

RAILROAD RUMBLES

RAILWAYS FACE GREAT PROBLEM

Much Attention Centered on How to Keep Traffic Moving

How shall the railroads be operated to improve the celerity of traffic movement to meet the war requirements of business?

It is a gigantic problem, to the solution of which the railway executives, President Wilson and Federal legislators are now devoting their closest attention.

A report from Washington that the president wants the Government to take over and operate the entire transportation system, with Secretary McAdoo as administrator, is not generally credited.

Senator Newland, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Committee of the Senate, yesterday, after conference with members of the War Board, which has recently been operating the most important railroads as a unit, presented to the President the views of the railway executives.

These men assert, and very truly, that great improvement has been effected during the brief period since the War Board was organized, and more rapid advance will be made provided there is full permission to introduce machinery and equipment and the roads are assisted to raise needed credit for increased equipment for the war.

The credit of the roads being limited by inadequate freight rates and by the Government's virtual monopoly of new capital.

This country's railway system is a most intricate and delicate piece of machinery, the operation of which should be left to experienced and practiced men. Secretary McAdoo has all hands on deck to see that the operation of the war and should be continued, rather than entrust this to new hands in order to place him in an untried position. England's action in taking over the railways—making Government traffic free and guaranteeing former dividends on the shares, is not necessarily a good example.

The area of operation in this country is only 68,000 square miles, compared with the 3,000,000 square miles of the United States, and English railroads reduced to single tracks are much less than 60,000 miles, as against about 270,000 miles operated in this country.

Every one to his trade—particularly if it is a difficult one—and whatever means may be adopted to provide the roads with funds or credit, their operation should be left in the hands of efficient railway men.

Standing of the Crews

HARRISBURG SIDE

Philadelphia Division—The 115 crew first to go after 4 o'clock; 117, 122, 102, 134.

Engineer for 117.

Firemen for 115, 132, 102.

Brakemen for 115, 134 (2).

Engineers up: Shoff, Baer, Blankenhorn, Andrews, Albricht, Housen.

Firemen up: Cassell, Briggs, Baer, Powley, Shimp, Dohmer, Gettle, Quenzler, Ramsay, Miller, Carbaugh, Reese, Weigle.

Flagmen up: Wenrick, Seitz.

Brakemen up: W. F. Miller, Heagy, Netley, B. F. Miller.

Middle Division—The 238 crew first to go after 4 o'clock; 218, 15, 17, 18, 20, 30, 31, 22.

Preference crews: 4, 2, 6.

Engineers for 2, 6.

Fireman for 2, 6.

Flagmen for 17, 2.

Brakemen for 17, 2.

Engineers up: Mertz, Fisher, Burris, Reusel, Peigal, O. W. Snyder, Blizard, Corder.

Firemen up: Kurtz, Gault, Famous, Prim, Mellinger, Adams, Schell, Schaffal, Rice, Ketter.

Conductors up: Coup, Hillbish.

Brakemen up: Danner, Reynolds, Murray, Atkins, Ush, Harshberger.

York Board—Engineers for 50, 110, 250.

Engineers up: Auman, Miller, Biever, Essig, Rice, Myers, Boyle, Shipley, Ush, Harshberger.

Firemen up: Miller, Wright.

ENOLA SIDE

Philadelphia Division—The 236 crew first to go after 3.45 o'clock; 216, 219, 270, 242, 201, 254, 210, 207, 251, 206, 225, 257, 212, 245, 235, 248, 211, 217, 248, 208, 246, 256.

Engineers for 201, 210, 251, 237, 211, 217, 246.

Firemen for 219, 254, 210, 251, 257, 212, 245, 235, 248, 211, 217, 248, 208, 246, 256.

Flagmen for 04, 05, 20, 46, 48, 56, 57.

Brakemen for 01, 06, 07, 08, 12, 20, 25, 52, 53, 54, 57.

Flagman up: Orr.

Brakemen up: Zimmerman, Horner, Berdner, Homberger.

Middle Division—The 231 crew first to go after 1.30 o'clock; 232, 220, 238, 107, 113, 112, 101.

Flagman for 112.

York Board—Engineers up: Kinckle, Sheehan, Fortenbaugh, Ginchick, Kingsberry, McNally.

Firemen up: Albricht, Cashman, Brubaker, Haubecker, Wickley, Sanders, Kennedy, Mack, White, Holmes.

Engineers for 3rd 126, 135, 109.

