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FEDERAL RAILROAD BILL IS ATTACKED

Amendments to Measure Are Proposed.

LIMIT TO CONTROL IS URGED

Basis of Compensation on Earnings Is Criticized.

CARS TO MOVE NEXT WEEK

Director-General Appeals to People to Make Supreme Effort to Clear Decks for Efficient Operation of Country's Roads.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The Administration bill to regulate Government management of railroads was subject to its first attacks today at the Capitol.

Resolutions were introduced in the Senate seeking to amend the section providing for indefinite continuance of Government control by providing for automatic return to private control after the war. The basis of compensation on the earnings of the three years ending last June 30 was criticized in a hearing before the Senate Interstate Commerce committee by Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Pacific, who suggested instead the 24-year period between July 1, 1915, and December 31, 1917, arguing that earnings for 1915 were below normal.

The House Interstate Commerce committee will start hearings on the bill tomorrow, and will hear Interstate Commerce Commissioner Anderson explain the measure.

Freight to Move Next Week.

The railroad administration devoted itself today to executive measures to clear up congestion on Eastern railroads, and Mr. McAdoo appealed to the people of the United States to observe next week as "freight-moving week," an organized movement to unload cars and turn them back from terminals. In anticipation of Government assistance in railroad financing, roads were instructed to report immediately the amount of capital they need for the coming year.

Before the Senate committee Mr. Kruttschnitt, who was a member of the railroads' war board, stated emphatically that he believed the stockholders of the Southern Pacific would not be satisfied with a return after the war such as the Government might guarantee during the war, no matter what period was selected. He thought they would accept it as a patriotic duty during the war, but afterwards would want to revert to the management effective before the President took charge.

Speedy Action Urged.

Alfred P. Thom, general counsel for the railroads' executive council, urged that whatever action is taken should come quickly. He feared the upset conditions of finance during the time when compensation was not definitely established.

Mr. Kruttschnitt will continue on the stand tomorrow.

Mr. McAdoo's statement on a concerted movement to clear congestion said:

"I wish to appeal to the people of the United States to observe the week beginning January 14 and ending January 21 as 'freight-moving week,' and I earnestly request the Governors of the various states, the public utilities commissioners, the Mayors of cities and towns, the state councils of National defense, the Federal and state food and fuel administrators, the chambers of commerce and other business organizations, business men and shippers generally, trucking companies and all railroad employees concerned to organize locally and make a supreme effort during the week to unload freight cars, remove freight from stations and clear the decks for a more efficient operation of the railroads of the country."

Vigorous Pull Demanded.

"An earnest and united pull along the line will achieve wonders in this direction. We can help ourselves and relieve an immense amount of suffering if we attack the problem vigorously and in the true spirit of co-operation."

Immediately after the "freight-moving week" the new high demurrage rates ordered by the Director-General will go into effect.

MURDERED MAN PICKED UP

George Hagis, Minneapolis, Found Dead in Salt Lake City.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 7.—George Hagis, of Minneapolis, was found murdered today, the body being picked up on the street by a policeman several hours after the commission of the crime. Three wounds on his head are said to have been inflicted either with a miner's pick or bullets. The pockets of the dead man were found turned inside out, but the police are inclined to the belief that the murder was committed by a person having a grudge against Hagis. Hagis is said to have arrived in this city a few days ago. A nephew in Pocatello, Idaho, has been communicated with.

Three men are being held by the police in the belief that they can throw light on the crime.

DROWNING AUTOIST SAVED BY ATHLETE

JOHNNY JACKSON DRIVES INTO SLOUGH AT RAYMOND.

Car Plunges Into Water With W. H. Walters and Boy; Lad Swims to Shore, but Elder Is Helpless.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Johnny Jackson, ballplayer, city fireman and all-around athlete, is a hero in Raymond today.

Yesterday he raced two blocks from the city fire station to Sillers Slough, plunged into the icy waters and brought safely to shore W. H. Walters, who, with 15-year-old Raymond Garrett, nearly drowned when the automobile in which they were riding skidded into the slough.

Mr. Walters, to avoid striking another machine, did not turn the corner at Duryea and Third streets, but drove his car to the end of the platform above the slough, where he plunged off into the water. The Garrett boy finally swam out, but Jackson, encumbered by his clothing, dived for Mr. Walters as he was going down the last time, swam with the body to a piling and held on until a crowd that had hitherto stood helpless on the wharf pulled both men out of the water.

