Complains Work Has Been Obstructed by Holding

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FOR STANDARD RAIL RULES

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By the Associated Press Washington, Dec. 4.—The annual re-ort of the Interstate Commerce Com-clasion, submitted to Congress today, a comparatively brief and makes few

Federal control of rallways during e last year, having taken over many actions of the commission, the re-

It is recommended that the power to the ward reparation for unreasonable or call and the courts; that the powers of the commission be extended to helding corporations as well as those which actualr operate interstate transportation nes, and that railroad operating rules

The commission reports again that in many cases its work has been ob-structed because necessary records and fata could only be obtained from hold-

Train Accidents Due to Neglect From its investigations of train acci-nts the commission's investigators included that the failure of engineers to obey signals and failure to provide adequate flag protection for trains continued to be the principal causes of rollisions. The use of sutomatic train control was again recommended.

The investigators also found, the research was room for ort says, that there was room for such improvement in the airbrake

the pulpment of trains.

The report notes that the director general has filed, to become effective December 10, 1919, regulations governing the packing of property shipped by express. These regulations contemplate better protection to the property trans- less a settlement is reached.

## "Numerous informal complaints have seen received." says the commission, because of delays in payment of claims because of delays in payment of claims for loss of, damage to or delays in the transportation of property by express. These have been taken up with the several companies and in general disposed of. The Adams Express Co., not now engaged in the transportation of property, has in some instances failed to give claimants definite response within two years after delivery of the property or after a reasonable time for delivery has elaysed and has re-

"In some instances it has offered to adjust the claim by payment of 60 per cent of the amount claimed, ex-plaining that if that offer were not ac-ceptable investigation would be con-

tinued and the claim disposed of on its merits. While the several companies were merged under a contract with the

director general, apparently no pro-vision was made for the assumption by the American Railway Express Co. of

consolidated company."
Twenty-eight indictments were returned for violations of the act to regu-

five against shippers, passengers or other

tion to Sugar Grinding

wage increases up to 50 per cent.

motion of the government

By the Associated Press

Paris, Dec. 4 .- Frank L. Polk, head f the United States delegation to the Peace Conference, summoned Kurt von Lersner, chief of the German represent atives at Versailles, before him, and told him that Germany should not interpret as being in her favor any delay ort renews mainly recommendations claims against the constituent express terpret as being in her favor any delay to renews mainly recommendations companies the cause of action, in which accrued prior to the creation of the Versailles treaty at Washington,

according to newspapers here. "If there can be in the United States several ways of understanding late commerce and the Elkins act. Three of these indictments were against car-riers or carriers' agents and twenty- telling Herr Lersuer, "there are not two ways of understanding the obliganoncarriers. During the year sixty-five cases were concluded. Pleas of guilty were offered by the defendants tions incumbent upon Germany nor the affection binding the United States and ber allies.

in fifty-seven of these cases and a plea of nole contenders in one. A verdict of not guilty was rendered in one case and Allies Plan Strong Note The supreme council spent most of today's session discussing the attitude indictments were dismissed in six upon of Germany toward the signing of the protocol putting the peace treaty into effect. Germany's representatives bav-ing declared they could not sign it in PORTO RICO TRAINMEN IDLE effect. its present form, including its pre-vision for reparation for the German warships sunk at Scapa Flow, and with Strike Threatens Serious Interrupother features objectionable to them San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 4—(By The form of a note to Germany on this A. P.)—All trains operated by the question was considered by the council, but no final decision was taken. American railroad were stopped yesterday by a strike involving trainmen. It is anticipated in this connection that the reply to the German note reshopmen and stationmen, who demand garding the Scapa Flow question will contain strong representations as to the consequences of further resistance by Sugar grinding, which will begin this Germany. week, will be seriously interrupted un-

The council today decided to give the small powers which possess sea coasts

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EXPOSE SCAPA FLOW PLOT

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Obey Treaty, Urges Scheidemann Germany should stand by her word and carry out the terms of the Versailles treaty, says Philipp Schneidemann, former German chancellor, in an interview published by the Echo do Paris. Two questions, the surrender of prisoners of war and the turning over

Terms of the tripartite agreement guaranteeing France against unprovoked attack by Germany will be carried out by Great Britain regardless of whether the United States, the other participant, ratifles the pact, according to newspapers here, which state that negotiations to this end have been almost completed between the French and British governments.

Under the terms of the agreement it would become operative when both Great Britain and the United States ratified it. The former has already acted favorably on the convention, but

London, Dec. 4 .- (By A. P.)-It view of the German Government's de-nial of responsibility for the sinking of A report generally current in Paris that Henry White, of the American peace delegation will remain here after the departure of the other members of the delegation to represent the United States in the supreme council finds no confirmation in authoritative quarters. All the information obtainable indicates the contrary, the most probable arrangement being the appointment of Ambassador Wallace as the American representative. attempt to seize them without the con-sent of the German Government. Referring to the possibility

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a few of the smaller German torpedo-boats.

Terms of the tripartite agreement accused of crimes during the war, make for strained relations at present, he German admiralty, written to Von Reu-

## INCREASING ARMY

Berlin, Dec. 4.—(By A. P.)—The government today gave out the text of the Entente note of December 1 protesting against the development of Germany's military forces. The note refers to the formation of bodies outside the actual army, such as the public security police, the volunteer guard and the citizens' guard, in contravention, it is declared, of the peace treaty. The

'may be interpreted as an intention on the part of Germany not to fulfill the

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