

EQUIPMENT FOR ALL RAILROADS IS U. S. PLAN

To Spend Huge Sum This Year For Engines, Cars and Rails

Washington, March 8.—Partial centralization of the purchasing of between \$1,000,000,000 and \$2,000,000,000 worth of railroad supplies and equipment this year under government supervision is involved in a plan for organizing the railroad administration's division of finance and purchases announced yesterday by Director General McAdoo.

John Skelton Williams, as head of this division, will be assisted by a central advisory committee of three expert railway purchasing agents, and regional purchasing committees will be created for the eastern, western and southern operating regions. Through the central organization will be bought locomotives, cars and steel rails, the principal big quantity purchases of railways, and an effort will be made not only to economize by wholesale buying methods, but to standardize equipment and supplies.

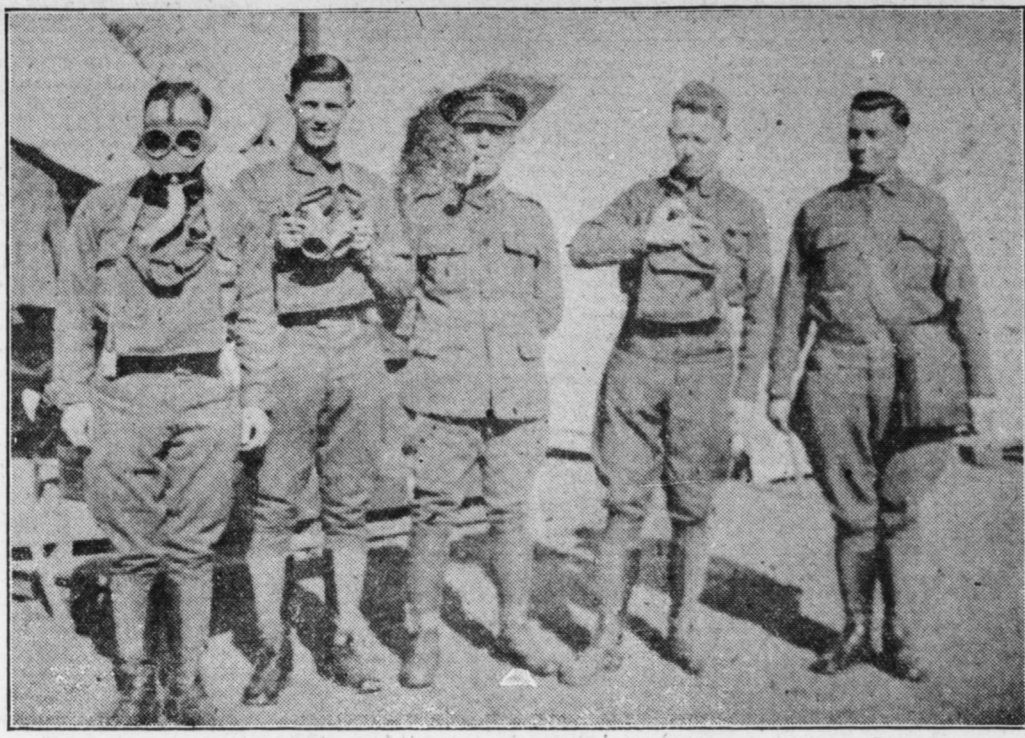
Coal and other fuel will be bought mainly by individual lines to supply their individual needs, but under the supervision of the regional committees. In New England fuel is to be purchased by a special committee. Cross ties and lumber are to be bought principally by the roads along their own lines.

To Save Millions Railroad administration officials believe that eventually they can save more than a hundred million dollars a year by centralizing purchasing.

Members of the central advisory committee and the regional committee will be appointed soon. All will be practical purchasing agents or vice-presidents of railroads. The regional bodies, to be composed of three or more, are to have headquarters in New York, Chicago and Atlanta.

In his capacity as director of finance for the railroad administration, Mr. Williams also will be assisted by another advisory committee of three railroad financial executives, one from the north, one from the west and one from the south. Mr. Williams and his advisers will

HARRISBURG LADS READY TO MEET GAS



The gas outfit, as pictured here, is far from being attractive but the style of head dress worn by Americans now fighting at the front indicates that the American brand is very serviceable. This picture of Harrisburg boys was taken at Camp Fremont, Palo Alto, California, during a drill when the 320th Field Signal Squad were training for action.

administer in a general way the disposition of about \$4,000,000,000, representing the gross earnings from operations in a year. In the past requirements for new capital to purchase equipment and make betterments and additions, have been between \$250,000,000 and \$750,000,000 a year, depending on business activity and money market conditions. "All other supplies needed for current operations will be purchased for the time being," says Director General McAdoo's statement, "through the purchasing departments of the respective roads, but all contracts for periods of six months or longer must be approved by the regional committee before completion."