Mr. Walters was revived and was at his business today. He said he had given up after advising the boy to swim ashore. He could not swim.

The car has not been recovered.

FARMER OFFERS SERVICES

Premier Agriculturist Would Make France Self-Supporting.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 7.—Arnold Martin, of Du Bois, Neb., nominated by the United States Department of Agriculture as the world's premier intensive farmer, today offered his services to the National Government through Governor Neville, of Nebraska, to go to France to teach intensive farming this Spring.

Martin says he can teach French farmers how to handle their land that France will be self-supporting and will not call on America for foodstuffs.

FRENCH PREMIER PLEASED

Message of Congratulation Is Sent to Lloyd George.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Premier Clemenceau, a dispatch from France today says, has sent this message to Premier Lloyd George:

"With my most hearty congratulations, I hasten to send you those of the French nation, those at the front and in the interior, for the admirable speech in which you so happily stated the truth that one must never become weary of opposing the Germans."

ILWACO LOCOMOTIVE BURNS

Stock of Branch Line Reduced by Loss of Megler Roundhouse.

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—A fire which occurred about 11:30 Saturday night destroyed the O.-W. R. & N. roundhouse at Megler station, on the north side of the Columbia, and one locomotive.

The locomotive was being held in reserve for use during the summer season and its destruction leaves the Ilwaco line with only three locomotives and little chance of procuring another.

DR. VAN DYKE IS CHAPLAIN

Ex-U. S. Minister to Holland Ranks as Lieutenant-Commander.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Dr. Henry Van Dyke, former United States Minister to The Netherlands, was commissioned today a chaplain in the naval reserve, with the rank of "Lieutenant-Commander."

Besides addresses he will deliver on board warships. Dr. Van Dyke also will assist at military training camps throughout the country, it was stated.

AMERICAN AVIATOR KILLED

John Stark, Student Flyer, Has Fatal Fall in France.

PARIS, Jan. 7.—John Stark, of Athol, Mass., an American student at a French flying school, was killed on Saturday when his machine suddenly plunged to the ground while he was flying at a height of 200 yards.

The American had almost completed his course of instruction and was just about to be transferred to the aviation service of the United States.

GERMAN, AND SCHOOL, GONE

Lutheran Parish in Colorado Makes Clean Sweep.

STERLING, Colo., Jan. 7.—At a meeting of the official board of the parish school of the Trinity German Lutheran Church called today to consider abolishing the teaching of German, it was decided to go a step further and suspend school for the duration of the war.

PIAVE CROSSED BY BRITISH

Patrols Force Passage at Several Points and Alarm Enemy.

ROME, Jan. 7.—British patrols have again crossed the Piave River, the War Office announces.

They forced a passage at various points, causing alarm in the enemy lines.

CHICAGO SNOWED UNDER BY BLIZZARD

Weight of 14-Inch Fall Prostrates City.

PRECIPITATION RECORD BROKEN

All Middle West Suffers; No Relief in Sight.

BIG INDUSTRIES BLOCKED

Steel Plants in Indiana Lack Workmen; Fierce Winter Storm Strikes Milwaukee—New York City Is in Grip of Sleet.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Twenty-four hours after abatement of the unprecedented Sunday blizzard Chicago's streets were still badly impeded. Traffic for the most part was confined to the paths made by streetcars, which made uncertain progress through canyons of snow heaped and drifted on either side.

By offering bonuses the city obtained 2000 laborers for the street-cleaning department. Private firms lent men and carts, but the snow piles, heaped by the greatest single storm on record, had not perceptibly decreased at nightfall.

Many an automobile, stalled last night, remained fast tonight, as the demand for help far outnumbered the wrecking crews available at garages and livery stables.

Outlook Still Chilling.

The weather bureau offered no relief. It predicted snow flurries and a lower temperature for Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and Southern Michigan.

Passenger trains arrived from one to eight hours late, and the schedules of freight trains were obliterated. Interurban trains shared the common fate with few exceptions.

The great steel mills which fringe the southern end of Lake Michigan were practically idle, owing to the inability of workers to reach the plants. At the steelyards only 200 of the 1100 cars loaded yesterday were being shipped.

