline of the work underway and contemplated.

Must Buy 100 Cars

On or before December 1, 1919, the company must purchase and place in operation 100 additional cars of the large green type. Following the cessation of the war the company is directed to purchase the new cars and equipment annually.

The opinion, written by Commissioner Ryan, states that the commission is both, in view of difficulties in procuring equipment to make certain of the orders, but because of the necessity they are imperative.

The report of the commission reads: "The commission is both, in view of the difficulties of procuring equipment and new cars, to make a formal order at this time to act as a guide, but it is of the opinion that more cars are necessary and it therefore directs the company to purchase and install on or before the first day of December, 1919, 100 of the larger type of cars, and that immediately following the ending of the war new cars to meet the demands of the increasing population, and that these shall be maintained in addition to the present equipment."

"The commission is of opinion that, in view of the great growth in the population of what is known as West Philadelphia, there should be increased facilities there, and it therefore directs the respondent to install and operate on or before the first day of June, from and between its terminus at Sixty-third and Lancaster streets and Market streets, connecting with and transferring to the surface roads and with the elevated railroad, a double-track line with an adequate number of cars; believing that in this way the very great congestion which exists at Sixtieth and Market streets will be lessened and passengers who reside in the Overbrook section can make use of this Sixty-third street line exclusively both in going and coming from their homes.

"The commission further directs that during the rush hours, namely, from 7 to 9 a. m. and from 5 to 7 p. m. of every day, excepting Sunday, service equivalent to at least ten more cars shall be placed upon the Sixtieth street line, Sixtieth and Market streets is one of the most used transfer points, complaints in relation to it having been the most serious and justifiable, and the need of a remedy is admitted by the company. As to the method of operation at this point, we express now no opinion, being confident that the management will co-operate in obtaining the result we seek to attain."

450 JOIN MEDICAL RESERVE Recruiting Mission, Which Arrived Saturday, Wants 1500 More

About 450 recruits for the medical reserve corps, Ambulance Company No. 517, have been accepted by the recruiting mission which arrived here last Saturday to enlist 1000 men for hospital and ambulance work and another 1000 for clerical positions. The mission's headquarters are at Fifteen and Dauphin streets.

The mission, which is from Camp Lee, N. C., will stay a week to recruit men to fill vacancies made by sending men to the corps.

Captain Stephen Wilmer Punnell, a Philadelphia physician, heads the mission. Other members are First Lieutenant Russell P. Elice, First Sergeant Charles P. Saunders and Private Charles Stevens.

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