

RAILROADS OF SOUTH JOIN IN PLEA FOR HIGHER RATES

Committee Named to Draft Formal Petition to E. C. C. Within Next Few Days.

SUM TO BE ASKED NOT FIXED

Expected That Advance Sought Will Be From 10 to 15 Per Cent—Intimate That Increase Will Be Requested on Intra-State Rates Also.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Officials of virtually all railroads of the South decided today to join representatives of the railroads in every other section of the country in seeking a general advance in freight rates.

How much will be asked for was not definitely decided, but it was said that the advance would be from 10 to 15 per cent. A committee, headed by Lincoln Green, vice-president of the Southern Railway, will name the percentage sought, and will draft a formal petition for presentation to the Interstate Commerce Commission within the next few days.

Certain commodities, notably ore, coal and coke, probably will be excluded from the general advance. On these, it is understood, the roads will ask for specific advances, a course followed by the Eastern lines. It was intimated also that advances would be sought on intrastate rates as well as interstate, and that petitions to the various state commissions involved will be prepared shortly.

Today's action was forecast several days ago by Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway, who said that the earnings of his road had been greatly curtailed because of additional operating costs due to higher wages paid under the Adamson law, advances already made and contemplated to other classes of workers than those affected by the law and the higher prices of fuel, supplies and equipment.

INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES ON WHEAT

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 30.—An increase of about 12 per cent in freight rates on wheat for export in carload lots from Chicago to Norfolk and Newport News, suspended since October 18 last, was approved today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

GENERAL REVISION OF FREIGHT RATES

(By Associated Press.)

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Richmond Urged as Site for Armor-Plate Plant

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Richmond was urged upon Secretary of the Navy Daniels today as the "logical location" for the \$14,000,000 government armor-plate plant. A delegation of eight prominent citizens of Richmond, headed by Senator Swanson, presented the city's claims. Members of the committee were J. Kerr Branch, W. T. Dabney, W. T. Reed, T. B. McAdams, Coleman Wortham, D. Carl Hosenet and Graham H. Hobson.

CLARK IS UNANIMOUSLY NOMINATED FOR SPEAKER

Generally Believed in Washington That His Re-Election Is Foregone Conclusion.

PLANS FOR PROMPT ACTION

Ways and Means Committee Directed to Report Committee Selections Directly to House to Save Time, Republicans' Course Indefinite.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Plans for prompt organization of the House when it assembles on Monday, so there may be no unnecessary delay in hearing President Wilson's address, were made by the Democratic caucus today when Champ Clark was nominated by acclamation for speaker.

The Ways and Means committee was instructed to report Democratic committee selections directly to the House. This latter provision will eliminate the usual delay of submitting the selection to another caucus, and was made in the interest of saving time.

Tonight the Republican organization committee of twenty-seven had a long meeting, but failed to decide upon any definite course to be recommended to its party conference tomorrow. The only action taken was the appointment of a subcommittee to propose to Democratic leaders an agreement to pair for the speakership night all absentees on account of sickness.

Neither side has any definite information as to how many of its members may be absent on Monday, but there probably will be one or two of each party absent on Monday, and virtually big parties even in any event, and virtually big parties even in any event, and virtually big parties even in any event.

In the Democratic caucus, Champ Clark was placed in nomination by a unanimous vote, which he predicted his party would win in the election.

GALLIVAN ABSENTS HIMSELF FROM CAUCUS

Representative Gallivan, of Massachusetts, true to his promise, absented himself from the Democratic caucus. Gallivan will vote for Champ Clark for speaker, but at that point his participation in the caucus of the Democracy will end. He is opposed to what he charges is the sectionalism of the House Democrats, and his resolution is in nomination by the allotment of virtually every desirable committee chairmanship in the House to Southern members.

The Republicans of the House were thrown into a confusion by the report that another of their number, Representative Capstick, of New Jersey, was confined to his bed by illness, and under no circumstances would he be able to attend the opening session of the House Monday.