WEST SHORE NEWS

Enola Girl to Be Clerk in Army Medical Corps



MISS EVELYN BITNER

Enola, Pa., March 8.—Miss Evelyn Bitner is one of the first local girls to enter the service of the country. Miss Bitner will leave Sunday for Washington, where she will become a clerk in the Surgeon-General's Department of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Prior to accepting this Government clerkship she was employed in the revenue accounting department of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, which position she held for several years. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bitner, of Summit street, and has a large circle of friends both in Enola and Harrisburg.

HAROLD-HERTZLER WEDDING Harrisburg, Pa., March 8.—Bishop Benjamin Zimmerman, of Shiremanstown, united in marriage Miss Annie E. Harbold, of 1922 Mulberry street, Harrisburg, and Henry C. Hertzler, of Mechanicsburg, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Harbold, in Harrisburg, at 11 o'clock yesterday morning.

HERMAN Y. BECK BURIED Enola, Pa., March 8.—Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon for Herman Y. Beck, who died at his home, 32 Brick Church road, on Monday. He is survived by his wife and several children. Burial was made in the Zion Lutheran cemetery. The Rev. M. S. Sharp officiated.

Personal and Social Items of Towns Along West Shore

Mrs. Aaron Morgret, of Big Cove tannery, Fulton county, is visiting her son, S. K. Morgret, and family, at Shiremanstown.

Mrs. Rae Harlachner, of Harrisburg, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Stansfield, at Shiremanstown, on Wednesday.

Mrs. John Renninger, of Scotland, Franklin county, has returned home after visiting Mrs. William E. Rowles, at Shiremanstown.

Mrs. Scott Brinton, son, Charles Brinton, of Shiremanstown, visited the former's parents at Camp Hill on Thursday.

Mrs. David Brinkley, of Lemoyne, visited relatives at Shiremanstown on Wednesday.

Mrs. E. W. Miller, of Shiremanstown, was a Harrisburg visitor on Thursday.

Miss Mary Switzer, of New Cumberland, visited her sister, Mrs. Weaver, at Steelton, on Tuesday.

Mrs. A. B. Black, of Bridge street, New Cumberland, entertained the Five Hundred Club of Harrisburg at her home on Wednesday afternoon.

The pupils of Miss Fogelson's school held an entertainment yesterday afternoon.

RED CROSS COMMITTEES

Wormleysburg, March 8.—Mrs. Vernon Klister, recently re-elected chairman of the Red Cross Auxiliary, announced the appointment of the following committees:

Woman's—Mrs. Dora Huber, Mrs. Scott Coble, Mrs. William Evans, Mrs. Howard Quiley, Mrs. Isabel Sheaffer, Mrs. Peter Coble, Mrs. Nora Boose, Mrs. J. J. Hemmer, Mrs. Ralph Schrack, Miss Floss Baer, Miss Alice Sponse.

Men's—R. L. Schrack, Vernon Kister, William Evans, C. R. Miller, H. R. Boose.

Young Women's and Young Men's—Miss Nevada Sadler, Miss Mabel Sheaffer, Miss Josephine Hoon, Miss Margaret Doepeke, Miss Freda Nonemaker, Walter Doepeke, Harry Sweager, James Kissinger, Frank Nonemaker.

Junior—Gladys Schrack, Irene Arney, Elsie Huber, Almada Kunkel, Helen Bennet, Earl Grunder, Irwin Boose, William Rosner, Donald Martin.

Mrs. J. J. Hemmer was elected vice-chairman of the auxiliary. Other officers were re-elected.

FOOD DEMONSTRATIONS

Marysville, Pa., March 8.—Tomorrow's demonstrations in the series in the interest of food conservation, under the auspices of the Perry County Food Commission, will be held at Duncannon in the afternoon and at Newport in the evening.

This afternoon a meeting was held at Shermansdale and this evening one will be held at Marysville. John Fox Weiss, of Harrisburg, and State Senator Scott S. Leiby will be the principal speakers at the Marysville meeting.

