

## W. R. & E. SEEKS TO RAISE RATES

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 short of paying its usual dividends, not considering its interest payments on some millions of bonded debt.

**Coal Cost Increases.**  
 The company goes further and shows that for the month of January its net income still was falling below that of all other Januaries owing to increased costs of operation.

Officials of the company indicate that on coal alone during the year 1919 they will probably be forced to pay a very large increase over 1918. In other words the company paid in 1918 about \$8.35 a ton for coal of no excellent quality, while in 1919 the coal barons pass the word that they expect to get at least 50 cents more a ton. The company uses 170,000 tons a year, making an increase in that one item of \$85,000 per year.

Since the Coal Administration demobilized, the coal mine owners and dealers are in position to make their profits large and bountiful from private citizens and public utilities.

**What Restoration Means.**  
 Restoration of the former electric light rate would mean to the Potomac Electric Power Company close to \$400,000 more each year. As a matter of fact, the old rate is still being collected, but under agreement with the courts there is set aside a reimbursement fund of 5 cents per kilowatt, so that if the courts uphold the commission's decision of nearly two years ago users of electric lights will be repaid the difference between 10 cents and 5 cents.

From August 1, 1917, when the reduced rate became effective, to August 1, 1918, the reserve fund set aside by the company for this purpose, was \$388,228. The presumption is that for the year between August 1, 1918, and August 1, 1919, this fund will amount to substantially \$400,000.

If this amount of money were not tied up in a trust, or reimbursement, fund it would put the electric light company on Easy street, relieve the Washington Railway and Electric to a great extent, if permitted, the increasing of the dividend to swell funds of the Washington Railway and Electric.

**The W. R. & E. Petition.**  
 The petition regarding the Washington Railway and Electric Company sets forth a much gloomier outlook. The company makes the flat statement that since the 5-cent cash fare became operative, November 1, 1918, it has failed to meet its operating expenses, taxes and interest charges by \$58,911.60, indicating a decrease in net income for a year of \$58,911.60.

The directors several days ago paid the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on common stock, but did so out of its surplus funds, paid for by and with the advice and consent of the members of the utilities commission. To have passed the dividend, it is declared, would have created a bad impression in financial circles to which the company must apply for loans. It is also known that banking institutions have loaned \$800,000 on this stock.

The company points out to the commission that without financial relief

its credit will be seriously impaired. The whole physical condition of the company is bad. Roadbeds need thousands of dollars spent upon them. The rolling stock is in the worst sort of condition. New shops are needed, new car barns, new cars. Thirty-two usable cars were lost in the fire at the Eckington car barn recently.

Funds necessary for restoration of the plant must be borrowed. Credit can not be had if the ability to pay dividends is destroyed, it is claimed.

The passing of the dividend on common stock seems to be only a matter of time anyway. In the present bad shape of the company the Utilities Commission is not likely to place a valuation upon the properties of the company sufficiently large to permit revenues from the public to pay these dividends.

**Does Not Offer Remedy.**  
 The petition of the railway company does not pretend to offer remedies, but simply declares that it can not go on without financial relief.

Reduction of expenses are practically out of the question unless the two competing railway lines could be merged into one and salaries thus saved. This, however, would not help materially, in the present bad shape of things. Wages must continue as they are. So there remains, it is suggested, three ways of additional revenues, either or all of which will cause a great roar in Washington if ordered by the commission:

1. Increase in rate of fare in District.  
 2. Establishment of a zone system, by which the suburban residents must bear practically all the burden of raising the money.  
 3. A charge for transfers issued by the company on its own lines and a charge for intercompany transfers, giving the W. R. and E. the larger share of the transfer charge over the Capital Traction because of the longer distances its passengers are hauled.

**No Increase in Flat Fare.**  
 It is substantially settled in advance that there will be no increase in the 5-cent rate in Washington. There are a number of underlying reasons but the main one is this: The Capital Traction Company is not now asking for financial relief and may not have to do so. It would be impossible to have a 5-cent fare for that company and a 6-cent fare for the Washington Railway and Electric. The public would practically quit the Washington Railway and Electric, and its income under those circumstances would be less than the revenue of the Potomac Electric Power which swells the revenues of the Washington Railway and Electric; increase heavily by a zone system, the charges to suburban residents thereby compelling them to bear the burdens for the whole thing; or a decision that the public need not furnish revenues that enable a continuation of the usual dividend on common stock or even on the preferred stock.

