

NEW LAWMAKES TOPEKA FREIGHT TERMINAL ON U. P.

Roundhouse and 15 Miles of Sidetrack To Be Built Here.

Engineering Department Approves Large Improvements.

TWO NEW STATIONS FOR CITY

Fire-Proof Passenger Depot To Be West of Kansas Avenue.

Freight Terminal on Present Site of Station and Hotel.

Plans, which will result in the ultimate expenditure by the road of \$500,000 in Topeka, are being drawn in Kansas City under supervision of the engineering department of the Union Pacific railway. Robert M. Hitchcock, general agent for the railway here, today said plans for a new passenger depot and a freight depot which "will be credits to Topeka and the Union Pacific" are being completed. Information from other official sources is to the effect that the railway company is planning to erect a new roundhouse here and practically double its yards and lay about 15 miles of new track. Orders to the effect that Topeka has been made an important freight terminal as the result of coming reorganization of schedules, demanded by the Adamson law, are expected here any day.

Information which has reached Topeka regarding the new passenger depot is to the effect that it will be a one or two story concrete or brick building. It will be strictly modern and fire proof. The freight depot will be a two-story building of brick. It will be located on the site of the present passenger depot with the freight office touching the sidewalk on Kansas avenue. East of the office, a warehouse and loading platform will probably be built in large as the freight accommodations.

Change Station Location. The new passenger depot will face the tracks, being located on the south side of the latter. It will be located a short distance west of Kansas avenue and will stand at the front of Jackson street, thus being accessible from across the tracks. It will be accessible from the south, east and west. Under the plan, the freight office, passenger depot where the freight depot now stands and vice versa, Union Pacific officials expect to avoid blocking North Kansas street by a freight office, especially by freight trains. Switching facilities, it is planned, will also be rearranged to avoid the freight switch engines across the Avenue as much as possible.

Construction work on the two depots will begin as soon as possible according to information from Omaha and Kansas City, providing matters are not delayed by the war. A half-million dollars, approximately, has been appropriated as Topeka's share of the building of Kansas by the railroad. Officials of the road in Kansas City say the only thing that will stand in the way of beginning work next spring is a possibility that the road may have to use the money at military points if the government launches an extensive movement of supplies and troops.

Rebuilding of the yards will be made necessary by the re-arrangement of the depots. In addition to the present yards have long been too small to care for the rapidly growing business of the war. It was said by officials of the road today that when the old passenger depot is razed the Union Pacific hotel, one of the oldest buildings in Topeka, will either go out of business or locate somewhere else.

WILSON TO PLY SPADE

President to Turn First Dirt for White House Garden.

Washington, April 18.—If Mrs. Woodrow Wilson has any desire to see her husband, the president of the United States, shoveling dirt in corner lot garden, all she'll have to do will be to look from her front window tomorrow morning.

The president is going to turn over the first spadeful of earth on the site of the White House clerks model garden. The plot of ground is in the very heart of the city—just across Pennsylvania avenue from the treasury department and the executive mansion.

The clerks plan to raise everything from cabbages to beans.

BASEBALL TODAY.

Western League. Lincoln at Joplin, clear, 3 p. m. St. Louis at Wichita, cloudy, 3 p. m. Omaha at Denver, cloudy, 3 p. m.

FLAGS FOR BEAUTY SPOTS ART GLASS FAD IN CHICAGO

Chicago, April 18.—Girls at the Art Institute are adopting a fad in beauty spots that is timely. Instead of wearing black spots on their faces they are wearing tiny flags on their cheeks.

BIG CRUSADE IN KANSAS AGAINST HIGH FOOD COSTS

Members of State Defense Council Begin Organization.

Urge a Larger Production of Crops on Every Farm.

IMMEDIATE ACTION IS TAKEN

Utilization of Every Acre of Available Garden Land.

Appointment of Committees to Carry on the Work.

Members of the state defense council today began the organization of a state-wide crusade against the high cost of foodstuffs and for the production of larger crops and the utilization of every acre of available farm and garden land in the state. Committees named at the close of the organization meeting of the council are today directing campaigns in every section of the state. Immediate action will be taken in every county. A detailed report will be available when the council meets in Topeka next week.

Scores of men are to be used by the council in working out a most complete and comprehensive farm program. The campaign is to be made up of an effort to induce western farmers here and elsewhere to produce crops where wheat lands have failed. In other districts farmers will be urged to use every available foot of soil for raising corn. War is to be made on the gopher, the chinch bug, the Hessian fly, hog cholera, black leg, and all other unfavorable crop and live stock conditions. War is also declared on speculation in foodstuffs, extravagance, and waste. It is probable that the council will next week issue a proclamation formally asking for conservation in the homes and placing of a lid on all manner of extravagance.

