

RAILROADS ARE TAKEN OVER BY THE U. S. GOVERNMENT

Secretary McAdoo Named as Director General by the President.

TROLLEY LINES NOT TAKEN

But Every Other Form of Transportation Will be Under Control.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—President Wilson acting under the power conferred upon him by an act of Congress approved August 29 of last year has taken over the railroads of the country for the period of the war, beginning at noon tomorrow. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has been named as director general of the roads but he will retain his position at the head of the financial department of the government.

President Wilson's proclamation by which this sweeping change is announced is as follows:

"By the President of the United States of America:

"A proclamation:

"Whereas the Congress of the United States, in the exercise of the constitutional authority vested in them, by joint resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives, bearing date April 6, 1917, resolved:

"That the state of war between the United States and the Imperial German government which has thus been thrust upon the United States, is hereby formally declared; and that the President be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the government to carry on war against the Imperial German government; and to bring the conflict to a successful termination, all of the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States.

"And by joint resolution bearing date of December 7, 1917, resolved:

"That a state of war is hereby declared to exist between the United States of America and the Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian government; and that the President be and he is hereby authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the government to carry on war against the Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian government; and to bring the conflict to a successful termination, all of the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States.

"And whereas it is provided by Section 1 of the Act approved August 29, 1916, entitled: 'An Act making appropriations for the support of the army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and for other purposes,' as follows:

"The President, in time of war, is empowered, through the Secretary of War, to take possession and assume control of any system or systems of transportation, or any part thereof, and to utilize the same, to the exclusion as far as may be necessary of all other traffic thereon, for the transfer or transportation of troops, war material and equipment, for such other purposes connected with the emergency as may be deemed necessary or desirable.

"And, whereas it has now become necessary in the national defense to take possession and assume control of certain systems of transportation and to utilize the same, to the exclusion as far as may be necessary, of other than war traffic thereon, for the transportation of troops, war material and equipment therefor, and for other needful and desirable purposes connected with the prosecution of the war.

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, under and by virtue of the powers vested in me by the foregoing resolutions and statute, and by virtue of all other powers thereto be enabling, do hereby, through Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, take possession and assume control at 12 o'clock noon on the twenty-eighth day of December, 1917, of each and every system of transportation and the appurtenances located wholly or

in part within the boundaries of the continental United States, and consisting of railroads, and owned or controlled systems of coastwise and international transportation, engaged in general transportation, whether operated by steam or by electric power, including also terminals, terminal companies and terminal associates, sleeping and parlor cars, private cars and private car lines, elevators, warehouses, telegraph and telephone lines and all other equipment and appurtenances commonly used upon or operated as such a part of rail or combined rail and water systems of transportation—to the end that such systems of transportation be utilized for the transfer and transportation of troops, war material and equipment, to the exclusion so far as may be necessary of all other traffic thereon; and that so far as such exclusive use be not necessary and desirable, such systems of transportation shall be operated and utilized in the performance of such other services as the national interest may require, and of the usual and ordinary business and duties of common carriers.

"It is hereby directed that the possession, control, operation and utilization of such transportation systems hereby by me undertaken shall be exercised by and through William G. McAdoo, who is hereby appointed and designated Director General of Railroads. Said Director may perform the duties imposed upon him, so long and to such extent as he shall determine, through the boards of directors, receivers, officers and employees of said system of transportation. Until and except so far as said director shall from time to time, by general or special orders otherwise provide, the boards of directors, receivers, officers and employees of the various transportation systems shall continue the operation thereof in the usual and ordinary course of the business of common carriers, in the names of their respective companies.

"Until and except so far as said director shall from time to time otherwise by general or specific orders determine, such systems of transportation shall remain subject to all existing statutes and orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and to all statutes and orders of regulating commissions of the various states in which said systems or any part thereof may be situated. But any orders, general or special, hereafter made by said director, shall have paramount authority and be obeyed as such.

