

## WILSON DISCUSSES HIGH COST OF LIVING

### SPEECH TO JOINT SESSION AT FOUR THIS AFTERNOON

Expected It Will Deal With  
All Phases of Big  
Problem.

### QUORUM WAS PRESENT

Railroad Strike Situation  
at a Stand Still for  
Time Being.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Unless House leaders failed to round up a quorum in that body, which is not regarded as likely, President Wilson will address a joint session of Congress this afternoon at four o'clock to submit suggestions for lowering the cost of living through legislative action.  
The recommendations will be based on information secured by the President personally and by a committee appointed several days ago by Attorney General Palmer, following a meeting of cabinet members to discuss the crisis brought about by the continued ascendancy of prices of food and other necessities of life.  
The address is expected to deal with all elements that have entered into the creation of the condition in which the country today finds itself and which includes labor problems and strikes, resulting from them and production, which would be interfered with by strikes.  
The present railroad wage situation is expected to be discussed only as an incident, it is said.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—When leaders presented a resolution for a joint session of Congress at four o'clock this afternoon to hear President Wilson as to means looking to the reduction of the high cost of living, a point of no quorum had been made by Representative Blanton, Democrat, Texas, when the chair refused to recognize him for the introduction of a measure but a roll call developed that a quorum was in attendance.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—With the declaration by President Wilson that until the men return to work and again recognize the authority of their own organization the whole matter of wage increases must be at a standstill, the next step in the railroad strike situation thus put squarely up to the employees themselves was being awaited today.  
The few reports that had been received early today indicated a willingness on the part of some of the striking shopmen to comply with the request and it was believed nearly all of the 80,000 men reported idle yesterday would follow suit.

President Wilson's statement was contained in a communication to Director General Hines in which the Director General was authorized to take up the wage demands of the Brotherhood members and decide them on their merits.

### Youths Companion Editor Dies in N. Y.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—William Harden, author and associate editor of "Youths Companion," is dead at his home here after a brief illness. Mr. Harden who was born in Georgia is survived by his widow and two children.

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## USE OF ARMY TRUCKS SUGGESTED AS ONE WAY TO REDUCE THE EXCESSIVE COST OF LIVING

Produce By Express Much  
More Costly Than  
By Truck.

By FREDERICK M. KERBY  
N. E. A. Staff Correspondent.  
NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Thousands of motor trucks, no longer needed by the War department, but turned over to the Postoffice department and put to work in extending a network of permanent rural express motor truck routes all over the United States to bring perishable foods direct from the farmer to the city consumer, will help BREAK THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.

This suggestion is contained in a report of the New York State Reconstruction Commission, headed by Abraham I. Elkus, former U. S. Ambassador to Turkey, just made to Governor Smith.

"The postoffice department has aided the movement for rural motor express not only by conducting experiments, but by placing motor truck express routes in permanent operation in various parts of the country, their financial success being guaranteed by the fact that they carry mail between the termini. The department has certain plans for using for this purpose the trucks no longer needed by the army," says this report.

In March, 1918, the Postoffice department made its first experiment with motor express. At six o'clock one morning they loaded a motor truck at Lancaster, Pa., with 18,000 eggs in crates and 1,000 day-old chicks, and started it off for New York City, 180 miles away. At the same time, they sent the same kind of shipment to the same consignee by train. The truck arrived in New York only 12 hours after it left Lancaster. Four of the chicks were dead and nine eggs were broken, when the goods were delivered at the consignee's door. The train shipment was four days in reaching Jersey City. Another day was lost sending a notice to the consignee that it had arrived. He was then obliged to send his own truck over for the shipment. And when it finally reached his door, thousands of eggs had been smashed. HALF THE CHICKS WERE DEAD.

The Reconstruction Commission cites as typical the shipping of potatoes between two towns in Iowa. "The farmers around St. Ansgar, Iowa," says the report, "raised potatoes which they sold for 90 cents a bushel to buyers who shipped them out by mail to the large cities where many of them were reshipped to other points. At Mason City, only 25 miles from St. Ansgar but not on the same railroad, people were paying \$1.75 a bushel for potatoes, which were shipped there from 300 miles away. A rural motor express line was started in Mason City. Among other things, it brought in potatoes from the St. Ansgar farms, paying the farmers \$1.00 a bushel for them, instead of 95 cents, and selling them to the Mason City consumers for about \$1.25 instead of \$1.75 a bushel."

