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CALLS MINERS' CONFERENCE.

Because of the grave labor situation in copper mining districts of the West, Secretary of Labor Wilson has invited representatives of employes of all the companies in Arizona, Utah, and Montana to send delegates here for a conference next Friday. The signing of the armistice has caused such a reduction in the demand of copper that many mines and smelters have disharged thousands of workmen.

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ACE OF ACES WHO WILL TALK HERE

COL. WILLIAM A. BISHOP.
The Canadian "ace of aces," credited with eighty air victories by his government, who will lecture at the National Theater here Tuesday afternoon for the benefit of the Working Boys' Home.

OFFICERS TO EASE WORRY OF PARENTS

War Department officials have hit upon a new plan to inform the relatives of wounded fighting men in hospitals in this country of the seriousness of their wounds or illness, it was learned today.

Every soldier, sailor or marine admitted to a Government hospital for treatment will be indexed as to the nature of his wounds, injury or disease. An official postal card, printed by direction of the War Department will then be mailed by officers to the next of kin of the patient.

Practice Nation-Wide.

This plan has been inaugurated at Walter Reed Hospital, St. Elizabeth's Hospital and the Naval Hospital in Washington. Cards will be sent out for every patient in these institutions, informing the next of kin involved of the actual state of health of the men. Simultaneously in every other hospital in this country where America's fighting men are convalescing the new rule will go into effect.

Inauguration of this method of keeping relatives informed as to the nature and extent of the soldier's indisposition was made under an order issued yesterday by the adjutant general's office.

This will relieve the anxiety of relatives and friends of patients who have bombarded official Washington with inquiries, in the belief of War Department officials.

Detailed Information.

Information given on the cards to be mailed to relatives and friends includes:

Name, rank and serial number of patient.

Nature of wound, injury or disease.

Condition, whether excellent, good, very good, fair or poor.

Surgeons in charge of patients at the various hospitals will be charged with the responsibility of seeing that a card is mailed to the next of kin of every man admitted for treatment, or who has been a patient at the institution.

WILL LIFT BAR TO BUILDING OF ROADS

The House Committee on Roads yesterday favorably reported a bill increasing the limit of cost of roads to be built with Federal aid from $10,000 to $15,000 per mile.

This action was taken to permit the various States to proceed with projects stopped by the Government's fixing the limit which could be paid for contracts at a figure at which no contracts should be placed.

"The construction of public works," said the report, "is recognized throughout the country as one of the means for solving the question of unemployment due to cessation of the production of materials required for carrying on the war."

MASS MEETING OF JOBLESS PREVENTED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Police yesterday made every effort to prevent a widely advertised gathering of unemployed in Madison square. Several hundred men appeared at the Square, but the police prevented them from forming a crowd. One man was arrested for refusing to move. Those who wanted to make speeches were forced to move.

SMUGGLING BY AIR PREDICTED BY ACE

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—At a luncheon given in honor of returning war aviators by the Aero Club, Col. William A. Bishop, Canadian "ace," with seventy-two German planes to his credit, predicted confidently that both giant and one-engine planes will be making trans-Atlantic flights within six months. He also predicted smuggling by air.

"Eight British firms are building planes to fly across the ocean," said Colonel Bishop. "The Vickers company will soon put out a machine of unprecedented size for that flight, but, for my part, I think the trip can be made in a single-engine plane. Such small machines are making regular trips between Montreal and Toronto.

"Three firms will have aerial garages in Canada within a year. Then one may call up a garage, a plane will call for him and he will be off on the fastest and most delightful journey he ever made. These machines will carry freight, too.

"To encourage the building of planes for commercial purposes, laws governing aerial traffic must be made and obeyed," Colonel Bishop went on. "There must be rules of the air, just as there are rules of the road. And the customs officers will have to be on the sharp lookout for aerial smugglers.

"The opportunity offered to smugglers will be very tempting and, all in all, the chances that they will escape detection will be very good, especially in cloudy or unsettled weather.

