

M'ADOO ALLOWS \$937,961,318 OF ROADS' BUDGETS

Big Sum For Improvements and Equipment on 182 Great Lines

Washington, May 20.—Director General of Railroads McAdoo has authorized the expenditure by the railroads of the country of \$937,961,318 for additions, betterments and equipment which will be essential during the current year to increase transportation facilities.

This amount is practically the same as the railroads suggested ought to be spent annually for ten years to bring them up to a state of efficiency at the time of the hearings prior to the taking over of the railroads by the government. The expenditure just authorized is for 182 big trunk lines and connecting carriers alone.

About \$600,000,000 per annum on the average has been spent by the railroads for rolling equipment for several years past. In the last two years the amount was \$500,000,000. The Director General authorizes the expenditure of upward of \$500,000,000 for this purpose on the 182 Class I railroads.

The latest available figures from the Interstate Commerce Commission show that Class 1 and 2 railroads spent \$223,499,296 for additions and betterments in 1916. Director General McAdoo authorizes the expenditure of a total of \$440,072,013 for additions and betterments only.

The expenditure of almost a billion dollars was authorized on a budget submitted by the various railroad heads calling for an outlay of \$1,485,209,146. The Director General and his advisers pruned the budget by \$349,247,842 after it had been most carefully made up by the railroads to include what were considered on the essentials.

Funds for improvements and betterments will be furnished by the government from the revolving fund of \$500,000,000 provided in the railroad control act in every case where the railroads have insufficient funds of their own.

Warning has been given each of the railroads that further analyses will be made of the budget submitted and that it will be further pruned wherever it is deemed that a cut will not take away from essential requirements. In no case will improvements be allowed where facilities of another line that are available can be utilized. It is stated, however, that a number of increases will no doubt be necessary.

It is significant fact that the largest expenditures authorized go to the coal carrying railroads of the country. The second largest single item for equipment, \$27,336,132, will be spent by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

The Baltimore and Ohio likewise has the third largest authorization for betterments and additions, \$16,022,171. In addition it is to spend \$50,000,000 for extensions. Though no official statement could be obtained, it is understood that practically the entire expenditure will be for coal carrying facilities.

The New York Central lines have by far the largest budget, \$70,672,087. The cut made in its estimates, the largest submitted, was but \$410,000, as compared with a cut of \$36,000,000 in the estimates of the Pennsylvania. The New York Central is to spend \$32,428,696 for additions and betterments; \$38,168,394 for equipment and \$75,000 for extensions.

HILL 44 LOOMS BIG IN HISTORY

In Two Weeks Germans Have Taken and Lost It Twice

Hill 44, on the north side of the Lys Valley salient, is acquiring something of the role played by Dead Man's Hill at Verdun. It lies to the north of Mount Kemmel, between it and the lines covering Ypres, to which the Allied forces were driven back after Kemmel fell into the enemy's hands.

Like Dead Man's Hill, north of Verdun, on the west bank of the Meuse, it is not a position of crucial importance. Within the last couple of weeks the Germans have taken it twice and lost it twice. And they are still fighting for it. It is a pawn in the warfare of positions to which operations on the Flanders front—and, for that matter, on the whole western front—have simmered down since Von Arnim's bloody repulse on April 29 last along the line between Meteren and Zillebeke.

Possession of it by one side or the other cannot greatly affect the situation before Ypres—any more than possession of L'Homme Mort affected materially the situation at Verdun. But it lies at a point where the contact between the Germans massed north of Kemmel and the French divisions holding Yverbeek and the southeastern approaches to Scherpenberg is most acute.

The French, seeking to carry their lines forward toward Kemmel and to envelop it from the northeast and the southwest, took Hill 44 in the latter part of last week. Last Monday they lost it. On Tuesday they regained it. Yesterday's communique from Berlin indicated that Von Arnim had again gotten a grip on it, and a late British bulletin through Ottawa admitted that the situation late yesterday afternoon was somewhat "obscure."

It is noteworthy, however, that since Von Arnim's severe defeat on April 29 the net result of all the local engagements to the southwest of Ypres—and on the western and southern sectors of the Lys Valley salient as well—has been an improvement of the Allied positions. A similar balance on the Allied side is shown in the Somme salient, where many small advances have been made by the British, Canadians and Australians and by the French.

The French took yesterday a wood to the south of Hailes, on the west bank of the Avere river. This is at the point in the Somme salient where it approaches nearest to Amiens and where recent French efforts to strike back along the lines of defense at Amiens have been most pronounced. Berlin also reported fighting there, but claimed to have repulsed the French attack.

58, Learns English to Write Soldier Son

St. Louis, Mo.—When William C. Mayer, of 4017 Kessuth avenue, heard that his son, a student in the United States army's mother, Mrs. Minnie Mayer, who was born and educated in Germany started to write English, she could correspond with him. She is 58 years old and he is 28.

