

GOVERNMENT R. R. CONTROL ESSENTIAL, SAYS PRESIDENT

U.S. TO SPARE NO COST TO WIN THE WAR

In an Address Before Congress, President Recommends That Compensation Be Provided Railroads at Same Net Operating Income as For Three Preceding Fiscal Years; Operating Fund of \$500,000,000 Is Asked

Washington, Jan. 4.—President Wilson laid before Congress to-day his recommendations for legislation to carry out government operation of railroads and administration bills to that purpose were introduced immediately in both houses.

While the President in his address laid stress on the importance of properly preserving the properties for their return, the administration bill specifically provides that government control shall obtain through the war and "until congress shall thereafter order otherwise."

Many government officials and railroad men made no concealment of their belief that the railways never would return to private hands.

The President's program beside calling for a \$500,000,000 appropriation to be used as "revolving fund" with railroad income for operation and maintenance, calls for compensation to the roads at the rate of their net operating income for the last three fiscal years. Any deficiencies would be paid out of the \$500,000,000 fund, and meanwhile no railroad may increase its dividends; roads that have skipped dividends may resume with rates fixed by the President.

One section of the proposed law, considered very significant, lays a heavy penalty on any one who impedes "possession, use, operation or control" of the roads. It is regarded as precluding a strike.

All new railroad financing would be under the approval of the President and the government would be authorized to support railroad credit by buying railways securities and hold them for better markets.

All advances of money to the roads or expenditures for betterments would be reimbursable to the government.

In the House the bill was introduced by Chairman Sims of the Interstate Commerce Committee, which will meet Monday to consider it.

In the Senate it was introduced by Senator Smith, of South Carolina, and will be considered by the Senate committee also on Monday.

Gentlemen of the Congress— I have asked the privilege of addressing you in order to report that on the 28th of December, last, during the recess of Congress, acting through the Secretary of War and under the authority conferred upon me by the Act of Congress approved August 29, 1916, I took possession and assumed control of the railway lines of the country and the systems of water transportation under their control. This step seemed to be imperatively necessary in the interest of the public welfare; in the presence of the great tasks of war with which we are now dealing. As our experience develops difficulties and makes it clear that they are, I have deemed it my duty to remove those difficulties wherever I have the legal power to do so. To assume control of the vast railway systems of the country is, I realize, a very great responsibility, but to fail to do so in the existing circumstances would have been a much greater. I assumed the less responsibility rather than the weightier.

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CONTRIBUTIONS POUR IN FOR K. OF C. DRIVE

President of Harrisburg Red Cross Praises Work Done in Camps

Although team captains do not make their reports until to-night, local officials of the Knights of Columbus War Fund estimate that the city's total of contributions will be more than \$4,000 for to-day. The aim is \$25,000, which will be reached and oversubscribed, officials predict.

Contributions from prominent men and women of Harrisburg are pouring into the local campaign headquarters, 706 Kunkel building, J. Grant Schwarz is the treasurer of the fund. Among the contributions received to-day was a generous check from Mrs. Lyman D. Gilbert, president of

U.S. MUST WIN AIR SUPREMACY IN WORLD CONFLICT

Genius of American Inventors to Be Deciding Factor, Says Coffin

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—The part that America is to play in winning the war is told by Howard E. Coffin, chairman of the United States Aircraft Board, in the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post.

"This war is to be won within the time of any living man, says Mr. Coffin, the element destined to revolutionize the military strategy of the world."

Food Conservation Committee to Meet

Chairman Donald McCormick has called a meeting of the food conservation committee of the Chamber of Commerce for next Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Plans for the coming spring and summer will be discussed.

Belgian King Watching the Course of Battle



Albert, king of Belgium, is still the fighting king of the war in Europe. He spends more time with his troops on the battle line than any other ruler, and this photograph shows a staff officer pointing out to him the maneuvers of a battle.

Germans Posed as Victors, Her Allies Anxious For Peace, Petrograd Report

Petrograd, Thursday, Jan. 3.—Disclosure of details of the Brest-Litovsk negotiations makes it clear that Germany assumed a dominating attitude, while Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey were very conciliatory and disagreed with the German position. There were differences also among the German delegates.

Foreign Minister Von Kuehlmann and General Hoffmann clashed openly during the general meetings. Germany posed constantly as a conqueror, while her three allies showed eagerness for peace and a disposition to compromise.

A statement issued by the Bolsheviki emphasizes the fact that the enemy's delegations are now in Petrograd and have no diplomatic standing and are here merely to arrange details growing out of the armistice, such as the exchange of prisoners and the resumption of postal service.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—Via Amsterdam.—Adolfing the Reichstag main committee, yesterday Chancellor Von Hertling said in regard to the Russian rejection of the peace proposals dealing with disposition of the occupied Russian territory: "We can cheerfully await their further course of this incident. We rely upon our strong position, our loyal intentions and our just rights."

The chancellor announced that Dr. Von Kuehlmann has been instructed to reject the Russian proposal to Stockholm. The peace negotiations to Stockholm.

