

HOLDING UP CARS TO BE EXPENSIVE

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—To promote more prompt unloading of freight cars, Director-General McAdoo today established new railroad demurrage rules for domestic traffic, effective January 21, continuing the present two days' free time, but providing for increases ranging from 50 to 100 per cent in charges thereafter.

The Director-General appealed to shippers and consignees to help in releasing cars to meet the National emergency, and to make special efforts even before the higher demurrage charges go into effect to clear terminals.

Demurrage Rates Much Higher. The new demurrage rates, approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission on request of the Director-General, are \$2 per car for the first day after the two free days, \$4 for the second day and \$1 additional for each succeeding day until the charge per day reaches \$10. This maximum then will be charged for every day or fraction thereafter.

Much higher rates have been charged on the Pacific coast and in several other districts than throughout the East. No changes will be made for the present in demurrage rules or rates on export freight. The new regulations, said Mr. McAdoo's order, specifically contemplate the cancellation of all agreements and provisions of existing tariffs.

Tariffs Will Be Filed. Railroads are instructed to file tariffs embodying the new rates with the Interstate Commerce Commission and State Commissions.

In approving the filing of new demurrage tariffs the Interstate Commerce Commission took action for the first time on a request of the Director-General for higher rates.

About one-fifth of the through passenger trains on Eastern railroads were withdrawn from service today, with the Director-General's approval, and within a week or two many other passenger schedules will be curtailed.

SERBIAN PAYS TRIBUTE

HEAD OF MISSION TO THIS COUNTRY VISITS WASHINGTON'S TOMB.

Dr. M. Vesitch Says His People Believe in Moral and Political Gospel of Great American.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—In the presence of a Serbian representative of official Washington, Dr. Milenko Vesitch, head of the Serbian mission to the United States, visited today the tomb of Washington at Mount Vernon today, with a tribute to the patriarch of liberty from "a small and hardly known nation."

Secretary Lansing, who introduced Dr. Vesitch, said the record of Serbia challenged the admiration of Christendom and that the cause of the present war is the cause for which Washington fought.

"With God's help we will triumph even as he triumphed," said the secretary. "As America was made free from tyranny and injustice, so shall the world be made free from the sinister forces which threaten the freedom and prosperity of mankind."

Dr. Vesitch spoke of his country's love of liberty. "This love," he said, "has brought us misfortune. The auto-crats and the despotic emperors of the Teutons and the Turks, have rushed upon us and have crucified Serbia, nay more, our whole race, the Slavo-Slav. We have believed in the moral and in the political gospel which Washington preached and which he confirmed by his life. We shall rise again. The argonauts who General Pershing commands in Europe will complete the work of our liberty."

"Your beloved land stands at the zenith of its grandeur and, through no fault of your own, you have witnessed the envy of selfish, ambitious and Prussianized Germany. You are of the stature to face the enemy, the more so, as in this gigantic struggle you have with you the frank and honest among nations. Jerusalem and Mount Vernon greet each other today. Here have stood the representatives of nearly 600,000,000 people, and others will come. Marshal Joffre has bowed before this tomb. We go in the name of our venerated democratic King and his heroic son, in the name of our beloved and martyred fatherland, in the name of our decimated but still unconquered army, hopeful and confident of a better future."

LA FOLLETTE PROTESTED

Letters From 40 Authors and Artists Reach Vice-President.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Letters of protest from 40 authors and artists, members of the vigilantes, an anti-pacifist organization, against the retention of his seat by Senator La Follette, were received yesterday by Vice-President Marshall.

He announced that he had turned the letters over to various Senators, who will present them if they desire.

CHICAGO BLIZZARD-SWEPT

Few trains running being hauled by two engines. Boulevards blocked by snow. Surface lines' schedules shattered. Not many cars operated on the trunk lines. Service on outlying lines abandoned.

Taxicabs limited their service to the railroad depots and to calls within the loop district. No effort at street cleaning, because it was impossible to get laborers. Boulevards are blocked by snow. Automobiles turned to streets in which there were tracks. Their broad wheels packed the snow in grooves and are held responsible for derailing street-cars.

Hundreds of automobiles stalled in various sections of the city and many of them overturned and all deserted. Telegraphic service crippled badly to

the South and East, the worst conditions being in Indiana.

Lake Michigan in a Fury. Lake Michigan, whipped for 18 hours by the opposing winds, is in a fine stage of fury and destructive mood tonight, and it will not calm down for many hours after the storm ceases.

Beachcombers 20 feet in height and carrying tons of broken ice, are smashing at the piers and breakwaters. It is not thought any craft are out on the lake, as everything ran for sheltering river slips and shore inlets last night. Even the staunchest vessel would have poor chance for life with the lake in its present temper.

Meager dispatches from the surrounding country and adjacent states say country roads and village streets are packed six feet deep in snow and it will be days before transportation can be brought to normal conditions.

Meanwhile there is a coal shortage all over Illinois, Ohio, parts of Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin to be reckoned with.

PRODUCTION MUST SPEED

SPRUCE FOR AIRPLANES, FIR FOR SHIPS, URGENTLY NEEDED. Federal Officers Coming to Northwest to Confer With Colonel Disque in Interest of Better Action.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 6.—To expedite further production of spruce for aeroplanes and Douglas fir for ships, and to eliminate conflict between the aeroplane and ship lumber producers, Brigadier General Salmank, assistant chief of the Signal Corps, and R. F. Howe, of the Aircraft Production Board, accompanied by J. B. Eccleston, lumber expert of the Shipping Board, will leave here Sunday night.

