

# PLAN MOTOR TRUCK PARCEL POST LINES

### Routes to Be Established to Facilitate the Transportation of Foodstuffs.

The distribution of food products will be facilitated and their cost, in consequence, appreciably lowered by the establishment in this country, probably before Easter, of motor truck parcel post routes, totalling between three and four thousand miles, according to the belief of officials of the Post Office Department. These will all be in the star route service.

One series of these routes will extend from Portland, Me., to New Orleans; a second will take care of territory embraced in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia, while a third system will be placed in operation in California. In the latter one route will extend from San Francisco to Sacramento, via Stockton and Prudade, a distance of 125 miles, and another will connect Los Angeles and Redlands by way of Ontario and Pomona, a distance of some seventy-six miles.

#### Authority to P. O. Department.

The existing law does not provide for the employment of government-owned motor trucks on rural delivery routes, nor does it require the rural carriers to use motor vehicles. But in the star route service, where the mail is carried under contract, a recent law permits the Post Office Department to designate the sort of vehicles to be employed, and, in awarding new contracts the department will specify that motor trucks shall be employed on routes where the roads admit of their use. These contracts are advertised for bidders, and where payment is made for the service is deemed to be excessive the department is authorized to provide government-owned motor trucks and to employ drivers for the operation of these routes.

A further extension of the employment of government-owned motor vehicles by its adoption for the parcel post service of the rural routes will be made whenever Congress passes a law now pending for that purpose.

#### List of Routes Contemplated.

Operating under the law as it now stands, an additional star route service, motor truck routes, some under contract, and some operated with government-owned motor trucks, are proposed of establishment from New York city to Port Jervis, N. Y., via Belleville, Montclair and Dover, N. J., a distance each way of eighty-six miles; New York city to Hammonont, N. Y., via Mount Olive, Bordentown, Trenton, Princeton and Elizabeth, N. J., a distance each way of 114 miles; New York city to Easton, Pa., via Montclair, Bordentown and Somerville, N. J., a distance each way of ninety-four miles; New York city to New Milford, Conn., via Pawling, Yorktown Heights, Briar Cliff and Yonkers, N. Y., a distance each way of ninety-one miles; New York city to Hartford, Conn., via White Plains, N. Y., Danbury and Waterbury, Conn., a distance each way of 101 miles; New York city to Port Jervis, N. Y., via Goshen and Suffern, N. Y., a distance each way of eighty-four miles, and from Port Jervis, N. Y., to Easton, Pa., via Hallowell and Doylestown, Pa., a distance each way of fifty-six miles; Easton to Reading, Pa., via Bethlehem and Lehigh, Pa., a distance each way of fifty-one miles; Potsville, Pa., to Easton, Pa., via Orwigsburg and Danbury, Pa., a distance each way of fifty miles; Lebanon and Robeson, Pa., a distance each way of fifty miles; and Hagerstown, Pa., to Hagerstown, Pa., a distance each way of fifty miles.

#### In Other Sections.

Routes extend from Cincinnati to Springfield, Ohio, via Dayton and Miami, a distance of 75 miles; Portland, Me., to Nashua, N. H., via Portsmouth and Easton, N. H., a distance of 106 miles; Nashua, N. H., to Hartford, Conn., via Stafford Springs, Conn., and Worcester and East Pepperell, Mass., a distance each way of 127 miles; Hagerstown, Md., to Staunton, Va.; Staunton, Va., to Roanoke, Va.; Roanoke, Va., to Washington, D. C.; Concord to Statesville, N. C.; Charlotte to Camden, N. C.; Camden, N. C., to Columbia, S. C.; Columbia, S. C., to Columbia, S. C., via Darlington and Lexington, S. C.; Columbia, S. C., to Columbia, S. C., via Summerville and Orangeburg, S. C., a distance each way of 125 miles; Orangeburg, S. C., to Augusta, Ga., via Langley and Williston, S. C., a distance each way of 125 miles; Savannah to Statesboro, Ga., via Pooler, Bloomsdale, Marlow and Brooklet, a distance each way of 55 miles; Augusta to Macon, Ga.; Macon to Columbus, Ga.; Columbus to Montgomery, Ala.; Greenville, S. C., to Atlanta, Ga.; Atlanta, Ga., to Montgomery, Ala., and Birmingham to Montgomery, Ala., via Verbena and Marbury, Ala., a distance each way of 105 miles.