Week of Street Cleaning Ahead.

Even without further snowfall, it was said that a week would be required to restore the streets to normal. During the storm the wind blew from 40 to 60 miles an hour. The weather bureau characterized the precipitation, 14.8 inches, as the heaviest snowfall on record for a single storm.

The storm covered Northern Illinois, Northeastern Iowa, Eastern and Southern Wisconsin, Northwestern Indiana and Lower Michigan. It was central over Southeastern Michigan today. The steamer Missouri, plying between Chicago and Milwaukee, limped into port this morning like some stray iceberg. She was covered with ice. South Water street, one of the most

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WORKER AT MILL TARGET FOR SHOTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S SON AT INMAN-POULSEN'S ATTACKED.

Mysterious Attempted Killing Occurs Late at Night; Others See Would-Be Murderer.

Roy Bevis, son of J. W. Bevis, superintendent of the Inman-Poulsen mill, had a narrow escape from death last night when an unknown man fired at him as he was at work at the mill.

Bevis, who is a saw filer, was working in a small shed opposite the mill offices when a man, evidently a laborer, opened the back door of the shed, ran up to within 10 yards of Bevis and opened fire. Bevis ducked at the first report, the bullet going wide. Three more shots were fired in rapid succession, any one of which would have taken effect if Bevis had remained standing. The gunman then disappeared through the back door.

"I heard a crack," said Bevis, "and looked up. The most I could see was a gun, and it looked as big as the Bull Run pipeline. 'Down in the trench' said I to myself, and I ducked below the bench."

An employee, J. L. Wigle, 457 East Seventeenth street, was the first to see the unknown gunman. He noticed the man outside the shed and shouted to him to stop when he saw the gun in his hand. The man continued on his way and went without pause to the shed.

A. V. Goddard, 503 East Oak street, the only other man working in the shed, ducked out of the back door when he saw the man with the gun. All three men described the gunman as an Italian or of the Italian type, of medium age and medium height and wearing a slouch hat and dirty blue overalls. The gun he used was evidently a 32-caliber, all four bullets leaving marks on the wall.

Although the attack seems to have been inspired by a grudge, Bevis could give no reason for the attempted killing. Bevis lives at 343 Gilean street.

PRESIDENT BRAVES STORM

Round of Links Made in Spite of Glazed Covering.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—President Wilson went to golf today in the worst glaze storm the Capital has suffered in years. Although the streets were so icy that the usual motorcycle police escort had to be left behind and all Washington riders rather than walked or rode to business, the President insisted on his morning recreation and the White House automobile crept out to the links.

The President evidently enjoyed the ice-covered course.

ALL OREGON TROOPS SAFE

Assurance Given Senator McNary by War Department.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 7.—Senator McNary today was assured by the War Department that there is no foundation for rumors, current in Oregon, that a transport bearing some of the Oregon troops had been sunk.

All the Oregon troops, he was told, had landed safely.

KAISER USES PRESS AS WEAPON OF WAR

Published News Made to Order.

GERMAN PEOPLE ARE DECEIVED

Advent of America in Fight Carefully Handled.

DOG MEAT PRICES CUT OUT

Economic Woes Hinted At in Orders to Censor—Copy of Secret Instructions Falls Into Hands of State Department.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Evidence of the care the German government is taking to direct public opinion and to deceive not only its enemies, but its own people is contained in a series of secret instructions issued to the German press by the censorship, which have fallen into the hands of the State Department.

These instructions cover a period of less than three months of last year, but they tell a complete story of how the Teutonic war lords control public opinion.

Owners of newspapers and publishers generally not only are limited as to the character of the articles printed, but in many cases are told what they should publish and in what terms.

Labor disturbances, food shortage and difficulties in securing and distributing coal are placed under the ban, but newspapers are urged to give prominence to enemy losses and to certain prescribed interpretations of international situations.

Ruthless Policy Indicated.

A hint of the ruthlessness of the authorities in punishing infractions of orders is contained in one notice, in which attention is called to the fact that the police "have again been notified to seek out and to bring to ruthless punishment originators and communicators of untrue military, political, financial and economic reports."

In another notice similar warning is given that the police will "proceed energetically" against those who repeated untrue reports.

