

OVER 8,000 GERMANS TAKEN BY BRITISH; HINDENBURG OUTPOST LINE OVERRUN; CAMBRAI AND ST. QUENTIN THREATENED

Tremendous Smash by British Swept the Allied Line Within Mile of St. Quentin, Taking Several Towns in Intervening Territory

FRENCH ARE COMING UP FROM SOUTHERN POINTS

Great Efforts by Germans to Shake Off Allied Hold in Two Places Were in Vain and the Kaiser Sent Great Number to Slaughter

With the British Forces in France, Sept. 19 (by the Associated Press).—Field Marshal Haig's forces up to midnight last night had captured a total of more than 8,000 Germans as the result of their drive of yesterday on the Cambrai front.

Several thousand yards of the Hindenburg outpost line was in British hands this morning in the Villereet sector, southwest of LeCatelet.

Forty guns were captured by the British yesterday. In the 8,000 prisoners taken, 23 German regiments in 11 divisions were represented.

An assault delivered by the Australians at 11 o'clock last night in the center of the Villereet sector forced the Germans back to strongly fortified defensive positions.

Furious enemy counter-attacks delivered at numerous places along the line late yesterday resulted in sanguinary fighting. In every case the Germans were thrown back and their losses were exceedingly heavy.

More than 300 prisoners, including 13 officers, were taken by the British. Forty guns and many machine guns and trench mortars also were captured.

Southeast of Havrincourt, north of the main battle, Germans threw in six divisions, supported by 40 batteries. They were completely repulsed, with heavy losses.

British troops in desperate fighting are plunging farther into the Hindenburg line north of St. Quentin, while west of Cambrai they have withstood vicious German counter-attacks. The enemy is making every effort to retain his positions on the 30-mile front and to check the new allied move which threatens St. Quentin and Cambrai.

In Macedonia the Bulgarians are in flight northward before the Serbians and French. Hurling from important heights, the enemy now has been forced back 12 miles.

(By the Associated Press.)

How serious was the menace to the security of the Hindenburg line by the British thrust north of St. Quentin is shown by the strong counter-attacks the Germans have thrown against the British lines from Gouzeaucourt to the Arras-Cambrai road, thus extending the battle line nearly 12 miles to the northward. On the front attacked Wednesday, the British are pushing ahead against bitter resistance toward the St. Quentin-Cambrai high road, railway and canal—three important enemy defense lines.

From Lempire to Pontreuec, which the British now hold, the Germans have been hurled from the forward lines of the Hindenburg positions. The British at Lempire are four miles from LeCatelet, an important town, while on a front of nearly six miles they are within one mile of the high road and the canal. On a short front west of St. Quentin the French are working steadily toward the town and are on the outskirts of Dallon, two miles from St. Quentin.

German counter attacks at Tressault and Moeuvres, southwest and west of Cambrai, were preceded by an intense artillery bombardment which severed the British communication lines. At both points the Germans were hurled back with heavy losses. At some points the British trenches at the enemy entered but were immediately overwhelmed.

The Bulgarian retreat from the Serbo-Greek border is reported to be in the nature of a flight, and the enemy is burning stores and villages in his path. The allies have captured additional prisoners and war material which have not been counted, so fast has been their advance. A score or more of Serbian villages have been reconquered, and the Bulgarians have been driven beyond Rasimbye, on the Cerma river, 15 miles southwest of Prilep, a complete readjustment of the front lines in Macedonia and Albania from the Adriatic to Saloniki virtually would be inevitable.

London, Sept. 19.—The British last night made further progress in their drive into the Hindenburg line in the St. Quentin region, aimed at the encirclement of that town, according to Field Marshal Haig's official statement today. In a continued advance north of Pon-

the infantry to the fear entertained by their officers that they might be tempted to abandon their posts if they knew that they were to be sacrificed.

AMERICAN VIEWS VOICED BY BRITISH

Inter-Allied Labor Conference Recommend That Conference Subscribe to Wilson's "Fourteen Points."

London, Sept. 19.—The international relations committee of the inter-allied labor conference today made a report recommending that the conference subscribe to the fourteen points formulated by President Wilson, thus adopting a policy of clearness and moderation as opposed to a policy dictated exclusively by changes on the war map.

