

ENOUGH RAILWAYS FOR NEEDS, HE SAYS

Government operation of the railroads for one year has demonstrated that the country has sufficient transportation facilities to meet its needs, according to the annual report of Carl R. Gray, director of the division of operation of the Railroad Administration, made public today. With the exception of the Pittsburgh gateway, no more main trackage need be constructed for the present, the report says.

"Congestion and delays in handling the greatest volume of freight traffic the roads ever have carried were due," the report says, "entirely to inadequate disposition facilities at terminals. Prompt unloading at destination will reflect always in increased movement of traffic," according to the report.

"The great lesson learned in the year," the report sums up, "is that practically all transportation in the United States has been based primarily on the desires and necessities of the consignor, rather than on the abilities of the consignee to receive and digest the freight. The controlling factor throughout our experience has not been in the road transportation, but in the ultimate destination, and any serious conditions of congestion obtaining on any trunk line, en route, has been the reflex of conditions at the terminals."

Gray recommended the construction of a new trunk line track outside of Pittsburgh so that the heavy volume of East and West traffic need not become entangled in that city's terminals. Such an arrangement, he argued, would speed up through freight movement, and the saving would be incalculable.

With Committee in Vladivostok



WALTER OSTROW, Of This City, Who Interviewed Madame Breshkovskaya, the Grandmother of the Russian Revolution.

G. W. U. BOY MEETS RUSSIAN BABUSHKA

Walter Ostrow, graduate of George Washington University, and son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Ostrow, of 1414 Twelfth street northwest, who is in Vladivostok, Russia, with the United States Committee on Public Information, has written an interview which he had recently with Mme. Breshkovskaya, the grandmother of the Russian revolution. Mme. Breshkovskaya, he writes, was on her way to Washington to see the President.

His interview is as follows:

"We were just nearing the railway station when we passed a car driven by Mr. Caldwell, the American consul. One of the occupants of the car was Malcolm Davis, the Siberian manager of the Committee on Public Information. Captain Elser waved his hand to Davis, and at that moment I saw that one of Davis' companions was an old woman, rather stout, with a shawl on her head. In truly characteristic Russian style, Colonel Barrows suggested that this might be the 'babushka,' and so it was.

"The colonel permitted Davis to bring us to her abode in a coupe in a railroad car, in which she crossed Siberia. A few minutes later I presented the colonel's card to the Chinese attendant, and we were ushered into the presence of the 'babushka,' the grandmother of the Russian revolution.

Praises Americans.

"The 'babushka' received us in her study. She spoke slowly and in a very clear voice. She was asked if she was fatigued. 'Now, when there is so much to do,' she said, 'it is not only a privilege, it is an honor, to be fatigued.' Answering the questions of the colonel regarding the situation in Russia, she replied that 'Russia needs outside assistance, and when she was asked if America's assistance is not misunderstood by Russia, she replied that, on the other hand, Russia was misunderstood by Americans from every point of view conceivable. 'The American people,' she declared, 'are the most kind and democratic people in the world. I love America so much.'

"The Russian people are such a wonderful people," she went on, 'and when I was in Porthorovsky fortress I used to read English books by travelers who had studied Russia, and I was delighted, simply charmed, by their description of peasant life and the adaptability and willingness of the Russian peasant to turn to all sorts of difficult tasks. The Russians are a peace-loving people and their confidence is easily won. They permit anyone to sit on their neck.'

Kaiser Aided Bolsheviki.

"She turned to bolshevism. 'Bolshevism,' she declared, 'could never have grown to such an extent if the Kaiser had not supplied the bolshevik leaders with money. Millions of rubles came from Berlin and Dresden.' Allied assistance in restoring peace and order, and the convocation of a constituent assembly is, in her opinion, the only way in which Russia can be saved. 'When some of the members of the first constituent assembly dispersed by Lenin and Trotsky met in Ufa, some time ago,' she asserted, 'all nationalities were represented—all wanted to remain with Russia.'

"'Enough blood has been shed,' said the 'babushka.' 'Russia lost so many men, and the Russian soldiers were so brave.'

Believes in Republic.

"The 'babushka' believes Russia eventually will become a republic like America.

"'Americans are friends of the Russian people,' she exclaimed; 'high-thinking men and women.' The object of her trip to America is to secure President Wilson's active co-operation in the restoration of order in Russia. 'Yes,' she continued, 'America, England, France, all must meddle in the affairs of Russia. Why not meddle? Could America calmly look on at what is going on in Russia and not meddle?'

"And when I come to Washington, I shall tell President Wilson that it is not only an honor to meddle but it is his duty to meddle. It is a sin before God above not to meddle," she exclaimed in conclusion."

