

## THREE DEFINITE PROPOSALS FOR RAIL LEGISLATION

Railroad Executives, Interstate Commerce and McAdoo Propose Plans.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Three well defined proposals for legislation dealing with railroads now are before congress. Railroad executives today presented to the senate interstate commerce committee their plan, calling for private ownership and operation, under regulation of a secretary of transportation—a new cabinet officer with statutory guarantee of adequate earnings, rates to be proposed by the roads and subject to review by the secretary of transportation and interstate commerce commission and with the cabinet officer authorized to supervise pooling of equipment, common use of terminals, re-routing of traffic, mergers, construction of new lines and issuance of securities.

Previously the interstate commerce commission had suggested a policy of private ownership and operation under government regulation.

Director General McAdoo had advocated continuation of government control for five years, and as alternative early requirements of the roads from federal management.

Shippers and representatives of state railroad commissioners are the two principal groups which have not yet presented their views to the senate committee.

Among the objections expressed by senators today to the railroad plan, outlined by T. DeWitt Cuyler, chairman of the association of railway executives, was that if government supervision were visited principally in a secretary of transportation, politics might play a large part



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It was fitting that Captain M. W. Latham's horse Von Hindenburg should have the first drink from the River Rhine. The photograph was taken at Boppard, Germany, on December 19, where the First American Army arrived.

in railway policies, and there might be no constant policy continuing through the changes of administrations. These questions were raised by Senator Cummins of Iowa, and Smith of South Carolina.

Another objection was that if the railroads are guaranteed by law an adequate return, they should not also have power to determine rates, even though these rates were subject to veto by the secretary of transportation and notification by the interstate commerce commission.

Mr. Cuyler argued that the advantage of having one man as the principal government supervising agency is that he would act more quickly than a commission in opposing or disapproving rates proposed by railroads and would expedite general matters of railroad administration.

### CONCERT TOMORROW NIGHT.

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## HOT CONTROVERSY ON AMERICANS NOW IN RUSSIA

Half Dozen Senators Have Long Controversy Over Operation of U. S. Troops.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Operation of American troops in Russia was defended and criticized Thursday in the senate, half a dozen senators participating in a debate which continued several hours.

Sen. Hitchcock, chairman of the foreign relations committee, opposed the discussion by delivering a prepared speech in reply to recent addresses of Sen. Johnson of California and La Follette of Wisconsin, republicans, who had sharply criticized retention of American soldiers on Russian soil. Sen. Hitchcock and Sen. Swanson of Virginia and King of Utah, democrats, defended the administration's course.

Chairman Hitchcock justified sending troops into Russia, denounced the bolshevik government as pro-German and declared that the expeditions in both northern Russia and Siberia were purely defensive and entirely friendly to the loyal Russian people. Reports of fighting by American forces in Russia have been "grossly exaggerated," Sen. Hitchcock declared, as only 126 Americans have been killed since the landing at Archangel. From Vladivostok to the Ural mountains, he said, there has been no fighting for months and the inter-allied forces have been received by the Russian people with "open arms."

**Opposes Intervention.**  
Sen. Borah, in reply, opposed any intervention with Russian internal affairs. Without criticizing the sending of troops to Russia, Sen. Borah said retention of American forces there now is justified only in holding military stores from the Germans or in carrying out the general purposes of the war against Germany.

Sen. Borah said Russia should be permitted to work out her own governmental affairs, and he joined with Sen. Johnson in demanding an official statement from the administration regarding its plans and purposes in Russia.

Sen. Swanson, in defending the administration's course, cited President Wilson's statement in his 14 peace principles and declarations in the armistice terms imposed on Germany as assurances that America is friendly to the Russian people, and that Russian territorial and political integrity and independence are assured.

**Sen. France Attacks.**  
The administration's policy was attacked by Sen. France as "suspiciously secretive." The Maryland senator contended that Russia was a neutral when her soil was "invaded" by the allied and American troops and declared that the "invasion," like the German invasion of Belgium, was "most unexplainable and inexcusable."

Sen. Nelson, of Minnesota, asserted that bolshevism is losing ground gradually, while Sen. King expressed regret that greater vigor had not been exercised by America and the allies for the purpose of "walling in the bolshevik—those murderous mad men."

Before the senate adjourned Sen. Thomas, democrat, of Colorado, announced that he would discuss the Russian situation when the senate reconvenes next Monday.

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