

MUST CONNECT UP FREIGHT ROUTES

Motor Transportation Routes Will Be Linked and Through Lines Established

New York — It remains now but to connect up the links of America's great motor truck freight transportation routes and to systematize the business to give to the country a complete line of freight transportation independent of the railroads and free of the terrible delays which have caused such immense losses to the manufacturers and the merchants of the country.

went through just the stage in which the truck haulage proposition is now immersed. It will be recalled that electric lines started out of the large cities and went far into the country, but reached the jumping-off place with no line beyond. Gradually these lines were extended and the connections were made.

GOVERNMENT WORK TO KEEP LABOR BUSY

War Labor Board Plans to Start Enormous Public Projects at Once

Washington, Nov. 22.—The War Labor Policies Board has now become a peace policies board and has set out to realize the determination of American labor as represented by Samuel Gompers to resist all efforts to lengthen the day or shorten the pay of the workman consequent upon the coming of peace.

Dr. Frankfurter and his associates, however, realize that mere announcement by Mr. Gompers or anybody else that the short day and long pay are going to stick are mere verbal defiance unless the economic foundation can be provided. If there are more men than jobs and more production than consumption then there is going to be competition for the attenuated payroll and the elongated job.

A graphic illustration of this fact has already appeared in the shipyards. The efficiency of the workers at Hog Island has increased 20 per cent. since the armistice was declared. One day of fear that a good job might be lost accomplished more than all the exhortations, patriotic appeals, competitive stunts and uplift work of a year.

The War Labor Policies Board recognizes that wages come out of wealth production and that the only chance there is for keeping them up to their present level is to crowd production and industrial activity to the limit. So it has laid down five objectives for the public policy designed to meet the readjustment period without serious disturbances. These are:

- First—Avoidance of a large volume of unemployment.
Second — Maintenance of labor standards.
Third—Avoidance of a falling off to a serious extent of rates of wages.
Fourth—Maintenance of production at a high level.
Fifth—Removal of possibility of business depression.

Catches Seven Cranes; Judge Was After Fish; Birds Wanted the Bait

Dallas, Tex. — Droughty conditions in western Texas have driven large numbers of long-necked cranes into the open and made them so bold that they put up a stubborn fight with fishermen for their bait, according to Assistant Attorney General John C. Wall, who has just returned from the Colorado River. Judge Wall declared that it was necessary to keep the birds hidden to prevent cranes from stealing it.

Oversupply of Soft Coal Is Alleged

New York—During the first seven months of the present coal year, April to October, 368,558,000 net tons of bituminous coal were produced in America, an increase of 42,437,000 over the output for the similar period last year, according to Coal Age. It is claimed that there is an oversupply of soft coal in almost every section of the country, and many mines are unable to dispose of their output.

Nations Exchange Victory Greetings

Ottawa.—In reply to messages sent to the government of the United States and of New Zealand, His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada has received answers from the President of the United States and from the Governor-General of New Zealand.

people and with your Excellency's cordial messages. This Dominion heartily reciprocates your good wishes for the future and feels convinced that as the people of the old country and the young dominions have successfully faced the difficulties of the past four years will be equally competent to deal with the problems of reconstruction which lie before them.

The reply from the Governor-General of New Zealand follows: "New Zealand thanks you for your cordial messages. This Dominion heartily reciprocates your good wishes for the future and feels convinced that as the people of the old country and the young dominions have successfully faced the difficulties of the past four years will be equally competent to deal with the problems of reconstruction which lie before them."

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