

WILL TAKE OVER ROADS DEC. 31

**PRESIDENT WISHES TO BEGIN
NEW YEAR IN CONTROL OF
LINES.**

BIGGEST OBSTACLES ARE GONE

**Immediate Problem is Increase of
Wage Demanded by Workers—
Brotherhoods Hold Con-
ference With President.**

Washington.—The nation's transportation facilities will be taken over by the President of the United States on December 31, is the statement made here in high circles.

While no confirmation was forthcoming from the White House, information given the public is that the President finally has decided upon this step to solve the increasing railroad congestion. His proclamation has been prepared, it is said, and is ready to be made public after his conference with representatives of the four big brotherhoods and railroad presidents later in this week.

While several obstacles still exist against carrying out the plan as arranged, it was said authoritatively tonight that the President is hopeful of overcoming still existing difficulties before Friday. The President is reported to be confident that the railroad presidents will agree to the compensation the railroads shall receive before he acts under authority conferred in the act of August 29, 1916, and if such an agreement can be obtained the financial questions that must be settled by additional legislation will be comparatively easy.

An immediate problem before the government is the demands of the brotherhoods for increased wages. The President proposes to obtain a complete agreement with the officials of the brotherhoods when they come here Thursday at his request as to their attitude on wages when the railroads come under government control.

WILLING TO ASSIST ALLIES

**Some Diplomats Said to Be in Favor
of Plan Which President Wilson
Pass On.**

Washington.—Japan is anxious to strike at Germany by occupying Siberia, according to advices here.

Some allied diplomats were said to favor the move, in view of the possibility of Teuton domination of all of Russia, even in the east. They pointed out that the American consul at Vladivostok had said there was need for troops at that port.

President Wilson, it was suggested, will be the determining factor in the decision as to whether Japanese soldiers should invest Vladivostok, provided that is the actual wish of Japan.

PREDICTS END OF THE WORLD

**Chicago Fanatic With "Message" Says
All Will Be Over on Wash-
ington's Birthday.**

Chicago.—Walter Schnett, having a "message" to deliver, went to the Central Park Methodist Church, where Clarence S. Barrow was speaking on "Why We Are at War."

When Barrow had finished Schnett jumped on a chair and told the crowd: "We cannot beat Germany, because the world will come to an end on Feb. 22 I have been chosen by God to spread the tidings."

U-BOAT CHASER DESTROYED

**Fire Breaks Out on Vessel in Harbor
and It is Sunk to Prevent Ex-
plosion.**

Newport News, Va.—Two members of the crew were injured when the United States submarine chaser 118 was burned to the water's edge near Old Point.

The chaser carried 2,000 gallons of gasoline. This fuel was emptied on the water when another chaser fired a shot into the tank of the burning craft to prevent explosion.

Milliner Held on Sedition Charge.

Oakland, Cal.—Mrs. Valeria Higgins, Viennese milliner, who once started society by her claims of being the fourth daughter of the late Emperor Franz Josef of Austria, is under arrest here charged with seditious conduct.

Molasses From Watermelons.

Worcester, Mass.—The watermelon has been drafted for war purposes. A Mississippi company is to make molasses, vinegar and cattle feed from the big melons which are largely wasted in the South.

10,000 Iron Workers Strike.

San Francisco.—Ten thousand workmen of four crafts in the Iron Trades Council, including men not engaged in building ships for the government, are on strike in San Francisco Bay shipyards.

NO FOOD WASTE ALLOWED HERE



Rumors of waste of food at cantonment camps have been hotly resented by officers who have charge of garbage disposal at the various camps. This picture shows the unloading of garbage at the central depot at Camp Meade. The cans are brought from benches underneath the windows of each mess hall. Each can is labeled for various sorts of refuse so that bones, cans, paper, etc., go into separate receptacles. The camp's conservation officer notes the contents of each can as they are dumped into motortrucks for sale to contractors. At Camp Meade a cook who fails to scrape a bone properly is in for a stiff cell.

LABOR IN NEW DEMANDS NEW TROOPS TO BELGIUM

ARMY BILL FAILS TO SUIT ENGLISH WORKERS.

