

Express Consolidation Helps Moving of Country's Freight

Further information was received this morning by E. F. O'Connor, local manager of the American Express Company, in regard to the consolidation of the express organizations under the guidance of Director General McAdoo. The new company, says Mr. O'Connor, will be capitalized at \$30,000,000, the actual value of the physical properties and cash put into the

business. Instead of having numerous contracts with individual railroads for various amounts, there will be but one blanket contract with the entire government controlled railroads. By this contract, the American Railroad Express Company will collect, insure, guard and deliver express shipments, as in the past, and the government railroads will haul them. The rates

charged for express transportation will continue to be under government control.

How the general reorganization will work out for the benefit of the shipping public, is tentatively outlined in an interview given out by George C. Taylor, former president of the American Express, and now president of the new consolidation.

"Hereafter the express companies will eliminate the individual identity which has separated them for the last three-quarters of a century and offer to the government and to their joint patrons a unified, single express service.

"In the future, merchants, manufacturers, and individuals need merely specify "By Express" and the entire man power and vehicle power of the express world will respond to their call.

"At no time in the history of the railroads has the volume of express traffic been so great as it is today, the business reaching a total during the past fiscal year of over two hundred million dollars.

"Already the vast terminals now maintained by the various companies are being unified for practical saving of time and transfer.

"The street equipment of between twenty and thirty thousand motor and horse vehicles are undergoing a redistribution to avoid duplication of routes.

"Branch agencies and multiple offices in many cities will be subject to an economical readjustment.

"The claim departments will be unified and a closer cooperation established with the shippers to eliminate losses resulting from faulty packing and incorrect marking of shipments.

"The new move will bring into one organization over one hundred thousand men, handling in express service. It will be the policy of the company to maintain a broad gauge attitude toward its employees, many of whom have spent their lives in the service and thousands of whom have made great personal sacrifices in carrying the immense burden of the last three and a half years.

"In the past the express companies have been vital factors in the conveyance of merchandise and foodstuffs. They have eliminated distance and the time element between the manufacturer and his market. The new move is designed to improve the distribution of commerce and agriculture and the business of the country may look upon it with confidence that their interests will be carefully and intelligently served.

"The non-transportation activities of the separate companies, such as money orders, travelers cheques, travel department, foreign exchange, and banking, and their respective foreign organizations which are of international magnitude, will not come under the consolidation, but will be conducted by the individual companies as in the past, the offices of the new company acting as agents for the old companies in the handling of the above mentioned features."

Associated with President Taylor in the management of the new American Railroad Express Company will be:

B. D. Caldwell, now president of Wells Fargo & Company, who has been selected as chairman of the board to supplement Mr. Taylor's work. Mr. Caldwell is a former railroad man, coming to the Wells Fargo Company from the Lackawanna railroad of which he was vice president.

William M. Barrett, now president of Adams Express Company, will be a director and member of the executive committee of the new company, and will continue as president of the Adams Express Company to handle its investment and financial business.

The following have been selected as operating vice presidents:

R. E. M. Cowie, now vice president and general manager of the American Express Company, will have charge of the Atlantic departments.

C. D. Sumner, general manager of American Express Company at Chicago, in charge of southwestern departments.

A. Christensen, vice president and general manager of Wells Fargo & Company, San Francisco, in charge of Pacific Departments.

E. M. Williams, vice president in charge of traffic for Adams Express Company, will have charge of southeastern departments.

F. M. Holbrook, vice president in charge of traffic of Wells Fargo & Company, New York, will be located at Washington as assistant to president.

D. S. Elliott, vice president in charge of traffic of the American Express Company, New York, will be in charge of traffic for the new company.

J. W. Newland, vice president and controller for Wells Fargo & Company, Chicago, will be the vice president in charge of accounting for the new company.

E. E. Bush has been selected as manager of maintenance and purchases.

T. Harrison and C. W. Stockton, now general attorneys for the American and Wells Fargo, respectively, will act as general counsel.