"Nothing herein shall be construed as now affecting the possession, operation and control of street electric passenger railways, including railways commonly called interurbans, whether such railways be or be not owned or controlled by such railroad companies or systems. By subsequent order and proclamation, if and when it shall be found necessary or desirable, possession, control or operation may be taken of all or any part of such street railway systems, including subways and tunnels; and by subsequent order and proclamation, in whole or in part may also be relinquished to the owner of any part of the railroad systems or rail and water systems possession and control of which are hereby assumed.

"The director shall, as soon as may be after having assumed such possession and control upon negotiations with the several companies looking to agreements for just and reasonable compensation for the possession, use and control of their respective properties on the basis of an annual guaranteed compensation above accruing depreciation and the maintenance of their properties, equivalent as nearly as may be, to the average of the net operating income thereof for the three year period ending June 30, 1917—the results of such negotiations to be reported to me for such action as may be appropriate and lawful.

"But nothing herein contained, expressed or implied, or hereafter done or suffered hereunder, shall be deemed in any way to impair the rights of the stockholders, bondholders, creditors and other persons having interests in said systems of transportation or in the profits thereof, to receive just and adequate compensation for the use and control and operation of their property hereby assumed.

"Regular dividends hitherto declared and maturing interest upon bonds, debentures and other obligations may be paid in due course; and such regular dividends and interest may continue to be paid until and unless the said director shall from time to time determine by general or special orders otherwise; and, subject to the approval of the director, the various carriers may agree upon and arrange for the renewal and extension of maturing obligations.

"Except with the prior written assent of said director, no attachment by mesne process or on execution shall be levied on or against any of the property used by any of said transportation systems in the conduct of their business as common carriers; but suits may be brought by and against said carriers and judgments rendered as hitherto until and except so far as said director may, by general or special orders, otherwise determine.

"From and after 12 o'clock on said twenty-eighth day of December, 1917, all transportation systems included in this order and proclamation shall conclusively be deemed within the possession and control of said director, without further act or notice. But for the purpose of accounting said possessions and control shall date from 12 o'clock midnight on December 31, 1917.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto by my hand caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done by the President, through Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, in the District of Columbia, this twenty-sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and of independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-second.

"WOODROW WILSON,
"NEWTON D. BAKER,
"Secretary of War."

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Grain and Produce

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Corn prices hardened yesterday owing more or less to the fact that cold weather throughout the west was expected to continue for several days and that railroad operations would be interfered with. The market closed firm, quarter to 1/2 net higher, with January \$1.26 1/2 to \$1.26 3/4, and May \$1.24 1/2 to \$1.25. Oats gained 1/4 to 1/2. In provisions the outcome ranged from 30 cents decline to a raise of 5 cents.

Articles	Open	Close
Corn—		
January	\$1.26	\$1.26 1/2
May	1.24 1/2
Oats—		
December78	.79 1/2
May75 1/2	.76 1/2
Pork—		
January	46.00	
May	45.60	

New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Ralls led the post-holiday recession on the stock exchange, a score of those issues declining one to four points, with yet lower records for St. Paul preferred at 42 1/2 and Baltimore & Ohio preferred and common 48 1/2 and 38 1/2 respectively.

Industrial suffered almost as much as rails, deriving their impulse from sporadic "liquidations." For this no explanation was vouchsafed other than a possible further revision of prices by the war board.

Trading lapsed after the first hour, the market coming to a standstill in the intermediate and late periods, except for a weakening of utilities. Leaders made nominal rallies just before the close, chiefly Reading and Union Pacific. United States Steel showing a net loss of 2 points at 83 1/2. Sales amounted to 125,000 shares.

SPECIAL NOTICES

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Fairmont, Fairmont, W. Va., will be held in the Chamber of Commerce Rooms, corner Adams and Jefferson Streets, City of Fairmont, County of Marion, State of West Virginia, on the second Tuesday in January, 1918 being the 8th day of said month at 2 P. M. of said day for the election of Directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before said meeting.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
FAIRMONT
By H. W. Showalter, Vice Pres.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL ESTATE.