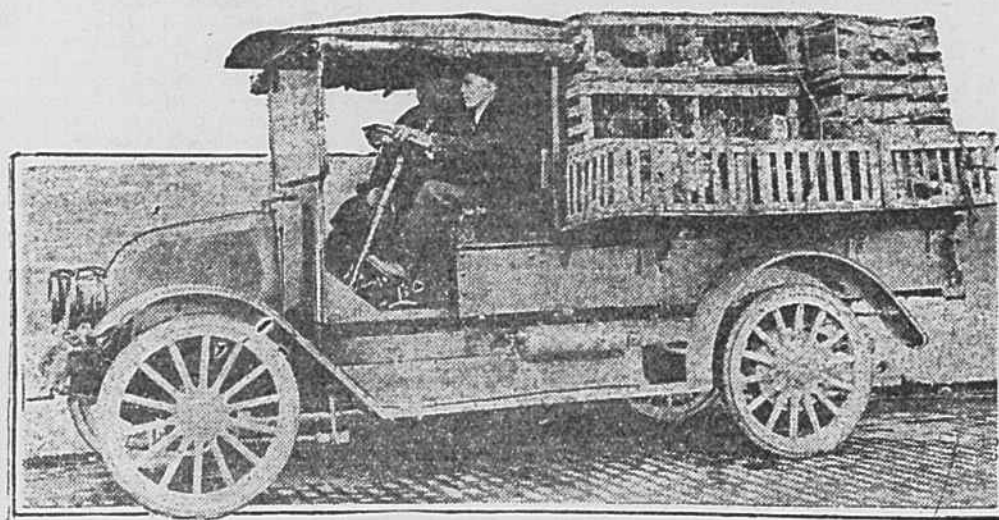
More than 600 motor express lines are already in successful operation. There are 150 in California alone. The entire state of Iowa has been divided into districts, each district has been mapped out in motor truck routes, and dozens of lines are running and making money for themselves besides serving the farmers, the little villages and the central cities.

In recommending immediate action by the state of New York to encourage the establishing of rural motor truck lines, the commission says:

"The local motor truck lines will take one milk can or a dozen; one bushel of apples, one crate of berries, or of eggs, or of chickens, a pound of nails or a piano. And they will deliver these goods promptly. For example—a Maryland farmer had been feeding his cream to the pigs because he did not have enough to ship by the railroad and couldn't afford to haul it to town himself. A truck line was started that passed near his farm, and he immediately sent his cream to market at a good price. He was the gainer, and so were the people in town, who wanted that cream. The pigs were fattened on a less expensive diet. Twenty-two of these lines are now operating in Maryland; 15 out of Baltimore alone. Thirty trucks cover a total of 1,574 miles a day on these routes. Some of them run in and out of Washington; and it is said that, but for these trucks, there would have been an absolute milk famine in that city. The Baltimore trucks carry a hundred tons of food into town every day, and hundreds of patrons along the routes were served regularly all last winter regardless of weather conditions."

LOST  
Lost in Traction Office News Stand Thursday night, three large envelopes and farm line map, held together by rubber bands. Contains money, but valuable receipts and orders of the South Penn Oil Co. Envelope has name of F. D. Harris. Reward if returned to Traction News Stand.

### MOTOR EXPRESS LINES SERVING FARMERS



DES MOINES, Aug. 8.—Anticipating the day when motor express lines will be serving the rural districts throughout the country, Iowa has a complete system of such lines. Trucks like this travel over established routes and gather the farmers' products to carry to the city. There now are in the United States 600 motor express lines, and the number will be enormously increased when plans for turning war trucks to rural express service are worked out.

## COAL LOADING ON EMPIRE TRACT STARTS MONDAY

New England Fuel & Transportation Co. Has 24,000  
Ton Coal Pile.

With 24,000 tons of fine Pittsburgh coal piled outside of the mine opening, the New England Fuel and Transportation company which owns Marion county's largest coal operation at Grant Town, will start to load coal on Monday at its newest mine on the Indian Creek and Northern railroad, near Lewisville.

Experts say the coal is top notch and is one of the largest that has been in stock for some time in the Fairmont region.  
The present block of coal land that is being worked is 1,600 acres of the 10,000 acres, which is what is generally known as the Empire coal tract. The New England company acquired this coal land almost two years ago, and the deed, which was prepared by Judge Ira Robinson, was one of the fastest ever recorded in county court archives of Marion county. J. J. McSweeney, one of the officials of the company, was in Fairmont yesterday.

The railroad extends fully a mile to the point where the mine opening starts. This is one of the largest coal mining propositions that the Fairmont region has developed for some time. It will be a forty car operation. The railroad eventually will reach Blacksburg, Pa., according to the present plans.