Siam Suffers Worst Flood Since 1831

Washington, Jan. 4.—Floods in Siam, the worst since 1831, are devastating the country. Dispatches to-day from the American legation at Bangkok say the water has risen to the roofs of houses on which peasants are living. Great crop losses have been caused and cattle are dying by drowning and starvation. A relief commission has been appointed.

POSTERETTES WILL BOOST CITY AND ITS ADVANTAGES

Posterettes for the advertisement of Harrisburg and vicinity, have been printed and will be distributed to-day. The plan is not new, but has proved effective in other cities where it has been used, and it is expected to do much toward advancing the industries and advantages of Harrisburg and making the city better known. There are about twenty designs, small in size and different colored, depicting scenes and industries in this city and vicinity. These posterettes are to be affixed to letters and other mail matter, express packages or anything to be shipped out of Harrisburg by mail or express.

It is doubtful if a more thorough plan to advertise the city and her industries throughout the world has ever been undertaken. Mail and express matter goes everywhere and if each piece carries affixed to it an attractive posterette, the city and vicinity will be fixed in the public mind in a manner not easy to forget.

The subjects treated are the Pennsylvania Hotel, the Y. M. C. A. building, Elliott-Fisher Company's plant, the Capitol building, the Rockville bridge, Soldiers' monument, Kunkel building, boiler and engine manufacturing, paper ruling and book binding machinery, motor trucks and tractors, iron and steel plates, bridges, frogs, switches, structural shapes and many other subjects. Those who have seen the Harrisburg posterettes and compared them with those issued in other cities, assert that in point of artistry and covering the municipal field, they are not surpassed, nor do they hesitate to say that the issue will materially assist the work of developing Harrisburg and vicinity. It is estimated that if four or five hundred businessmen and firms will use the posterettes to boost the city, at least a million individual messages will be sent in ten thousand different directions all over the world. The posterettes are intended for individual use also, and are so attractive that they will grace any envelope or package sent out on, undoubtedly the posterettes will meet with instant public favor and it is certain they will be used liberally and unremittingly by Harrisburg manufacturers, merchants, professional men and citizens generally.

SHORTAGE OF MEN TRAINED TO WORK CAUSE OF TIEUP

Scores of Engines Allowed to Freeze Through Negligence of Workmen

MACHINISTS ARE SCARCE

Congestion of Traffic Especially Severe in Territory Adjacent to Harrisburg

Washington, Jan. 4.—Director General McAdoo and heads of the four railroad brotherhoods agreed to-day on a plan for threshing out all wage and labor disputes while government operation prevails through an investigating board which will report on recommendations to the director general.

Steps were being rapidly taken to-day by Director General McAdoo to restore to service the thousands of broken down freight cars and locomotives which Interstate Commerce Commission inspectors have discovered on sidings and shops throughout the east. In many cases these negligence was responsible for the lack of repairs local railway officials were instructed to make special efforts to put the cars and locomotives in working order promptly to relieve the congestion which is slowing

CITY PREPARES TO FACE ICELESS DAYS IN SUMMER

Not Enough of the Fifteen-Inch Product of Zero Weather Can Be Saved

There will be "iceless" days next summer. This is certain to come notwithstanding the abundance of ice, now a nuisance, local dealers said to-day. They expect the government to regulate the sale and prices when the mercury again begins to mount.

The fact that the country is now in the midst of one of the coldest winters on record, does not materially alter the situation, officials of the United Ice and Coal Company said this afternoon.

There will be no ammonia next summer for the manufacture of artificial ice, the government has notified the makers, and now the company is busily cutting all the fifteen-inch ice it can store, but the warehouses are not large enough to care for a whole summer's supply.

50,000 Real Slackers in U. S.; Crowder Says

Washington, Jan. 4.—Fifty thousand real slackers in the United States, Crowder, Marshal General Crowder's estimate in his report to Secretary Baker. That calculation presupposes that ten men in each registration district have escaped service without being caught.

Reorganization of Law Schools Recommended

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—The classification and reorganization of the law schools of the country on lines similar to the improvement effected in the classification of the medical schools by the Carnegie Foundation was urged by Federal Judge Wade Rogers, of New York, in a preliminary report presented to the executive committee of the American Bar Association. The committee held its mid-winter meeting here to-day and will also be in session tomorrow.

Grey or Reading Suggested as Ambassador to U. S.

London, Jan. 4.—It is suggested editorially by the Daily Chronicle that either Viscount Grey, former foreign secretary; Earl Reading, lord chief justice, or J. Austen Chamberlain would be acceptable as ambassador at Washington.

THIS MAN WANTS TO GO BACK AND FIGHT WITH HUNS

Native German Declares He Will Not Enter the American Army

QUIZZED BY A. C. STAMM

Secret Service Men Informed of Alien's Self-Satisfied Statements

George B. Rose is the name of the only man in Harrisburg thus far disclosed in the questionnaire proceedings who has openly declared himself an "alien enemy," willing to return to Germany and enter its military service. His calm, determined, satisfied statement, which was straightway set down on the government document and immediately dispatched to Washington was the most startling incident that has taken place since the lawyers of Harrisburg so generously volunteered their services to help Uncle Sam legally select his next Army.