While American, and he couldn't read German so much; besides it wouldn't look good to write to an American soldier in German," she told a reporter. She added: "Anyhow, we are trying to forget about Germany; we don't want to think about it any more."

Now, after five months of school, which she attended three nights a week, Mrs. Mayer writes clearly and legibly, and reads her son's letters and the newspapers with comparative ease. However, she said, she intends to enroll again as soon as school opens in the autumn.

RAID ON LONDON

Drop Bombs; Lose Four Machines Before Defenses of British Capital

London, May 20.—Thirty-seven persons were killed and 155 injured in the London area during last night's air raid.

London, May 20.—A calm, summer-like night tempted the Germans to try last night their first air raid on London since March 7. Four of the raiders fell before the defenses of London.

The moon was shining brightly when the raiders crossed the southeastern point and headed for the metropolis.

The usual warnings were given promptly and the people had time to reach shelters before the guns in the neighborhood of London were heard. The firing was almost continuous for more than two hours and was unusually severe. Several bombs were dropped by the raiders.

The number of enemy aircraft is estimated to have been more numerous than usual.

London, May 20.—Fourteen persons were killed and more than forty others were injured when Entente Allied airplanes raided Cologne Saturday, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Central News Agency.

Six Allied aviators participated in the attack. Much damage was done in the center of Cologne, especially in the market place.

Surrenders to Police After Quarrel in Which He Shot Man Dead

In a squabble at 1137 South Ninth street late Saturday night, William Letzer, colored, was shot to death. Hardy Dickerson, also colored, alleged to have done the shooting, is held in the Dauphin county jail, charged with his murder.

Dickerson has two bullet holes in his left arm, bade by one bullet. His wife, Dora Dickerson, is being held as a material witness in the case. She charges that all the shooting was done by her husband.

MARKET'S DRAFTED MEN SCHEDULES OUT

Thousands Will Be in Cantonments Before the Close of Registration Day

Pennsylvania's 17,623 white men called early this month to go to camps Meade, Lee, Greenleaf and Humphreys will begin to entrain on May 25 and the movement will continue until the afternoon of the 29th. The same day a five-day movement of 3,750 men to Columbus barracks and Forts Oglethorpe and Schriener will start.

All movements will be in special trains.

The movement to Greenleaf will be 830 men on the 25th and 483, 682, 472 and 450 on the following days to Humphreys on the 25th, but it will start on the 26th with 500 men, the movements of the next three days being 1,103, 453 and 952. The Lee movement will also start on the 26th and will be 515, 1,238, 1,086 and 1,511 on the four days in order. The Meade movement, which will embrace the greater part of Eastern Pennsylvania, will start May 25th with 1,815 and followed by 1,244, 2,343, 1,690 and 627 on the following days.

The quotas for Columbus barracks have been assigned to all sections except the northeastern and northwestern parts of the state. Luzerne district No. 7 is the only one exempted from sending any men in the Schriener territory, while Erie county districts Nos. 1 and 2; Fayette Nos. 1, 4, 6 and 7; Washington Nos. 4 and Westmoreland No. 8 are exempt under the Oglethorpe call. Each of these forts will get 500 men, while 2,750 men will be sent to Columbus. The districts exempt in the Columbus territory are Allegheny Nos. 1, 2, 7 and 8; Armstrong Nos. 2, 2 and 3; Berks 3; Lancaster county 1, 3 and 4; Lawrence, Lehigh county Nos. 1 and 2; Mercer Nos. 1, 2 and 3; Montgomery Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; Philadelphia 49; and Susquehanna county.

MOTORCYCLISTS HURT IN CRASHES OVER WEEKEND

Henry W. Schurt, 1624 Liberty street, was slightly injured Saturday afternoon when his bicycle was struck by an automobile being driven by E. L. Hertzler, of Mechanicsburg. He was taken to the hospital and later to his home.

Yesterday Harry Knaub, 2009 North Sixth street, suffered a broken kneecap when he was thrown from his motorcycle on the Mulberry street bridge. He was also taken to the hospital.

HIT BY ENGINE

W. W. Harris is in the Harrisburg Hospital in an unconscious condition as the result of an accident at Sun-SEALD RIDES will be received by Mr. E. E. Witman, Secretary Susquehanna School Board, Progress, Pa., until 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, May 25, for a School Building at Coxstown.

Plans and Specifications can be obtained from the Architect, H. B. Shoop, Fourteenth and Walnut Streets, City.

STATE POLICE TO GET DEFERRED

Members of the Pennsylvania state police force in service May 18, are entitled to be given deferred classification under the draft, but men who enter the force after May 18, will not be accorded that privilege, according to word received by Major W. G. Murdock, the state draft officer here today.