Firemen for 132, 135, 1st 104, 1st 106.

PASSENGER DEPARTMENT

Middle Division—Engineers up: Keiser, Keane, McDougal, Cimmel, Alexander, Cronc, Crum, Duck, Kelly, Spotts.

Firemen up: Bealor, Cramer, Schrader, Huss, Keller, Richards, Ayers, Zeigler, Gladhill, Thompson, Koller, Spotts, for 25, 65, 45.

Philadelphia Division—Engineers up: Pleam, Welsh, Seitz, Gillums, Smelzer, Gibbons, Kennedy.

Firemen up: Herman, Shive, Platt, Shaffner, Shindler, Aulthouse.

Engineer for P-26.

Fireman for 578.

THE READING

The 27 crew first to go after 11.45 o'clock; 21, 29, 46, 44, 63, 3, 52, 56, 58, 42, 2, 51, 61.

Engineers for 56, 61, 2, 27, 38.

Firemen for 55, 56, 61, 7, 19, 27, 29, 35.

Conductors for 21, 40, 42, 45.

Flagmen for 56, 27.

Brakemen for 56, 62, 68, 2, 7, 19, 21, 38.

Engineers up: Eck, Seifer, Crawford, Little, Dittlow, Sasseman, Shuser, Clouner, Barnes, Wood, Dialow, Barnhart, Bordney, Wreeman, Morne, Bowman, Matter, Stricker, Hollenbaugh, Griffith.

Firemen up: Wampler, Miller, Tanner, Stough, Durborow, Hess, Miller, Gates, Bingham, McKee, Erb, Kreisler, Stetler, Hoffman.

Conductors up: Powell, Hall, Ellicker, Harlan, Frees, Kreisler, Delp, Kimmel, Mitten, Kunkle, Mengle, Coddren, Spence, Horn, Tate, Howe.

Brakemen up: Dye, Rickenback, Oowler, Swope, White, Shippe, Hoover, Buffington, Zelters, Vosler, Souberer, Martin, Zelders, Thank, Habbysch, Reiser.

MIDDLETOWN

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON A FIRE WAS DISCOVERED IN THE WALL BETWEEN THE PARLOR AND DINING ROOM AT THE HOME OF JOHN BOTTS.

The first alarm was given by Mrs. Botts. Water pressure was good and the blaze was extinguished before it reached the roof of the building. With the assistance of neighbors practically all the furniture and household goods were saved. The fire is thought to have originated from an overheated stove pipe. About 4.30 o'clock another alarm of fire was sent in from the same box. This time the fire was in the home of Joseph Blumston, in Lawrence street. Considerable damage was done before the flames were extinguished.

Miss Luella Cleland entertained the Pastor's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church last evening. Owing to the urgent demand made by the National Red Cross Society for surgical dressings, the local chapter will work every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings.

The condition of John A. Gross, who had his hands badly mangled at the local car shop, is considered good.

Martin Ebersole is confined to his home with heart trouble.

John Deigherty, of Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., is spending a ten-day furlough in town as guest of relatives.

THE RED CROSS SOCIETY IS WORKING EVERY EVENING THIS WEEK AND EXPECT TO MAKE A LARGE SHIPMENT OF BANDAGES TO-MORROW AFTERNOON.

The work is to be finished by the end of the week.

Funeral service for Miss Margaret Barnett was held from the home of her sister, Mrs. Annie Daugherty, Main street, yesterday afternoon. The Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, officiating. Burial was made in the Middletown Cemetery.

Mrs. N. C. Puhman will entertain the social circle at her home, Swartz street, to-morrow afternoon.

Howard Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Miller, left this morning for Columbus, Ohio, where he enlisted in the Aviation Corps.

The Woman's Club will meet in the rooming of the High school Thursday afternoon.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, met at the home of Mrs. Maude Bowman, Main street, this afternoon, and the topic for the afternoon was "Southern Mountaineers and Syria and Persia."

UNIT OF RESERVES FORMED WITH MEMBERSHIP OF 125

At a meeting of businessmen last evening organization of the Steelton Reserves was effected. After several men prominent in the organization of the Harrisburg Reserve forces talked on the subject officers were elected. Quince Kent was elected president. Other officers elected were: T. T. McEntee, first vice-president; W. F. Maginnis, second vice-president; W. L. Guyer, secretary; W. H. Bell, treasurer; C. W. McCoy, George Delamater, G. M. Long and John B. Malehorn, directors. The officers will elect five additional directors.