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by a certain deed of trust executed by W. C. Currey and Martha Dee Currey to Paul G. Armstrong, trustee, bearing date on the 20th day of September, 1916, and recorded in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Marion County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book No. 42 page 16, I will on SATURDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1918, near the front door of the Bank of Mannington, in the city of Mannington, Marion county, West Virginia, at 2 o'clock p. m. on that day, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, all that certain lot or parcel of land, together with the appurtenances and improvements thereto belonging, located in the Sycamore addition to the city of Mannington, Marion county, West Virginia, a map or plat of which said addition is of record in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Marion County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 208 page 423, that is to say:

Lot No. 1 in Block "A" as shown on the plat of said addition which said lot is bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stake in the line of Sycamore avenue and corner to lot No. 2, thence with the line of Lot No. 2, S. 4 degrees 35 minutes W. 100 feet to a stake in the line of Walnut avenue; thence with the line of said Walnut avenue S. 85 degrees 25 minutes E. 50 to a stake; thence in a semi-circle having a radius of 50 feet a distance of 157.08 feet to a stake in the line of Sycamore avenue; thence with said Sycamore avenue N. 85 degrees 25 minutes W. 50 feet to the place of beginning, and being the same real estate which was conveyed to the said W. C. Currey by the Sycamore Land Company, by Deed dated on the 12th day of September, 1916, and recorded in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Marion County, West Virginia, excepting the coal, oil and gas and the right to operate for the same which have heretofore been reserved.

Cash in hand on day of sale. Given under my hand this 27th day of September, 1917.

PAUL G. ARMSTRONG, Trustee.
Dec. 27, Jan. 3-10-17-18

Christmas Party.

Mrs. R. H. Brassell and Mrs. Chas. Michael will entertain the Young Married Women's Club at a Christmas party on Friday evening at the home of the latter on Broadway avenue, East side. Husbands of the members of the club have been included in the invitations.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

ONE CENT A WORD CASH WITH ORDER

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Thorough bred Poland China male hog "Big Type," at a bargain. Phone 7125-31. E. R. Freeland, Route 2, Fairmont, W. Va. 12-19-51-3220.

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At a meeting of The Public Service Commission of West Virginia, held on the 30th day of November, A. D., 1917, Case No. 653, Hope Natural Gas Company Application to Change Rates, it was ordered as follows:

"Whereas, application has this day been filed by the Hope Natural Gas Company for authority to change its rates for natural gas, it is ordered that leave be granted to any person interested to file objection thereto before the Commission at any time on or before the 15th day of January, 1918; and this matter be set down for hearing at a meeting of the Commission to be held at its offices in the Capitol Building in the City of Charleston on the said 15th day of January, 1918, at ten o'clock a. m., at which time any person may appear and make such objection thereto as may be deemed proper.

"It is further ordered that the applicant publish a copy of this order once each week for four successive weeks in two newspapers of opposite politics, if such there be, and of general circulation in the county or counties affected by the proposed change in rates; and a copy of this order and said proposed rates be posted for public inspection at the office of the mayor in each of the towns affected by the proposed change in rates for four successive weeks prior to January 15, 1918; and said applicant shall also mail to or serve on each of its consumers affected by the proposed change in rates at least two weeks prior to date of hearing a written notice in the form prescribed by the Commission, showing that it has applied to The Public Service Commission for authority to change its rates, the time and place of such hearing, and the rates proposed to be charged by it, making due return to this Commission of the publication of notice, the posting of rates and service of notice on its said consumers prior to said January 15, 1918."