The order came from Washington and directs that all local boards review the classifications of men who are in the state police and place them in Class 5. The effect of this will be to make it very unlikely that any of the men will be called. However, registrants who enlist hereafter in the force will have to keep their number and classification.

USE MORE POTATOES INSTEAD OF WHEAT

The State of Texas has stopped eating wheat here today, its stocks over to the government for shipment to the Allies. Are the Americans of Texas more patriotic than those of Pennsylvania? Patriots everywhere are volunteering to "EAT WHEAT TILL THE NEW HARVEST."

Potato-Cornmeal Muffins

One cup mashed potatoes, 1 cup cornmeal, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup syrup, 1 tablespoon butter or oleomargarine, 1 egg well beaten, 1 cup milk.

Mix in order given, bake in hot oven about 30 minutes. This makes 12 muffins—they are delicious.

Potatoes are good in cake. They are often used in this way to keep the cake from drying out quickly, mash the potatoes and beat up with milk until very light—you can use your usual cake receipt—substituting one cup of milk and one half cup of flour.

INVITE CIVIL WAR VETERANS

A special program has been prepared for the memorial service for soldiers and sailors to be held in the Fourth Street Church of God on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Harrisburg W. C. T. U. Members of the G. A. R. will be guests of honor and will be served light refreshments before the event. Dr. W. N. Yates, pastor, will make the principal address.

TO HOLD MEETING

Prominent speakers and some labor candidates, rallied by the league, will be speakers at a meeting of the Nonpartisan League in Royal Hall this evening.

RATE ORDINANCE REVIEW LIKELY

Public Service Commission Announces Interesting Decision\*For Oil City

The Public Service Commission has authority to authorize an increase in rates over what is specified in an ordinance of a municipal council granting a franchise to a public utility when the municipality admits that the ordinance rates sought to be superseded are unjust, inadequate and discriminatory according to a decision handed down in the complaint of Oil City against a tariff of rates filed last fall by the Petroleum Telephone Company, operating in that city and vicinity. The company succeeded in 1910 to the telephone business of an individual, who, by an ordinance of 1899 was granted a franchise for fifty years with a \$24 rate for business and an \$18 rate for residential telephones. The company sought to increase the rates.

The decision by Chairman Ainey says that it is manifest that a utility company should be given the right to charge rates which will insure it a return on its business and says that the inadvisability of municipalities fixing terms of ordinances fixing the rates of fare or the character of service to govern over a long period of years is most apparent in the present case. The opinion also says that rates, even when made in franchise ordinances, must give way when found to be unjust or inadequate and that "such exercise of the police power of the state does not invade the authority of municipalities nor violate the sanctity of ordinance contracts." In closing it is held that with the return of conditions to normal the rates permitted will require readjustment. The increase is allowed for a three-year period and if conditions then require their retention, says the chairman, the respondent company may petition for their continuance.

The opinion is regarded as of considerable significance as there have been numerous complaints filed against increases of rates by utility companies which municipalities have held violate ordinance contracts, especially relating to five-cent trolley fares.

LEGAL NOTICE

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A public hearing upon this application will be held in the rooms of the Commission, at Harrisburg, on the 28th day of May, 1918, at 3 o'clock when and where all persons in interest may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

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CATHEDRAL BRANCH TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Cathedral Branch, No. 1087, Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association, will be held in Cathedral Hall on Wednesday evening by Annie O. Gingrich, ex-officio, at 8 o'clock. Routine business will be discussed.

LEGAL NOTICE

CLERK OF ORPHANS' COURT

Notice is hereby given that the following accounts have been presented to the Clerk of the Orphans' Court at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, which accounts have been passed and allowed by the Clerk of the said Orphans' Court and the same will be presented to the Orphans' Court for confirmation nisi, on June 18, 1918, at 10 o'clock A. M. And will be confirmed absolutely four days later:

First and final account of Ammon B. Gingrich, trustee under the will of Cyrus Gingrich and Malinda Gingrich for Sarah A. Bomberger, stated by Annie O. Gingrich, executrix of the will of the said Ammon B. Gingrich, deceased.

First and final account of Ammon B. Gingrich, trustee under the will of Malinda Gingrich for J. Monroe Gingrich, stated by Annie O. Gingrich, executrix of the will of the said Ammon B. Gingrich, now deceased.

First and final account of Sarah J. Fauber—John C. Bixler and John H. Fauber, trustees—first and final account. Filed May 20, 1918.

JAMES E. LENTZ, Clerk of Orphans' Court.

NOTICE

IN the matter of abolition of the following crossings at grade in Derry Township, Dauphin County, on the line of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company:

Grade crossings where tracks of said railway company cross State Highway Route No. 159 at a point about one mile east of Hummelstown. (Application Docket No. 184-1918).