Any decision will be loaded with trouble for the commission.  
**Might Combine Revenue Sources.**  
 A combination of revenue sources, should the commission conclude the companies are entitled to relief, might solve the difficulties—say the former electric light charge and a transfer charge.

The companies claim that a charge to transfers would be merely a drop in the bucket, and largely uncertain in their results.  
 Members of the commission have so far not been disposed to even consider a zone system of charges, saying that it would be unfair to suburban residents who went away from the center of the city in the belief that they would obtain the same rates of fare as city residents.

The use of free transfers is increasing each day. When the free transfer order first went into effect the W. R. and E. had in about 2,500 transfers from the Capital Traction each day. The number has increased to close to 7,000 per day. This would dwindle immensely under a pay transfer decision.

**LEHMANN FLAG TO GO WITH TROPHIES**  
 The Betty Lehmann flag, a big white banner bearing a gold star and the inscription, "The Boys We Left Behind Us," will be placed in the trophy room of the War Department tomorrow.

The flag was the only part of the reception parade in honor of the President and returned District troops last week to commemorate the sacrifice of the Washington men who gave up their lives in the war.  
 Betty Lehmann, of the Federal Trade Commission, did all the work on the flag, and the twenty thousand stitches on the banner were all a result of her untiring labor. She has earned for her the title of "The Modern Betsey-Ross."

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**CONGRESS LEADERS GET SILVER GIFTS**  
 The closing days of the Sixty-fifth Congress are marked by gifts and other tributes of regard and affection to various leaders.

Speaker Clark will receive from his multitude of House friends a great silver tureen and a handsome silver coffee service. Chairman Kitchin of Ways and Means, and Leader Mann, of the minority, will be given silver services.

Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts, who retires March 4, will be presented a silver tray by members of the Massachusetts delegation.  
 Chairman Sherley, of the House Appropriation Committee, will be given a beautiful souvenir, yet to be selected, by the House Appropriations members.

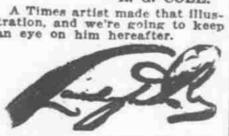
When you make out your income tax return ask yourself what you would have had to pay had Germany been victorious—and be thankful.

# TUESDAY - STORE NEWS OF LANSBURGH & BRO.

## Editorial

Here is one on us. Read this letter from a soldier boy who was interested in our "Welcome Home" Ad.:  
**Lansburgh & Bro.,**  
 Gentlemen:

The thought of your ad in Thursday's Times is GOOD, but it seems to me that when you are spending so much money in getting up an ad your artist should be more careful in his illustrations. Things are done only one way in the army, and an ad don't carry much "punch" to the million or so ex-soldiers and present ones who see it illustrated the way it is NOT done. Ask any man who knows the manual what is wrong with the picture of the 1919 sergeant standing at attention. I might also add that the sergeant isn't wearing "issue" shoes. I can't comment on the 1965'er. I "warn't thar." Please accept this in the spirit it is written which is entirely friendly. Sincerely,  
**R. G. COLE.**  
 A Times artist made that illustration, and we're going to keep an eye on him hereafter.



## These \$25 and \$29.50 Suits Prove That Our Prices ARE Lower

Quality for Quality, There Are No Better Suits In All Washington Than Those In Our Fashion Salon



A glance at the excellent quality gabardine and serge from which these suits are made will convince you of their excellent worth. Mostly navy blue and black, for they are most wanted, with their flashy trimmings.

There are Fitted, Tailored and Box Effects Galore, Button and Braid Trimmed.

It goes without saying that some are best suited for the youthful figure, while others will appeal more strongly to the women of more mature years.

All of the styles are the conception of some of our best American designers.

Not a spring note that is not fully represented in the showing.

All sizes.

Second Floor, Lansburgh & Bro.

## Spring Wearables For The Children

Mothers, as well as their daughters, will be delighted with daintiness and serviceability of these new garments. Take tomorrow to look them over.