Details of the formations and rules will be worked out at a meeting of the new organization in the near future. The members of the unit were made by Ross A. Hickok and A. Boyd Hamilton, of the Harrisburg Reserves, and W. J. McCulley and D. Deind, of the Steelton members of the Public Safety Committee in charge of the Cumberland county home defense police.

KIDNAPED JERSEY BOY LEFT ON LONELY ROAD

Collingswood, N. J., Dec. 12.—William Mitchell, Jr., 18 years old, 8 Crestmont Terrace, a Boy Scout, arrived home yesterday after an all-night experience, which nearly cost him his life.

Monday night, at 8 o'clock, he went to a store for ice cream. While waiting for traffic to pass in Haddon avenue he was seized from behind, a heavy cloth thrown over his head and lifted into an automobile. He immediately let his hands go, but was held more until he found himself trying to put on his overcoat along a strange and dark road yesterday morning. He was nearly frozen to death. Seeing a trolley car approaching, he halted it and got on, too dazed and cold to inquire where he was going. The car was full of laboring men. The car was getting into a city and a short time after, when the car stopped for a long time, he realized he was in front of the Philadelphia and Reading Terminal in Philadelphia. He jumped out, went inside the station and telephoned his family. Others who by this time were scouring South Jersey and Philadelphia for him. He arrived home near noon and after being put in a warm bed and having the attention of a physician, he recovered sufficiently to relate his experience. He is expected to recover from the drug used. After missing him, Mrs. Mitchell notified the police departments of Camden, Philadelphia and Collingswood and telephoned hospitals. Boy Scouts yesterday morning searched the community and adjoining places. He is a student of electrical engineering at the Philadelphia Trades School.

STEELTON AND NEARBY TOWNS

BOYS IN FRANCE GET MANY GIFTS

When Mail Arrives in Bulk Steelton Boys Get Plenty of Supplies

When the American mail to boys in France arrives at the camp where the Shelly brothers are located, there was a shower of gifts, according to a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Shelly. The boys said that it was Christmas to them as they did not have any mail, tobacco or candy from home for a long time. Included in this mail were packages of candy which totaled twenty-five pounds in weight.

The letter is as follows: "Yesterday was Christmas to us, Roy, Douglas and I had gone to the hotel for supper and while we were enjoying the meal somebody told us that there was a carload of packages for us at the headquarters. Well, when we got to the hotel, we were told we decided that the only way to carry them all was to get a stretcher—'Now, take it from me, we got everything that you sent, knit goods, soap, candy, tobacco, cigarettes and all. Believe me, we have been busy since we got the count of stock and gorging ourselves."

"Everything was in fine shape. Not a single box was broken. In fact it was a job to open some of them. You should have seen Roy. He had the cleaver from the kitchen and such much to do. We have a store and a very comfortable place to sleep—that is, stretchers and straw mattresses."

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SIXTEEN ENLISTMENTS IN TWO DAYS AT SUBSTATION

Sixteen enlistments in less than two days was the new record established at the station of the Army Recruiting station. A large number of enlistments are expected in the next forty-eight hours, men in charge of the station said this morning.

Those who enlisted in the last two days were: Roy Landis, 1812 North Third street, Harrisburg; Carl Snyder, Carlisle; Harry Johnson, 115 South Fourth street, Steelton; Carl Eckenrode, 327 Walnut street, Steelton; Samuel Wilmer, 605 South Front street, Harrisburg; Urban Fidler, 14 Harrisburg street, Steelton, in the aviation corp. Charles H. Nesser, 345 Myers street, was taken for service in the medical corps. Others who enlisted were: Fom Smith, John Gaston, Charles E. Field, William Honesty, Griffin Manzey, Samuel Heier, Blackwell, for Charles Harris, Fred Cribari, of Front street, Steelton, enlisted in the cavalry.

COAL DEALERS SAY VERY LITTLE COAL IN BOURGH

Coal dealers in the borough this morning said there is very little coal in the yards here. One dealer claims that he has had a few tons in storage, which is less than half of the amount ordered. Other dealers give out a similar report.

A dealer here morning said there was some talk of putting the card system into use in Steelton. He said further that this system should have been followed on in York when the time was ripe for distributing the coal so that each man would get his share.

ROBERT REEVES TO TALK IN METHODIST CHURCH

Robert Reeves, secretary of the Harrisburg Y. M. C. A., will be the principal speaker at a special service in the First Methodist Church, Sunday evening. He will talk on Y. M. C. A. work among soldiers.