The committee report says the United States already has been able to reject the Austro-Hungarian proposal for a conference of the belligerents and that the allies should make clear the identity of their views by public and collective declarations of their aims and intentions.

BOLSHEVIKI RETREAT ON TWO FRONTS

And Czech-Slovaks Still Hold City of Samara Despite Bolsheviki Claims.

London, Sept. 19.—Bolsheviki forces are retreating on both the northern and southern fronts, according to a Stockholm dispatch to the Daily Mail. The Czech-Slovaks still hold the city of Samara, which the bolsheviks recently claimed to have retaken, the dispatch adds.

FRENCH PENETRATED CONTECOURT VILLAGE

Gained Foothold in Place Three Miles Southwest of St. Quentin.

Paris, Sept. 19.—French troops last night continued their progress in the region of St. Quentin and penetrated the German positions at Contecourt, three miles southwest of St. Quentin.

SHORTAGE OF \$32,000.

Said to Have Been Found in Accounts of Chester S. Selleck.

Norwalk, Conn., Sept. 19.—As security of the accounts of Chester S. Selleck, treasurer of the first taxing district, now under arrest charged with misappropriation of funds in his charge, exceeds the apparent shortage has reached \$32,000. Probably the examination will not be finished until tomorrow. Selleck has been bailed and his case will come up before Judge Nehemiah Condee on September 23.

The annual meetings of three taxing districts were held last night, but the elections of the first district merely adjourned for two weeks.

Checks have been found by which Selleck drew district funds payable to cash with checks, understood in many instances to have been endorsed by William Benedict of No. 1 Elm place, this city. Benedict is a broker in New York City.

Selleck resigned from the bank six weeks ago, but no reason was given at the time for his action.

WILL FIGHT INSANITY PLEA.

Prosecution in the Chapin Manslaughter Case Announces.

New York, Sept. 19.—Any attempt to have Charles E. Chapin, former city editor of the New York Evening World and self-confessed slayer of his wife, adjudged insane will meet with vigorous opposition from the district attorney's office, it was announced after Chapin was arraigned to-day and pleaded not guilty through his counsel to an indictment for murder in the first degree.

Chapin himself, according to the prosecutor, claims to be sane and has said he wanted to go to the electric chair and pay the penalty for his crime.

KAISER EXPRESSES GRATITUDE.

Over Avowal of "Unshakable Loyalty" to Himself and the Empire.

Amsterdam, Sept. 19.—To the Christian Metal Workers' union of Essen, Emperor William, according to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, has telegraphed his gratification of their avowal of unshakable loyalty to the emperor and the empire. He voiced confidence "That with God's help the united strong will of the entire German people, ready for all sacrifices, will accomplish the attainment of a happy and free future."

WOMAN CONFESSED

That She Set Fire to Grey Nunnery Near Montreal.

Montreal, P. Q., Sept. 19.—The disastrous Grey nunnery fire of Feb. 16 last, in which 65 babies were burned to death, was purposely caused by a female orderly of the institution, Berthe Court-manche, who is said to have periodical attacks of fire mania. She confessed to the crime when accused by the authorities to-day.

KILLED BY TRUCK.

Child the Victim at Hartford, Conn.—Driver Arrested.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 19.—Nicolas Zitko, four years old, was killed to-day in front of his home, 19 Chestnut street, by a milk truck owned by Charles Eddy of Bloomfield. The driver said the child ran in front of the machine. The man is held while the police investigate.

Norman MacLeary of Barre Town has taken an appeal from the disallowance of his claim of \$946.92 in the estate of Christie B. King, late of Barre City.

ARE ACTING ON DEFENSIVE

Germans Facing Americans Are Entrenched in Second Lines

REFUSE TO ACCEPT CHALLENGE TO FIGHT

Are Carrying Out Only a Perfunctory Bombardment

With the American Forces in Lorraine, Sept. 19 (By the Associated Press).—Entrenched in the second lines of the Hindenburg system, the Germans along the front southwest of Metz are employing wholly defensive tactics, carrying out a seemingly perfunctory bombardment of the American lines. Even challenges by the American and French patrols are refused, except where a conflict is inevitable.

ST. MIHIEL EVACUATION A "GERMAN SUCCESS"

Statement Given Out in Berlin Says That German Losses Were "As Low as Possible"—Some Interesting Fiction.