CLASS GIVES MUSICAL Enola, Pa., March 8.—Class No. 8 of the Zion Lutheran Sunday school, taught by Mrs. C. F. Miller, gave a musical in the church last evening. The program was as follows: Piano solo, Harold Heiter; reading, Miss Anna Book; solo, Mrs. Harter; banjo selection, Mrs. Redifer; reading, Miss Besse Dorsey; vocal solo, Miss Viola Knaub; piano solo, James Webster; accordion selection, Mrs. D. W. Cook; reading, Miss Myrtle Peck; solo, Miss Pauline Pink; piano duet, Miss Viola Knaub and Miss Helen Knaby; solo, Miss Alice Maxwell.

DISCIPLINE FOR A TEMPER There are probably few traveling salesmen in the country like the one who recently went into a Dallas, Tex., hotel diningroom and after ordering breakfast, complained because sugar was rationed. When the waitress smilingly told him that sugar must be conserved he destroyed two rolls, tearing them into bits and throwing them broadcast over the floor, to show what he thought of food conservation. An hour later a committee made up of Mayor Lawther, Harry A. Olmstead and Gilbert H. Irish, members of the Dallas Council of Defense, sat to try the case of this offender after his arrest by policemen. The verdict was that he should purchase a Red Cross badge, apologize to the waitress and write the Dallas Council of Defense a letter daily as long as he remains in Texas, detailing his movements. The apology was not only made gracefully, but he protested that he was patriotic, and sorry for his anger.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days. Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, Blind, Bleeding or protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price, 50c.—Advertisement.

Red Cross Makes Large Gains in Far East

Peking—The recent Red Cross drive for 10,000,000 new members, which resulted in the enrollment of 16,000,000 new names for the society, secured 2,512 new memberships in China. A Red Cross chapter has been

in existence for some time in Peking, but applications have just been made to headquarters at Washington for the establishment of new chapters at Shanghai and Tientsin. The formation of local chapters is under way at Hankow, Harbin and Swatow. Shanghai offered the largest number of new members in the recent drive, with 554; Peking came next with 417; Tientsin, 250; Foochow,

200; Hankow, 159; Chefoo, 177; Nanking, 160; Canton, 155; Changsha, 122; Harbin, 68; Hongkong, 55; Swatow, 62; Chungking, 50; Amoy, 36; and Mukden, 27.

HAS MANY RELATIVES One Belonging to Infant Is Over a Century Old Los Angeles — Louise Alice Smidt is only a few days old, but she already holds the record in relatives.

She has 125 of them, and one of them is 112 years old. This "oldest" in the family is Mrs. Mary Chipp, of Morgantown, Va., who is wee Miss Smidt's great-great-grandmother. Moreover, Miss Smidt's great-grandmother is still living, as also her grandmother. The first is 80 years of age; the second is 52. Little Louise's parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Smidt, of No. 231 East Eighty-fourth Place. She was born Thursday.

ASTRICH'S

308 Market Street Food Will Win the War--Don't Waste It.

Splendidly Ready to Serve You No matter what your idea for Spring may be—Suit, Coat, Dress, Skirt or Waists—an assortment to select from awaits you here that will surely please you. Every wanted material is shown, every new Spring shade, every authentic and up-to-the-minute style, together with our system of Moderate Prices makes this the logical store to buy at. Furthermore, we assure you satisfaction. No misrepresentation here. Everything sold exactly for what it is. We assure you that we are as anxious to please you as you are to be pleased. We feel a satisfied customer is our best advertisement. So come in and let us make a satisfied customer of you.

Hundreds of New Suits Just Arrived Every day adds to our wonderful assortment of new Spring Suits. Many of them have arrived the last day or two, and we can assure you they are the last word in style. Many of them are tailored effects, semi-tailored styles and the popular frill and flare models in Serge, Tricotine, Velour, Poplin, Poiret Twill and Wool Jersey.

\$25.00 --- Spring Suits --- \$25.00 Every one realizes how difficult it is to secure a good suit at this price considering the high cost of material and labor. So we have made a special effort to offer you just a little better suit at this popular price than is shown elsewhere. So we are showing dozens of new suits in Serge, Poplin, Velour and Wool Jersey. Every suit correct as to style, perfect in tailoring, materials the best, and including every wanted shade—Navy, Sammy, Pekin Blue, Copen, Black and Heather Mixtures. Every suit actually worth more than the price marked. Special at \$25.00

Suits Worth \$35 Specially Priced at \$29.50 Our assortment at this price is the most complete in the city, comprising styles that are copied from much higher priced models, and including materials that can only be found in real high class suits. Fancy Dress Models and Tailored Styles are shown, and every shade \$29.50 and color included. We ask your comparison of these wonderful values. Special at \$29.50