Grade crossings where tracks of said railway company cross public roads at a point about 50 feet west of Swatara Station. (Application Docket No. 184-1918).

Grade crossings where tracks of said railway company cross State Highway Route No. 159 at a point about 300 feet east of Swatara Station. (Application Docket No. 184-1918).

For Rent Desirable property, 14 rooms, 2 baths; storeroom, first floor. 311 Walnut St. But one door from new Penn-Harris Hotel—opposite State Capitol Park—near one of busiest corners.

What Will You Offer for Three Acres of Plowed Ground at Bellevue Park Now Ready For Planting This is part of the ground secured by the Chamber of Commerce to encourage War Gardens. All applications have been filed. This piece still remains. Can You Use Part or All of It? Don't Let It Go to Waste—How Much Can You Use and What Will You Offer? Address or telephone S. B. WATTS Superintendent of War Gardens Care of Chamber of Commerce, Harrisburg, Pa.

EVERYTHING READY FOR RED CROSS (Continued from First Page.) reports will be made at a meeting to be held Thursday afternoon in Chestnut Street Auditorium. First Meeting To-night At 7.30 to-night the workers will meet in Chestnut Street Auditorium, where only short talks will be delivered; and the greater part of the time given to explanations of the drive. At 6.30 Tuesday evening at Chestnut Street Hall the North division workers will meet and make their first reports. At 12.30 Wednesday noon the South division will meet at the same place for the same purpose. At 6.30 Thursday night the North division will meet. At 12.20 Thursday noon the South division assemblies; and at 1.30 it will be joined by the North division, when final reports will be made. The campaign in this district will close Thursday noon. Country District Organized William Jennings is chairman for the country districts of Dauphin and Perry counties, said this morning that if Harrisburg equals the donations of these sections, man for man and woman for woman, the resulting total will make National Red Cross authorities open their eyes. Have Minds Made Up It is urged upon the people of the district that they have their minds made up as to the amounts they will contribute to the Red Cross. While there are several hundred solicitors there are 180,000 people in the entire district. To see each of these personally is an impossibility. To see a sixth of them may be possible—but not if the solicitors have to spend half an hour with each. The people of Harrisburg and this district know the Red Cross. Chairman Hildrup to-day, "They know the work it is accomplishing. It is not necessary to explain what the money is for. It is well known that twenty-five per cent. of the total stays here. So that the people of Harrisburg should really not waste the time of the solicitors, but should give what they have to give without any delay at all."

50 Ships in June, Is Colby's Promise New York, May 20.—Bainbridge United States Shipping Commission, speaking last night at the joint memorial services of the Hebrew Joint Veterans Association and the Hebrew Veterans of the Spanish War held at Temple Beth-El, declared that fifty ships of major size would be put into the service next month. He added that a larger number would be commissioned in July, and that the output of the yards would be even greater. "The submarine is at last on the part of being mastered," said Colby, "and we shall choke the seven seas with American shipping. I am revealing to you the time I give the output for June, July and August, and when I say that we no have a shipyard on the Delaware which will turn out tonnage greater than Great Britain's total output before the war."

TO KNIT FRIDAY EVENINGS Announcement was made to-day by officials in charge of the knitting department of the Harrisburg Chapter, American Red Cross, that hereafter the department will be open Friday evenings and regular workmen will be open Tuesday and Friday evenings.

FOR SALE No. 262 Peffer Street No. 1001 North Second Street No. 1439 Vernon Street Lots on Curtin, Jefferson and Seneca Street Frame Dwelling, All Improvements, with Garage, Lot 50x160, New Cumberland, Pa. FOR RENT No. 1427 North Front St. Frank R. Leib and Son REAL ESTATE & INSURANCE 18 N. Third St. Harrisburg, Pa.

Ice 40% Cheaper Cash and Carry Plan WITHIN the next week we will open Ice Stations at different sections of Harrisburg where ice will be sold at 40 per cent. less than the regular delivered price. Uncle Sam wants men and material for war purposes. The Commercial Economy Board of the Council of National Defense recommends curtailing delivery systems in cities, and towns. To co-operate with the government we have erected stations where patriotic citizens may buy ice and take it with them. Every piece of ice you take with you reduces the work of our delivery force and enables us to distribute ice with a minimum equipment thus releasing men for war purposes. Ice Stations are erected at the following locations. 3rd & Delaware Sts. 5th & Woodbine Sts. 6th & Hamilton Sts. 7th & Camp Sts. Forster & Cowden Sts. 13th & Walnut Sts. 13th & Swatara Sts. 15th & Chestnut Sts. 18th & Forster Sts. Several more will be in operation as soon as the material arrives. A large piece of ice may be purchased for 5c at any of the above stations. The "cash and carry" price on all sales is about 40 per cent. less than the wagon rates. UNITED ICE & COAL CO. Main Office Forster and Cowden Sts.