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"SKIP-STOP" SYSTEM POSSIBLE WAR LAW

Fuel Administration Considers Plan to Save Coal.

"Skip-stop" trolley service is being considered by the Fuel Administration as a means of saving an estimated quantity of 1,500,000 tons of coal a year in the United States.

Three times as much power is required to make an electric car stop and start as to run a block.

Canada Seeks Trade Unity. Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 8.—A war trade board to cooperate with the corresponding body created by the United States government has been decided upon by the Canadian government.

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SENATE TOLD D. C. TRANSPORT SYSTEM FAILS

Jones and Norris Indicate Intention to Demand Sweeping Changes.

Congress took up the cudgel yesterday against Washington's street railway service, which was characterized as growing "alarmingly worse."

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SHAKE-UP COMING

Encourage Polygamy

Standard prevailing before the war. Ten per cent were pronounced anemic. There was an increase of 4 per cent among the tubercular.

In common with other observers, Dr. Thiele points out that the chief sufferers are the children of men of fixed pay—school masters, university instructors, government clerks, etc.

Increase in Suicides. Suicides have increased in number by 16 per cent in Germany since the war began. This fact is giving the German government some concern.

Three out of every four suicides are women, according to the latest figures. In most cases the SUICIDES have been WOMEN left entirely alone in the world through the loss of father, sons or brothers.

Women Seek Marriage. Newspapers of the larger cities are filled with advertisements of women offering marriage. Note this advertisement from the Berlin Tagliche Rundschau:

Christmas Wish: Two young ladies of society, charming appearance, blond, brunet, amiable, highly accomplished, wish to make acquaintance of distinguished professor or merchant with a view to marriage.

No doubt each lady desires a husband to herself, though the fact is not made clear in the advertisement. The war has opened up many avenues of employment heretofore closed to women in Germany.

Assignment of numbers. "To men in service at time of muster on that date numbers will be assigned by their immediate commanding officers, or by officers under whose immediate jurisdiction they are serving. To men subsequently entering service numbers will be assigned by recruiting or other proper officers at time of enlistment in, or otherwise entering, the service."

Great care will be taken to prevent the assignment of two or more numbers to the same man. The number assigned each individual in service at muster of February 28 will be entered opposite soldier's name on muster roll of that date on which soldier is shown as present and will be first entry in column of remarks thereof.

WILL BURY VICTIM OF ATTACK TODAY

Funeral of Miss May Medley, Slain Nurse, This Morning.

Miss May Medley, a nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, who was killed by Harry Oberle, an insane patient of the hospital, Thursday morning, will be buried at 9 o'clock this morning in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Miss Medley was killed when Oberle ran amuck with two large knives and wounded five others before he was captured. Oberle met the nurse as she was returning from breakfast and severed her jugular vein with one of the knives.

Oberle was held for action of the grand jury yesterday following an inquest held by the coroner's jury. Because of his mental condition, however, he was not placed in jail, but was returned to the asylum.

Guards and attendants at the hospital are not sufficient in number to handle the 3,000 patients in the hospital. It was said at the inquest and entire blame for the tragedy was attributed to this fact.

Like European System. "In this connection it may be recalled that the British, French and German armies of the world war are numbered. In view of the facts heretofore stated and in view of Gen. Pershing's recommendation, there can be little doubt that some system of numbering at least the enlisted men is necessary.

A memorandum of the Adjutant General says that after consideration of various views it is thought that it is necessary for numbering officers and civilians in service.

American Soldiers Meet Their First Test Without Hint of Panic

By ARTHUR S. DRAPER. Special Cable to Washington Herald and New York Tribune. London, Feb. 8.—Night had just settled down on the northern seas there is no present indication that the American soldiers were preparing their embarkation after the 3,000-mile trip.

The convoy raced along on its last lap, transports and their escorts, but save only for the whirr of machinery.

In a twinkling the whole scene changed. The ships circled around with their depth charges ready, their guns manned for the U-boat which had just been sighted.

Suddenly there came the crash of a violent explosion and a moment later searchlights showed that the Anchor line ship, the Tuscania, was hit by a torpedo.

The Tuscania listed considerably, adding to the difficulty of lowering the boats, one or two of which overturned, pitching the men into the sea. Some say the submarine was hit, but she got home in that successful shot at the eastbound transport.

Most of the survivors were taken to Irish ports. The majority were little worse for their experience. But many men suffered until they were supplied with hot drinks and overcoats.

The U-boats are now making special efforts to torpedo large ships, whether transports or cargo carriers. The Tuscania was one of the largest allied transports that has been sunk.

The Germans are making desperate efforts now to increase their toll of English shipping in an effort to accentuate the food shortage in the British Isles.

America's coal shortage has affected the food situation here materially and the necessity of speed in everything pertaining to the war applies to shipping with greater force than ever before.

WILSON URGED BY WHEAT MEN TO AID CROPS

Delegation of Farmers, Pledging Co-operation, Tell of Prospects.

Delegates from sixteen farm organizations throughout the country yesterday pledged their hearty support to President Wilson, for the war, but gave him frank warning that unless steps were taken immediately by the government the country would face a serious crop-production shortage next harvest.

"They presented a memorial setting forth that the threatening conditions are out of the hands of the farmers. If the growers are to be enabled to equal or surpass the last crop, governmental steps must be taken they say to remove these following obstacles:

Reasons Given. 1. Shortage of farm labor. 2. Shortage of seed, feed, fertilizer, farm implements, and other agricultural supplies.

3. Lack of reasonable credit. 4. Prices often below the cost of production.

"The justified belief of the farmer that he is not regarded as a partner in the great enterprise of winning the war.