Amsterdam, Sept. 19.—The Germans facing the Americans southwest of Metz are on the Michael line, construction of which was begun in 1916, according to a statement given out in Berlin and which is published by the Germania. The "plain and unvarnished truth," about the evacuation of the St. Mihiel salient is declared by the newspapers to be contained in the statement, which is made public "to correct erroneous impressions." "The German troops," says the statement, "have retired to the Michael line, which is the name of the position on the Chord of the St. Mihiel bend. The evacuation of the advanced terrain was initiated long before the attack took place. "Owing to the fact that here and there our comparatively weak forces for days had to stem the enemy rush it was inevitable that we lost prisoners, for our troops had orders to hold out to the last against superior numbers. These losses had to be borne to gain time for the withdrawal of troops and material which still was in the menaced region. "Enemy reports about prisoners taken seek by exaggeration to disguise their failure. Our losses in prisoners are as low as possible (sic). The evacuation of the St. Mihiel bend undoubtedly is a German success."

It will be noted that the statement does not disclose "the army was the American first army." General Pershing has reported that German prisoners captured totalled more than 20,000.

NORMAL CONDITIONS IN COAL REGIONS

Are Expected To-morrow Morning—Miners Will Await Decision of Fuel Administrator Garfield.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 19.—Normal conditions will prevail in the Shamokin anthracite fields of Pennsylvania by to-morrow morning, according to reports to the fuel administration to-day from James R. Neal, director of production. "The critical labor situation in the anthracite coal mining districts has passed," says an announcement. "The great majority of the 30,000 mine workers who were out have returned to work and will loyally await the decision of Fuel Administrator Garfield in regard to their plea for an increase in wages. "Of the 25 collieries that were affected, virtually all are operating again. Advances to the fuel administration indicate normal conditions throughout the anthracite fields will obtain by Friday morning."

TWO COLLIERIES IDLE.

Otherwise the Coal Mines Are Turning Out Anthracite.

Pottsville, Pa., Sept. 19.—With the exception of the Blackwood colliery and the Buck Run, an individual colliery, all the mines in the anthracite region were working this morning. It is expected that the men will return to work at these two collieries Friday morning. The Blackwood had been working steadily throughout the week until this morning.

NO SERIOUS CASES.

Among 13 Patients of Spanish Influenza at Hartford, Conn.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 19.—Thirteen cases of Spanish influenza had been reported to the local board of health up to noon to-day. None was reported as particularly serious. Many more are expected.

"FIGHTING FOURTH" LIBERTY LOAN BEGINS SEPTEMBER 28

Get ready; save to buy; buy early.

BRITISH CAN NOW USE TANKS

Germans Cannot Oppose Them by Flooding the Country

ADVANCE IS PAST OLD BRITISH LINE

Greatest Success Scored by British Near Bullecourt

London, Sept. 19.—Correspondents at the front emphasize the stiffening of the enemy resistance, making yesterday's British advance all the more remarkable. An important feature of the advance is that the British have not merely passed their old line of March 21, but Bellecour, where the St. Quentin canal, which virtually is an integral part of the Hindenburg line, runs three or four miles under ground. This tunnel begins near Bellecour and ends near the village of Le Catelet. Lempire heights, commanding the tunnel, now is largely in British hands, and the Germans at this point cannot hope to oppose the advance of tanks by flooding the country.

SIX LIEUTENANTS HELD PRISONERS

Three New England Men Included in List Announced To-day by the War Department.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 19.—The names of sixty-three American soldiers held at German prison camps were announced today by the war department. Six officers, all lieutenants, are included. They are: A. Landshut; Robert F. Raymond, Boston, Mass. At unknown camps: Arthur Louis Whitton, Nortonville, N. D.; Guy D. Tibbetts, Bennington, N. H.; Albert B. Holbrook, Rockland, Me.; G. H. Kissel, New York City; James V. Polacek, Typton, Ia.