B. & O. Car Strikes.  
Five thousand B. & O. shop men at Mt. Clare, Riverside, Camden station, Bayview and Locust Point, in Baltimore and vicinity, struck yesterday and should the strike spread to the Fairmont region, which is not impossible, the coal carrying interests of this section will be paralyzed.

There are 500 shop men who are employed in the Fairmont shops and yards. They are the men who see that the engines and equipment on the B. & O. are kept in shape in this section. Basing his judgment on word from Baltimore today a prominent coal broker said that he did not regard the strike as amounting to much and would soon end.

Rank Car Supply.  
B. and O. car supply in the Fairmont region today is rank and the total number is down to 446 cars. In keeping with this the placement has slumped to 326 cars.

More mines are idle today because of car shortage than on any other day except July 26. Today there are 94 mines down. On July 26 there were but 355 cars on the Monongahela division and 97 mines were idle. On July 25 there were 441 cars on the division and that day 80 mines were idle.

On the Monongahela railway today there is only a fifty per cent. car supply. This morning at 7 o'clock there were 222 cars placed in the West Virginia division. There are 120 cars in sight. One mine is down to lack of orders.

Embargoes Lifted.  
Embargoes on Curtis Bay were lifted today by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. For some time after the marine strike the port was embargoed, (Continued on Page Four)

## U.S. Attorney Walker Asks The Public To Help Fight Profiteers

MARTINSBURG, W. VA., Aug. 8.—Stuart W. Walker, United States District Attorney at Martinsburg has received instructions to vigorously enforce sections six and seven of the war act of Congress making hoarding and profiteering of foodstuffs a crime. This statute not only gives authority to prosecute those who hoard and charge excessive prices for necessities of life but gives authority to institute libel proceedings against the goods so hoarded.

Mr. Walker when seen at his office this morning said that he would vigorously enforce in this Northern District of West Virginia these instructions and asked the cooperation of the newspapers in giving publicity to these instructions and of citizens generally to give him in confidence such information as they have as to the hoarding and profiteering of necessary foodstuffs.

## MUCH LITERATURE FOUND CALLING FOR REVOLUTION

Men Posing as Carpenters  
Were Inciting Foreign  
Born Peoples.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Charged with criminal anarchy under an old section of the penal code four men were arrested here today by detectives of the bomb squad after a raid on their apartment in the Bronx. Much anarchistic literature and a loaded revolver were found.

According to the detectives the four men, all Finns and three of them claiming to be carpenters, have distributed a large quantity of revolutionary propaganda among foreign born working men in the United States. The literature urged that violent measures be used to overthrow the government.

The four men have been under observation for four months, the detectives said and were preparing to leave the city when arrested. Among the papers seized were a number of membership cards in the I. W. W.  
At a recent hearing before the joint legislative committees which is investigating seditious and anarchistic tendencies a number of magazines printed in Finnish and published by the I. W. W. here and in Chicago were introduced in evidence. They were similar to the literature and advocated revolution by force.

## Freight Embargo Declared in New York

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—An embargo on all freight on the New York, New Haven and Hartford and the Central New England railroad was announced this morning because of the strike of shop men.  
The embargo was declared in order to control the movement of freight, a statement from headquarters said, so that arrangements might be made to give preference to the handling of foodstuffs and shipments of immediate necessities.

## FRANCE PAYS HUGE SUM FOR ARMY STUFF

Sale Agreement Signed  
Yesterday Involving  
\$400,000,000.

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Aug. 8.—An agreement for the sale of American army stuff in France for \$400,000,000 was signed yesterday says Marcelle Sutin, in the Echo de Paris. He declares that arrangements were made for a long time credit so that France will not have to bear the high rate of exchange which prevails at present.

## NORTH STAR ON ROCKS OFF NOVA SCOTIA

Passengers Are Being Taken  
Off Without Undue  
Confusion.

BOSTON, Aug. 8.—The steamship North Star, which left this port for Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, yesterday with 285 passengers went aground today on Green Island, six miles off Yarmouth, according to word received by officials of the Eastern line here. Four steamers including the Canadian government steamer Stanley were standing by and the passengers were said to be in no danger.

The North Star struck on the rocks at 6:40 a. m. during a thick fog. Reports received here indicated that no one was hurt and that there was no confusion aboard. Preparations had been made to remove the passengers if it became necessary.