In the next few days the state council will gather farm facts thru a dozen sources. The State university, Agricultural college, agricultural horizon.

FIGHT CARRANZA

Pro-German Influence Now Turns on First Chief.

Openly Rumored Deputies Have "Sold Out" to Teutons.

El Paso, Tex., April 18.—An explanation of the opposition reported to have taken place on the floor of the Mexican house of deputies to Carranza's neutrality plans, is brought here by an arrival from the Mexican capital, reaching El Paso today.

According to his account German propagandists are conducting an open lobby against the Carranza plan among the Dutch, using money freely to secure the support of legislators for a German-Mexican alliance.

The informant has requested that his name be withheld as he is returning to Mexico.

In his statement, the strife over the neutrality plan, which, according to dispatches, resulted in wild scenes of disorder in the Mexican congress Monday, is inspired by pro-German sources. He asserted that several deputies are openly advocating a German-Mexican alliance, in opposition to the United States, while rumors that certain deputies have "sold out" to the German influence, is common talk in the Mexican capital.

NEW BELGIUM GOV.

Von Bissing Again Ill, Kaiser Appoints Von Zuehl Successor.

Amsterdam, April 18.—According to a Brussels telegram Governor General von Bissing is again ill and the emperor has appointed General von Zuehl his successor for the time being.

General von Bissing has been reported ill during the last year and was said to be suffering from pneumonia and in a dangerous condition last December. Reports of his resignation have been equally frequent but have never been confirmed.

SEIZE GERMAN SHIPS

Argentina Takes Interned Vessels—Foreigners Killed in Rioting.

Buenos Aires, April 18.—Argentina formally took all German interned ships "into custody" today.

The official explanation of the action was to prevent German crews damaging their vessels.

Officially the government has not reported the course of the submerging of the Monte Protégido.

A formal statement issued today pointed out that all casualties in Saturday rioting were foreigners except the policemen killed.

14,000 PRISONERS 12-MILE FRONT, FRENCH VICTORY

Drive Germans From First Line, Rheims to Champagne.

Estimate 30,000 Teutons Killed, Wounded, Captured.

TODAY'S BATTLE, TWO HOURS

Carrying Everything Before Them, Says Later News.

Successfully Storm Heights 600 to 800 Feet Elevation.

(By the Associated Press.)

Continuing their great offensive along the Aisne and in the Champagne the French have made further important gains. More than 14,000 prisoners have been taken in the two days of the attack. Twelve cannon, including three of large caliber, were among the large quantities of war material captured. The battle, described as the greatest since the battle of the Marne and a logical continuance of that struggle after an interval of more than two years developed during last night's heavy fighting in the region northeast of Soissons, where general Nivelle's troops made their most notable progress.

Pushing far north of the Aisne, the French completed their capture of Chivy, east of the Oise-Aisne canal, and pressed on to the Braye-en-Laonnois, which was entered by French patrols. On the Aisne farther west they occupied Chavonne.

East of this region several fortified positions were captured. The Germans near Ville-Au-Bois, three miles southeast of Craonne, and on the main highway leading northwest from Rheims were captured.

Are Encircling Lens and St. Quentin. While momentarily halting in the Champagne district to organize their position, the French were attacked by the Germans at Mont Carillet, ten miles southeast of Rheims, where beaten off with heavy losses to the attacking German forces.

The British are organizing their forces for a renewal of the struggle in the Arras region. The process of envelopment is being continued about Lens and the similar operation at St. Quentin is reaching success. St. Quentin is regarded as a strategic point. Forces last night straightened out their line by an advance of more than a mile, capturing Villers-Guislain, and made further progress east of Epehy towards the St. Quentin-Cambrai railroad opposite Le Catelet. They also are trying to round up the sulking German submarine which yesterday fired the first shot of the war at the United States destroyer Smith.

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6 TRAINING CAMPS

Will Drill Officers in Midwest for 500,000 Army.

Ft. Riley Camp for Missouri, Kansas and Colorado.

Chicago, April 18.—The work of preparation camps in which to train men as reserve officers for the first 500,000 troops raised for the new army was begun in earnest today following by Maj. Gen. Thomas H. Barry, commander of the central department of the army.

There are to be six camps in the central department located as follows: At Fort Sheridan, two camps, one for Illinois and one for Michigan and Wisconsin.

At Fort Benjamin Harrison, two camps, under one command, one for Indiana and Kentucky and one for Ohio.

At Fort Snelling, one for Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

At Fort Riley, one camp, for Missouri, Kansas and Colorado.