With the exception of a branch between Washington, D. C., and Richmond, Va., the course of which has not yet been decided on a chain of routes has been adopted linking Portland, Me., with Nashua, N. H.; Nashua with Worcester, Mass.; Worcester with Hartford, Conn.; Hartford with New York city; New York city with Easton, Pa.; Easton with Philadelphia, Pa.; Philadelphia with Oxford, Pa.; Oxford with Baltimore, Md.; Baltimore with Washington, D. C.; Lynchburg, Va., with Washington, D. C.; Winchester, Va., with Washington, D. C.; Winchester, Va., with Greenway, S. C.; Greenway, S. C., with Atlanta, Ga., with Birmingham or Montgomery, Ala.; Birmingham or Montgomery to Jacksonville, Fla.; Jacksonville to New Orleans, La., and Jackson to Mobile.

These routes are surveyed and are being advertised for bids. Where satisfactory bids are not received, an stated, government-owned trucks will be used.

#### Already Operating.

The routes already in operation with government-owned trucks are from Washington, D. C., to Lynchburg, Va., a distance each way of fifty-four miles; from Annapolis, Md., to Solomonsville, Md., a distance each way of fifty-five miles; from Washington, D. C., to Baltimore, Md., via Ridgeville; from Baltimore to Philadelphia, Pa., via Elsie, Md.; Oxford, and West Chester, Pa., a distance each way of 110 miles, and from Baltimore to Gettysburg, Pa., via Westminster, a distance each way of fifty-three miles.

Routes in the middle states will form a chain from Indianapolis, Ind., to Columbus, Ohio; Columbus to Zanesville, Ohio; Zanesville to Wheeling, W. Va.; Wheeling to Pittsburg, Pa.; Pittsburg to Uniontown, Pa.; Uniontown to Cumru, Pa.; Cumru to Cumberland to Hagerstown, Md.; Hagerstown to Staunton, Va.; Staunton to Lynchburg, Va.

Further extensions contemplated but not yet surveyed are from Charleston, W. Va., to Columbus, Ohio; Columbus to Cincinnati, Ohio; Cincinnati, Ohio, to Louisville, Ky.; Louisville to Chattanooga, Tenn., and Chattanooga to Atlanta, Ga.

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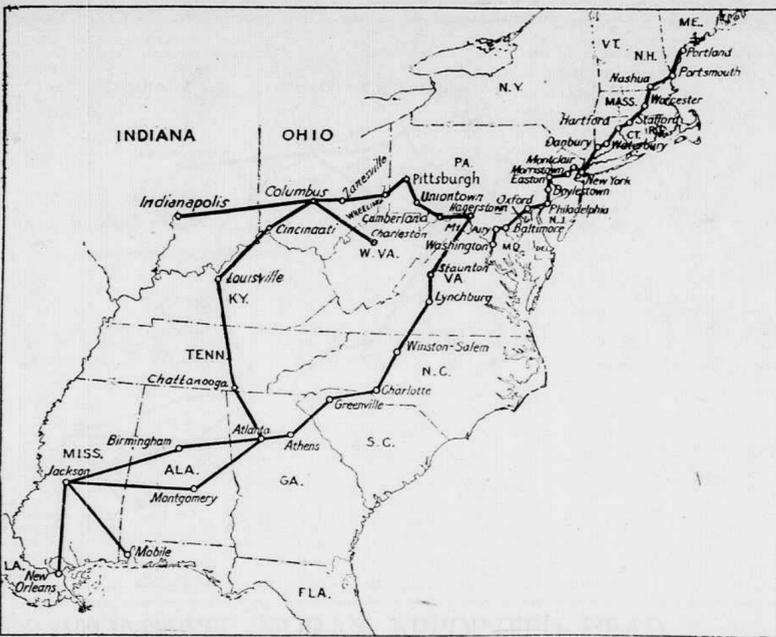
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### PROPOSED LONG-DISTANCE PARCEL POST MOTOR ROUTES.



### NAVY YARD TO PRESENT PLEDGE TO PRESIDENT

Engraved Souvenir, With Names of 9,000 Employees, to Be Given at Demonstration.

Several members of the President's cabinet, in response to invitations, have promised to attend the exercises to be held in connection with the presentation of a handsomely engraved souvenir pledge signed by the 9,000 employees of the Washington navy yard, declaring their allegiance to their country in the war, which will take place Wednesday evening, January 9, in the sail loft, or ballroom, at the yard.

It is expected that President Wilson will be present at the demonstration and receive the souvenir there, but in the event that he cannot be present it probably will be carried to the White House.