It was generally believed in Washington tonight that the re-election of Clark to the speakership is a foregone conclusion, and that the caucus of the House is still in doubt, with chances favoring a deadlock for a sufficient time to work out some sort of compromise agreement with regard to committee allotments.

FARMERS MEET IN DANVILLE

Hallfax and Pittsylvania Counties, South Boston and Danville Will Be Represented in Assembly.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) DANVILLE, VA., March 30.—Tomorrow morning a meeting of representatives of the Farmers' Union of Halifax and Pittsylvania Counties, and of tobacco warehousemen of South Boston and Danville, will be held here. The meeting has been called for the purpose of discussing matters of vital importance to the farmers. The question of the next season's tobacco crop promises to be one of the most important subjects taken up.

AFFECTS POSTMASTERS

Executive Order Provides for Their Examinations After April 1, Before Being Appointed.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 30.—Postmaster-General Burleigh will make public tomorrow an executive order issued by President Wilson, providing that after April 1, first, second and third-class postmasters before appointed must pass examinations before the Civil Service Commission.

WANTED TO FIGHT FOR U. S.

Sergeant McConnell Expressed Hope of Leading American Aero Corps

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, March 29.—Sergeant James R. McConnell, of North Carolina, the American aviator who, while serving as a member of the Lafayette Escadrille, was killed behind the German lines in France last week, hoped to lead a United States army aero corps on the French front. In a letter just received here he gave expression to that hope, together with the expectation that he and Lieutenant William Thaw would be shifted to the American aviation service if Washington sent a force overseas.

The engine aviators are looking for harder aerial fighting this spring, he wrote, because the Germans said the war would be won in the air.

GERMAN ADMIRAL PROUD OF SUBMARINE SUCCESS

Secretary of the Navy Eduard Capelle Makes Confidential Report to the Reichstag.

"GREAT SUCCESS; SMALL LOSS"

Official Says That During February Tonnage Have Sunk Three-Quarters of a Million Tons of Hostile Shipping.

(By Associated Press.)

BREITENBURG, March 30.—German submarines sank during the month of February more than 750,000 tons of shipping, the exact figure being 752,000 tons, Secretary of the Navy Eduard Capelle stated in a confidential report to the main committee of the Reichstag today.

He said the number of new submarines sent to the barred zones exceeded the number of 1-boats lost. He summarized the effect of unrestricted submarine warfare by saying: "Great successes and very small losses."

The German navy, from the commander-in-chief to the last stoker, are fully convinced that without war for Germany, the marine minister asserted. Referring to neutrals he said: "It is inevitable for our sea forces to sink neutral ships. It is a hard, but absolute necessity."

A summary of the most important points of Admiral Capelle's report as given by the official Overseas News Agency follows:

"The result obtained by unrestricted 1-boat warfare in February amounts to 752,000 tons. This was in spite of unfavorable weather and floating tide at the mouths of the rivers, continual fog and long nights."

"The result obtained under the conditions of the last month, and in the future, the more so since not only the number of submarines sent to the front is steadily increasing, but also the boats themselves become more and more efficient."

"All reports published by the hostile and part of the neutral press about the destruction of numerous submarines are inventions. On the contrary, the losses are smaller than had been calculated by the navy from the outset."

"The increase in the number of submarines on the front in February and to the total number of boats, the number of submarines lost is absolutely out of proportion."

"To be sure, our enemies make the greatest efforts to master the submarine danger. If the submarines could be conquered with speed in Parliament and by a strike in the newspapers, then, of course, they would have disappeared long ago."

"GREAT SUCCESS AND VERY SMALL LOSSES"

(By Associated Press.)

"For us it is enough to oppose to the speeches of the enemy the facts—great successes and very small losses."

"The month of March, according to reports on hand so far, also compares very well, although there already is a considerable decrease of navigation in the barred zones. It is believed that the number of submarines lost much fewer vessels."