They will confer with Colonel Disque, and with the lumbering interests working on Government contracts, and endeavor to work a cooperative plan under which the production of spruce and fir can be greatly increased.

There have been numerous conflicts of authority in the past, which have retarded the production both of spruce and of ship lumber; but plans have been made to remove, and ample for both aeroplanes and ships can hereafter be cut and milled.

During their Portland stay these officials will arrange not only for more advantageous and expeditious logging, but also for the milling of lumber for both aeroplanes and ships.

MURPHY PREFERS FIGHT

ARMY OFFICER RESIGNS FROM RED CROSS WORK.

Major Feels It His Duty to Enter Military Service for Which West Point Education Fitted Him.

PARIS, Jan. 6.—Major Grayson Murphy, of New York, whose resignation as head of the American Red Cross mission to Europe was announced last night, is leaving for America to transfer from the Red Cross to other service at his own request. This follows an understanding which he had with Henry P. Davidson, chairman of the American Red Cross war council, when he came to France to organize the Red Cross work.

"I am going up my relations with the Red Cross," said Major Murphy today, "with a great deal of reluctance, but, as it happens, I am a graduate of West Point and I can be replaced in Red Cross work by Mr. James H. Perkins (vice-president of the National City Bank of New York, who is now in France with the commission) without any detriment whatever to the organization. I feel it to be my duty to go directly into the military service, for which I was trained by the Government."

"I am going to the United States for a week, as Major Perkins cannot leave France at present, to discuss certain important matters of policy with Mr. Davidson."

WHEAT STOCKS RUN LOW

Elevators With 59,000,000 Bushels Capacity Have 500,000 Bushels.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 6.—Stocks of wheat now on hand in local elevators total less than 500,000 bushels, according to figures given out by the Chamber of Commerce. Minneapolis elevators have a capacity of approximately 59,000,000 bushels. Exceptional demand for wheat by millers, shortage of cars and a tendency by farmers to ship other grain in preference to wheat are responsible for the low wheat stocks, according to John C. McHugh, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

AMERICAN WOMAN FREED

New York Journalist Found Guilty of Libel in Switzerland.

PARIS, Jan. 6.—Mrs. Julia Waterman, of New York, described as a newspaper woman, was acquitted at Yveroy, Switzerland, Friday in an action for libel brought against her by Prince von Wrede, chamberlain of the King of Bavaria. William Park, also a New York journalist, was sentenced by default to 15 days' imprisonment on the same charge.

TEACHERS MUST OWN UP

Hawaii Will Find Out if Pro-German Sentiment Exists.

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Steps will shortly be taken to stamp out pro-Germanism and lukewarm Americanism among the 300 odd school teachers in Hawaii.

Henry W. Kinney, superintendent of education, is preparing to send out question cards which must be filled in by every school teacher. These cards will contain certain questions which must be answered with "yes" or "no" and which, it is believed, will bring out the pro-German sentiments that might be in the heart of any teacher.

AN INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENT.

Another Hoover wheat-saving bread has been created by the Log Cabin Baking Co. It is to be known as the Holsum barley loaf—is delicious in taste and will keep fresh for days. On sale at all grocers.—Adv.

BRITISH UNIT BACK OF LLOYD GEORGE

War Policy of Nation Made Absolutely Clear by Premier's Speech.

MINORITY CLAMOR STOPS

English Press Comments in Strong Terms Address Made to Delegates of Trades Unions Last Saturday.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Premier Lloyd George's speech to the delegates of the trades unions on Saturday is characterized by the weekly newspapers as marking a historical epoch in the war.

The Weekly Dispatch asserts that it is a "courageous call for unity in the nation faced with dangers and is the best answer to the clamorous, if unjust, minority who have been endeavoring to drive a wedge between the government and the labor party on the false plea that there are unbridgeable difficulties in the way of the respective conceptions of the war aims for which we are fighting."

No Loophole Left. The News of the World declares that the speech outlined the British war aims "with a degree of precision which leaves no loophole for misunderstanding," and adds: "These are the aims for which we entered the war. For them we have bled unflinchingly more than three years and for them, as the Premier well said, we are prepared to face even heavier sacrifices than any we yet have endured."

The Sunday Times says the most satisfactory phrases of the speech and the most discomfiting for the Prussian war lords are those which reveal it as "not an utterance of either mere statesman or a political party, but as the considered utterance of the British people."

The National News says: "If there was ever any doubt about the things

for which the manhood of our empire has been gloriously making a great sacrifice, such can no longer exist."

It adds that the importance of the speech was greatly increased as it was delivered by the representatives of labor. The newspaper concludes: "That the Premier should have selected this democratic channel for his historic pronouncement is surely significant of his belief that the organized movement of democracy is the power which shall rule the world in the coming golden time."

The Sunday Observer describes Premier Lloyd George's speech as epoch-making and fateful. "He has done a weighty service to the cause of national unity and the interests of the allies," says the paper. "He has replied to the German peace offensive in Russia by a counter-offensive. The Premier states the allies' irreducible minimum. He puts the onus on the enemy. There must be an answer from Berlin."

Nation Well Served. The people assert that Lloyd George has done inestimable service to the nation and the entire allies in stating frankly and without reservation Great Britain's war aims and adds: "It will no longer be possible for our present enemies to profess honest doubt as to what we are fighting for, or to delude any intelligent German with the fable that our aim is the destruction or the disruption of the German state or its people."

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