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WITH SUNDAY MORNING EDITION

WASHINGTON, D. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1919—TWENTY-FOUR PAGES.

WEATHER.
Fair tonight and tomorrow; much
cooler.
Temperature for twenty-four hours
ending 2 p. m. today: Highest, 42, at 2
p. m. yesterday; lowest, 31, at 2 p. m. to-
day.
Full report on page 20.

Closing New York Stocks, Page 20.

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W. R. & E. PLAYS TO ASK PRIVILEGE OF SIX-CENT FARE

Reported Preparing Data in Support to Be Presented Commission.

PRESIDENT HAM SAYS PRESENT RATE TOO LOW

Cites Other Cities Which Have Given Transit Companies Needed Relief.

According to apparently authentic
intimations, the Washington Railway
and Electric Company is now preparing
data and tabulations for presenta-
tion to the Public Utilities Commis-
sion in support of an application for
permission to charge six-cent cash
fares within the District. According
to these statements the company plans
to file its petition for increased fares
the latter part of this month.

Other information is to the effect
that the company is preparing its
figures with a view to showing that
it must have a seven-cent cash fare if
it is to escape immediate and serious
financial difficulties. The company
wishes to obtain information on the
reported purpose of the company to
ask for further increases in fares to-
day elicited the statement from Pres-
ident William F. Ham of the company
that nothing could be said on the
subject at this time.

President Ham's Statement.

"At the hearing in intercompany
transfers scheduled before the Public
Utilities Commission for Tuesday,"
said President Ham, "the company
does, however, propose to present fig-
ures showing that it cannot live on a
five-cent fare, in the face of steadily
mounting expenses. The relief avail-
able by the straight five-cent fare
has not been sufficient to meet the
increased wage scale and increased
operating and maintenance cost.
Whether or not the company will ask
for an initial increase in fares cannot
be stated. The company will, how-
ever, be present at the intercompany
hearing, however, will show for
themselves."

Officers Reassigned.

Col. Glendie B. Young, who com-
mands the 162d Infantry, was reorgani-
zation, was transferred to the 372d
Infantry, attached to the 95th Divi-
sion, Col. Stephen A. Stephens, of
the 3d District was transferred to the
162d Infantry, with the 3d Battalion.
Since then, it is understood, he has
been promoted to major.

Capital Traction May Act.

It is understood the Capital
Traction Company purposes to submit
statistics along the same lines as those
of the Washington Railway and
Electric Company. The company's
transfer hearing Tuesday. The
Capital Traction Company, it is
stated, does not plan to initiate any
steps looking toward petition for in-
creased fares, but will follow the
other company, being in accord with
it in the assertion that the Wash-
ington street railway systems cannot
live on a five-cent fare basis.

LOUSE DEADLY IN WAR.

Expert Says It Accounted for a Million Persons.

LONDON, January 2 (British Wire-
less Service).—Of the insects re-
sponsible for the death or disablement
of hundreds of thousands in the war
the louse is declared authorita-
tively to have been one of the most
deadly and to have accounted for at
least a million persons.

Anti-Aircraft Gunners and Mortarmen Sail

The cruiser Seattle sailed from
Brest, December 31, for New York,
with 1,436 men. The following are
officers and 1,436 men from the fol-
lowing units:
30th Anti-aircraft Battalion, com-
posed of Headquarters Supply Com-
pany, 36th, 27th, 38th, 39th and 40th
Anti-aircraft Batteries, medical and
ordnance detachments, fifteen officers,
381 men. Thirty-one per cent to
Chesapeake Bay, twenty-eight per
cent to the United States, and the re-
maining to the United States. The
21st Anti-aircraft Battalion, com-
posed of Headquarters, companies E,
B, C and D, medical detachment, 21
and 22, 15 officers, 177 men; 86 per
cent Camp Upton, 14 per cent mis-
cellaneous.

Twelve Soldiers at Omsk Shot for Complicity in Plot.

MOSCOW, Monday, December
30 (by the Associated Press).—Bol-
shevik sympathizers carried out a
Jail delivery on the night of Decem-
ber 21, at Omsk, the capital of the
provisional Russian government, and
released 205 prisoners, including
members of the bolshevik constituent
assembly, according to dispatches
received here from Omsk. A
bolshevik meeting early in the even-
ing had been dispersed by the
military police. The bolsheviks suc-
ceeded, with the connivance of non-
commissioned officers of the guard,
in gaining an entrance into the
prison. Twelve soldiers were court-
martialled and shot by the Omsk govern-
ment for complicity in the affair.

THIRD INFANTRY BOKE OR HOME

Washington Doughboys in Sunset Division Are to Sail Soon.

ALSO SERVED ON BORDER

The 3d Regiment of Infantry of the
former National Guard of the District
of Columbia, the second unit of local
troops to go to France, has been desig-
nated by Gen. Pershing, commanding
the American expeditionary forces, for
early embarkation to the United States.

Big Service Record.

The District 3d Infantry has a fine
record of active service. It took part
in the campaigns along the Mexican
border during the recent troubles in
the United States, and returned to
this city just in time to prepare
for the more important work against
the German foe.

Old Command Distributed.

Before its departure for foreign
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Analysis of the Estimates.

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