The enlisted men include: At unknown camps: Fred G. Wardle, Philadelphia; William P. Mergett, 900 Schuykill avenue, Reading, Pa.; John J. Collins, New Haven, Conn.; Howard C. Pfierdort, Pittsburg, Pa.; Lawrence J. Bartie, Meyersdale, Pa.; John E. Kestler, Baltimore, Md.; Clarence E. Perkins, Winchester, Mass.; Antonio Heleniak, Philadelphia; Edward Voelme, Philadelphia; James J. Henery, Philadelphia; Elmer E. Snyder, Bloomsburg, Pa.; Sam Nazzaro, Branchville, Conn.; John Henderson, Rockland, Me.; Edwin G. Anderson, Philadelphia; Ralph Acosta, Philadelphia; Edward S. Gastrock, Philadelphia; Edward G. Gorman, Bridgeport, Pa.; John D. Doornik, Philadelphia; Raymond H. Gibbons, Dunmore, Pa.; Joe Grickiewicz, Nantock, Pa.; Samuel Gonnotti, Philadelphia; Carl J. Gaus, Johnstown, Pa.; Leo Clark, Meyersdale, Pa.; Earl B. Fisher, Berlin, Pa. At Limerick: Joseph Scarlata, Pittsburg; James H. Greeley, Jr., Philadelphia. At Geissen: Lewis R. Lenhart, Somersford, Pa.

MANY MEDICAL CHANGES.

Dr. J. H. Woodruff Becomes Medical Aid to Gov. Graham.

Dr. John D. Wheeler of Burlington has resigned as medical aid to Gov. H. F. Graham and Dr. J. H. Woodruff of Barre has been appointed to fill the vacancy. Dr. Woodruff has resigned as the physician of the Washington county local exemption board and Dr. M. F. McGuire of Montpelier has been appointed to take his place and will assume his duties shortly. This appointment leaves a vacancy on the medical board No. 3, and Dr. W. B. Mayo of Northfield has been appointed to take Dr. McGuire's place on the board. In addition to this appointment Gov. Graham has appointed as assistant examining physician of the Washington county local board Dr. E. H. Bailey of Granville. With the exception of Dr. Bailey's appointment these appointments were made by President Wilson. Dr. Woodruff, by the appointment, has the rank of captain. His work will be largely supervision of examinations on local boards.

ON CANADIAN LIST.

Many Americans Were Named in Last Night's Casualty List.

Ottawa, Sept. 19.—Last night's Canadian overseas casualty list includes the following names: Wounded: W. J. Burns, Hunhall, Pa.; W. L. Maher, Erie, Pa.; L. L. Wood, Stamford, Conn.; C. E. Bond, Roxbury, Mass.; J. Collinson, Methuen, Mass.; J. E. Clampan, New Bedford; G. Patterson, Oulette, Fall River, Mass.; G. Patterson, Worcester, Mass.; W. E. Smith, Lowell, Mass.; R. W. Walker, Vassalboro, Me.; A. Lover, Springfield, Mass.; W. Radcliffe, Lawrence, Mass.; J. Prulk, Lawrence, Mass.

THREE WOUNDED MEN.

From New England on To-day's Canadian Casualty List.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 19.—The following names of New England men appear in to-day's overseas casualty list: Wounded: C. F. Whitney, Boston; A. Standfield, Lawrence, Mass.; E. Tomlinson, Kennebunk, Me.

SOME GOOD MUSIC HEARD AT "YAMA YAMA" Things Conspired to Keep Down the Attendance on Opening Night of a Day Engagement by Barre Talent.

It wasn't the night for the tired business man; elderly people, for the most part, stayed indoors for the same reason, and many of the kids were in the show. So the initial presentation of the Yama Yama minstrel at the opera house last evening fared rather poorly, despite the fact that local talent performed very creditably in a vehicle which did not allow full play of their ability. The weather was entirely against the Barre City band, which is sponsoring the show. A big parade which was to have taken place at 7 o'clock had to be abandoned, and it was very evident that the dreary rain kept many away from the performance.

In the somewhat overworked field of home talent musical productions, the Yama Yama show compared favorably with like pieces staged in Barre in recent years. There was plenty of sprightly dancing, and the singing was enjoyable, while a running fire of local quips in the first part was accompanied most of the time by laughter. First and last the entertainment, which is to be repeated this evening, is an improvisation, which combines popular music with a distinct war cast with a great deal of fancy stepping. Happily, the management did not attempt to drag into the scheme of the show anything like the enactment of war scenes so universally attempted in local talent productions these days. The chorus was effective if not numerous; the costumes, fetching, but not conspicuously colorful. At the beginning the band orchestra played spiritedly, and as a matter of fact the music was one of the finest features of the entertainment.

