

Senator's Mind "Car as a Bell"; Fall, Hitchcock and Wilson Discuss Mexican Issue

U. S. Cuts Off Noted Trains To Save Coal

"Twentieth Century" and "Broadway Limited" Sacrificed in Slash on 150 Eastern Railroads

Reduction in Effect Next Wednesday
New Order Declared More Drastic Than Any Promulgated in War Time

Sweeping reduction in passenger service on railroads of the Eastern section to save fuel was announced yesterday by A. T. Hardin, Eastern Regional Director of Railroads.

The order becomes effective on Wednesday, when it curtails to a war-time minimum the passenger traffic on 150 railroads in this region. It was intimated the slashing of schedules is even more drastic than during the late war. Revised schedules were said to be in the process of preparation, to be ready for publication early next week.

The New York Central will lose one of its most famous trains, the Twentieth Century Limited, which has been running between New York and Chicago for twenty-nine years without interruption. It was announced by the Pennsylvania Railroad that the Broadway Limited, also running between New York and Chicago, will disappear from the schedule on Wednesday. Both of these trains make the thousand-mile trip in twenty hours.

Special Trains Wiped Out
Special trains no longer will be run for any purpose, it was announced. Second sections of regular trains will pass out also, it was said, except between cities of dense population.

A 10 per cent reduction in passenger and train service in New England was ordered yesterday. The curtailment, which becomes effective Wednesday, was ordered directly from Washington, and is similar to the order issued recently to Western railroads, save that the cut there was 33 per cent.

Mr. Hardin's announcement, made at his office in the Grand Central Terminal, follows:
"For the purpose of conserving fuel and to protect and provide sufficient transportation an order has been given for the suspension of all Western trains, effective 12:01 a. m. Wednesday, December 10, on all railroads in the Eastern region.

Missouri Now Controls Mines

Formally Taken Over by State When Strikers Fail to Return to Work

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 5.—The Governor of Missouri took over the coal mines of this state to-day and will operate them under military control. Miners had been warned of this action if they did not return to the fields by noon to-day. At that hour William C. Lewis advised Adjutant General Clark that the men were still idle, and the state came into formal control with an iron hand.

Lansing Ignored By Mr. Wilson

Hitchcock Says Secretary Was Not Consulted on Mexican Situation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—One result of the President's talk with Senators Fall and Hitchcock over the Mexican situation to-day was to revive rumors of the split between the President and Secretary Lansing. It was brought out that the President had not seen Mr. Lansing since William C. Bullitt quoted Mr. Lansing before the Foreign Relations Committee last August. At that time Mr. Bullitt quoted Mr. Lansing as saying the treaty was "thoroughly bad" and that the American people, if they realized it, would demand its rejection.

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Gas Explosion Closes Shows, Delays Race

Manholes Blown High Into Air, Wires Twisted and Windows Shattered Near 27th St. and 6th Ave.

A short circuit in a conduit in front of the New York Edison Company substation at Twenty-seventh Street and Sixth Avenue shot a spark into a pocket of gas at 8 o'clock last night. With the roar of the explosion a manhole lid at the corner went soaring, followed by a thirty-inch jet of burning gas, which shot high into the air and then subsided to a steady column of fire about four feet in height.

Dr. Copeland, London Hears Denied Funds, Tries to Quit

Hylan Rejects Resignation of Health Commissioner, Who Clashes With Craig; To Vote Money Monday

LONDON, Dec. 5.—There was a persistent rumor in the Stock Exchange this morning that the Supreme Council of the peace conference had threatened Germany that unless the final peace terms were agreed to Allied troops would occupy Essen and Frankfurt.

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Treaty Will Lie Dormant In Senate, Says Hitchcock

President, Believing Responsibility Has Been Shifted, Will Not Withdraw Document and Again Present It Until After Holidays, Leader Asserts

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Mexican Bandits Loot a Store in Raid Into Texas

Two Posses Take Up Pursuit After Ranchman Is Bound and Gagged and Goods Carried Off

LAREDO, Texas, Dec. 5.—Mexican bandits last night raided Clarence ranch, 50 miles south of here and near Zapata, Zapata County, on the Rio Grande. They bound and gagged the ranch store keeper, stole all his provisions and escaped. Headquarters of Mexican customs guards and gendarmes are directly across the river from the ranch, and a Carranza garrison was stationed three miles south of where the raid took place.

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Nation's Chief 'Flat on Back' Greets Callers

Is Told Developments in Situation Below Border; Tells Funny Story and Quotes "Mr. Dooley"

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