"In British Columbia airplanes are being used most successfully to detect forest fires and prevent their spread. The aviator either flies and gives the alarm in person or drops especially prepared chemical bombs. All Canada will adopt this system to protect her valuable forests, I think."

Colonel Bishop, the ace of aces, will lecture at the National Theater in Washington Tuesday afternoon for the benefit of the Working Boys' Home. He will describe some of his battles with German planes and will tell other interesting stories of the war.

WOOLLEY URGES NEW RAIL RATES

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 26.—Declaring that America's railroad rate arrangements are "illogical, laden with preference and unjustifiable," Robert M. Woolley, member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, last night demanded a rebuilding of the rate structure to "create equal opportunity for all." Woolley, speaking before the University Club, advocated a flat charge per mile for freight traffic and a separate and distinct charge for handling consignments at terminals as a solution to the evil.

Going further than the McAdoo five-year plan, Woolley argued for a "more exhaustive test of Federal rail control, that the different schemes of fixing rates, now in use, may be done over entirely and discarded, if necessary.

Woolley said that under present laws the Interstate Commerce Commission has no power which enables it to straighten out the gigantic tangle. Its decisions, he asserted, resulted in the creation of potential litigation which in time means more tangles. He explained that the commission was not to blame, since its duties were clearly defined and beyond the law it cannot go.

As a result of the combination of ill-conceived laws, privileges, discrimination and a wrongly wrought economic rate structure, Woolley said the consumer was being made the "goat." The railroads and the shippers have a common interest which is in direct conflict with the consumer, Woolley said. The multiplicity of competitive markets causes the disturbance, makes the railroads play for traffic and sets the shippers directly opposite in their fight for discriminations somewhere else, he explained.

"The result of all of this," Woolley said, "is that privilege and bourbonism will continue. I say emphatically that the freight rates as at present constituted and applied are the very foundation of privilege and the handmaiden of bourbonism."

CONGRESSMAN ROBBINS IS DEAD OF INFLUENZA

Word was received at the Capitol yesterday that Congressman Edward Robbins, died yesterday at noon of influenza at his home in Somerset, Pa.

Announcement of Mr. Robbins' death was made to the House shortly before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Congressman J. Hampton Moore of Pennsylvania. After adopting a resolution of sympathy to the family and authorizing the appointment of a committee to attend the funeral, the House adjourned out of respect until Monday.

Except that burial will be at Greensburg, Pa., funeral arrangements have not been made.

Mr. Robbins was serving his first term in Congress. He was a Spanish war veteran.

What's Doing; Where; When

Today.

Vesper services, T Street Y. W. C. A., 4 p. m., with Mrs. M. Thompson speaker. John Thompson violin school.

Community sing, Central High School Auditorium, Thirteenth and Clifton Streets northwest, 7:30 p. m., directed by Gilbert Wilson, song leader at piano.

Meeting, Hazel Club of Washington, Y. M. C. A. building, 4 p. m.

Address, F. P. Rosecrans, of Oregon, before Washington Single Tax League at Pythian Temple, 9:45 Ninth street northwest, 3 p. m.

Address, Dr. Maurice H. Harris, of New York, Eighth Street Temple, 11:15 a. m., under auspices of Jewish Welfare Board.

Mass Meeting, in interest of recruiting campaign for Second Separate Battalion, New District National Guard, Pythian Temple, 3 p. m., Lieut. E. R. Browne and Lieut. Eugene Dandridge will speak.

Meeting, New Thought Association, Rauscher's, 1014 Connecticut avenue northwest, 4 p. m.

Special services—Eagle's Wings, 509 Eleventh street northwest, 11:15 a. m. Miss Isabel Holbrook will speak.

Address—Congressman Henry T. Rainey, before meeting of War Camp Community Club No. 8, 918 Tenth street northwest, 7:45 p. m.

Tomorrow.

Meeting, Board of directors of the Wilson Normal Community Center, lunch room of Wilson Normal School, 6 p. m.