Those who made up the audience were handicapped in following the performers by an unexplainable absence of programs. Here and there strong features, rather thickly camouflaged by "make-up" aided recognition, but for the most part the members of the cast, in all three parts, were strictly incognito. The opening part was followed by a farce, "Training for Matrimony," in which there were ample opportunities for funmaking. Harry E. Gage, who acted as conversationalist in the opening numbers, managed the second part skillfully. Among the endmen and other solo numbers were: "The Roll Call," Douglas Ingalls; "Good Morning, Mr. Zip, Zip," Ralph Oliver; "A Little Bit of Honey," Miss Henrietta Ingles; "Belgian Rose," Mr. Clark; "An' Everything's Ales Fowle;" "My Horsehoe Swing," accompanied by electrical effects, Miss Papi; John Dobbs in "Foolishness," a comedy skit in which the well known Montpelier performer displayed unusual ability. Miss Katherine Young sang the finale, assisted by the chorus, and later she was heard advantageously in "The Rose Song."

"Just What a Little Maiden Should Do" was rendered by Miss Leona Lamb. Other numbers followed in this order: "Stately Lilies," Miss Marguerite Brown; "The Only Girl," Miss Roberts; "I'm Going to Follow the Boys Over There," Miss Granger; "It's a Long, Long Way to Berlin," Miss Papi; "Chu Chu Chow," Miss Beattie.

Three of the Yama Yama favorites, Mr. Gage, who directed the entire performance, Miss Marguerite Brown, and Andrew J. Guthrie, were seen in the closing sketch, "The Hour of One." The latter, as a blackface comedian, made his maiden bow before Barre playgoers and got a big hand.

New specialties and a complete change of cross-fire for the opening part are planned for to-night.

DEATH OF GEORGE E. CLOSE.

Cambridge, Mass., Man Was on Visit at the Morrison Farm.

George E. Close of Cambridge, Mass., manager and treasurer of the George Close Co., wholesale manufacturing confectioners, passed away at 9 o'clock this morning at the Morrison farm on the west hill, where he came last Sunday morning for a week-end visit with his wife and two daughters, who have been spending the summer there as usual. Death was due to pneumonia.

Before he left home Mr. Close had been under a physician's care, his ailment being diagnosed as the grip. He had a slight temperature when he came to Barre and his illness soon developed into pneumonia, his condition growing rapidly worse during the early days of the illness despite most careful attention from doctor, nurse and members of his family. It is thought that the ravages of the disease made faster headway in his system because he had been considerably worn by close attention to some large government contracts which his factory was filling.

George E. Close was born in Cambridge, Mass., June 27, 1875, being the son of George and Sarah (Woodward) Close. He attended the schools of Cambridge and was graduated from Cambridge high school, after which he entered the candy manufacturing business with his father. The latter died six years ago and a large part of the responsibility of the management devolved upon the son. The business was incorporated some time ago into the George Close Co. and another son of the founder, Frank D. Close, has been connected with the concern.

Fifteen years ago Mr. Close married Miss Merle Myra Morrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Morrison of Barre, and they have resided in Cambridge since that time, coming to Barre each summer to spend a vacation at the former home of Mrs. Close. Mr. Close had made many friends in this vicinity who were much grieved to learn of his death. Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Emily Caroline, aged 14, and Lucile Nellie, aged 12 years. He also leaves four sisters and one brother, as follows: Mrs. R. E. Mandell of Newton, Mass.; Mrs. George H. Bunton of Cambridge, Mass.; Mrs. John E. Barnard of Waban, Mass.; Mrs. Florence Close Gale of Cambridge, Mass.; and Frank D. Close of Cambridge.

The funeral arrangements have not been completed, but the remains will be taken to Cambridge, where the funeral will be held and where the interment will be in the family lot in a Cambridge cemetery.

TO TAX HIGHER PAID.

House Ways and Means Committee Favors Extension of Tax.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 19.—Extension of the proposed special war tax of five dollars a year on business or occupations so as to include all persons in professions and trades earning \$2,000 or more annually was approved to-day by the House ways and means committee.