No. 1 courtroom was well filled with registrants, many of them accompanied by a wife or mother and children. The machinery of the session was running quietly and accurately.

PEACE BREAK MAY WIN NEW STATUS FOR BOLSHIEVIKI

Allies Are Inclined to Give Russian People Every Possible Assistance

Washington, Jan. 4.—Recognition of the Lenin-Trotsky regime in Russia as a de facto government by the entente allies is probable, such change of sentiment, it is said, would be due to the threatened break in peace negotiations and might bring from the allies a statement of democratic policy toward Russia.

Unless there is a change in original plans, the emissaries of Russia and the central powers will meet to-day to continue their discussion of peace terms which the Bolsheviki have declared are unacceptable. Russia's declared

Shipping Board Asks \$82,000,000 For Purpose of Acquiring Ship Plants

Washington, Jan. 4.—Chairman Harley, of the Shipping Board to-day asked Congress for \$82,000,000 for acquisition or establishment of shipbuilding plants in addition to the \$165,000,000 heretofore asked for the next fiscal year. He also asked for increase of authority for construction of ships from \$1,234,000,000 to \$1,935,000,000.

Potter Protests Against Government Coal Seizure

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—Government confiscating of Pennsylvania coal brought a protest to-day from State Fuel Administrator Potter, in the form of a telegram to the federal administrator, Dr. Garfield. The confiscation objected to is that which takes coal from this state for points in the South and Southwest, where there are coal fields adequate to provide for present fuel requirements.

Mr. Potter was forced to this step by the increasingly desperate situation in this city, where there are now thousands of homes without coal.

367 Norwegian Vessels Lost During Past Year

London, Jan. 4.—Last year 367 Norwegian vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of 566,000 were sunk, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen reports.

LATE NEWS

BRITISH REPULSED, SAYS BERLIN Jan. 4.—Via—London—Attacks by the British in the east of Ypres and north of La Bassee canal were repulsed by German troops who captured prisoners and machine guns in the fighting, army headquarters announced to-day.

SUFFRAGE OPPONENTS HAVE FLOOR Washington, Jan. 4.—Opponents of woman suffrage were given the floor to-day when the House Committee resumed hearings on the proposed suffrage amendment to the constitution to be voted on in the House next Thursday.

UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT ORGANIZING Amsterdam, Jan. 4.—According to a telegram from Brest-Litovsk peace delegations from Ukraine have arrived there and reported that the Ukrainian government is preparing to conduct its own international affairs everywhere. A telegram from Warsaw says a special train carrying the peace delegates of the central powers has passed through there on the way to Brest-Litovsk.

McADOO ORDERS DISTRIBUTION Washington, Jan. 4.—Director General McAdoo to-day took further steps for the relief of the coal famine in New England by ordering the distribution of 500 coal cars to mines along the lines of the eastern railroads.

NORTHUMBERLAND INDUSTRIES CLOSED Northumberland, Pa., Jan. 4.—Two of the principal industries here, the Keystone Forging Company and the Van Allen Nail Works, were forced to shut down to-day for an indefinite period. Officials said it was impossible to keep the closed-down

ELEVEN-HOUR OLD SON RESCUED Harrisburg—Robert Marshall, 1527 Fulton street, is in the Harrisburg Hospital in a serious condition from burns received this morning when he attempted to rescue his wife and eleven-hour old son from a flaming bed in their home. Mrs. Marshall and son are expected to recover from the effects of the fire.

Harrisburg—Governor Brumbaugh this afternoon appointed James I. Brownson additional law judge of Washington county, vice R. W. Irwin deceased.

DORIS KEANE MARRIED London, Jan. 4.—Doris Keane, the American actress, the Daily Mirror announces, was married yesterday to Basil Sydney, an English actor. They had been appearing together in London in "Romance."

FIRST CARGO OF CUBAN SUGAR Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—The first cargo of the new crop of Cuban sugar consigned to this country arrived here to-day on a Norwegian steamship. The sugar is for the McCahan Sugar Refining Company.

VIOLENT ARTILLERY FIGHTING Paris, Jan. 4.—Violent artillery fighting on the Champagne and Verdun fronts is reported in to-day's official communication. A German attack in upper Alsace was repulsed. Eight German airplanes and a captive balloon were brought to earth yesterday.

ENGLAND TO HAVE COMPULSORY RATIONING London, Jan. 4.—England will soon be under compulsory rationing. In making this announcement, Lord Rhonda, the food controller, said the situation was not alarming and would improve, although shortage in certain foodstuffs would continue.

DINTAMAN GETS \$21,000 Harrisburg—The jury in the suit brought by A. P. Dintaman one of the owners of property in Hardscrabble district, against the city of Harrisburg, awarded Jim \$14,500 for the properties he holds, and \$6,500 for improvements since 1871. Two others owners agreed to verdicts. They were Frederick W. Giede and George E. Spangler.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Ernest E. Geistwhite and Martha A. Hamman, Harrisburg; Frank M. Verick and Bertha U. Stuecker, Harrisburg, W. Va.; Fred A. Johnson and Etta Johnson, York; Max W. Alberts and Amanda C. Sweigard, Gettysburg.