TO REMOVE DANDRUFF

Get a small bottle of Danderine at any drug store, pour a little into your hand and rub well into the scalp with the finger tips. By morning most, if not all, of the dandruff will have disappeared. Two or three applications will destroy every bit of dandruff; stop scalp itching, and falling hair.

A Child Doesn't Laugh and Play If Constipated

Look, Mother! Is tongue coated, breath feverish and stomach sour?

"California Syrup of Figs" can't harm tender stomach, liver, bowels.

Mother! Your child isn't naturally cross and peevish. See if tongue coated; this is a sure sign the little stomach lives and needs a cleansing at once.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomachache, diarrhoea, remember, a gentle liver and bowel cleansing should always be the first treatment given.

Nothing equals "California Syrup of Figs" for children's ailments; it is so pleasant, and in a few hours all the foul waste, sour bile, and fermenting food which is clogged in the bowels passes out of the system, and you have a well and playful child again. All children love this harmless, delicious "Figs" laxative, and it never fails to effect a good "inside" cleansing. Directions for babies, children and grown-ups are plainly on the bottle. Keep it handy in your home. A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the "California Syrup of Figs," then look and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

SPANISH INFLUENZA MORE DEADLY THAN WAR

Said That Epidemic Cost More Lives Than American Loss in Battle. Danger Not Over. Great Care Necessary to Prevent Further Outbreak.

The appalling ravages of Spanish influenza in this country are perhaps best realized by the statement recently made, that more deaths were reported in little more than a month from this disease than through our whole eighteenth century participation in the battles of the European War.

Our greatest danger now, declare authorities, is the use of American tendency to forget easily and to believe the peril is over. Competent authorities are warning that the danger of this disease and there should be no let-up throughout the winter months of the following easily observed precautions, remembering that influenza is far easier to prevent than cure.

Influenza is a crowd disease. Avoid crowds as much as possible. Influenza germs spread when ignorant or careless persons sneeze or cough without using a handkerchief. Cover up each cough or sneeze. "Do not spit on the floor, sidewalk, in street cars or public places. Avoid the use of common drinking cups and roller towels in public places. Breathe some fresh air into the passages of your nose, throat and lungs.

By destroying germs before they actually begin work in your blood, you may make yourself practically immune to infection.

All these suggestions about Spanish influenza are equally true in the prevention of colds, catarrh of nose and throat, bronchitis and even pneumonia. Don't become careless. Do your part. Keep the germs away. You may save yourself a serious illness and the loss of several weeks' work.

1,236 SICK SOLDIERS LAND; MORE TO ARRIVE TODAY

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 7.—The army transport, which reached here last night, is today unloading 1,236 sick or wounded soldiers, including 138 marines. About 1,100 of the men, will remain at Camp Stuart several days for a rest before being distributed over the country. The transport Pocahontas yesterday departed about 3,000 men, only a few of whom were listed as wounded.

The battleships Kansas and Georgia, which have been converted into troop carriers, are due here today with more troops. The Kansas will bring 1,850 and the Georgia about 1,000.



Lansburgh & Bro. Merchandise In Big January Clearance And White Sales



50-Inch All-Wool

\$3 Navy Blue Broadcloth, Yd.

A twilled-back all-wool Broadcloth, with a nice finish. In a rich shade of navy blue. For capes and suits. \$3.00 value at..... **\$2.59**

42-in. \$1.25 French Voile **All-Wool Albatross,**

A deep cut in price to effect a quick clearance, navy blue and black voile, with a neat hair-line of white. Only 150 yards at nearly half price. **79c**

We have only one shade. Hence this ridiculously low price. 200 yards of this soft all-wool albatross in rich garnet. Nice for house dresses. Worth \$1.00 a yard. **59c**

42-in. Shepherd's Checks, Yard, 59c **40-in. Black Silk-and-Wool Poplin, \$1.59** **46-in. All-Wool Black Serge, \$1.98**

Various sized blocks. Also fancy checks and plaids, for one day only. 42 inches wide.

A very low price for a Pure Silk and Wool Poplin. Crow black; 40 inches wide.

Less than wholesale cost. Rich crown black. A limited quality; 46 inches wide.

Third Floor, Lansburgh & Bro.

Pretty Underwear for Every Woman in this Great Annual LINGERIE SALE



Dozens of wide tables piled high with dainty Undergarments for every sort of wear, from the simple, tailored pieces to the elaborately lacey creations for evening.

Pink in wonderful profusion, in batiste, crepe de chine, Georgette and wash satin. Thousands of "white" garments in nainsook, batiste, cambric, muslin, crepe de chine, Georgette crepe and wash satin.

