Railroad Legislation Is Held Imperative and Bill Is . Promptly Introduced.

QUICK PASSAGE EXPECTED

Appropriation of Half Billion Dol- to do so. lars 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 companiation on the basis of their average operating income for the last three years was asked of Congress today by Freeddent Wilson in an address to both houses in joint session. Bills embedying his recommendations and carrying an appropriation of \$500,000,-500 as a "revolving fund" were intro-duced immediately and an attempt will be made to rush them to prompt pas-

While the President's address met with general approval among Demo-crats 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 com-

pensation basis.

Director-General McAdoo spent the day planning a solution of labor questions with the heads of the four rall-way 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.

taxes under the war revenue act are not to be charged against the revenue in computing the standard return, as

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would be given attention as soon as he has time to take up the question.

If Congress passes the bill with a \$500,000,000 appropration this sum will have to be raised by issue of additional liberty bonds, unless it should become apparent that economies under the Government pooling system are sufficient to counterbalance special expenditures, and to meet a possible deficit in this year's earnings under the standard re-

The President spoke as follows: The President spoke as follows:
Gentlemen at the Congress—I have asked
the privilege of addressing you in order to
report that on the 28th of December last,
during the recess of Congress, acting through
the Secretary of War under the authority
conferred upon me by the act of Congress,
approved August 29, 1914, I took possession
and assumed control of the railway lines of
the country and the systems of water transportation under their control. This step
seemed to be imperatively necessary in the
interest of the public welfare, in the presence
of the great tasks of war with which we
are now dearing. As our experience develops
difficulties and makes it clear what they are,
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Heavy Responsibility Assumed.

To assume control of the Vast railway systems of the country is. I realize, a very heavy responsibility, but to fall to do so in the existing circumstances would have been a much greater. I assumed the less responsibility rather than the weighter. I am sure that I am speaking the mind of all thoughtful Americans when I say that it is our duty as the representatives of the Nation to do everything that it is necessary to do to be secure the complete mobilization of the whole resources of America by as rapid and effective a means as can be found. Transportation supplies all the arteries of mobilization. Unless it be under a single and unified direction, the whole process of the Nation's action is the whole process of the necessary unification under the voluntary action of these who were in charge of the grain of the sailway responsible to the net operation of the seed promptly and generously. The group of railway executives who were charged with the task of actual co-ordination and general direction have performed their task with patriotic seal and marked ability, as was to have been expected, and did, I believe, everything that was possible for liberation to tribuse most highly the advice and their part, but only because these were some things which the Government can do and present management cannot. We shall contain the value most highly the advice and assistance of these gentlemes and I am sure we shall not find them withholding it.

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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 in the Chief Executive. This will enable the Director-General in the Chief Executive. This will enable the Director-General in the Chief Executive. This will enable the Director-General in the Chief Executive. This will enable the Director-General in the Chief Executive. This will enable the Director-General in the Chief Executive. This will enable the Director-General in the hands of small investors in the sountry, as well as in National banks, in the surface companies. In financial agencies of every kind, rallway securities, the sum total of which runs up to some ten of 11 thousant millions, constitute a vital part of the structure of credit, and the unquestion and against them and judgments are the bill's provision that new Federal control the roads are subject to all laws and liabilities as common carriers and suits may be brought by and against them and judgments are the bill's provision that new Federal control the roads are subject to all laws and liabilities as common carriers and suits may be brought by and against them and judgments are the bill's provision that new Federal manufacture must be maintained.

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 improvements 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 bends 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 twater transportation facilities. Advocates of barge transportation on the Mississippl. Missouri and Ohio Rivers, the Erie Chanal and other inland routes. Mississippl, Missouri and Ohio Rivers, appropriations as are necessary at the out the Eric Canal and other inland routes, have received the Director-General's asgrant these promptly and ungrudgingly. V are dealing with great matters and will, are sure, deal with them greatly.

Army Orders.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—These orders are issued today at headquarters of the SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—These orders were issued today at headquarters of the Western Department of the Army:
Lieutenant-Cotonel Richard Park, Corps of Engineers, will proceed to Falo Alto, Cal., on official business in connection with the selection of Inne for Camp Frement, and upon completion of this duty will return to his station at these headquarters.

Captain George H. Resse, Quartermaster, Resserve Corps, now at Fort William H. Seward, Alaska, is assigned to duty as Quartermaster at that post.

Measure Providing for Government Operation Is Up to Lawmakers.

\$500,000.000 CALLED FOR

Compensation to Carriers Is to Be

ment shall pay compensation at an an-nual rate as near as possible to the net virtually agreed upon.