The Sunday school board of the First M. E. Sunday school, will hold an important meeting at the close of the regular prayer service this evening.

The Epworth League will hold a monthly social and business meeting in the parlors of the church Friday evening.

STEELTON SNAPSHOTS

To Pay Dividend—The annual dividend of the Mechanics and Helpers' Relief Association will be paid this evening. The surplus fund of \$700.55 will be distributed to the members at the rate of \$7.25 for the full year. The association during the year just closed has paid out \$700.55 in sick and accident benefits. Following are the officers of the association: President, H. K. Lehman; vice-president, Altona Fry; recording secretary, R. F. Protty; assistant secretary, C. E. Scott; financial secretary, C. H. Daniels; treasurer, J. C. Attick.

Return to home after spending a short furlough at his home here following his appointment from Fort Niagara, Lieutenant Horace Kitchley left yesterday for Battle Creek, Michigan, to join a Regular Army field artillery regiment.

Present Crowley With Token—Lawrence Crowley yesterday was presented with a wrist watch and trench mirror as a token of esteem by employees of the payroll department of the local steel plant. Crowley worked at the local plant for eight years. He has enlisted in the Aviation Corps.

Meeting of Class—A meeting of Mrs. Stees' class of the First Methodist Sunday school will be held at the home of Mrs. Atticks, 41 South Third street, to-morrow evening.

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MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION PLANS WEEK OF PRAYER

Arrangements for the observance of the Week of Prayer beginning Monday, December 31 and ending Friday January 4, were made at a meeting of the Ministerial Association of Steelton and vicinity in the St. John's Lutheran Church.

The program of events follows: Monday, St. John's Lutheran Church, sermon by the Rev. C. B. Segelken, this will be a watch night service; Tuesday evening, First Presbyterian Church, sermon by the Rev. W. H. Shaw, Wednesday, First Evangelical Church, sermon by the Rev. H. H. Rupp; Thursday, First Reformed Church, sermon by the Rev. A. K. Wier; Friday, the Methodist Episcopal Church, sermon by the Rev. G. N. Lauffer.

URGENT MESSAGE TO BE SENT TO WASHINGTON

Specific charges of refusal to cooperate with the officials of this and other cantonments where the Pennsylvania selected men have been sent have been filed. These reports, it is learned on the best of authority, say that the number of men failing to report when called for duty is especially great in certain sections of Pennsylvania, and that it is known that policemen have even been friendly with slackers.

It is believed that every police board will be asked to conduct a thorough investigation, and if the charges are found to be true some steps will be taken against the policemen involved.

Appropos of the desertion charges, it may be well to drop a hint to every Pennsylvania who is supposed to be here and who is not, that he is in a

ARREST SLACKERS

POLICE ARE TOLD

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Camp Meade, Md., Dec. 12.—The police heads of Pennsylvania cities and towns will receive a request from Washington within a few days asking them to investigate the attitude pursued by their officers in regard to the apprehension of draftees who have failed to report to this camp.

Officials at the provost marshal's office have received reports that some of the police of the larger towns of Pennsylvania have been negligent in failing to arrest men whom they knew to be deserters. It is known also that proofs of such negligence have been sent to Washington, and it is understood that the Philadelphia police are not completely exonerated in the report.

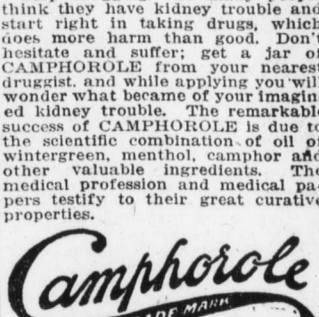
The team to work at Cumberland Heights and Felton street is composed of Mrs. M. B. Cumber, captain; Mrs. Wilmer Cumber and Mrs. George Neff; Heagy Heights, Mrs. C. H. Moser, captain; Cameron Extension, Mrs. Harling; Oberlin, Miss Hoerner, Miss Helen Brehm, Mrs. John Bennett, Mrs. Nissley, Miss Mrs. J. Staveley, Mrs. Still, Mrs. Booser, Robert Schultz, Mrs. Daffner, Mrs. August, Mrs. Albach.

