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RAILROADS GIVE THEIR PLAN FOR OPERATING LINES

Program Calls For Private Ownership With Federal Regulation TO ARBITRATE SCALES Interstate Commerce Body to Be Supreme Court of Review S BACKED BY BIG MEN Adequate Service at Lowest Cost Planned by Road Owners

Washington, Jan. 9.—A comprehensive program for private ownership and management of railroads under strict Government regulation was laid before the Senate Interstate Commerce Commission today by T. DeWitt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, representing virtually all leading roads in the United States. The plan includes provision for merging systems, a large measure of unification of operation, pooling of facilities, and, in certain cases, of earnings, and enforcement of adequate service under supervision of Secretary of Transportation, a new cabinet officer, with the Interstate Commerce Commission acting as a supreme court of review of rate disputes. Wage and employment disputes which could not be settled between employees and management would be referred to an adjustment board within the Department of Transportation under the plan, and strikes and lockouts forbidden pending investigation.

Most operating reforms effected during unified management by the railroad Administration would be continued, but the executives object to Director General McAdoo's proposal for five-year extension of Government control. Their suggestions are similar to the recommendations of the Interstate Commerce Commission presented to the Senate Committee at hearings earlier this week. Fundamental Purpose "The fundamental and essential purpose to be accomplished is to have the public with safe, efficient and adequate transportation at the lowest cost consistent with such service," said Mr. Cuyler, reading to the committee a prepared statement, which dealt with the just interests of the owners and employees, and also adequate to the nation's needs even in times of great national emergency or peril.

He declared that whatever plan or policy should be adopted, provision should be made for adequate service for the country's needs, for necessary construction with prevention of waste by injudicious road building, for consolidations when dictated by public interest and "for a rate structure which will provide sufficient revenues and create sufficient credit to accomplish these purposes." "To this end," said Mr. Cuyler, "private ownership, management and operation of the American railways should be a matter of national policy, to be continued."

The power of regulation of the instrumentalities of interstate commerce, as to all things substantially affecting them, including all rates, states and interstate, should be, exclusively in the hands of the national government. State commissions should not be interfered with by the federal act so far as necessary to carry out the purposes herein mentioned. "The Interstate Commerce Commission should act as a quasi-judicial body clothed with authority to pass upon all questions concerning the railroads."

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled, probably snow flurries tonight, afternoon and to-night; colder tonight, with lowest temperature about 10 degrees; Friday fair and colder with a cold wave; strong southwest, shifting to northwest winds to-night.

Maybe Those Overseas Boys Who Are Complaining So Because They Can't Come Home Have Forgotten Something



RETURNS FOR 1918 INCOME TAX ARE BEING DELAYED

Revenue Clerks Held Up as Congress Talks Long Over Bill Instructions in regard to the method for making income tax returns for 1919 are expected at the office of the Internal Revenue Collector in the postoffice building within a few days, or as soon as the revenue bill now before Congress is enacted, it was announced this morning. Last year the officials in charge of making out the returns and collecting the income tax blanks, had received instructions at the beginning of the year to begin the work, as all statements had to be filed by March 1. Later the time limit was extended until April 1, giving the taxpayers an additional thirty days. With the details of the income tax law still uncertain, it is impossible for the local officials to begin the work. As soon as they receive the instructions, and the supplies are received, the offices in the postoffice will be headquarters for all who come under the regulations of the act and who desire information as to how to file their statements. Advice and help in filling out the statements can be secured by the taxpayers from the internal revenue officials daily. The work here will be in charge of S. P. Backenstow and R. E. McPherson, deputy internal revenue collectors. H. A. Vollmer, internal revenue collector, is busy upon 1918 estate tax collections. The magnitude of the work of the internal revenue department in collecting the statements on the income tax returns, can be realized when it is remembered that by last year's revenue bill, every unmarried man whose salary was \$1,000 in 1917 came under the income tax regulations, and every married man whose salary was \$2,000 was included.

Roosevelt's Will to Be Filed Shortly; Is Brief in Its Terms

Oyster Bay, Jan. 9.—The will of Colonel Roosevelt will be filed at Mineola in the near future, it was said last night by a friend of the family. The will is said to be very brief. Colonel Roosevelt's fortune has been estimated at between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000, but little is definitely known on the subject. The Sagamore Hill estate is said to be worth about \$150,000, according to present values of similar properties. Since he left the Presidency Colonel Roosevelt's earnings with his pen have been very large.