Asks Further Concessions From Unionists in Supplying New Men for Fighting Front.

London.—Labor's expected demands from the government when the leaders meet Premier Lloyd George, Minister of National Service A. C. Geddes and others is the biggest question before Great Britain.

The government has indicated its intention to ask further concessions from British unionism, permitting heavy new drafts from its members to supply man power to the army. The laborites have intimated they will accede to such a request, but it was not anticipated they would abandon their safeguards against drafting without a counter bargain.

Strong sentiment was noted that the opportunity would be utilized to obtain the government's adherence to the principal points in labor's announced war aims—including not only the idea of a League of Nations and no economic war after the war, but frank and complete renunciation of any support by Great Britain of imperialistic aims. Labor suspects certain of the allies entertain these imperialistic aims.

There was a growing belief that labor might urge also H. G. Wells' suggestion that unionism demand Sir Edward Carson's expulsion from the ministry as one who had gone over under pressure of British Toryism. Considerable sentiment was developed against the member of the war cabinet.

Home rule leaders, however, were disposed to insist only on domestic concessions from the government—particularly as to food supplying.

ENGLAND TO RATION TOBACCO

Weed is Necessary and Soldiers Must Be Supplied, Food Controller Says.

London.—Tobacco is a necessity, not a luxury, declares Lord Rhonda, the food controller, in a statement published here. "We must have tobacco," he says. "I believe that its loss would be a national misfortune. It means much both to the manual laborer and to him who works with his brains. Men would eat a great deal more if they did not have tobacco. I hold that the deprivation of it would work great discomfort."

Some system of "rationing" tobacco, however, is forecast by the newspapers.

EFFICIENCY FLEET AT WORK

First Craft Designed to Overcome German Submarine is in Commission.

Washington.—The first ship of the United States marine designed to overcome Germany's U-boat war, has gone to work. The shipping board received a telegram from Capt. J. F. Blaine, district supervisor for the Emergency Fleet Corporation, at Seattle, announcing that the Seattle, the first steel ship to be completed under the board's vast building program, has sailed from a Pacific port on her maiden voyage.

Washington.—The sea has claimed two more American sailors. Leo B. Murphy, Oroville, Cal., and George O. K. Vidahl, Arlington, N. J., second class seamen, were lost overboard from a transport Dec. 17.

Two Mysterious Fires.

Winnipeg, Manitoba.—Investigation was started 'of two fires within 48 hours, which caused \$375,000 loss. One fire was in an elevator at St. Boniface, entailing \$250,000 loss. The other was in the dry kiln at the Port Arthur shipyards.

GARFIELD URGES CONTROL OF MINES

SAYS GOVERNMENT MUST TAKE CHARGE OR NATION WILL SUFFER.

SHORTAGE IS 50,000,000 TONS

Increased Fuel Consumption Made Necessary by War Work—Railroad Congestion Also Blamed for Scarcity.

Washington.—America's coal mines must be placed under government control or the nation will suffer coal shortage for the period of the war. Dr. Harry A. Garfield, fuel administrator, testified here before the Senate subcommittee investigating the coal shortage.

"It is not a question of when, but how soon," said Dr. Garfield in reference to government action in controlling the coal mines of America. He explained that he did not believe government control should come abruptly, but should be a general process.

Blame for the coal shortage which exists was laid directly at the door of the war by Dr. Garfield. He declared that the shortage has been caused by a greatly increased consumption due to war work, and stated that the increased production has failed to meet the demands. The United States now lacks 50,000,000 tons of coal, despite the fact that the production for 1917 will exceed the production for 1916 by 50,000,000.

Railroad congestion has largely exaggerated this situation, according to Garfield. He made it clear that he did not desire to shift any of the blame to the railroads, but stated that transportation difficulties have decreased production this year by 20,142,165 tons. In the opinion of Dr. Garfield, the condition of the American railways today is the result of government policy. He stated that in a time such as the present it is necessary for the railroads to act as a unit. Under existing conditions they cannot do this, "either physically or legally," he said. The policy of the American government has been to preserve competition to such a degree that it is now impossible for the roads to co-operate, Dr. Garfield declared.