Middy Blouses of Lonsdale jean, belted models, in all-white or white with tan or open collar. Sizes 14 to 22. At ..... \$2.50

College middie blouses of all-white or white with navy color Lonsdale jean. Sizes 14 to 22 years. \$3.50

Children's regulation dresses in all-white or white with pink collars and cuffs with emblems on sleeves. Large sailor collar. Belted at waist. Sizes 6 to 14 years. At.... \$3.95

Misses' dresses made of fine quality gingham in plaids or solid colors. Sizes 12 to 16 years. At \$7.95

Children's dresses made of Japanese crepe in green, pink or blue. Smocked at waist; collar, cuffs and sash made of fine white lawn finished with hand embroidery. Sizes 8 to 14 years. At ..... \$7.50



Third Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

## COLORED WASH GOODS

A Sale of 5,000 Yards of

## Plain Cotton Voile at 50c Yard

A sale representing an important special purchase of about 150 pieces of plain cotton voile. Very fine crisp quality 45 inches wide in a large variety of plain shades and black.

**Shirting Madras**  
 New shirting madras materials, 32 inches wide, arriving daily in the season's latest stripes. Special at 59c and 98c.

**Printed Voiles**  
 In hundreds of the very latest color combinations. 38 inches wide. At 50c, 58c, 68c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

First Floor, Lansburgh & Bro.

## Spring Undermuslins

Dainty new garments which women are admiring.

Envelope Chemises, made of good quality crepe de chine, with lace yokes and finished with ribbon straps over shoulders. In flesh only. Special at..... \$1.98

Philippine Night Robes, made of good quality nainsook, hand sewn and hand embroidered. Values to \$4. At..... \$2.95



## A Marvelous Sale Garden City SHEETS

72x90 Inches } Special, \$1.25  
 72x99 Inches }

Garden City Sheets, subject to slight oil spots. Nothing to impair the wear. Made of heavy linen-finish sheeting.

90x99 Plover Sheets, the ideal sheets for the double bed. Special at this price of..... \$1.75

First Floor, Lansburgh & Bro.

## Silks \$1.98

This is only half the list:  
 36-Inch Popular \$2.50 Novelty Silks and Patterns.  
 36-Inch Black \$2.50 Dress. Satin black or white.  
 3,000 Yds. New \$2.50 Chiffon Dress Taffeta. All Colors, Navy and Black.  
 36-Inch \$2.50 Washable Satin Good Weight, White and Flesh.  
 36 and 40 Inch Fancy Radium Silks Rich Designs and Colors. \$2.50, \$3 Value.  
 40-Inch Heavy \$2.50 Georgette Crepe Dress Weight, Good Colorings.

Third Floor, Lansburgh & Bro.

## March Notion Sale

Only a few mentioned here.  
 Rick-rack braid in all sizes; four yards to piece. \$25c  
 Good quality English pins, in all sizes; 25c  
 Silk seam binding in 10c  
 black or white.  
 400-count dressmakers' pins; 3 papers. 10c  
 Sanitary napkins of good quality; three in a 12 1/2c box  
 Skirt and trouser hangers, with felt ends. 10c  
 Each  
 Folding wire coat hangers; 3 for 25c  
 Nickel-plated safety pins in all sizes; three dozen for 10c

First Floor, Lansburgh & Bro.

## Dozens Of Hats At \$5.95



We think you will find these hats far superior to what you would ordinarily expect to find priced so low. They are pretty enough—and of the right quality—to wear anywhere. New tilted sailors, small black lisere shapes, pokes and large drooping hats. Trimmed with wings, quills, flowers, and ribbons. All new colors, although plain black and black and white combinations are most popular. Many hats suitable for matrons.

Second Floor, Lansburgh & Bro.

## Prepare For Coming Blizzard With Blankets

The Weather Man Has Promised a Blizzard During Next Few Days

We have secured a limited number of blue striped dimity spreads and bed sets for single twin and double beds. \$3.65 and \$3.95 for plain hemmed; \$4.50 and \$5.50 for cut-out corner scalloped; \$6.00 and \$7.00 for bed sets. Plain white dimity bedspreads launder easily.