COLD WAVE TO ENVELOPE CITY IN FEW HOURS

The first zero weather of the season is expected to follow in the wake of the disturbance moving from Manitoba, southeastward down the St. Lawrence Valley toward the Atlantic coast. This is the chilly news given out to-day by Forecaster E. R. Demain in charge of the Harrisburg Weather Bureau. Not much change in temperature is noticeable this afternoon, but with the approach of evening, the vanguard of the disturbance will bring the cooler weather with it. The mercury will continue to drop throughout the night and will rest around the ten degree figure. This is the lowest point that will be reached to-night. Harrisburgers, however, cannot build up courage on this information. But the information Mr. Demain gives out concerning conditions to-morrow is causing city merchants to get ready for a big rush on winter wear. Many people have delayed getting into real winter garments because of the mild weather that has thus far generally prevailed, but their comfort in light wear is almost at an end. Winter in all its fury is getting ready to grip the city firmly. To-morrow, Mr. Demain says, the weather will get continually colder as the body of the northwestern disturbance passes through Central Pennsylvania. Fair and colder will be the weather, Mr. Demain says, adding that the mercury will drop to the zero figure. The figure will hover consistently about this figure and when Harrisburg awakes on Saturday morning, the slush ice in the Susquehanna, which will increase considerably in volume to-morrow, is not expected to be moving. For the first time of the season, the Susquehanna is expected to be ice bound in company with most other streams of the state. The zero weather is expected to continue for several days. There is no possibility that it will break up before the week-end and there is no assurance that it will then.

New U. S. Insurance For Soldiers Liberal

Washington, Jan. 9.—The new form of life insurance which is to be offered to the returning soldiers under the war risk insurance will be the most liberal ever offered in the world. Nearly 6,000,000 men hold policies which can be converted. One feature never before included in a commercial policy is added. That is the entire removal of age limit for total disability.

THRIFT STAMPS OF LAST ISSUE OF FULL VALUE

Persons possessing Thrift Stamps which they bought last year, and which they did not exchange for Baby Bonds before January 1, were reassured this morning that their stamps have the same value as formerly, and when they get enough to purchase Baby Bonds, they can be used with the stamps purchased this year. A supply of 1919 War Savings Stamps has arrived at the Post Office. They are smaller than the stamps of 1918, and different in design. This year's stamps bear a picture of Franklin and are blue, while last year's were green, and the design contained a portrait of Washington. The method of sale in 1919 will be the same as last year. During January, a War Savings Stamp will cost \$4.12, next month they will cost \$4.13, and they will increase one cent a month throughout the year. They mature January 5, 1924, at a value of \$5. Postmaster Sites has not organized a contest among the mail carriers to stimulate the sale of War Savings and Thrift Stamps. The county has not underwritten a specified amount of stamps to sell, as it did last year, but the campaign will be pushed with continued energy.

Major General Bell Dies of Heart Disease

New York, Jan. 9.—Major General J. Franklin Bell, commander of the Department of the East, died last night at the Presbyterian Hospital in this city. His death was due to heart disease. He was taken to the hospital three days ago for observation, but it was not realized that his condition was serious and his death came as a complete surprise. General Bell was 63 years old.

BERLIN REBELS AFTER BLOODY STREET BATTLE OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT AND EXTEND POWER, GERMAN REPORTS SAY

Revolution Covers Many Parts of the Empire

MANY KILLED IN RIOTING

Troops Join "Reds" in Attack on Cabinet

Paris, Jan. 9.—The Ebert-Scheidemann government in Germany has been overturned, the Extremists having gained the upper hand in Berlin after sanguinary fighting, according to the latest German advices received here. A new revolutionary government has been proclaimed, composed of independent socialists. A part of the government troops are reported to have gone over to the rebels, and the Spartacists now hold the principal points in Berlin.

Spreading in Country

Civil war is spreading to other parts of Germany, the advices indicate, and parts of the Rhenish provinces and Bavaria are now reported to be involved. Gustav Noske, the commander-in-chief of the German government troops, will send new forces against the capital in an attempt to regain control of it, it is reported. A desperate reaction by the more conservative elements is expected.