"This is due primarily to the attitude of the neutrals. The navy welcomes the neutral navigation which avoids the barred zones. It is painful for our sea forces to sink neutral ships; a hard, but absolute necessity."

"The navy hopes that the emphatic warning not to ply in the barred zones will be more and more understood and observed by neutral shipping circles."

"Our enemies—above all, England—are trying with all means, with pressure and vexations, with requests and promises, with concealing and making of ship losses and with false statements about the destruction of German submarines, to induce neutrals further to expose their lives in order to keep up the supply to England."

"On February 22 the British First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Edward Carson declared in the Parliament: 'I shall never consent to the concealment of losses.'"

"A few days later the publication of losses were stopped. The reason for this is evident."

"Neutrals must make their own decisions. We must and we can await their further resolutions with perfect calm."

"The German navy, from the fleet commander to the last fireman, are convinced that the task undertaken will be continued until we are victorious."

LABOR ORGANIZER GUILTY

Man Active in Street-Car Strike at Atlanta to Be Sentenced for Perjury.

ATLANTA, GA., March 30.—William Pollard, labor organizer, who was active in the street-car men's strike here, was convicted of perjury in Superior Court today. Sentence will be passed to-morrow. The penalty is not less than three and not more than ten years in the penitentiary.

Pollard was charged with perjury as a result of his testimony in the case of L. E. Dodgen, recently convicted in connection with dynamiting of street cars here.

Pollard came to Atlanta last fall from Chattanooga, where he had been prominent in a carmen's strike and assisted in organizing the street-railway workers here. He has been connected with the organization of the Amalgamated Association of Electric and Street Railway Workers of America in various cities.

AUSTRIA TO SUPPORT ALLY

But Reported as Almost Feverishly Anxious to Retain Good Relations With United States.

(By Associated Press.) BERN, March 30.—A neutral diplomat who arrived here from Vienna today asserts that Austria is almost feverishly anxious to retain good relations with the United States, but is even more desirous and determined to support Germany. The continuance of friendly relations between Washington and Vienna depends almost entirely, he believes, upon the outcome of the crisis between Germany and the United States.

According to the diplomat, if America and Germany go to war, Austria will follow the lead of her ally, but if peace is preserved, Vienna hopes to avoid a break with the United States. The economic situation in Austria is described by the traveler as very bad, and getting steadily worse, although perhaps not worse than that in Germany.

To-Day and To-Night in Richmond

Academy—"It Pays to Advertise" matinee, 2:30 p. m. night, 8:20 p. m.

Lyric—Popular Vaudeville; matinee, 3:15 p. m. night, 7:30 p. m.

The Weather

(Published by U. S. Weather Bureau)

Forecast Virginia—Fair, warmer Saturday; Sunday rain and colder.

North Carolina—Fair, warmer Saturday; Sunday rain, colder in central and west.

Local Temperature—12 noon temperature, 57; 3 p. m., 62; 6 p. m., 64; Maximum temperature to 8 P. M., 61; Minimum temperature to 3 P. M., 50; Normal temperature, 59; Normal temperature in temperature, 51; Deficiency in temperature since March 1, 8; Accumulated excess since January 1, 19.

Local Rainfall—Rainfall last twenty-four hours, None. Excess in rainfall since March 1, 2.38. Excess in rainfall since January 1, 1.52.

Local Observations at 8 P. M.—Temperature, 51; humidity, 41; wind, direction, south; speed, velocity, 6 miles; weather, clear.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.—Temperature, 8 P. M. High, Low, Weather.

Table with columns: City, Temperature, High, Low, Weather. Includes cities like Asheville, Atlanta, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, etc.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.—March 1917. Sun rises, 5:59; Morning, 11:47; Sun sets, 6:43; Evening, 12:32.