The six training camps which are to be opened in May are expected to furnish about one-third of the ten thousand officers—majors, captains, first and second lieutenants—required for an army of 500,000.

HITS SPECULATORS

Curtis Introduces Bill That Would Stop Dealing in Futures.

Washington, April 18.—Senator Curtis of Kansas today introduced a bill to prevent dealings in futures of wheat, corn and other staples by refusing mail and telegraph facilities along the lines of the cotton future law.

NATION'S CAPITOL BY NIGHT



Always beautiful by day, the Nation's Capitol is in these "war nights" now even more impressive by night. Illuminated by means of flood lights for the first time during the inauguration, arrangements are now being made to make the lighting installation a permanent one. No object in America's most beautiful city is attracting more favorable comment than the big white mass of the Capitol illuminated against the dark skies. Eighty-four big reflectors, each containing a 250 watt lamp, provide the illumination for the dome. These are divided into groups of twenty-one and a group placed each on the northeast and northwest corners of the House wing and on the southeast and southwest corners of the Senate wing. This is somewhat similar to the lighting system to be installed on the Topeka state house dome.

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D. A. R. ELECTION TODAY

Kansas Woman Has Three Opponents for National Head of Order.

Washington, April 18.—Balloting for new officers of the Daughters of the American Revolution began this morning in the national convention with four candidates for the presidency.

A majority was necessary for election. Results probably will not be known today.

Mrs. James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, Mrs. George Thacher Guernsey of Kansas, and Mrs. John Miller Horning of New York, candidates for president, had tickets of their own, and Mrs. George C. Squire of Minnesota ran as an independent.

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"VOTES BACK HOME" AN ISSUE.

As in times past, White House pressure now promises to crumple congressional opposition. Members who heretofore have frankly declared they feared to go "back for votes" if they favored the conscription plan, have changed over night. Many of these solidifying in support of the president regardless of political futures.

If such opposition still menaces the bill the administration will not hesitate to take the name and not the content of the revolving straight to the public. That administration authorities are not to be taken in by the plan, in fact, military men say that the success of America in the war is daily jeopardized by such procrastination.

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Plungers Score Better Than Average, Which Is 24.

ANOTHER U-BOAT HORROR

18 Lives Lost When Neutral Ship Is Torpedoed.

The Spanish Steamship Tom Sunk Without Warning.

London, April 18.—The weekly report of British shipping losses, issued today, shows 19 vessels of more than 1,000 tons sunk and 9 vessels of less than 1,000 tons. Twelve fishing vessels were also sunk.

During the past seven weeks the period in which statements of the losses of British merchant vessels have been made in their present form the figures show that 188 vessels have been lost, the total for vessels of more than 1,000 tons being 116 and for vessels of less than that tonnage 52. This week's losses of 28 merchant ships are generally in excess of the average, which is 24 for the seven weeks' period.

SPAIN AROUSED OVER DISASTER.

Madrid, April 18.—The Spanish steamship Tom has been torpedoed and sunk without warning. Eighteen lives were lost.

It is expected that news of this occurrence will further inflame public feeling in Spain.

The Tom, 2,409 tons gross, was owned in Bilbao. Recent news from Spain said it had been torpedoed by the Spanish steamer San Fulgencio. The Spanish government sent an emphatic protest to Germany and demanded that it be demanded an indemnity.

DISGUISED U-BOAT GIVES CHASE.

New York, April 18.—A German submarine, disguised as a sailing ship, British steamship Southern Down on April 4 when about 300 miles west of Lisbon and about 200 miles east of the Azores, was chased, according to officers of the Southern, by a U-boat.

The submarine, the officers said, was recognized as an enemy craft when she approached within about one mile. What appeared to be a false superstructure of canvas surrounded by the masts was on her decks and it was while a part of this canvas was being cleared away on the deck that the U-boat was sighted.

The listening hull of the rounded deck of the submarine was seen. The speed was crowded on the engines of the freighter and the steamer slowly drew away.

The submarine did not show the ship. Yesterday when near the American coast the officers said the United States cruiser Birmingham came up, an officer and an armed guard came on board and established the identity of the vessel before she was allowed to proceed.

CONFIRM U-BOAT STORY.

Officer on U. S. Warship Declares He Saw Periscope of Submarine.

Washington, April 18.—All doubt that a submarine recently sighted at the United States destroyer Smith was swept aside today when a report direct from the Smith said the officer on duty saw a periscope 400 yards from the vessel.

The navy department today asked the destroyer Smith to make a direct report on the submarine incident and the reply was expected this afternoon.

Some naval men doubted the accuracy of the submarine story, thinking that watcher on the destroyer may have been mistaken. It was pointed out that there had been no raiding yesterday and that if there was a submarine off New York