

# INDEMNITY RULING OPPOSED BY U. S.

Allies Get Protest Against Seizure of German Property in Neutral Countries

## TREATY DELAY IS HANDICAP

By the Associated Press  
Washington, March 19.—"Strong demonstrations" have been made by the American Government against rulings of the Allied reparations commission that under the peace treaty sale of certain German property in neutral countries may be forced, if necessary, to satisfy the initial payment of the German indemnity.

Undersecretary Polk, of the State Department, writing today to Senator Henderson, Democrat, of Nevada, said, "Further protest" was in preparation, as such a construction of the treaty was contrary to an official interpretation

exchanged between Germany and the allied powers.

Mr. Polk's letter was in response to a request by Senator Henderson that the rights of German citizens in electrical enterprises in South America be taken over by the commission and subsequently transferred to Great Britain as part of the indemnity due it by Germany.

### Cites Ruling of Commission

Mr. Polk said the State Department had no information as to this, but added:

"There has been received, however, certain information having relation to your inquiry, to the effect that the allied governments represented on the reparations commission have advanced and provisionally adopted a construction of Article 235 which would empower the reparations commission to demand payment by Germany of the initial 20,000,000,000 gold marks in any commodities, gold, ships or otherwise which the commission may desire; and in the exercise of such power the commission may require the sale of German property in neutral countries, at least in the form of credits or securities."

"Under such power it is possible that the sale to the reparations commission of the securities controlled by Ger-

man corporate enterprises in South America might be required of Germany.

"The department is endeavoring unofficially to keep in touch with matters coming up for decision before the commission in order that any action of the commission which might be in derogation of American trade opportunities should not pass unchallenged.

### Cannot Use Veto Power

"The department is handicapped, however, in that it has no right to demand such information and this government, not having ratified the treaty, cannot exercise the right to veto an interpretation of the commission's powers such as contained in the construction of Article 235, mentioned above.

"Nevertheless, strong remonstrance has been made and a further protest is in preparation on the ground that the assumption and use of such powers is judicial to general economic reconstruction; offers an opportunity to the governments dominating the reparations commission indirectly to exercise a dangerous controlling influence on private trade with Germany and, incidentally, is unwarranted by the terms of the treaty and contrary to the spirit, if not the letter, of the official interpretations given Germany by the allied powers before the signing of the treaty.

"The result of such protest is hard to predict, as by the terms of the treaty

the influence and power of a large part of the civilized world are concentrated behind a decision of the reparations commission and the absolute veto power specially provided to the United States in such matters can be exercised only if and when we ratify the treaty.

### WORKERS ON DIRECTORATE

Trolley Men Will Be Given \$1,000,000 In Stock

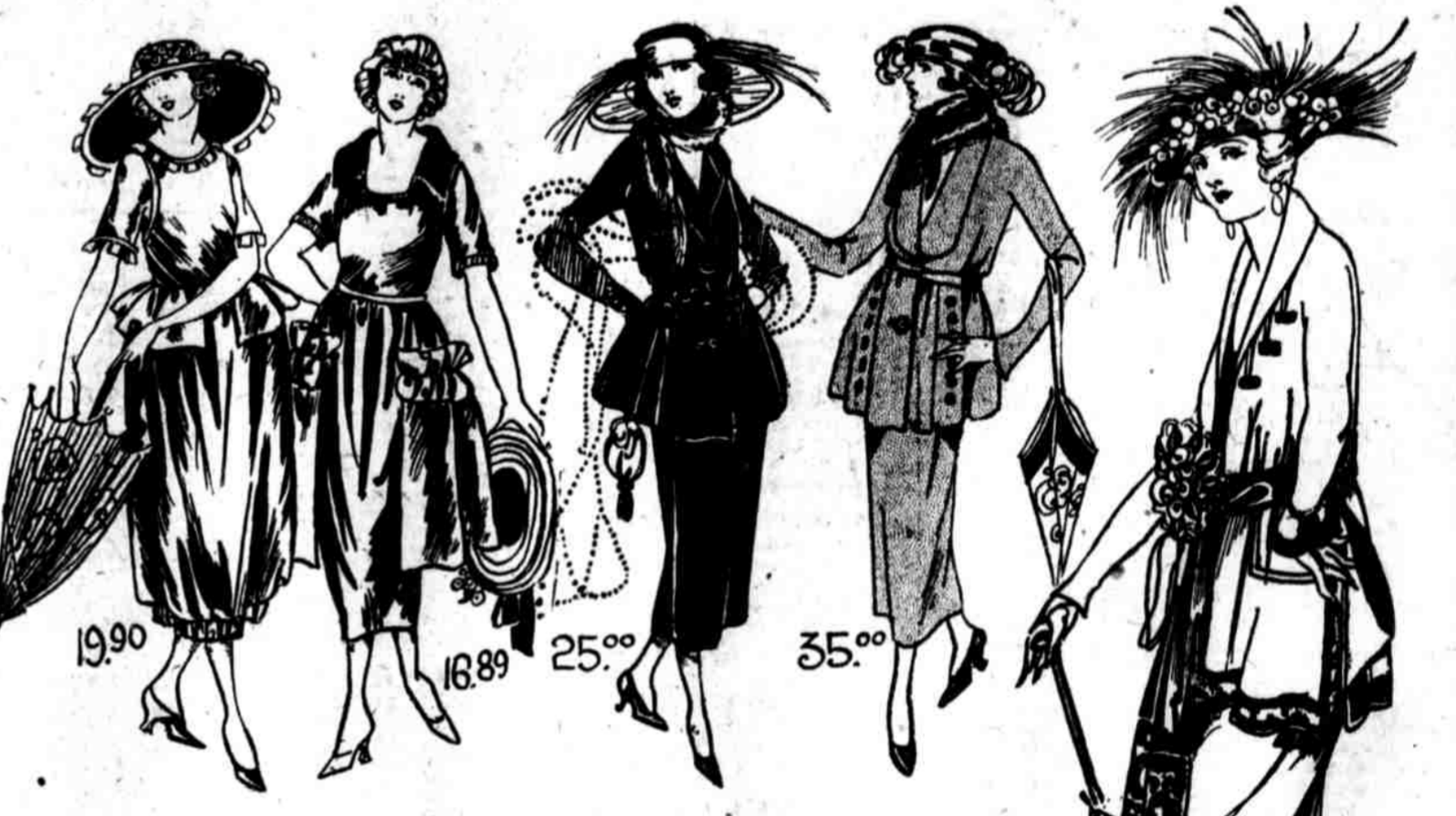
Pittsburgh, March 19.—The Pittsburgh, Butler and Harmony Consolidated Railway and Power Co. has hit upon a novel idea for allowing the 400 or more motormen, conductors and other employees to become a "part of the works" by giving them \$1,000,000 worth of common stock and allowing them to select three fellow workmen to represent them on the board of directors.

