

GERMANY DRAWS TOOLS TIGHTER AROUND AUSTRIA

Pact Strengthened at Meeting of Emperors; Complete Accord on Questions

Berlin, May 14.—The chief features of an agreement to strengthen the alliance between Germany and Austria-Hungary have been laid down, says an official statement issued here in regard to the visit of Emperor Charles to German great headquarters. The statement follows: "Emperor Charles visited Emperor William at great headquarters on Sunday. In addition to his personal suite the Emperor was accompanied by Foreign Minister Burián.

Field Marshal Von Arz, chief of the general staff, and Prince Hohenlohe, Austrian Ambassador at Berlin. Germany was represented by Chancellor Von Hertling, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, General Von Ludendorff, Foreign Secretary Von Kuhlmann and Count Von Wedel, Ambassador to Vienna. "A cordial discussion took place, and all the fundamental political, economic and military questions affecting the present and future relations of the two monarchies were thoroughly discussed. There was complete accord on all these questions, tending to deepen the existing alliance. The guiding lines of the contemplated contractual agreements already exist in principle."

Amsterdam, May 14.—Resolutions in favor of the extension of Austria's alliance with Germany were adopted at a congress of Germans in the Austrian Tyrol, says a dispatch from Sterzing, Austria, to the Vossische Zeitung, of Berlin. The resolutions urge a closer military and economic union and the establishment in Austria of German state institutions and constitutional law.

INCREASE OF 25 PER CENT. IN R.R. RATES IS URGED

Raise Proposed Biggest in History and to Apply to Entire Country

Washington, May 14.—Estimates made by Railroad Administration officials indicate that an increase of at least 25 per cent. in freight and passenger rates will be necessary this year to meet the higher cost of fuel, wages, equipment, and other operating expenses, now set at between \$600,000,000 and \$750,000,000 more than last year.

Recommendation that rates be raised by approximately this percentage has been made to Director General McAdoo by his advisers. He is expected to act within the next six weeks, and to put increases into effect immediately. Shippers will be permitted to appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission under the Railroad Act, and final decision will be with President Wilson.

Such an increase as is proposed would be the biggest in the history of American railways, as the percentage is larger than any ever sought by the railways under private management, and would apply alike to the entire country. Both class and commodity schedules would be affected.

Work Out New Schedules Rate experts of the Interstate Commerce Commission and Railroad Administration are now at work on new schedules. Any increases to be ordered will be arranged in a manner to preserve rate relationships between communities and regions, officials said today, so that industries and commercial interests will be subject to the same degree of rate competition as at present.

Passenger fares would be raised under the plan suggested to about three cents a mile, from the existing general rate of a little less than 2 1/2 cents.

The proposed increase, it is estimated, would yield about \$900,000,000—\$700,000,000 in freight, and \$200,000,000 in passenger revenue. This would leave a margin above the estimated increase in operating expenses eventually, but since the new rates would not go into effect until the year is half over, their yield would fall several hundred million dollars short of meeting the anticipated deficit this year.

It is roughly estimated by Railroad Administration officials that the roads this year will spend between \$300,000,000 and \$350,000,000 more for wages than last year; between \$120,000,000 and \$150,000,000 more for coal, and between \$180,000,000 and \$220,000,000 more for cars, locomotives, rails, ties and terminal facilities.

Reserves Companies Being Filled Up

Reorganization of the military end of the Harrisburg Reserves has been undertaken actively by P. H. Hoop, Jr., and L. V. Harvey, who were appointed to the work a few days ago. The two companies are expected to be filled up by Friday night when an outdoor drill will be held. A project for uniforms is also under way.

L. LESTER STROH KILLED IN UTAH

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stroh, 1742 Susquehanna street, received word that their son, Lester, was fatally injured and died a few hours later in Utah. The young man went to Utah four months ago. His body will be brought to this city. Arrangements for burial will be announced later.

WOODMEN VISIT PENBROOK

Hummelstown, Pa., May 14.—Forty-three members of the Hummelstown camp, No. 10,714, Modern Woodmen of America, went to Penbrook last evening where a class of thirty-eight was taken into the Penbrook camp. The local team assisted in the drill work. Deputy Harry Walburn was present and addresses were made and luncheon served. Representatives were present from Steelton, Lebanon, Palmyra, Anville, Hummelstown and Penbrook.

MIDDLETOWN School Tax Rate Increased to 13 Mills

The school board in session last evening decided to increase the tax rate from twelve to thirteen mills. The proceeds from the Grammar school entertainment will be turned over to the Junior High Cross. The school children will take part in the Red Cross parade next Monday evening. Professor A. S. Quickel was appointed by the board to numerate the children between the ages of 4 and 16 years. The election of teachers will take place Monday evening, June 10. The Educational association will be held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening by the Rev. T. C. McCarroll. The schools will close May 31. H. H. Baish, of Harrisburg, will address the teachers in the High school building, on Wednesday afternoon.