In a later message Captain Strout, of the North Star, reported that water was entering the fire room and that it had been necessary to draw the fires. The Canadian government steamer Stanley at first said to be standing by, was detained at Yarmouth and unable to go to the North Star's assistance. Two ships, several motor schooners and all other available vessels were ordered out however.

The work of transferring passengers to two of the boats was begun at 10:40. The North Star was reported to be pounding somewhat heavily.

## CITY IS GOING TO PURCHASE CARLOAD OF ARMY STORES AND CAR OR MORE SUGAR

Board of Affairs at Special Meeting This Morning Authorized Mayor Bowen to Go Ahead  
With the Purchases

## TIRED OF WAITING ON P. O. DISTRIBUTION

Fairmont's Store of Government Supplies Will Come  
From Chicago—Consignment Will Contain Both  
Meats and Canned Goods

High cost of living in Fairmont received a hard blow at the hands of the Board of Affairs this morning when the city fathers met together and authorized Mayor Bowen to order immediately one mixed carload of meats and canned goods and one or more carloads of sugar from the surplus army supplies which the government now has on hand.

Last Saturday Commissioner J. Walter Barnes received a communication from the Zone Supply officer in Chicago, Ill., giving the price list of the foodstuffs. Due to the fact that the government had announced in the newspapers that plans were being made to have the post offices of the country take orders for the foodstuffs, city officials had talked the proposition individually and no action was taken.

Each day the local officials have been expecting the Fairmont post office to receive some information and instructions relative to the sale of foodstuffs, but it seems as though the instructions and necessary data have been late in getting out and the Board of Affairs feels as though there should be no further delay in the matter and for that reason is making arrangements for the distribution of one carload of the foodstuffs.

Just how long it will be before the surplus food reaches Fairmont ready for distribution is not known but it being government goods and food-

## Member of Road Gang Makes His Escape

Clarence Mitchell managed to escape from the county jail road gang while at work yesterday afternoon. The prisoners from the county jail were in charge of John Merrifield and while working along the road, Mitchell dodged into a corn field and made good his escape. Generally there were two guards out with the prisoners but yesterday there was only one and when the colored man started, Merrifield could not follow him because of the other prisoners.

Mitchell was sentenced to serve six months in the county jail for stealing a gun belonging to Charles Clark. He was arrested in this city by Police-man Eakle. Yesterday was his first day on the road and thus far it has proven a profitable one.

## Caldara Admits Speeding Charge

V. I. Caldara was before Mayor Bowen this morning and after confessing to charges of speeding was fined \$10. The case was supposed to come up yesterday morning but the charges were brought against Albert Jamison who declared that he was not driving the car, and said that V. I. Caldara was at the steering wheel.

The officer who made the arrest denied that Caldara was driving the car and the case was continued until this morning to summon witnesses. Before the trial this morning confession was made by Caldara. It seems Caldara was learning to drive the car, and had hold of the steering wheel at the time, but that Jamison was sitting in the driver's seat, thus leading to the misunderstanding.

Lot Austin who has been in jail for being drunk, paid a \$5 fine and was released.

Want New Action  
on Switching Rate  
Agreeing unanimously to oppose the institution of a new local switching rate, at a well attended meeting of local shippers yesterday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce, a number of men who had agreed to the new shipping rate rescinded their action. The old rate, it was discovered after partial approval had been given the new proposed schedule, would be more advantageous to local interests. The action of the meeting will be transmitted to the proper officials of the Baltimore and Ohio.

## STOCK YARD MEN STRIKE IN CHICAGO

Thirty Three Thousand  
Walk Out Because of  
Presence of Guards.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—A general strike of 33,000 employees at the packing plant in the stock yards began at nine o'clock this morning. The action followed the decision of the stock yards labor council last night to call a general strike unless the state troops and police guards were immediately withdrawn from the plant. The strike was precipitated by the return of 55,000 negroes to work.

## SHOPMEN HEEDING WILSON'S WARNING

Are Returning to Work  
Today on a Number of  
Lines.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Reports to the Railroad administration today said that in response to President Wilson's action of last night shopmen were rapidly returning to work on the Baltimore and Ohio, Norfolk and Western, Western Maryland, Rock Island, and St. Paul and on the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburgh.

## Pittsburgh Profiteers Are Under Arrest

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 8.—George W. Shehan of Chicago, president of the Central Sugar Company, appeared at the Federal building here this afternoon and was served with a warrant charging conspiracy to violate the food laws. Shehan with three other officers of the company then was given a hearing before United States Commissioner Edward F. Duffy. The four men are alleged by the government to have profited in sugar which they are charged at selling at 14c a pound wholesale.