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STOP! GIVE YOUR KIDNEYS A CHANGE

9 out of 10 Cases Pain and Soreness in Back Not Due to Kidneys, But Muscular Rheumatism or Neuritis

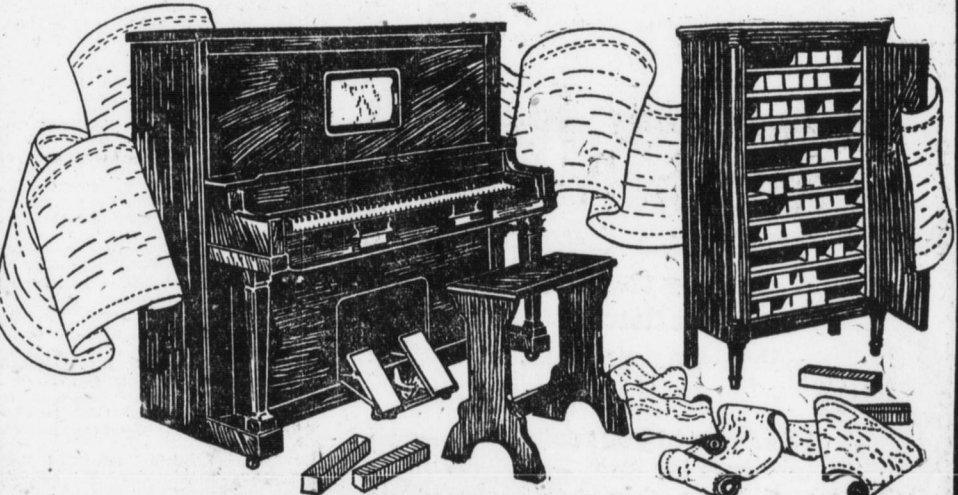
Stop drugging. So many people think they have kidney trouble and start right in taking drugs, which does more harm than good. Don't hesitate and suffer; get a jar of CAMPHOROLE from your nearest druggist, and while applying you will wonder what became of your imagined kidney trouble. The remarkable success of CAMPHOROLE is due to the scientific combination of oil of wintergreen, menthol, camphor and other valuable ingredients. The medical profession and medical papers testify to their great curative properties.



A Man's Gift From a Man's Store

Wm. Strouse

A Christmas Player-Piano Offer



COMPLETE OUTFIT \$425

Can you picture a more suitable gift than a player piano? The whole family can enjoy such a gift. It is a gift that will carry Christmas cheer throughout the whole year.

It is a gift for a lifetime. It will make every member of the household a master musician.

Why not arrange with us now for one of these player pianos as your gift to your home? Remember, this is a real Player-piano—a big, beautiful, exquisitely toned instrument of the latest type, equal in quality to any player sold anywhere for \$550. With it we give you a bench, scarf and 36 music rolls—all for \$425—payable on

Terms of \$2.50 Weekly

Roll Cabinet \$25.00 Extra

And whoever wants to make the family a Christmas gift of a

Victrola or Edison

had better hurry now. We can still give good choice at all prices—\$20 to \$275—on easy payments

More Used Pianos to Be Sold Quickly

\$325 Livingston	\$115	\$325 Singer	\$145	\$350 Harrard	\$185
\$325 Haynes	\$125	\$300 Tiffany	\$155	\$350 Farrand	\$215
\$325 Haines & Co.	\$135	\$350 Wheeler	\$165	\$350 Lauter	\$235
\$325 Bachman	\$140	\$325 Lakeside	\$170	\$500 Hardman (new)	\$390

Your Choice on Terms of \$5.00 or More Monthly

J. H. Troup Music House

Troup Building 15 South Market Square

STORE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Facts About the Sugar Situation

Our Government has asked you to use sugar sparingly. We believe that the people of this country will be glad to do their part to conserve the sugar supply when they know the facts.

These facts are as follows:

More than two-thirds of the source of Europe's sugar supply is within the present battle lines. This has resulted in greatly reducing the production of sugar in Europe.

England and France and other countries have been forced to go for sugar to Cuba.

Ordinarily, nearly all of the Cuban raw sugar comes to the United States and is refined here, chiefly for home use. This is not the case now.

In view of the exceptional world demand for sugar there is no surplus, and barely enough to tide us over until the new crop comes in. The people of the New England and Atlantic Coast States should use sugar sparingly. No one should hoard or waste it.

This Company has no surplus sugar to sell. It is working with the Government to conserve the supply, and to take care of the Allies so far as possible.

Do not pay an increased retail price.

The Franklin Sugar Refining Company

"A Franklin Sugar for every use"

Granulated, Dainty Lumps, Powdered, Confectioners, Brown