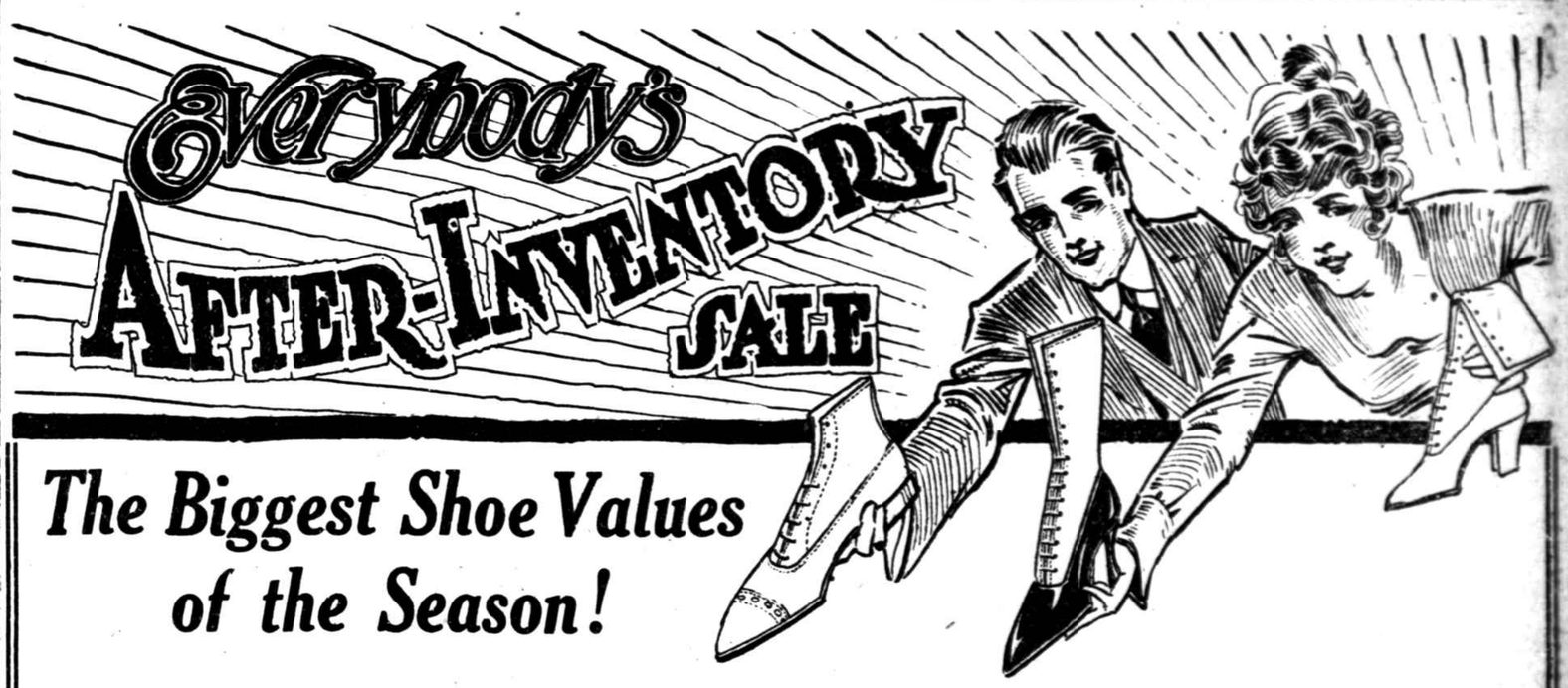
Meeting, T street branch of the Y. W. C. A., Florida Avenue Baptist Church, 7:30 p. m.

Meeting, Pastors' Federation of Washington, New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, 10:30 a. m. Bishop W. F. McDowell will conduct services.

Dinner, McKendree M. E. Church, 6:30 p. m., with address by Dr. George A. Simons, of Petrograd.

Meeting, West End Citizens' Association, Kiddie's Hall, 822 Twenty-fifth street northwest, 8 p. m.

Dinner, Captains and team workers in local Y. M. C. A. campaign, Central Y. M. C. A. building, 7 p. m.



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