

HINES EXPLAINS RATES SITUATION

Denies Railroad Administration Plans to Increase Basic Tariff.

HOPEFUL ABOUT TRAFFIC

It Is Believed That Its Volume Will Equal That of 1918.

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Last Year's Record. It is made plain that the Railroad Administration has determined to avoid further developments with respect to volume of traffic.

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G. O. P. Cool to Plea for House Clerkship.

Special Despatch to The Sun. WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Miss Jeannette Rankin, Representative from Montana, whose ambitions to succeed Senator Thomas J. Walsh were frustrated by the November election, has announced her candidacy for the clerkship of the House.

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TROOPS COMING VIA RHINE.

Americans Probably Will Leave From German Ports.

By the Associated Press. Cologne, Jan. 19.—(delayed).—Arrangements are in prospect, according to reports here, by which the American Army of occupation eventually will be taken home by way of the Rhine to Rotterdam or some German port for embarkation.

CHARLOTTE THANKS ENTENTE.

Liberated Luxembourg From "Supreme Peril," She Says.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—In a proclamation issued soon after taking the oath of office, the new Governor of Luxembourg, Grand Duchess Charlotte, expressed her deep gratitude to the Entente for the liberation of Luxembourg, achieved by the victorious armies of the Allies "in an hour of supreme peril."

Before you put that uniform in camp.

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BILL WOULD MAKE GIFTS OF UNIFORMS

Senate Measure Aims to Help Discharged Soldiers.

Special Despatch to The Sun. WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—That honorably discharged soldiers may carry away with them as their own property and without question as to debts against their accounts with Uncle Sam the uniforms worn in service Senator Chamberlain (Ore.), chairman of the Military Committee, to-day introduced a bill to that effect.

The Chamberlain bill provides that such articles may be authorized by the Secretary of War and Navy and to wear such uniform clothing after discharge. Under the regulations the period during which discharged men may wear their uniforms is limited to ninety days.

It was said that men on receiving discharges had been required to surrender good clothing if they possessed and such articles of personal apparel and equipment as may be authorized by the Secretaries of War and Navy and to wear such uniform clothing after discharge.

The Chamberlain amendment provided that each soldier on discharge should be allotted to him mileage at 5 cents a mile from the point of discharge to his home.

Senator Ashurst's amendment provided that a month's additional pay should be given each soldier or sailor upon his discharge in addition to salary due him at that time.

The bill and amendments were referred to the Committees on Military and on Naval Affairs.

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The decision sustained the action of the lower court in setting aside Interstate Commerce Commission rulings of March 28, 1916, which held that such service must be paid for by each party on the basis of the published tariff rates to which the general public also was entitled.

The proceedings originally were instituted by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, the Chicago, Great Western Railroad Company against the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company and the latter against the Telephone and Water Railroad to compel execution of provisions of certain contracts which involved exchange of service which the commission prohibited.

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Arrangements for the next issue, probably in April, are being completed at the Treasury.

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The furniture was placed upon the sidewalk without excitement and neighbors offered the striking tenants shelter until they could make other arrangements. Thirty-two families in all are to be displaced, the owners say.

Action was withheld yesterday against Abraham Stuppicker, vice-president of the Greater New York Tenants League who lives in 860, because Mrs. Stuppicker is ill with influenza.

W. B. Keller, 99 Nassau street, agent for the owners, said last night that the trouble was due to the fact that the rents had been made uniform. He added that the new rent roll of \$7 a room would be as high as prices in the neighborhood.

PEACE TRICKERY BY GERMANY EXPOSED

Tentons Seek to Offset Military Defeat by New Intrigues.

PROPAGANDA AT WORK

Aimed Partly at U. S. and Includes Plea for Lifting of Cotton Embargo.

Special Despatch to The Sun. WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Reports bearing on Germany's peace plans are reaching here through several channels. The information tends to show that the enemy by no means has given up hope of now obtaining by diplomatic trickery advantages sufficient to nullify the decisive effect of military defeat, avert any collapse of power and enable "the new young German republic" to emerge from the Paris conference more in the role of a victor than a vanquished nation.

