

FREIGHT BLOCKADE  
OUTLOOK IS BETTER

15-Year Term for Roads to Pay  
Back Advance Approved  
by Committee

226,000 NEW CARS NEEDED

Washington, May 14.—Congress has been asked to help the railroads overcome the freight congestion so as to keep production—needed to put down the cost of living—going at full tilt. As a means of enabling the roads to provide equipment, shortage of which is said to be largely responsible for failure to move freight piled high at the principal gateways in the East and Middle West, the Senate interstate commerce committee approved an amendment to the transportation act, under which they could be given fifteen years, instead of ten, to pay back advances under the \$200,000,000 revolving fund.

section free of congestion, the roads reporting a steady flow of south-bound freight, with the north-bound movement regulated at eastern and western gateways by the ability of connecting roads to accept it. At the Potomac yards the southern gateway used by all lines in and out of Washington, officials reported that 2500 cars were handled. The movement North and South was about equally divided, but the northward flow stopped suddenly at midnight last night by an embargo on all except the favored commodities. Freight officials said they hoped to see daylight ahead by the middle of next week. Particular attention was given to the New England situation because of reports that the tieup was general and that the number of cars waiting to be moved now exceeds 50,000. Swamped as they are at some points, officials said it was natural to expect confusion, especially with a shortage of labor, which has seriously retarded work at junctions.

INDIANA DELEGATION SPLIT

Wood Gets Ten, Johnson Four and Sixteen Are Uninstructed  
Indianapolis, May 14.—(By A. P.)—Indiana will send ten delegates to the Republican national convention in Chicago next month instructed for Major General Leonard Wood, four instructed for Senator Hiram W. Johnson, of California, and sixteen uninstructed. This was one of the net results of the Republican state convention.

FLIER NEARLY DROWNED

Captain Peddle Forced to Descend  
in Rough Sea Off Cape May  
Atlantic City, May 14.—Captain George C. Peddle, a former navy flier, nearly met disaster while coming from Philadelphia to this city in a seaplane with Lieutenant B. W. Branch, late of the British air force. Depletion of the fuel supply forced the men to descend in a rough sea while a mile off Cape May. Their machine was towed ashore by coast guards from the Cold Spring station. After making repairs Captain Peddle resumed his flight, arriving here thirty-five minutes after leaving the cape.

BEGIN CLASSIFYING  
ALL CITY POSITIONS

Civil Service Reform Association,  
Hears Announcement in City  
Club Meeting

NEED OF NEW LAWS TOLD

The Pennsylvania Civil Service Reform Association is working on a comprehensive classification and grading of positions under the new city charter. This was announced late yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the association in the City Club. An extension of the association's work was proposed. Immediate problems in Pennsylvania, according to the association, are the insertion of adequate civil service provisions into the state constitution; the extension of civil service to the county of Philadelphia, where there are more than 1500 positions which may now be filled for personal or political reasons; the passage of a state civil service law covering positions with annual payroll of more than \$1,000,000, and co-operation with the Philadelphia Civil Service Commission in classifying and grading positions under the city charter.

BIG PRESBYTERIAN  
MEETING FOR HERE

Woman's Board of Home Mis-  
sions to Hold Conference  
May 19-25

FROM ALL SECTIONS OF U. S.

Five hundred women from all sections of the United States, Cuba, Alaska and Porto Rico will assemble in Philadelphia May 19-25 to attend the first biennial meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. This will be the first time the women have met in four years.

meeting held decided on a biennial gathering, with Milwaukee as the meeting place for 1918, but was interrupted. The 1920 sessions will be held in the Tenth Presbyterian Church at Spruce and Seventeenth streets, beginning at 2 o'clock, next Wednesday afternoon. This session will be chiefly a conference on departments of the board's work, and at night at 8 o'clock a program on young people's work will be considered. Inspirational addresses will be given. A feature in connection with the meetings will be the presentation of an especially written pageant, "The Lifted Cross," to be given in the Metropolitan Opera House Monday night, May 24. Philadelphia Presbyterian young people will portray the characters.

California Man to Speak  
Among the speakers of prominence who will deliver addresses will be Dr. John Willis Baer, of Pasadena, Calif., a banker and the first layman to be moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly. A special vesper service of interest will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Tenth Church, at which talks will be made by Presbyterian students from the southern mountains, Alaska, Cuba, Porto Rico and the Indian reservations. The subject will be "The Mission School Projecting Itself." Singers from Biddle University, one of the schools conducted

by the Presbyterian board of missions for freedmen, will furnish the music. With the exception of the opening day, sessions will be held in the morning from 10 to 12:30 and in the afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30. On Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday and Tuesday of the following week night sessions will be held at 8 o'clock. The first of these will be on the opening night in the Tenth Church, the next will be Saturday night and will be a young people's rally in the Calvary Presbyterian Church, Locust street near Fifteenth. The third will be an inspirational meeting for women under the direction of the Philadelphia board of foreign missions on Sunday night at the Tenth Church. Monday night will come the pageant and the biennial will close Tuesday evening with a great jubilee meeting in connection with the General Assembly's board of foreign missions at the Academy of Music.

A luncheon for all delegates in attendance at the biennial will be given in the tea room of the Wannamaker store Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. At 6 o'clock there will be a supper for the young people at the Touraine, 1520 Spruce street. On Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock there will be another luncheon for the delegates at the First Baptist Church and at 4:30 o'clock a reception at the Acorn Club, 1618 Walnut street, given by the Philadelphia board of foreign missions. At 6 o'clock there will be again a supper served by the Second Presbyterian Church. Tickets to the dinners and suppers will be available at the office of the hospitality committee, 501 Witherspoon Building, or may be procured by the delegates on registration. Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock and again at 6 o'clock luncheons and suppers will be served for the delegates. In connection with the biennial there will be exhibited a full line of home mission literature and material from the fields. Embroideries, drawn work, lace from Porto Rico, Indian baskets, rugs

and native weavings from the Appalachian mountains and New Mexico will be sold to the delegates as souvenirs. The Presbyterian woman's board has 300 workers in seventy-two mission stations among Indians, Mormons, Mountaineers, Cubans, Porto Ricans and Alaskans. The biennial is a delegated body of three women from each of the forty synods and one delegate from each of the 200 presbyteries.

Suspected, Proves Innocent

William Bergman, 4628 North Curley street, has, by a method of his own, freed himself of suspicion of being one of the bandits who held up the bank at Sandy Springs, Md., and killed a man. He went to the bank, accosted the cashier, who was in the bank when the hold-up occurred, and asked him to identify him. The cashier could not identify him. The cashier could not identify him. The cashier could not identify him. Bergman was suspected because a farmer thought he looked like one of the bandits. Bergman is under no suspicion.



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