During his administration, Dr. Garfield stated, he had made forty revisions in prices and they had all been upward. He justified these revisions by declaring he believed it the only possible way to stimulate production without absolute control.

KAISER A 'SACRELIGIOUS HUN'

Senator King of Utah Applies Strong Language to Emperor in View of Recent Speech.

Washington.—"A sacrilegious barbarian" is the description Senator William H. King of Utah gives to the Kaiser.

Senator King, in an interview, takes up the utterances of the Kaiser, since he ascended the throne, in one of which he calls himself the "instrument of the Almighty."

"The latest utterances of the German emperor," says King, "to the effect that the year 1917 has proved that the Lord of Creation is an unconditional and avowed ally of the German people is in line with the many sacrilegious utterances that have characterized him since he ascended the throne."

Senator King declares this "cruel, fiendish and barbarous ruler" is not a Christian, but an atheist.

U. S. EXPORTS SHOW LOSSES

Imports for Eleven Months Total \$2,725,000—Increase of \$500,000 Over Last Year.

Washington.—Exports during November amounted to \$488,000,000, a decrease of \$55,000,000 from October, 1917, and of \$28,000,000 from November of last year, according to a statement issued by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. For the eleven months ending with November, exports were valued at \$5,639,000,000 against \$4,059,000,000 a year ago.

Imports during November were valued at \$221,000,000, about the same as in October of this year, but \$44,000,000 more than in November a year ago. The imports during the eleven months of this year were valued at \$2,725,000,000, a considerable increase over the imports for the eleven months' period of 1916, which were valued at \$2,187,000,000.

Stefansson at Yukon.

Ottawa.—Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, last heard from in a letter received in March, 1916 has arrived with his party at Fort Yukon, according to word received by the Naval Department.

Woman Santa Badly Burned.

Moorhead, Minn.—Mrs. Carl M. Neilson of Moorhead was dangerously burned when candles on a home Christmas tree ignited her Santa Claus disguise while distributing presents to her children.

Temperance Notes

(Conducted by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.)

EVERY MAN AT HIS BEST!

Men and women as citizens are the product of four environments: The physical, the moral, the industrial and the political.

A physical incompetent by superior qualities of the unconquerable soul may lift himself out of the chain of disease and pain and make his fellows his debtors, but no man will deny me when I say that that which makes for physical incompetency is an enemy of the state.

A moral incompetent cannot be a good citizen.

An industrial incompetent cannot be a good citizen.

A political incompetent cannot be a good citizen.

I submit to you that the liquor institution is the supreme tangible foe of the state, because it is the supreme positive promoter of physical, moral, industrial and political incompetency.

Millions of citizens, men and women, immediately vital to the national and world program of this republic, cannot be at their best until the liquor institution is destroyed. Other and unborn millions are physically, morally, industrially and politically condemned by the eugenic taint of alcohol. And America needs every man at his best!—Daniel A. Poling.

BAD FOR THE WASHERWOMAN.

No acute has become the local shortage in washerwomen that it amounts to a "famine," says Robert Patton in the American Issue. It was not always so. In the halcyon days when Denver had saloons and the pay envelopes were being cashed in the third parties, thousands of the wives of drinking men were compelled to take in washing to eke out a slender living for the little family. This condition suited the booze interests to a T. One of the wet newspapers in an exuberant outburst of philanthropy urged the saloonkeepers to send their "family wash to the wives of their patrons" and let the saloonists take in the pay checks.

But all this is but a dream since this city went dry. Daddy is now spending his money for household supplies and wife has ceased to take in washing—hence the "famine." Verily prohibition has "hurt" the washerwoman as well as that of the undertaker and grave digger.

GERMANY UNDER PROHIBITION.

The German army was practically mobilized under prohibition. Miss Margaret Winterer tells in the Union Signal. Germany actually clambered over the wheels of the water wagon, she says, by reviving the law of the state of siege enacted in 1851. "For an unheard of six weeks even beer was under taboo in all German villages. And to these six weeks Germany owes her initial success in the war. But ere firmly seated she fell off the water wagon. In October the law of the State of Siege was lifted and there followed the wretched village orgies, and the atrocities in Belgium which have forever blackened Germany's escutcheon."