At a meeting of council last evening a committee from the American La France Company, of Elmira, N. Y., that the new fire truck had been shipped May 10, was read. A few laws passed on second and third reading and the burgess is empowered to appoint additional officers recommended by the organizations and societies interested in the passage and enforcement of the ordinance. The officers should serve without compensation in enforcing the ordinance. Tax Collector John Whelan was before the council and asked that the extension of \$59.50 for 1918. The salaries of John Sawyer, superintendent, and Edward Ware, assistant, be raised 10 per cent., making the salary of superintendent \$100 and assistant superintendent \$85 per month. The fire alarm bell was fixed twenty cents to twenty-five cents per hour. An ordinance will be drawn up to increase the salaries of Burgess B. Gingrich, and High Constable Charles Houser, and the wage of special police, John Anderson and Dave Stager, from twenty to twenty-five cents per hour. The three fire companies, Burgess and High Constable made their monthly reports. The bills ordered paid amounted to \$1,025.34.

The Rev. James Cunningham, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, married at the parsonage in North Union street, on Sunday evening, at 9 o'clock, Edward Rider, of Wilmington, Del., and Miss Sarah A. Longenecker, of Highspire. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. George Baker, of Highspire. At a meeting of the Ministerial Association, of Middletown and Royaltown at the parsonage of the Royaltown United Brethren Church, yesterday morning, it was decided to hold a mission meeting in the interest of the ratification of the prohibition amendment to be held in the Realty Theater, Emmaus street, on Sunday afternoon, May 19 at 8 o'clock. Dr. Robert E. Sigel, of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Harrisburg, will speak.

PLANS TO FIND FARM LABORERS

Summer Volunteers to Take Places Where Men Are Most Needed

W. R. Zimmerman, recently appointed county farm labor agent, has sent out a bulletin to all farmers in the county asking them in case they need additional help to communicate at once with him. The letter follows: "In view of the difficulty the farmers of Pennsylvania are having in securing men to do farm work the Department of Civilian Service and Labor has appointed a farm labor manager and a director of the Boys' Working Reserve for Dauphin county.

"The duty of the farm labor manager will be to discover what labor the farmers of Dauphin county will need this season, and to supply this need through certain agencies, among which is the United States Boys Working Reserve and the College Division of the U. S. Public Service Reserve, etc.

"Farmers are undoubtedly aware that the country will need all and considerably more than they are now producing to sustain the nations during the war, but are hampered through lack of labor.

"Inspired through patriotism and a desire to do their bit thousands of High school boys, college boys, men and women in public and private life, and those engaged in business and the less important industries are volunteering to help the farmers in their work. All they ask in return are reasonable wages, fair treatment and living conditions in harmony with moral uplift and their general welfare.

"During the season of 1917 many counties have used High school boys on their farms with such satisfactory results that the demand this year has more than doubled. Personally we feel that what is true of boys of other counties will be true of the boys of this county who are no less imbued with lofty ideals, culture and patriotism. We would, therefore, urge those farmers in need of labor to give our young men a trial. In most cases it takes but a few days and often only a few hours training to develop a boy into a useful farmhand.

"In case a farmer secures labor through the farm labor manager, and perchance any one so supplied should prove useless after a fair trial, the farmer is in no way compelled to keep such labor.

"Where a number of farmers live in close proximity and their combined labor needs will total from eighteen to twenty-four persons, a farm labor camp, better known as a Liberty camp, will be established, where the young men will reside, and from which they will be supplied to the farmers through the director of the camp. The camp will have its own cook, provide lodging and be self-sustaining in every way. The sanitary and moral conditions of the camps will be in the care of experienced and efficient leadership.

"Farmers should ask for labor in ample time so that the labor manager may have opportunity to provide the men.

"Efforts will also be made to supply the necessary female help whenever requested.

"In asking for labor, always state the number of persons wanted, wages paid, length of time in days, weeks or months labor is needed, and the most convenient route to reach the farm from nearby towns.

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Buffalo Express Wrecked; Fireman Killed; 11 Hurt

Albany, N. Y., May 14.—One fireman killed, one passenger fatally injured and eight or ten other passengers more or less seriously injured was the result of the wreck of the Buffalo Express last night at Schock Landing, according to officials of the New York Central Railroad. The engineer was badly scalded. It was reported unofficially that an open switch caused the accident. The engine, which had just passed over the bridge across Schock creek, was turned completely over and one car fell into the creek.

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