

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 the Interstate Commerce Commission, which is now being prepared, will be presented to the President 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 a report on the subject.

These men assert, and very truly, that the great improvement has been effected during the brief period since the War Board was organized.

The 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.

Every one who has seen 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.

The area of single track is much less than 60,000 miles, as against about 270,000 miles operated in this country.

The suffering of the people was augmented to-day when the natural gas supply failed.

A business meeting of Department No. 7 of the Pennsylvania Railroad Women's Division for War Relief, Mrs. Longaker, chief of column, will be held in the auditorium of the Hotel P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. next Tuesday afternoon from 2 until 2:30 o'clock.

ARSON CASE BEFORE COURT

Two defendants charged with burning Cap Company's plant, Stroudsburg, Pa., Dec. 12.—The Capital City Cap Company arson case was called before Judge Seabury of Wayne county, yesterday. It is the outcome of the mysterious burning of the plant in East Stroudsburg August 1, 1916. I. Freed and David Rodan are the accused.

Standing of the Crews

HARRISBURG SIDE

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

Engineers for 117, Firemen for 115, 132, 102, Brakemen for 115, 134 (2).

Engineers up: Shoff, Baer, Blankenhorn, Andrews, Albricht, Housell, 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 3, 6, Fireman for 10, 19, 50, 17, 20, 30, 31, 22.

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

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

Conductors up: Coup, Hillbish, Brakemen up: Danner, Reynolds, Murray, Atkins, Ullsh, Harshberger, John Deigherty, Zimmerman.

Yard Board—Engineers for 50, 110, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300.

Firemen for 219, 254, 210, 251, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300.

Firemen for 04, 05, 20, 46, 48, 56, 57, Brakemen for 01, 06, 07, 08, 12, 20, 25, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Firemen up: Orr, Brakemen up: Zimmerman, Horner, Berdner, Homberger.

Middle Division—The 231 crew first to go after 1:30 o'clock; 232, 230, 238, 107, 113, 112, 101.

Flagman for 112.

Yard 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, Crimmel, 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, 68, 3, 52, 56, 58, 42, 2, 51, 61, Engineers for 55, 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, 28, 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, Kreiser, Delp, Kimmel, Mitten, Kunkle, Mengle, Coddren, Spence, Horn, Tate, Howe.

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

MIDDLETOWN

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

Steelton Boys Get Plenty of Supplies

When the American mail to boys in France arrives at the camp where the Shelby brothers are located, there was a shower of gifts, according to a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Shelby.

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 met by a man who told us that we had a carload of packages for us at the headquarters. Well, when we got to the hotel, we were met by a man who told us that we had a carload of packages for us at the headquarters.

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.

The Red Cross Society is working every evening this week and expect to make a large shipment of bandages and surgical dressings the latter part of the month.

Funeral service for Miss Margaret Barnett was held from the home of her sister, Mrs. Annie Daugherty, Main street, yesterday afternoon.

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 Women'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."

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.

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.

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ARREST SLACKERS POLICE ARE TOLD

Washington to Investigate Charges That State Officers Have Been Negligent

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.

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.

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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.

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