Mr. Taylor will be the guiding hand in the new alignment, has had a most spectacular rise in the transportation field. He began not many years ago as a positioner wagon helper and driver in a small Wisconsin country town, his first position after leaving Ripon College. Since that time he has held practically every position in the American Express Company from the lowest to the highest. While vice president and general manager of the western department, he was brought to New York and made president during the critical period through which the express companies passed a few years ago, and after an uphill fight developed an organization which handles today several times the volume of express shipments handled prior to his becoming president. Through his active participation in all phases of the business, he has secured the confidence of the manufacturers and commercial bodies of the country. He is a strong believer in an open-handed, frank understanding between the executive officers and the more humble employees of his organization, with the result that his loyalty to their interests is felt by all who work for him. He ranks among the youngest of the big executives of the country.

David Owens Gets Letter of Praise From King George

David Owens, of 227 Sheridan street, a member of the 325th Infantry, Company A, was one of the United States boys privileged to take part in the parade of a number of the American forces which marched before King George of England several weeks ago.

Following the parade the king sent each member of the company that took part in the parade a letter and Owens, who is now seeing service in perhaps some of the bloodiest of battles in the history of the world, has sent the much cherished letter to his mother here. It follows:

Windsor Castle, April, 1918.

Soldiers of the United States, welcome you on your way to take your stand beside the armies of many nations now fighting in the Old World the great battle for human freedom.

The Allies will gain new heart and spirit in your company. I wish that I could shake the hand of each one of you and bid you Godspeed on your mission.

GEORGE R. I.

Collingswood Contest for Best Bean Records.

COLLINGSWOOD, June 14.—Boys and girls here are going to buy war saving stamps with beans.

In order to encourage bean growing, the conservation committee has offered a series of prizes in W. S. S. for the best bean records. Each contestant must have at least 100 square feet of beans.

Bargain Shoe Store

55 Smith St. Perth Amboy, N. J.

High Grade Sample Shoes For Men, Women and Children At Low Prices

This is the only store in this city that is selling shoes at prices as low and lower than what they were before the war. Having just received a very large stock of high grade shoes, we are going to give you a chance to buy them at very low prices. We would advise you to buy a few pairs at a time as the price of shoes is going up every day.

- Men's gen metal English lace welt Neolon sole, regular sold at \$5 **\$2.95**
 - Sale
 - Men's gun metal lace and button welts, high top or English, regular sold at \$5.60 **\$2.95**
 - Sale
 - Men's gun metal W. L. Douglas shoes, lace and button, regular sold at \$5.00 **\$3.45**
 - Sale
 - Men's tan calf W. L. Douglas shoes, regular sold at \$7.00 **\$3.95**
 - Sale
 - Men's dark tan English lace, regular sold at \$8.50 **\$4.95**
 - Sale
 - Men's work shoes, black and tan, regular sold for \$4.50 **\$2.95**
 - Sale
 - Ladies' Patent Leather, gun metal and Viol button shoes, regular \$4.00 **\$1.95**
 - Sale
 - Ladies' Patent Leather gun metal and Viol Kid Opera Pumps, regular sold at \$5.00 **\$2.95**
 - Sale
 - Ladies' patent leather gun metal and viol kid Pumps, regularly sold at \$4.00 **\$2.45**
 - Sale
 - Ladies' patent leather gun metal and viol kid Pumps, regularly sold at \$4.00 **\$1.95**
 - Sale
 - Ladies' tan English low heel, regularly sold at \$6.50 **\$5.00**
 - Sale
 - Ladies' white canvas; low and high heel, sold at \$3.50; each **\$1.95**
 - Sale
 - Boys' gun metal, button and lace; sold at \$3.50; at **\$2.25**
 - Sale
- We are going to sell shoes, coats, hats and children's shoes for below half price, which are too numerous to mention.
- We also have a full line of W. L. Douglas, Boston, Boston, Mass. Quality shoes, high grade, high grade, high grade. Here is a chance to buy your shoes at your own price.
- Bargain Shoe Store, 55 Smith St., Perth Amboy, N. J.**