The Germans are frankly counting on master statesmanship, supported by cunning, intrigue and propaganda, to attain this end.

The menace to the Entente and to the United States is regarded by officials here as not to be scoffed at.

Will Plead for Cotton.

Part of the German program is conducted openly and with apparent frankness, coupled with the typical arrogance of the Teuton diplomats. But a considerable portion of the work is being done with the same uncanny secrecy which for four years proved so dangerous to the United States and the Entente.

Some of the features of this latter plan have been framed with reference to public opinion in the United States. An example of this is the work being done with the same uncanny secrecy which for four years proved so dangerous to the United States and the Entente.

The announced German peace program as outlined in the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, January 17, announces that the government has appointed Brockdorff-Rantzau and Scheidemann leaders of the German peace delegation, to include a staff of diplomatic, economic and legal experts reflecting the character of new Germany.

It states that the German government fully realizes the consequences of the acceptance of Wilson's program and that it will scrupulously fulfill all its obligations while rejecting excessive demands of adversaries; that it will insist on the maintenance of the young German republic as a nation and an economic body; oppose any economic war after the conclusion of peace and the cancellation of all measures of economic discrimination and arrange a just agreement regarding the importation of raw materials and staples.

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The fixed price on wheat will be taken care of by an appropriation making good at Government expense the difference between the price set by the world market and the higher Government figure. The return to a world market level for wheat is expected to be reflected in a reduction in the cost of other cereals and a corresponding reduction in the cost of other foodstuffs, including pork and beef products.

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Poultry Show Madison Square Garden. The only New York Show this year. U. S. Government record-high. Heavy Pigeons and Poultry. Game and ornamental birds and standard fowl. Motion pictures and lectures by experts. Open every day and evening, Jan. 21 to 25. Admission, 75c.

BIG BLUE DIAMOND FOUND IN AFRICA

Jagersfontein Mine Yields Stone Weighing 383 1-4 Carats.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—A diamond weighing 383 carats and of a soft blue-white color has been found at the Jagersfontein mine, Orange River colony. This promise to become one of the diamond fields' historic gems.

It is absolutely impossible, according to New York experts, to estimate even roughly the value of this latest find of the South African diamond mines. One of them, internationally famous as a dealer in and judge of precious stones, said that so many elements enter into diamond valuation that no one who knew anything about the subject would venture even a guess until the stone had been cut and "studied."

"This diamond is, of course, of very unusual size, but that in itself means little," he declared. "Many other discoveries of stones of great size have been reported, only to prove of comparatively small value when they had been cut. It may be ruined in the cutting and may also prove to be abounding in flaws. Its artificiality would be any one of a myriad of shades, each of very different value."

"At any rate it is unlikely that the diamond will ever be put into the market in anything like its present size. It will be cut into a number of stones. A diamond of that size would prove a milestone around a dealer's neck. There would be no market for it."

Jagersfontein has figured in the finding of other large gems before this. In 1892 a native discovered there what is claimed the largest cleavable, every faceted stone weighing 973 carats. It was later split into two stones, ranging from 13 to 63 carats.

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Saks & Company Will Hold Beginning Today An Extraordinary Special Sale of Men's Derbies and Soft Hats Regularly \$5 and \$6 At \$3.25. The entire sample line of the most widely advertised hats in America—and among the finest made in this country. The maker produced them to demonstrate the superior quality of his hats selling at \$5 and \$6. Like all samples, they were made to be better, if possible, than those to follow. To our mind, they certainly are fine examples of this manufacturer's ability to produce hats of quality and distinction. THE DERBIES are in black only, in a splendid variety of the best styles for Spring. THE SOFT HATS are in Green, Brown, Slate, Black and Blue, with wide and narrow brims. Saks & Company at 34th St. Broadway

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