

WILSON ASKS FOR CONGRESS' SUPPORT

Railroad Legislation Is Held Imperative and Bill Is Promptly Introduced.

QUICK PASSAGE EXPECTED

Appropriation of Half Billion Dollars Called For to Meet Guarantees of Adequate Compensation to Nation's Carriers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Legislation to regulate the Government's operation of railroads and to guarantee the carriers' compensation on the basis of their average operating income for the last three years was asked of Congress today by President Wilson in an address to both houses in joint session. Bills embodying his recommendations and carrying an appropriation of \$500,000,000 as a revolving fund were introduced immediately and an attempt will be made to rush them to prompt passage.

While the President's address met with general approval among Democrats and Republicans alike, opposition is expected to develop over a provision in the administration bill that Federal control shall continue after the war indefinitely or until Congress orders otherwise, and over details of the compensation basis.

Director-General McAdoo spent the day planning a solution of labor questions with the heads of the four railway brotherhoods and finally decided to refer the brotherhoods' pending demand for a general wage increase to an advisory board of four members to be appointed by him in a few days.

The plan will affect immediately only the wage requests of the brotherhoods, but demands which may be made later by other classes of organized labor probably will be handled in the same way.

Some increase in the brotherhoods and to other railway labor are generally considered certain. The director-general in a statement tonight pronounced the brotherhoods' "rights and interests will be justly dealt with," and appealed for a hearty spirit of enthusiasm and co-operation from every man.

Special orders were issued providing that 500 additional cars shall be furnished daily to certain specified bituminous coal anthracite mines, mainly in Pennsylvania, for supplying New England.

Mr. McAdoo explained today that no general provision can be made under the law for exempting railroad employees from the draft. He will not hesitate to appeal to local exemption boards to defer the calling of these workers if they can be shown to be essential to the national defense.

In his address to Congress President Wilson, announcing his action in taking over the railroads, pointed the way in which railroad executives went to work in an attempt to unify their lines under private management, but said the war emergency prevented them from doing so.

When the President concluded the Administration bill was introduced in the Senate by Senator Smith, of South Carolina, and in the House by Chairman Stone, of the Interstate Commerce Committee. In addition to appropriating \$500,000,000 and providing for the compensation basis under which the Government guarantees an aggregate return of some \$900,000,000 a year, the measure sets forth in detail the conditions upon which Government operation is to be carried on, and in addition to specified powers given the President, would authorize him to exercise other powers necessary to maintain practical Government operation, and to delegate his authority to any agency.

Under the last provision, the President is expected to issue an order transferring to Director-General McAdoo all functions vested in the Chief Executive. This will enable the Director-General to organize a corporation for handling railroad securities.

Some discussion is looked for over the bill's provision that new Federal taxes under the war revenue act are not to be charged against the revenue in computing the standard return, as are ordinary taxes. The effect of this will be to require railroads to pay war taxes out of their Government compensation.

The broad power which the Administration would have over the roads is illustrated by the bill's provision that the President might order any extension or improvement, and advance funds necessary for these. The procedure in such cases would be for the road to issue bonds to finance the improvements and these bonds would be absorbed by the Government revolving fund. Director-General McAdoo already has indicated that he will not hesitate to order new lines built, or adequate terminal or other facilities necessary.

Water Transportation Considered. Some significance was seen by Congressional leaders in the section providing for acquisition and operation of water transportation facilities. Advocates of large transportation on the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio Rivers, the Erie Canal and other inland routes, have recently to the Director-General's attention.

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Undermuslin Section

A Clean-Up of Broken Lines Corset Covers—Brassieres—Combinations—Drawers—Children's Dresses—Skirts—Boys and Girls' Hats—Infants' Wear, Etc.—All to Go at Ridiculously Low Price for Choice

See Our Third Street Window Display! We cannot begin to enumerate one-half the articles that comprise this great offering—suffice to say that we have gathered all broken lines and odds and ends, etc., into one great lot, and Friday you have choice from the entire assortment at 29c—A FIGURE THAT DOES NOT REPRESENT MORE THAN ONE-THIRD TO ONE-HALF OF THE ORIGINAL COST!

Included Are—Corset Covers—Drawers—Brassieres—Bust Pads—Combination Suits—Gowns—Skirts—Infants' Kimonos—Wool or Silk Hoods—Shawls—Sacques—Pinning Blankets—Toques

Saturday's List of Special Offerings At The Notion Counter

Castor Oil, in 4-oz. bottle, at... 25c White Pine Cough Syrup, (large bottle) ... 25c Syrup of Figs, regulation size, at... 25c Milk of Magnesia, special at... 25c Hinds Honey and Almond Cream... 40c Sempre Glycerine, special at... 40c Pond's Vanishing Cream, at... 40c Large Wool Puffs, special at... 15c Lux Soap Flakes, 15c, 2 for... 25c Red Perfume, all odors, the oz... 55c Red Rubber Water Bottles, No. 2... 25c Red Rubber Fountain Syringe, at... 25c Snugg Metal Water Bottle... 1.25 Rubber Household Gloves, at... 45c

Stock Jabots on Special Sale Two Great Lots to Select From Including the Latest and Best Styles. Lot One at 39c Lot Two at 75c

Store Opens at 8:30 A. M. Saturdays at 9 A. M. Store Closes at 5:30 P. M. Saturdays at 6 P. M.

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USE OF POWER IS URGED (Continued From First Page.)

Army Orders. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—These orders were issued today at headquarters of the Western Department of the Army.

Clear Your Skin Save Your Hair With Cuticura

The German Retreat from Arras