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CEYLON TEA, Best, lb. 45	CAMP'S SOUPS, All Kinds; Can 10	MATCHES, Large Box 42	Try Our COFFEE, best in town, lb. 20
LIMA BEANS, Calif. lb. 15	EARLY JUNE PEAS, Saturday only 2 cans for 25	PRUNES, Large size; 2 lbs. for 25	BEST BUTTER LB. 47

MEATS

CALI HAMS, Freshly smoked; lb. 22 1/2	CHUCK ROAST, From Prime Beef, lb. 28	<h3>Vegetables</h3> <p>We carry a full line of fruits and vegetables. Come try our goods and convince yourself of our cut prices.</p>
HAMS, All sizes, half or whole; lb. 32	LOIN OF PORK, Fresh small loins; lb. 32	
BEEF LIVER, Fresh, lb. 14	COTTAGE HAMS, Nice and lean; lb. 40	

The Store Of Great Values

Chamber of Commerce Plans Big Things for Metuchen

Officers and Committees Named and Already at Work on Boosting "Brainy Boy" METUCHEN, June 14.—And now comes Metuchen with a full fledged Chamber of Commerce, armed and equipped for active service in the fight for progress.

The officers are Harold T. Edgar, president; Milton Mook and James E. Barr, vice presidents; Henry E. Bremer, secretary; Nicholas G. Vreeland, secretary; W. S. Lytle, A. U. Quinn, J. W. Breen, R. B. Powell, Herman Gross, Otto H. Drews, Edward Kramer, A. D. Hyde, T. B. VanKirk, J. Newton Smith, Charles A. Bloomfield and L. E. Riddle, directors.

Each director and officer heads a committee entitled agriculture, arbitration, civic affairs, education, finance, good roads, health and sanitation, membership, plan and scope, publicity, retail trade, transportation, welfare, social service and industrial development.

The plan and scope committee is already busy on a zoning plan, the civic affairs committee on a building code, the health committee on a sewerage plan, and the chamber as a whole boosting an appropriate celebration of Flag Day and a genuine old fashioned Fourth of July, at which Governor Edge, United States Senator Frelinghuysen, Judge McCarthy, Senator W. E. Florence and Albert Leon will speak.

The literary exercises will be preceded by a street parade of the Firemen, the soldiers from Camp Raritan, a naval battalion, Red Cross, Home Guard, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls and school children.

The celebration will be combined with a Loyalty Day celebration by the various branches of the foreign element in the neighborhood.

The exercises will be held in the new park donated under the will of the late Charles S. Edgar to the borough, a plot of over twenty acres adjoining the new Edgar school. A flag raising will also be on the program in the new park.

Wasn't Talking About His Wife.

A Melbourne man was speaking to a friend of his troubles in general, when he sighed and said: "Yes; the only girl I really cared for I couldn't have." "What?" exclaimed the friend. "That doesn't sound very complimentary to your wife." "Oh," the other hastened to explain, "my wife felt as badly about it as I did. You see, the girl wanted two pounds a week and we couldn't afford to pay more than thirty shillings."

When Sharpening Pencils.

When sharpening a lead pencil, first stick the knifeblade through a slip of paper. This paper acts as a guard on the knife, and prevents the lead dust from soiling the fingers.

Always Left Behind. After all the evidence on this point which has accrued since men first began to amass wealth, we should think our prominent tightwads would be glad to realize that they can't take it with them, but not a few live around here, don't seem to.—Ohio State Journal.

Road's Thick Ice Foundation.

At one point of a road recently constructed in Alaska, there is a solid ice foundation. At the surface there is a two-foot layer of moss and tundra, but previous mining operations at this point proved that there is a forty-foot bed of clear ice and six feet of gravel between the surface layer and bed rock.