Casualties Heavy

The casualties in the Berlin fighting are reported to have been heavy. The Independent Socialists said to be at the head of the new government are Georg Leibelour, Herr Liechmann and Herr Tiek. Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the leader of the Spartacists, is continuing his activities (presumably in an effort to install a government of his own choosing).

Troops Loyal to Ebert Government Are Arriving

Amsterdam, Jan. 9.—Severe fighting, in which artillery was employed, took place in Berlin yesterday near the central telegraph office. The Spartacists renewed their attempts to seize the Chancellor's palace. It is declared in Berlin dispatches to the Handelsblad, but were driven back with the loss of thirty-two killed and forty-five wounded. These figures, the newspaper's correspondent says, appear to be too small. Chaos prevails in the government offices. The government has been concentrating troops in Berlin and on Wednesday, the advices added, the

Seek Peace With Poland

PARIS, Jan. 9.—The German government has opened negotiations with the Poles, who have invaded the province of Posen, according to the Frankfort Gazette, which says there are hopes that an understanding that will end the fighting will be reached.

R. B. MATEER IS DEAD AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

Retired Hardware Merchant Dies at 3 O'clock This Morning

Robert Brooks Mateer, widely-known retired hardware merchant, died at 3 o'clock this morning at his home, 900 North Third street, of complications due to old age. He was in his seventy-fourth year. He was widely known in financial and banking circles, being especially interested in real estate. Mr. Mateer had been in poor health for a period of several months, but had not been confined to his bed. Death came suddenly during the night. Yesterday he was able to be about and was on the street for a short while. He was apparently in better health than he had been for some time. Mr. Mateer was widely known throughout Harrisburg and conducted a retail hardware business at 1229 North Third street for twenty years. He retired from the business twenty-five years ago, but has been active ever since in church and charitable and financial endeavors. He was born in Shippensburg March 15, 1845, from which place he came when he began his business here. Mr. Mateer was prominent in the work of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member for a long period of years. He was treasurer of the church, an elder, a member of the board of trustees, a Sunday school teacher and was active in all its religious activities. The Rev. Lewis S. Mudge, pastor of the Pine Street church, will officiate at the funeral services, to be held at the home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the Paxtang cemetery. The survivors are his wife, Mrs. Katharine H. Mateer; daughters, Mrs. J. Frank Palmer, Harrisburg, and Mrs. William B. Bennet, of Harrisburg, whose husband is overseas as a Y. M. C. A. secretary with the American Army; sister, Miss M. E. Mateer, of Mechanicsburg, and two grandchildren.

ALL KEYSTONE DIVISION MEN TO COME HOME

"Iron Men" Ordered to Move Into Embarkation Area

The Twenty-eighth, or Iron, Division, formerly the National Guard of Pennsylvania, is expected to be designated for early return to this country. This is the opinion of Lieutenant-Colonel Harry W. Coulter, of the One Hundred and Tenth Infantry, formerly the Third and Tenth Pennsylvania. Colonel Coulter reached the embarkation hospital at Newport News, after crossing on the transport Passatimes. The Colonel was wounded in the right foot in the fighting between the Marne and the Aisne. He has recovered, but will limp slightly. He will be mustered out soon. That Colonel Coulter's prediction is likely to prove reasonably correct is indicated by dispatches from Washington and from the Army of Occupation. The War Department reported that the Pennsylvania artillery regiments recently had been detached from the Iron Division and attached to the

Conferences With Premiers to Be Held Shortly

PEACE FOR HUN THE LAST STEP

League of Nations Comes First in Procedure

Paris, Jan. 9.—President Wilson's conferences with the premiers of Great Britain, France and Italy, which were to open to-day, have been delayed and probably will not begin before early next week. Lloyd George is detained in London by work incident to the reconstruction of his cabinet. Premier Orlando, of Italy, due here to-day, probably will return to Rome, where his presence for forty-eight hours is necessary because of matters under consideration by the Italian Parliament. Meet To-day With Pichon There will, however, be a meeting to-day at the office of Stephen Pichon, Foreign Minister. It will be attended by Mr. Wilson, Premier Orlando and Japanese representatives, but will be informal because of the absence of Lloyd George, although British representatives probably will be present. It is believed important details of procedure will be settled, thus enabling the delegates when Lloyd George arrives, to complete the preliminary work rapidly and clear up matters for the opening conferences Monday and Tuesday. Wilson as U. S. Premier The best informed French sources say the conference is not more or less than a meeting of the higher allied war committee. It is pointed