HOPE NATURAL GAS CO.
By JOHN G. PEW,
Vice President.
Dec. 6-13-20-27.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Regular Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Fairmont Trust Company will be held in Fairmont, West Virginia, at the Banking House of said company, No. 210 Main or Adams street, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and transacting such other business as may legally come before said meeting.

FAIRMONT TRUST COMPANY,
By SMITH HOOD, President.
Attest:
M. A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.
Dec. 4-11-18-26

HELP WANTED—MALE

WANTED—Photographer with a 6x7 camera; steady position. Salary and expenses. Call N. R. Miller, Tucker Hotel. 12-26-31-3223

FARMS FOR SALE

IDEAL FARM for sale—Four hundred and eight acres, good house two tenant houses, barn, peach orchard of 1000 trees, two hundred acres of good timber, sufficient supply of water located on country road leading to Aurora, and two miles south of M. & K. Junction, Union district, church and school building within one-quarter mile. Any further information desired. Address R. McVicker, Rowlesburg, W. Va. 11-20-31-3126

FOR SALE—Quick, 9 1/2 acre farm, \$4,000.00. Six-room house and outbuildings. Free mail delivery. Good road, 6 miles to city. Cumberland sand. Lime stone soil. Plenty good water. Only reason for selling my wife died and my mother too old to do the work. Near school, store and church. Box 230 Cumberland, Md. 12-11-31-3193

ROOMS TO RENT

FOR RENT—Very reasonable, a well furnished room for one person. Call at 526 Gaston Ave. 10-19-11-20-25

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Mrs. C. G. Leonard, 523 Walnut avenue. 11-19-11-3117

FOR RENT—We still have a few choice rooms left in our new office building. Rooms reasonable, and include water, light, heat and elevator service. Enquire 212 Professional Building 309, Cleveland avenue. Phone 763. 12-18-16-3214

FOR RENT—5 rooms and bath, 1010 Short avenue. Apply J. G. Miller, Hall Block. 12-17-17-3213

HOUSES FOR RENT

FOR RENT OR SALE—Modern 6 room house, East Park, Phone 1233. 12-22-17-3225

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FOR SALE OR RENT—Modern six room house. G. C. Powell, phone 1233. 12-4-17-3172

WANTED

WANTED—Old False Teeth. Don't matter if broken. I pay \$2.00 to \$5.00 per set. Send by parcel post and receive check by return mail. L. Mazer, 2007 S. Fifth St., Philadelphia, Pa. 12-23-26-3226

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Silver mesh bag in store or on Main street last Saturday afternoon. Finder return to West Virginia, Box 223 and receive reward. 12-24-21-3228

LOST—Monday in Fairmont, twenty dollars in cash. Reward if returned to West Virginia, Box 5230. 12-26-21-3230

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

I will start a class in stenography at Law Library, court house, January 4, 1918. Anyone interested should see me before that date. Leila D. Mercer—Advt. 12-27-31-3233

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- Class 2A. Pay \$1.00 the first week, 99c the second week, 96c the third week and so on down for fifty weeks, ending with payment of two cents for the last week and you will receive \$25.50.
- Class 5. Pay 5c the first week, 10c the second week, 15c the third week, and so on up for fifty weeks, ending with payment of \$2.50 for the last week, and you will receive \$63.75.
- Class 5A. Pay \$2.50 the first week, \$2.45 the second week, \$2.40 the third week, and so on down for fifty weeks, ending with payment of 5c for the last week, and you will receive \$63.75.
- Class 25. Pay 25c each week for fifty weeks and you will receive \$125.00.
- Class 50. Pay 50c each week for fifty weeks, and you will receive \$250.00.
- Class 100. Pay \$1.00 each week for fifty weeks and you will receive \$500.00.

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The National Bank of Fairmont

HOLIDAY

PUBLIC SALE

There will be exposed to public sale at Maple Valley Farm, one mile east of FAIRMONT, W. Va.

Saturday, December 29, 1917
At 12:30 P. M., Prompt

50 Registered Jerseys

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