The Large Women has also been provided for, with hundreds of extra size gowns, drawers, petticoats, and other pieces, carefully cut and beautifully trimmed.

Third floor, Lansburgh & Bro.

Editorial

A friend asked us to write an editorial about profanity. We hesitate for fear of being accused of preaching, but here goes.

Ninety-five per cent of the men who swear mean no more by it than the baby with its meaningless da-da. It is a habit—a bad habit.

The habit is formed because men are too lazy to hunt for a good descriptive word when they want to be impressive. All men ARE lazy—ask their wives.

Use any swear word you choose and see if you can make the following assertions more forceful or convincing.

It is hot as fire.
It is cold as ice.
It is strong as steel.
It is hard as iron.
Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

You can't do it, can you? What better proof is needed of the usefulness of profanity?

Our Ready-to-Wear Sale at Half Marked Price

A sale of genuine merit always attracts a lot of interest. Women are coming to this sale, are looking at the coats, and are buying them on the spot. Little wonder, for they are remarkable—and you may choose from any coat, suit or dress and then deduct one-half the price.



Two Special Lots of Coats

Up to \$35.00 Coats \$16.90

Sizes 16 to 44.
Coats made of kersey, burella, melton, velour, etc.
Colors are navy, sand, taupe, plum, etc.
Both fur and self trimmed.
Lined throughout with guaranteed Sol lining.
Don't miss seeing this lot of extra good coats.

Up to \$49.50 Coats \$24.90

Sizes 16 to 44.
Coats made of Normandy cloth, pompong, silvertone, chiffon broadcloth, etc.
Plenty of navy blues, as well as all other colors.
Mostly all silk lined.
Luxuriously fur trimmed.
You never saw better coats than these for the money.

Second Floor, Lansburgh & Bro.

Cantilever Boots \$9.00 to \$12.00

Made of fine black and brown kidskin, with Cuban or military heels.

Lengths from 2 to 8
Widths AAA to E

Second Floor, Lansburgh & Bro.

JEWELRY

In the Clearance Sale

A few items left from the holidays which we want closed out.

Sterling silver hat pins **10c**
White stone bar pins **89c**
Children's gold shell bracelets, guaranteed 5 years..... **95c**
Sterling silver thimbles **15c**
Filled pearl earrings, in pierced design **50c**
Guaranteed rosaries, in all colors **98c**

First Floor, Lansburgh & Bro.

A Clearance Sale of Pearl Buttons at 10c Card

Values to \$3.00 Doz.

3,000 cards of Pearl Buttons, suitable for waist, underwear, children's dresses and coats; 2, 3, 6, 9 and 12 on a card. Your choice at 10c card.

Odds and Ends of Coat and Suit Buttons in all colors. Six on a card. Values to \$3.00 dozen, at 15c card.

First Floor, Lansburgh & Bro.

Fur And Satin Hats at \$3.95



Values to \$10.00

A timely price-cutting on stylish winter hats that enables you to buy a new hat at a large and genuine saving.

It is another of our opportune sales, for it comes at a time when hundreds of our patrons are in need of new millinery to last them until the time for wearing spring hats.

These hats are made of fur and satin combined in the very latest shapes and are trimmed most becomingly. Colors are navy, black, sand, taupe, etc. They are being offered at the lowest prices that have prevailed for months—almost one-third off!

Second Floor, Lansburgh & Bro.

January Sale of Lace Curtains

The prices of curtains, as well as everything else in our drapery section, have been cut unmercifully in order to completely clear out our stock. Profit by this opportunity.

All the Curtains in the following lots come from the best mills in America:

At \$2.29 Pair
Values Up to \$5.00

Fine quality Voile Curtains with drawnwork and lace medallion corners. Marquessette Curtains, with imitation cluny insertion and edge. Up to 3 yard Scotch Lace Curtains, in Renaissance and Brussels lace effects; Filet Net Curtains in plain styles.

At \$6.29 Pair
Values Up to \$10.00

Finest Quality Voile Curtains finished with lace and embroidered panel borders and trimmed with fine lace edges. All in reproductions of the finest imported curtains which could readily be taken for \$25 to \$30 values. The only difference is that these curtains were made by machine, while the imported quality is handworked. Also Irish point curtains made of 3-ply net finished with applique lace borders and plain or scroll-work center. A well-made curtain. Also lacet Arabian curtains in imported qualities, made of 3-ply French net finished with Arabian lace insertion and edge.

At \$3.29 Pair.
Values Up to \$6.75

Marie Antoinette Curtains in white or ecru; Irish point curtains with plain or scroll worked centers; attractive voile curtains elaborately finished; plain net curtains; finest quality cable and Scotch net curtains in reproductions of the finest hand-made curtains.

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