MAN FOUND ON FIRE ESCAPE GOES FREE

Harrisburg—Earl T. Sellers, 416 Granite street, arrested yesterday when found on a fire escape at the H. C. Koons Apartments, Third and Keizer streets, was discharged after a hearing to-day. Police believed his story that he was intoxicated and made a mistake. Howard Hawes, who held him until the police came, refused to make information.

FIRE WRECKS BAPTIST CHURCH

Baltimore—The Seventh Baptist Church at St. Paul street and North avenue, the leading Baptist Church here, was wrecked by fire to-day. An overheated furnace is said to have caused the fire. The estimated loss is \$100,000.

3,000 FIGHTERS HOME FROM FRANCE

Newport News, Va.—The army transport Koningin der Nederlanden steamed into port last night having aboard three thousand officers and men. The vessel, which sailed from Bordeaux, France, was due here several days ago but developed engine trouble.

WILL FIGHT WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Washington—Plans for a nation-wide fight against the "Red Flag" movement were laid to-day at the annual convention here of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage. A program for a fight in the Congress against the proposed Susan B. Anthony equal suffrage amendment also was considered. Leaders of association said they considered the amendment defeated for the present session.

STEEL DECLARES DIVIDEND

Philadelphia—The Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company has declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share payable February 1 to stockholders of record January 15.

\$100,000 For the Relief of Europeans Must Await Its Turn

Washington, Jan. 9.—Opposition to rushing aid to Europe crystallized to-day in the House Rules Committee. By a vote of 5 to 3 the committee refused to report a rule giving privileged status to the bill appropriating the \$100,000,000 requested by President Wilson for European relief work. The position has been taken by several Senators that the Congress should know how the money is to be expended. Since the introduction of the bill there has been considerable criticism of the manner in which disbursements of war funds have been made.

BUILDING BOOM PREDICTED FOR ALL THIS YEAR

Permits Already Issued Promise Increased Construction in the Spring Prospects for a building boom and increased activity in realty sales are brightening daily now, according to contractors and real estate dealers in the city, who during the war were compelled to discontinue practically all proposed projects because of the need of men and materials for Government work. While no definite announcements have been made, a number of dealers in the city are intimating that they are planning to start building operations soon, possibly in the spring and summer months, and they are prepared to start.

Manufacturers' Council to Elect New Officers

The election of a chairman and five directors of the Manufacturers' Council of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce will take place at a meeting of the council in the Chamber of Commerce offices, Monday evening 8 o'clock. The council was not organized until last summer, but already has accomplished much important work. Besides the election, the meeting is for the purpose of giving consideration to plans for the activities of the council during the coming year, especially to the necessary course of action during the readjustment of industry to a normal basis. A program for the year's work will be drafted. Arthur D. Bacon is chairman, and the present directors are Robert H. Irons, F. W. Smith, Jr., C. M. Baltwasser, R. W. Moorhead and Mr. Bacon.

MONEY CABLED TO SOLDIERS ABROAD LOST ON THE WAY

Burlesonized Cable Companies Fail to Get Much Needed Relief to Men in Service Two more instances of the failure of the Burlesonized cable companies to get relief to soldiers needing money in France, came to light to-day. Long before Christmas Mrs. William T. Hildrup, of Harrisburg, cabled \$100 to a relative in the service in France, with the promise that he would get it immediately. Up-to-date he is still waiting on the money. Mrs. William J. Taylor, whose husband lay at the point of death in a French hospital, cabled him \$35 with which to purchase comforts. That was weeks ago. Since that time he has died. The money never reached him.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry McCann, Harrisburg; and Clara Hival, Middletown; Charles W. Beamer, Harrisburg; and Edith M. Marks, Baltimore; George C. Undergast and Goldie W. Bechtel, Harrisburg; Arthur A. Fischer, Ephrata; and Estella M. Lutz, Harrisburg.