#### Cabinet Members to Attend.

Those who already have consented to be present include Secretary of the Department of Agriculture Houston, Secretary of the Department of Commerce Redfield, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Secretary of War Baker, Attorney General Grexory and Representative Osborne of California. Representative Baer of North Dakota has consented to draw some pictures of what the Navy is doing.

Arrangements have been made for a series of spectacular tableaux showing the work of the Navy. The features of the tableaux will be the fast submarine chasers now being built by this country. After it has been put together it will be christened. Little Ellen McAdoo, daughter of the Secretary of the Treasury, is expected to be the sponsor. A chorus of yeomen, sailors and marines will sing.

#### MAY REFORM CURRENCY.

Correspondence of the Associated Press.

(MANILA, December 1)—Reformation of the Philippine currency system is provided for in a currency bill passed by the Philippine house and which seems certain of passage by the senate. It must be submitted to the president for final approval. It proposes to reduce the weight of the bullion in Philippine currency to the standard of the United States, thus avoiding the danger which menaced the islands recently when the value of the actual silver in the peso reached 20 per cent above the nominal value while the bullion value of subsidiary silver coins was dangerously near the face value.

The bill also provides for the issue by the government of paper notes of the value of one peso. The lowest denomination bill heretofore issued by the government is of two pesos.



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### MORAN APPOINTED HEAD OF U. S. SECRET SERVICE

Assistant Chief, Who Won Fame in Monroe \$100 Bill Expose, to Succeed Flynn. Unearthed Gigantic Scheme.

W. H. Moran has been appointed chief of the secret service to succeed W. J. Flynn, resigned. The Secretary of the Treasury announced the appointment yesterday.

Mr. Moran will assume his new duties on January 1. He has been connected with the secret service for thirty-five years and for the past ten years has been assistant chief. He entered the service December 1, 1882, as an assistant operative and has risen through the various grades to the head of the service.

Mr. Moran has had charge of some of the most important investigations conducted by the secret service. One of the most remarkable accomplishments of the secret service was the detection of the counterfeit hundred-dollar Monroe head silver certificate, in 1897. It was Mr. Moran who declared this to be a counterfeit after many experts had believed the note to be genuine.

One such note was found in the cash drawer of the sub-treasury at Philadelphia. It attracted attention because of the seal was a little off color. It was submitted to Washington and exhibited to various experts in the Treasury and to engravers in the bureau of engraving and printing, who readily accounted for the discrepancies in the shade of the seal and pronounced the note genuine.

After careful examination, however, Mr. Moran found several minor flaws in the engraving and declared it a counterfeit. It was such a dangerous counterfeit that the government recalled the entire issue of the Monroe head hundred-dollar silver certificates from circulation as the only means of protecting the public and the banks.

The discovery of this note led to the unearthing of a counterfeiting scheme of great magnitude, involving revenue stamps and notes of several denominations, and led to the arrest of twelve persons.

Mr. Moran had charge of the investigation of the famous cotton leak case and has been in charge of many other important investigations conducted by the secret service. He has had varied experience in the field, not only in investigating work, but also in the arduous work of shadowing.

#### PROTESTS "WAR" SCRAPPING.

Members of Historical Society Complain of Lost History.

PHILADELPHIA, December 23.—A protest against "the criminal scrapping of valuable historical documents from federal archives" to make room for other papers in the present war emergency was voiced in resolutions adopted today at the conference of historical societies meeting here as a part of the American Historical Society.

It was suggested in the resolutions that the Lincoln memorial in Washington be made the temporary storehouse for present war records and other valuable historical papers.

The head porter of a prominent New York hotel died recently and left an estate of nearly \$100,000 to his four daughters.

### WILLIAM J. HARRIS IS FAVORED FOR SEAT IN THE U. S. SENATE

Sentiment in Georgia Said to Be Strongly Adverse to the Return of Thomas W. Hardwick, the Incumbent.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

AMERICUS, Ga., December 23.—In the opinion of a large majority of the daily and weekly newspapers of this state, according to a poll taken by the Americus Times-Recorder, there is a general and very intense feeling against the re-election of Senator Thomas W. Hardwick, and the logical man to defeat him is William J. Harris, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission. Newspapers, daily and weekly, in the 152 counties were wired for their unbiased opinions as to the most logical candidate against Hardwick, as to the strongest candidate at present in their respective counties, and as to Harris' relative strength.