63x90 at \$2.35  
 72x90 at \$2.50  
 81x90 at \$2.85  
 90x100 at \$4.00  
 Cut-out corner, single, \$3.50  
 Cut-out corner, double, \$4.35  
 Double-bed sets, \$5.75

At \$8.44  
 Part Wool Gray or White Blankets in sizes from 70x80 to 76x84. Woven and finished in an excellent manner. Pink, blue, yellow or brown borders. \$10 value. Fifth Floor, Lansburgh & Bro.

Third Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

## Buy Fiber or Wool and Fiber Rugs NOW

Selection the Largest and Prices Are Low

### Plain Colored Rugs

Plain Deitox Grass Rugs, Hodge's Alamo Fiber Rugs and Kobe Wool and Fiber Rugs in perfect qualities and in such colorings as green, tan, blue or rose. Finished with tape-bound edges. Prices follow:

9x12 Ft., \$13.69    8x10 Ft., \$11.49    7.6x10.6 Ft., \$11.49    6x9 Ft., \$8.29    3x6 Ft., \$2.98

### Stenciled Rugs

A large and varied assortment of Neenah and Rattana Stenciled Fiber Rugs; also best quality Kaba Wool and Fiber Rugs. All splendid for spring and summer.

9x12 Ft., \$19.75    7.6x10.6 Ft., \$16.75    6x9 Ft., \$10.95    4.6x7.6 Ft., \$8.45    30x60 in., \$2.98

**Hair and Felt Mattresses 3.0x4.6 Size, \$14.75**  
 A high-grade well-made Mattress with a 5-inch box, roll edge. Covered with neat striped art ticking and filled with hair center and picked felt top and bottom.

**Some New Rag Rugs, 18x36 in. 59c, 24x36 in., 79c**  
 Heavy quality washable material Rag Rugs, finished with fringe ends. Sizes 27x34, at \$1.25. Fine for using in bathroom or bedrooms.

Fourth Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

## Pre-Season Sale Spring Footwear

This is really an advance Spring showing of shoes, pumps, and Oxfords for women, misses, girls, boys and infants.

The sale represents styles assembled from the most reputable manufacturers of the country.

All women are interested in what's new.  
**Women's Boots, \$5.90 to \$14**  
**Women's Oxfords, \$5.95 to \$10**  
**Women's Pumps, \$4.50 to \$10**

**Children's Footwear, \$2.25 to \$8**

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## Miss Anderson Demonstrating Rengo Belt Corsets

These corsets are worn by stout and medium stout women. Their great strength and elastic freedom eliminates the feeling of heaviness.

These characteristics belong exclusively to Rengo Belt Corsets. They are the direct result of the famous patented Rengo Belt feature, which has proved its worth by over five years of growing popularity.

Miss Anderson will be glad to show the newest Spring models to you.

Third Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Store Hours: Open 9:15 A. M.; Close 6 P. M.

THE STORE OF GREATER SERVICE

# LANSBURGH & BRO.

420-430 Seventh St. Through to Eighth St.

## MR. FAMILY MAN:

Why Spend So Much Money on Shoes?

Here is what Tracy Munson of Joplin, Missouri, says of Neolin Soles: "Judging from my own experience, they wear four times longer than other soles and have the additional advantage of being waterproof and slip-proof."

Why continue to wear extravagant old-fashioned soles when you can get these money-saving, long-wearing soles on new shoes in any style you like for any member of the family? Good shoe stores everywhere carry them.

And don't throw away your old shoes. Have them re-bottomed with Neolin Soles and enjoy the comfort of a re-soled shoe which is not stiff or clumsy. Neolin Soles are a discovery of Science, and are made by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio, who also make Wingfoot Heels—guaranteed to outwear all other heels.

## Neolin Soles

Trade Mark Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.



## Resinol for chafed, blistered feet

If you are foot-sore, and have to stand on one foot and then on the other to get relief—you need Resinol Ointment. For quicker results, first bathe the feet with Resinol Soap and warm water, then apply the ointment on retiring and bandage.

This treatment also brings heartily relief to soldiers from scabs and other skin eruptions.

For free trial of soap and ointment write Resinol, Baltimore, Md.

## Colds Grow Better

surprisingly soon, throat inflammation disappearing, irritation and throat tickling stops, when you use reliable, time-tested

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