David McCall, president of the company, called all his employees together and told them of his intentions. In addition to the stock distribution he announced also that he was going to establish an old-age pension fund and a sick benefit fund in the interest of "his boys."

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With comfortable, yet stylish modified Cuban heel ..... **\$5.98**

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One eyelet ..... **\$6.98**

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Growing girls' brown cloth top, sizes 2 1/2 to 7 ..... **\$4.49**

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Women's Julietts, plain toe and tip ..... **\$2.49**

New shipment of women's Silk Hose, brown and black. .... **\$1.49**

### Children's Low and High Shoes

Children's gunmetal lace, sizes 8 1/2 to 2 ..... **\$1.98**

Children's brown lace, sizes 8 1/2 to 2 ..... **\$2.98**

Children's patent leather lace, 8 1/2 to 11 ..... **\$2.98**

Children's black cloth top lace, sizes 8 1/2 to 11 ..... **\$2.49**

Sizes 11 1/2 to 2 ..... **\$2.98**

In brown, sizes 8 1/2 to 11 ..... **\$2.79**

Growing Girls' brown calf lace ..... **\$3.49**

Children's two-eyelet ties, sizes 8 1/2 to 11 ..... **\$3.29**

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Men's heavy work shoes, black and tan ..... **\$3.98**

Men's Army shoes, Munson last ..... **\$4.98**

Men's Chocolate-tan Oxfords. .... **\$4.98**

Boys' heavy work shoes. .... **\$3.49**

Boys' black English bals. .... **\$3.98**

Boys' black dress bluchers; sizes 11 to 6 1/2 ..... **\$3.49**

Little gents' box calf bluchers; sizes 6 to 9 ..... **\$1.69**

Little gents' brown bluchers; sizes 10 to 13 1/2 ..... **\$2.69**

Men's gunmetal dress bluchers, high toe. .... **\$4.98**

Men's scout shoes ..... **\$2.98**

Boys' scout shoes ..... **\$2.48**

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Royal Boot Shops Kept "On the Jump" Selling Men's Shoes on New Co-operative Basis

Philadelphia men seem to be good and fond of paying exorbitant prices for good shoes if the crowds daily thronging the Royal Boot Shops for Men, in the southeast corner of Third and Market streets and 1204 Chestnut street, is any indication. About ten days ago Peter A. Hill, the managing owner, announced a well-developed plan of cutting selling costs and making "every customer a partner" by sharing profits. Since then these shops have literally been besieged. A constant stream of men has been dropping in to look "em over, and apparently the shoes themselves have been very convincing arguments to buy; according to the Royal Boot Shops records, ninety-eight out of every 100 of the men who came in bought.

The new system of co-operative selling of men's highest quality is interesting, particularly in that it threatens to revolutionize the retail business. Instead of the usual 60 to 75 per cent gross profit, the Royal Boot Shops have marked their shoes at only 15 per cent gross profit, and the co-operative price of \$7 to \$25 per pair increases to 1500 to 2000 pairs a week. This volume will allow a moderate net profit, which is all they are seeking.

The experiment is proving very successful, and it is claimed that the usual retail price is reduced from \$10 to \$11. The co-operative price of \$7 to \$11. This difference of \$3 to \$3.60 the customers are pocketing as virtual partners in the business. The famous "High Cost of Living" is receiving the old-fashioned knock on the head that follows has suffered since he first came into prominence through the war. At any rate, the public's active support of the Royal Boot Shops will set some other retailers thinking, and perhaps they will have a tumbling of prices.

Managing owner, Peter A. Hill, the managing owner, said today: "The public are giving the values and styles that we will receive thousands of pairs and will be in great shape to take care of our new plan of selling."

If you are unfamiliar with the Royal Boot Shops, we would like to call your attention to them. We consider your call free and you are not obliged to buy. We are at 1204 Chestnut street.