LUMBERJACKS OPPOSE SALOONS.

A good argument for prohibition is furnished by the action of Washington lumberjacks. About fifty of these men had been fighting fires in Idaho and Washington (both dry states) and refused to go into Montana to perform the same service because they feared that if they exposed themselves to the temptations of a wet state, they would lose all their earnings in the saloons. So they turned down an appeal for help at good wages and remained in dry territory.

Montana's statutory prohibition law, enacted November, 1916, goes into effect December 31, 1918. After that date the state won't be shunned by lumberjacks or by anybody except bootleggers.

ALCOHOL NEUTRALIZES FOOD.

Food is not only wasted in the manufacture of alcoholic drink, but the drink itself renders nugatory the nutritive value of much food that is eaten. Put a lump of sugar into alcohol. It hardens instead of dissolving as it does when placed in water. A half pound of beefsteak, chased by a high ball does not furnish more than 60 per cent as much nourishment to the body as when it is eaten alone.

PROHIBITION BEST.

Out of an experience which has touched all classes and conditions of men, I am willing to state my belief that in this present crisis the United States would be better able to meet the high duties before it if prohibition were general and absolute.—Gov. Charles C. Whitman of New York.

REFUSE TO BE LIQUOR BOOSTERS.

Inquiry in January, 1917, directed to every publication in the United States, no matter what its character or frequency of issue, revealed that 8,367, or nearly one-third of all the publications in the country, declined to serve as a medium of drink solicitation, says the Cyclopaedia of Temperance and Prohibition, published by the Board of Temperance of the M. E. church. At this writing many others might be added to the honor roll.

EAT SKINNER'S THE BEST MACARONI



MONEY, NECESSITY OF LIFE

Cash Only Can Provide the Things That Are Needed for Contentment and Progress of People.

Money is no more the "root of evil" than are the good things that it represents, whether these take the form of personal service, labor, or the material products. It means the things that have been made by men's brains and hands, asserts Physical Culture. It not only stands for the things we eat, the clothes we wear and the houses we live in, but it stands for works of art and for the services of artists. It means the services of the enterprising writer in the form of books. It means the pleasure-giving efforts of the musician in the opera or concert. It means musical instruments for the home, educational opportunities in the schools, publicity in the press, inspiration in the church, fun and emotional relaxation in the theater, police protection on our streets and justice in our courts.

Money means cleanliness, good appearance, self-respect. Money is the source of good just as it may be the source of evil, but in either case only because of what it stands for. And so, as somebody's great grandfather used to say, "If money is the root of all evil, give us plenty of the root!"

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U-Boat Was Britain's Tomb.

A captain engaged on British admiralty service, discussing the fate of the men of the Belgian Prince—left to drown when the submarine submerged—told me, writes George Harding in Harper's Magazine, that the same week the Belgian Prince outrage occurred he was in an English naval base where a German submarine was towed in, after being caught out at sea in a net. On opening it they found not only the German crew dead, but also six English captains, captured when their vessels were torpedoed.

"I wonder," he said, "if there is any new way left an allied seaman can meet his fate."

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but possessed by few—a beautiful head of hair. If yours is streaked with gray, or is harsh and stiff, you can restore it to its former beauty and luster by using "La Croire" Hair Dressing. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

Russo-German Princesses.

Some light on the absolute German penetration of state and society in Russia under the old regime is thrown by the fact that ex-Czar Nicholas has 64-65 of German blood in his veins, and that all representatives of Russia throughout the nineteenth century, with the exception of the wife of Alexander III, were German princesses.

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Another Case of Spurious Venereal.

We are very much afraid that before long now there are going to be some more neighbors' rats killed that will have to be spurious venereal, as they say in Swedish diplomatic circles.—Ohio State Journal.

Anticipated Promise.

Donald, who had run away, was being led home in disgrace. Thinking to avert threatening retribution, he glanced up into the irate face of his mother and said: "Aren't you glad I'm never going to run away any more?"

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