\$19.50 --- Spring Suits --- \$19.50 Six wonderful styles in Poplin, Serge and Delhi Cloth, plain and fancy styles included. These suits are truly wonderful values and we don't think they can be duplicated again this season. Only a limited quantity so we would advise early selection. Special \$19.50

Exclusive Models in Tailored Suits Many new models shown for the first time in high class tailored styles in fine Men's Wear Serge, Poiret Twill and Tricotine. Many of them just one of a \$35, \$45 and \$50 kind. Priced at \$35, \$45 and \$50

Exclusive Models in Coats

Our showing of Real High Class Stylish Spring Coats is beyond question the finest in Harrisburg. We are led to believe this by the comments of hundreds of visitors in our Coat Department the past few days. The Coat represents perfection in tailoring materials, trimmings and colors. Every Coat from New York's best maker. They include Silvertones, Velours, Poiret Twills, Serges, in every possible shade. Navy, Black, Copen, Tan, Sammy, Pekin, Grey, West Point Blue, Green. The better models are all just one of a kind. We invite your critical inspection.

\$15.00 --- Spring Coats --- \$15.00 Special lot of Spring Coats in fine quality Poplin, in Navy, Black, Tan and Copen. Two snappy styles with belt effects and fancy silk collar. Extra special value \$15.00

Beautiful New Coats at \$19.50 Twenty different styles to select from at the price. Poplin, Serge and Velour, in Navy, Copen, Tan, Sammy, Pekin, Black and Gray. Misses' and Ladies' sizes, some half lined, some shoulder lined. All nicely tailored and up-to-the-minute styles. Special at \$19.50

Coats For Spring at \$25.00 You will really be surprised at the wonderful styles and materials we can show at this price. You will really think they were much higher priced Coats, in fact many of them are exact copies of models worth double the price. Every wanted material and color included. Mixtures, Delhi cloth, Burella cloth, Serge, Poiret Twill and Velours. Special \$25.00

Beautiful New Waists in Voile Organdie and Batiste

Every day adds to our selection of new waists. Never have such dainty little creations been shown as now and so reasonably priced.

Extra Special 4-Dozen Waists Special at \$1.49 Five dozen fine quality striped Waists with Jap silk collar. All sizes 36 to 46 in Copen, Brown, Pink, Green \$1.98 and salmon stripes. Special \$1.49

Shoe Department Specials

For Saturday only we offer you three wonderful shoe values in new Spring models that for style, quality and price cannot be duplicated in the city. These specials are for Saturday only. All Field Mouse Kid Boot, hand sewed, light weight soles, leather Louis heels with vanity heel plate. Special \$6.95 Cocco Calf Lace Boot with tops of Castor Suede leather Louis heels. Special \$6.95 Mahogany Calf Walking Boot, military heel, perforated wing tips. Nine-inch top of gray suede, welted soles. Special \$6.95 Special Gray Suede Oxford, cone heel, perforated tip and vamp. The season's most beautiful oxford. Special \$7.95

Take Baby Out Every Day in a Goldsmith Go-Cart. Every day out in the fresh air means increased vitality for "His Lordship" the baby. Now is the time to lay the foundation for vigorous health. Take him out in one of our new Spring Model Go-Carts, including the shell and gondola types. They're easy riding—and made of the best materials throughout. Strollers \$ 9.00 to \$13.50 Gliders \$12.00 to \$17.00 (A New Size and Style) Go-Carts \$18.50 to \$22.50 Pullman Go-Carts. \$22.50 to \$50.00 Natural, White, Blue, or any desired color or finish. GOLDSMITH'S North Market Square

STERN'S CUT RATE SHOES 709 WALNUT ST. Opening Announcement of Stern's Thrift Shoes For Early Spring Note these excellent values, you won't need much urging to invest your money in up-to-the-minute, dependable shoes at these prices. They are the snappy styles you will want to wear for this Spring. Women's Dark Brown Kid Lace English Boots, 9-inch Cloth Tops, Military Heels. \$2.95 Women's 9-Inch Brown Lace Boots, High Leather Louis Heels, Rich Brown Cloth-Tops, \$2.95 Women's All Leather Dark Brown Mahogany Military Lace Boots, 9-Inch Boots (Like Cut) \$3.95 Women's Dark Gray Military Lace Boots, New Military Heels \$3.95 Women's Dark Brown All Leather Vic Kid Military Boots, New Military Heels \$3.45