"The government, we understand, has spent some \$4,000,000 to assist commercial enterprises to produce munitions of war. We approve of this action," says the memorial, "recognizing that it is necessary.

"Assistance for food production in this crisis does not involve any such expenditures. But without such assistance vigorously and promptly given, it will remain impossible for farmers to grow the crops required."

The farm delegates ask the parole of trained farmers back to the farm, to remain so long as their services are considered by the government more useful in agriculture than in the army.

They recommend the immediate appointment of a farm commission, to consist of nine farmers to be selected by the President.

Among Those Present. Some of the delegates who called on the President were Dr. H. C. Alexander, State President North Carolina Farmers' Union; R. F. Bower, director of the National Farmers' Union; C. Cochran, Kansas State Agricultural College; R. D. Cooper, vice president National Milk Producers' Federation, New York; George P. Groat, president Minnesota State Dairyman's Association; H. W. Ingersoll, president Ohio Dairyman's Association; E. I. Kelly, Oklahoma State Board of Agriculture; A. L. King, president Wisconsin State Grange; McKelvey, Iowa Farmers' Union; J. H. Minch, president Independent Farmers and Grain Dealers' Association; Gifford Pinchot, president Pennsylvania Rural Progress Association; S. W. Riggs, president South Dakota Farmers' Union; and James D. Weaver, vice president Georgia Farmers' Union.

BORLAND BILL VICTIMS PLAN UNITED FIGHT

Federal Employees' Union, No. 2, Will Hold Mass Meeting Soon.

Discussion of a program for concerted action against the Borland bill advocating an eight-hour day for workers in the Agricultural Department monopolized attention of the board of the Federal Employees' Union, No. 2, which met in Perpetual Hall last night.

Owing to uncertainty as to when a hall could be secured it was not decided when the contemplated mass meeting will be held. It is probable that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will be among the speakers.

Resolutions were passed endorsing the action of the advisory committee in opposing the Borland amendment and urging that Congress "be urged to pass a joint resolution providing for the appointment of a commission to draw up plans for a scientific re-classification of positions and salaries in the government service."

Bert L. Payne suggested that the union enlarge its quarters to provide a hall for entertainment.

The committee on business methods was dissolved by the board and re-created as a committee on entertainment.

Reports showed 286 employees had joined the union in December and 462 in January. Each board member was given a quantity of circulars to distribute among clerks who have not yet joined their number.

Curtailed of gardening activities by thousands of government clerks as a result of the extra work hour each day, suggested by Representative Borland, was favored as a good argument in the clerks' behalf.

Representative Borland and Miss Jeanette Rankin, Congresswoman from Montana, are scheduled as the principal speakers at a meeting of the union in the Arcade February 15.

GERMANY CONDEMNS U. S. SHIP SEIZURE

Amsterdam, Feb. 8.—Germany declares America's regulation of neutral shipping entering her ports, by which the greater portion of this tonnage is diverted to allied use, "doubtless will prolong the war."

This admission is made by Under Foreign Secretary von Dem Busche, principal speaker at an interview with the "Handelsblatt's" Berlin correspondent.

"Germany cannot quietly acquiesce in America's new and only superficially hidden robbery of several thousand tons of neutral shipping," declared von Dem Busche.

"America has thus improved her military position, and it doubtless will prolong the war."

"Simultaneously, we recognize Holland's difficult position and her inability to protect her own shipping."

FEBRUARY Victor Records AND Columbia Records HUGO WORCH 1110 G St. N.W.

Pullman Porter Latest Victim of War Expenses

Pullman porters were pictured as war sufferers yesterday at the hearing of the Railroad Wage Commission investigating the earnings of all classes of steam transportation employees.

Secretary of the Interior Lane invited the porters to air their grievances through one of their representatives.

"We are the super passenger agents," announced Robert L. Mays, a dining car waiter and delegate of the parlor sleeping and dining car attendants.

"We are the only class who handle human freight," he added after Secretary Lane beckoned him to proceed.

"Before the war we averaged from \$75 to \$80 a month in tips. This was reduced to the \$25 a month wage. But now the tips don't come as fast," the witness said.

"Do the patrons get the same service?" Commissioner McChord asked.

"Yes. We know who can afford to pay and those who can not. By courtesy and attention, I can make a man respect himself so that he will pay. The traveling public has to be catered to and the porter is the man who does it. We reckon in our calculations, a percentage system and the man can afford it makes up for the man who can't give a tip."

"What would you suggest to improve your conditions?" The delegate was asked.

"Put a twelve and a half cent tax on every check in the dining cars and raise the Pullman rates so that we could get the difference." Mays said after calling attention to the increased cost of living which has overtaken the porters.

Switchmen Want Raise. The commission received telegrams from train resisters in La Junta, Colorado and Wynne, Ark., protesting against a statement made at the last hearing by William G. Lee, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Trainmen in which he referred to certain dispatchers as detainers.

Additional requests for increases were submitted by S. E. Heberling.

representing the Switchmen's Union of North America, Thomas McNeill, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Car Inspectors, C. L. Darling, of the Western Train Dispatchers' Association and A. S. Blincoe, of the same organization.

Six Billions Asked In War Risk Policies. Six billion dollars worth of government insurance has been applied for by officers and enlisted men in the United States armed forces.

The aggregate of insurance applied for in the army departments follows: Southern department, \$225,063,000; Eastern, \$146,875,500; Western, \$174,845,000; Central, \$166,496,500.

At the naval training station on the Great Lakes, \$169,923,500 in insurance has been applied for.

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