TU LIGHT ON BREWER FUND

Which Is Said to Have Bought a Washington Newspaper

SENATE ORDERS AN INVESTIGATION

Following Arthur Brisbane's Statement of His Purchase

Washington, D. C., Sept. 19.—Investigation of political and propaganda activities of the brewing interests was ordered to-day by the Senate. It will be directed particularly at charges that the brewers have bought a Washington newspaper, contributed unprecedented sums to campaign funds, influenced newspapers through advertising contracts, paid money to citizens and even government officials and obtained pledges from members of Congress.

It is alleged the brewers were allied to sub-organizations, among them being the German-American alliance, and the National Association of Commerce and Labor, and the Manufacturers' and Dealers' association, and that the brewing association and brewing interests have ramifications in their organizations.

PLAN COUNTY DRIVE FOR FOURTH LOAN

War Souvenir Train Is to Be in Montpelier Oct. 1, Where Articles from War Zone Will Be Displayed.

Contingent upon the decision of the government to make the next Liberty loan, "The Fighting Fourth," a \$6,000,000 issue, Barre's quota is to be double that of the quota in the third loan last spring, which was \$200,000. This much was ascertained at a meeting of the county committee at the capital yesterday, when Edmund R. Morse, who succeeds C. H. Darling as state chairman of the Liberty loan committee, addressed a gathering at city hall which included nearly every local chairman in the county.

Charles H. Wishart, who is acting as chairman of the Barre committee, represented this city, and he reports much enthusiasm at the conference. Charles F. Lowe of Montpelier, county chairman, was the presiding officer and in addition to the remarks by State Chairman Morse there were a number of informal speeches. Mr. Morse said that the government is undecided whether to ask for a loan of five or six billion, and that local and county quotas, as well as Vermont's quota, have not been fixed. If it develops that the loan is to be five billion, then Barre's quota will be less than double that of the third loan, which was for three billion. Other details, such as the appointment of local committees, are to be worked out some days before the campaign is launched Sept. 28.

One of the features of "The Fighting Fourth" is to be the war relics train. Its character may be easily guessed, and the exhibition of relics from the war zone is to be accompanied by a squad of soldiers. The plan was used advantageously in the South during the last loan and its adoption elsewhere is expected to be effective. It will visit Montpelier Tuesday, Oct. 1, arriving in the capital at 6 p. m. and moving south on the following morning. People in towns about Montpelier will have their opportunity to inspect the exhibit on that occasion.

SYRACUSE MAN CHOSEN

As Supervisor of Junior High Schools in Vermont.

H. O. Hutchinson of Syracuse, N. Y., has been appointed supervisor of the junior high schools in Vermont and will begin his duties shortly. He takes the place made vacant by Clyn M. Hill, who goes to a professorship in Cornell university. At the meeting of the board of control held Wednesday afternoon his appointment was approved. Mr. Hutchinson has taken special work in Syracuse university and has been principal of the Delaware avenue school in Syracuse for four years. He has installed many of the ideas which are taught in our junior high schools.

This and the East Montpelier road project were the principal matters considered at the board of control meeting Wednesday afternoon. The latter matter was left in the hands of Commissioner S. B. Bates. Routine business was also done.

HAS TWO SOLDIER HUSBANDS.

At Least Private Dean Gallison Claims So in His Suit.

An action for the annulment of marriage has been filed in Washington county court by Dean Gallison, who is a private in the 57th pioneer infantry at Camp Wadsworth, in which he petitions for an annulment of his marriage to Gladys (Sheldon) Sloan, to whom he was married at Montpelier Feb. 8, this year. It is set forth in the papers that she has a husband named Corporal Herbert A. Sloan, of the reserve Canadian artillery, and to whom she was married when she contracted her marriage with Mr. Gallison.

The papers also set forth they have not lived together since Mr. Gallison learned of the husband of the woman. The papers were served on Mrs. Sloan in Walden, and she waived the time of filing the case, so that it can be tried this term.

FAST SAVING MADE

By Consolidation and Co-ordination of Railroad Facilities.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 19.—Co-ordination and consolidation of facilities and improved methods of handling traffic put into effect in the eastern district since the government took over the railroads have resulted in an estimated annual saving of approximately \$35,000,000. In reporting this to-day to regional director McAdoo, H. A. Smith, regional director for that district, said improved services had been another result of the changes.