LETTER TO MRS. CAMINETTI

President Writes Reasons Why He Could Not Pardon Her Son, Convicted White-Slaver.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 30.—President Wilson has written Mrs. Anthony Caminetti the reasons why he could not pardon her son, Dr. Drew Caminetti, convicted at San Francisco of violating the Mann white-slave law. The President's letter to Mrs. Caminetti was as follows:

"It tears my heart to have to say to you that I cannot see my way clear to pardon your son. If I followed the dictates of my heart or allowed myself to be influenced by my genuine friendship for yourself and your husband, I would, of course, do it; but in matters of this sort it seems to me my imperative duty to leave personal feelings and connections out of the question entirely, and look at the matter from the public point of view with regard to the influence it would have upon other cases."

"When I look at the case of your son from this point of view, it seems to me clearly my duty to withhold a pardon."

"My heart goes out to you in genuine sympathy, dear Mrs. Caminetti, and I cannot tell you what it costs me to write you this, but I am sure that you will understand that I am moved entirely by a sense of imperative duty."

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HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS PLEDGE THEIR LOYALTY

From All Sections of Country President Is Advised of Patriotic Declarations.

McADOO'S SONS OFFER SERVICES

Plea for Universal Training and Service Under Federal Control Sent to Executive by Mayor Mitchell's Defense Committee.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 30.—Mayor Mitchell's committee on national defense announced tonight that 629,000 persons already have signed the declaration of loyalty to President Wilson that has been circulated in this city, and confidence was expressed that the number will reach 1,000,000 when final returns are received.

The committee sent a telegram to President declaring the volunteer system of military service is "unfair, economically wasteful and essentially undemocratic."

A plea was made for a system of universal military training and service under Federal control. Five companies of 100 men each for the reserve signal corps of the army are being raised by the New York Telephone Company, it was learned tonight. The company has agreed to pay its employees who join full salaries while training in time of peace, and to make up the difference between their army pay and their present salaries in time of war.

TO MOBILIZE EXPERTS IN BEST-FITTED LINES

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 29.—So the United States may not run the risk of sacrificing large numbers of its best engineers, chemists and other scientists on the firing line, as the European belligerents have done, before realizing their value behind the army, the Bureau of Mines is conducting a census of technical experts at the request of the Council of National Defense.

Twenty-five thousand letters are being sent out to all kinds of mining corporations to develop the qualifications and nationality of their technical employees, and the American Institute of Mining Engineers and the American Chemical Society are co-operating with the government.

Director Manning of the Mines Bureau, said the census would put the country in a position where experts could be mobilized in "and out of fifty lines" without delay.

McADOO'S THREE SONS VOLUNTEER FOR SERVICE

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Secretary McAdoo's three sons have volunteered for service in the naval reserve in case of war. They are Francis H. McAdoo, a New York lawyer, William G. McAdoo, Jr., a senior at Princeton, and Robert H. McAdoo.

LEADING COLLEGES FOR WOMEN EXPRESS LOYALTY TO PRESIDENT

(By Associated Press.)

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., March 30.—Nine of the leading colleges for women today expressed their loyalty when resolutions of support, suitably engrossed, were delivered to President Woodrow Wilson by his daughters, Miss Margaret Wilson and Mrs. Francis Sayre, both graduates of Goucher College. The resolutions tender the loyal service of the institutions represented.

They are signed not only by the presidents of the nine colleges as individuals, but were adopted in each case by vote of the faculties. The colleges are Vassar, Smith, Wellesley, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Goucher, Radcliff, Barnard and Woman's College of Brown University.

TO RUSH ENROLLMENT OF MEN FOR POWER BOATS

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, March 30.—Orders have been received by Commandant W. A. Moffett, of the Great Lakes Training Station, to rush the enrollment of a division of 3,000 men to serve on 500 yachts and power boats being collected for the navy. Arrangements have been made to enroll the men by the end of the week.

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MAY PLACE EMBARGO ON TELEPHONE SERVICE EXTENSION