More than 100 counties were contacted, in the replies, to Harris and not more than a dozen to Hardwick, and about eight to Murphy Candler, chairman of the state railroad commission. One editor replied that Hardwick supporters are ashamed or afraid to make themselves known. "Not a Hardwick man in our town," said another. "Only three Hardwick men in this county," answered a third. "It is anybody to beat Hardwick," said five or six others.

More than 120 counties were heard from, and nearly a hundred were de-

#### German Food Prices Up 116 Per Cent

Correspondence of the Associated Press.

LONDON, December 10.—The average increase in prices in Germany in 1917 up to the end of 1916 may be reckoned to be about 25 per cent, says the Board of Trade Labor Gazette. According to official statistics, food prices were 116 per cent higher in June, 1917, than in July, 1914.

#### TELLS WHAT MENU PROVIDED.

**Soldier at Camp McClellan Writes of Satisfactory Christmas Dinner.**

The Christmas dinner provided members of the ordnance department, composed of 105 men and 5 officers, at Camp McClellan, Annapolis, Md., was so pleasing that one of the men writes to The Star telling of what was on the menu. A number of Washington boys are in this detachment, including J. Curtis Walker, Tom Nash, Claude Gordon, H. C. Willis, H. Sharp and P. H. McCarthy. A neat and appropriate menu card was printed for the occasion. It included grapefruit a la meringue (chilled by pure Alabama sir), olives, celery, pickles, turkey a la scotch, sage dressing a la kirk, candied yams, lima beans, pickled beets, hot rolls, hearts of lettuce salad with mayonnaise dressing, plum pudding, chocolate parfait, bananas, apples, California grapes, cigars and cigarettes.

### CLEARANCE SALE OF REBUILT LATROBES

- Rebuilt Prize Latrobe . . . . . \$12.50
- Rebuilt Linden Latrobe . . . . . \$13.50
- Rebuilt Monarch Latrobe . . . . . \$18.50
- Rebuilt Improved Baltimorean Latrobe . . . . . \$20.00
- Rebuilt Parlor Sun Latrobe . . . . . \$25.00
- Rebuilt Sextons Grand Latrobe . . . . . \$35.00

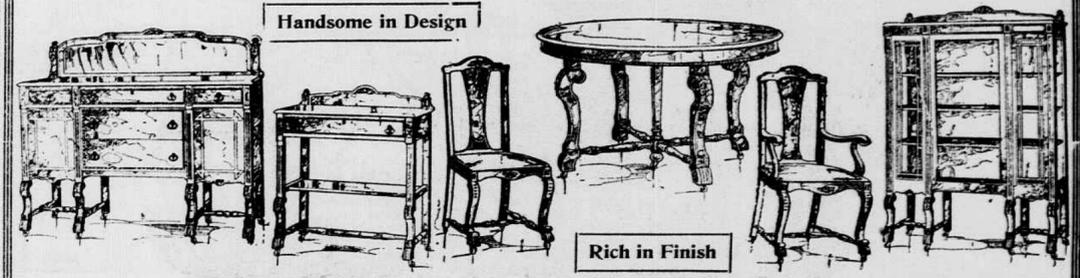
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### Ten-Piece Period Dining Suite.



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**W.S.S. WAR SAVINGS STAMPS ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

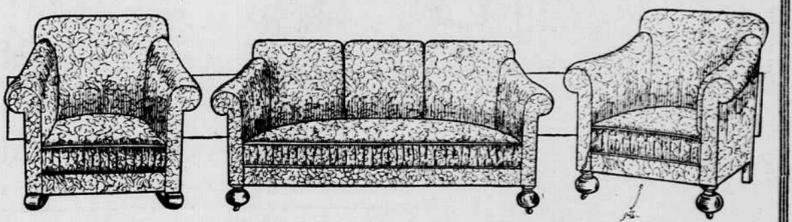
#### Handy Rocker



Two finishes to choose from—Golden Oak or Mahogany. The construction of both is exceptionally good. Seat of wood and shape-ly. Comfortable arms. Ready for service in any room in the house.

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Special . . . . . **\$118.50**

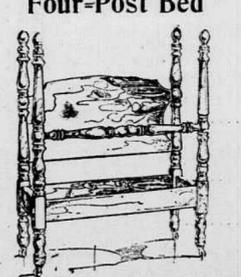
#### China Closet



Designed on Colonial lines; Golden Oak, bent glass ends; clear glass door, swinging from strong pillars. Polish finish.

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#### Four-Post Bed



A revival of Colonial days that is very popular. Mahogany finish, double size; good quality, construction and workmanship.

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