

Chicago has 2,800 miles of railroad tracks inside city limits.

Tracks and terminals entirely circle the loop.

They have forced up the building and kept the business district from spreading.

Steam roads, along with land speculators, have enlaced Chicago with a network of roads which constitute the most remarkable example of chaos ever produced by human activity.

The big terminals and advertisements are paid for by the traveling public.

Street car passengers have doubled in the past ten years.

Yet railroads have not used their right-of-ways to develop local passenger service.

Steam roads of Berlin carry four times as many passengers as Chicago.

One person in every twenty rides on steam roads in Chicago.

The terminals are like village hitching posts. Chicago has outgrown them.

Now Chicago is the most outspread city in the world.

Why not through-route the railroads.

You could, with a very few miles of subways, make rapid transit to all portions of the city.

The I. C. could run across the river and on out to Evanston on the Northwestern tracks.

Bion J. Arnold himself proposed such a remedy to the terminals committee of the city council in 1914. Nothing has been heard of it since.

Hooker's report suggests a railroad terminals board to take over the property of all the roads in the city and divide it pro-rata or have the state public utility commission force the roads to agree to through-routing, which would have to be preceded by electrification.

So Hooker's report tells Chicago to emulate what Berlin, Vienna and other European cities have done:

To through-route the steam lines with a few miles of subways to suit millions.

#### AUSTRIANS MOVING TO CUT OFF MONTENEGRIN RETREAT

Rome.—Austrian troops, having occupied Montenegrin seaport of Dulcigno, are moving eastward to cut off Montenegrin's retreat to Adriatic from Scutari.

If Montenegrins escape Austrian net and reach Adriatic they will be transported to island of Corfu. Serbs in Albania are being loaded upon troop ships for Corfu. Within fortnight only Italian expeditionary forces in Albania will dispute possession of Eastern Adriatic coast with Austrians.

Constantinople. — Turkish troops and Persian irregular troops occupied Persian town of Kengavar, 55 miles southwest of Hamadan, on January 16. Shakparkan also reported taken.

Petrograd.—Russian torpedo boats have sunk thirty-three Turkish sailing ships and destroyed seven at their docks in raid along the Anatolian coast.

Petrograd.—Heavy fighting resumed along Stripa river in Galicia, and along Bessarabian frontier.

#### U. S. SECRET CODES KNOWN TO EVERY BELLIGERENT

Berlin via Amsterdam, Jan. 24.—Supposedly secret diplomatic codes of U. S. gov't are known to practically every belligerent in Europe, it was learned today. Col. N. M. House, who is conferring with American ambassadors in Europe as confidential agent of President Wilson, will have this fact impressed upon him before he returns to Washington. Through him state department will be asked to change its cipher.

It is now impossible for any diplomatic agent of the United States in Europe to cable a message to Washington with the certainty that it will be transmitted without its contents being known in Europe.