Section 12 stipulates that any person or corporation acting for or employed by a carrier or shipper or other per son who shall fail to observe any pro-visions of the proposed law, or "sha knowingly interfere with or impede possession, use, operation or control of any railroad or transportation system taken over by the President," or who taken over by the President," or who shall violate any order or regulation for carrying out the law, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable by a maximum fine of \$5000, or if a person, by imprisonment for not more than two years, or both.

Section 12, the last, provides for the indefinite continuance of the law. It makes this brief general provision.

"The Federal control of transportation systems herein and heretofore provided for shall continue for and during

vided for shall continue for and during the period of the war and until Con-gress shall thereafter order other-

USE OF POWER IS URGED

aerviceable in the development or dis-tribution of power, together with any locks or other aids to navigation constructed by the lessee, may be taken over by the Government upon the pay-ment of the fair value, not to exceed the actual cost of the property taken plus such reasonable damages as may be caused by the separation of the property from valuable property not

sonable annual charges of not less than

forests shall be expended in construc-tion of roads in these forests; 50 per cent of the receipts from public lands are to be placed in the reclamation fund; 50 per cent of receipts from navigable streams to be expended in ne maintenance and operation of dams and other navigation structures of the nited States and that all proceeds from Indian reservations shall be placed to the credit of the Indians.

The bill embraces features of both the Ferris bill in the House and the Shields bill in the Senate.

Committees at Conference Those attending the White House conference were Representative Ferris, of Oklahema, chairman, and Baker, Hayden, Lenroot and LaFollette, of the public lands committee; Representatives Sims, chairman, and Montague, Each Docemus, Hamilton, Docemus, Hamilton, Control of the Cont Esch, Doremus, Hamilton and Parker, of the interstate commerce committee; Representative Pou, chairman, and Garret and Foster, of the rules committee, and Representatives Lever, chairman, and Haugen and Anderson, of the agriculture committee. of the agriculture committee.

The President asked that the House rules committee report to the House a pecial rule creating a special commit-

tee on water power, with a view to supplying its membership from the regclar committees now claiming jurisdic tion. Chairman Pou, of the rules com-mittee, thought the plan feasible, al-though rather unusual. It was then suggested the committee be created by a special rule, each of the regular com-mittee members to be taken from their personnel and the speaker appointing

PRIORITY CARDS DECLARED TO HAVE CAUSED CONGESTION.

Robert S. Lovett Snys Notices of Priority Usually Were Tacked to Every Shipment Made.

the congestion of railroad lines and freight terminals today was placed by Robert S. Lovett, director of priority, on the tag system instituted by the ailroads and the supply departments f the Army, Navy and Shipping Board,

COLONEL DISQUE MAKES IMPOR-TANT SPRUCE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Order Also Amends Previous Statement as to Kind of Material That Will Be Accepted.

Corps, yesterday issued a bulletin in which he announced the extension of time for payment of bonuses for rived stock to April 30, and also amended a previous order as to the kind of mate-rial that will be accepted. This goes nto immediate effect throughout the

Northwest. Colonel Disque's bulletin, issued yes-terday, is as follows: "Rived timber will be accepted al-"Rived timber will be accepted although containing defects, providing the timber will scale 75 per cent wing beam stock, with the understanding that that portion of timber which is defective will not be considered in the scale value of the log.

"Paragraph four (of a previous buile-

raragraph four (of a previous bulle-tin) is amended so as to extend the bonus of \$40 per 1000 to cover the period from January 1 to April 30r In other words, the price which the Gov-ernment will pay for rived spruce will be \$130 per 1000 for all presented for inspection until April 30 of this year."

George I. Smith Nominated.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 4.—The President today sent to the Senate the nominations of George I. Smith as Receiver of the Portland Land Office and Richard R. Turner Receiver at Roseburg. He also nom-inated Howard Hathaway, of Everett, Wash., Collector of Internal Revenue for Hawall.

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vice-president respectively of the com-pany. Mr. Albers is a former resident of this city.

Hindu Commits Suicide.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 4.—Magu on a chage of stealing about \$50 worth party of Australia has resolved by a Ram, held here with Harman Singh, of jewelry from the Hammond Lumber of 63 to 2 to retain Premier thought to be two of many Hindus inber Company's store. Powers was sendicted in 1914 in San Francisco, committed suicide today by hanging in 1916 to serve from one to seven years Reuter agency here.

Charles Powers Again Prisoner.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special.)— Charles Powers, whose home is said to be in Portland, was arrested here today

Albers is a brother to Henry and Will-iam Albers, of Portland, president and vice-president respectively of the comof Pharmacy

Australian Premier Wins. OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—The Nationalist party of Australia has resolved by a vote of 63 to 2 to retain Premier Hushes in the leadership, according to



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