Interesting light is thrown upon the Berlin view of the preparations for war in the United States by a paragraph of an order dated June 6, last. It says:

"While the news about America's war preparations, such as the organization and outfitting of an army of 1,000,000 strong to reinforce the French-English front, is looked upon, in that form, as 'bluff,' the spreading of which may unfavorably affect the opinion of the German people, yet the fact must not be overlooked, on the other hand, that the United States, with the support of its capacity for material and industrial management,

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SUNDAY RANCH IS PLAYING TO HOOVER

"HOGS, HOGS AND MORE HOGS" IS EVANGELIST'S ORDER.

L. C. Heizer Follows Advice in Letter, and Animal Weighing 600 Pounds Is Marketed.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—While Billy Sunday is preaching at Washington, D. C., to Senators and Representatives and alternately pounding the lines of Satan and Kaiser Bill, his Hood River Valley ranch, in charge of his half brother, L. C. Heizer, has been dedicated to the aid of Hoover.

"Hogs, hogs and more hogs," was the recommendation the evangelist left with Mr. Heizer on his departure for Los Angeles last September. "You just go to it, Ray."

And Mr. Heizer has gone to it. The pigsties of the Odell ranch are numerous and substantial. Mr. Heizer has marketed a number of swine lately, but none of them brought him into the limelight until he pitched up the big Sunday truck this morning and rolled to town with a pig that tipped the scales at 600 pounds. He received 14 cents a pound for the fat animal, the check being for \$85.36.

W. J. Filz, local market man, who purchased the big hog fattened on the Sunday ranch, says it is the largest he has ever bought in Hood River.

MARRIAGE IS SURPRISE

E. C. Barbur, 20, and Miss Mary Neff, 17, Are Wedded.

A surprise was sprung on their friends in Portland by Everett C. Barbur, son of City Commissioner A. I. Barbur, and Mary Neff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Neff, 333 East Fifth street, yesterday, when they obtained a marriage license and were married at the Courthouse.

Mr. Barbur did not even take his parents into his confidence and the couple had not made known their plans last night. It is thought they left the city on a honeymoon trip.

The two were students at Franklin High School. Mr. Barbur, who is 20 years old, recently left school and went to Schofield, Washington County, where he engaged in business. The bride is 17 years old.

BRITISH DESTROYER SUNK

Ten Members of Crew Lost in Disaster in Mediterranean Sea.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—A British torpedo boat destroyer has been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean Sea according to an Admiralty announcement issued tonight.

All the officers of the destroyer were saved, but ten members of the crew were lost.

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MOVING VAST ARMY IS GOETHALS' TASK

General Now Director of Transportation.

FIVE BUREAUS CENTRALIZED

Various Branches of War Department Co-ordinated.

NEW LEGISLATION SOUGHT

Behind All This Stands Probability That Purchasing for Army Also Will Be Drawn Together Under Central Control.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Reorganization of the War Department, begun with the creation last month of the war council of high general officers, advanced a step further today with the appointment by Secretary Baker of Major-General George W. Goethals, acting quartermaster-general to serve also as director of War Department transportation and storage.

Wide economies in the use of cars and in shipping charges are expected from this centralization in one agency of functions heretofore exercised by five departmental bureaus independently.

General Goethals, as acting quartermaster-general, directs the supply, maintenance and pay departments of the Army, supplemented by the embarkation and other services already established in his office each with a general officer in charge. Under today's order he will, in addition, supervise transportation of all ordnance, engineers, signal corps, aviation service and coast artillery material as well as quartermaster supplies and troops.

Bureaus No Longer Independent.

All bureaus heretofore independent in this regard have been directed to coordinate their demands upon the railroads and upon storage facilities through the director of railroads, the Shipping Board or any other centralized agency for transportation or storage, presenting complete schedules of cars and tonnage needed and working out routing and storage so as to get the most efficient use of the Nation's facilities.

Behind all this stands the probability that Army purchasing also will be drawn together under a central control. Steps to this end are under consideration, but legislation may be required to carry it out. The question of finding a man for the job, however, already has been taken up.

Freight Cars Tied Up.

Secretary Baker said today he had not heard that the War Department shipments were tying up thousands of freight cars, adding to the congestion of railroads and terminals, and that under Director McAdoo's recent order the department faced demurrage charges of \$10 a day per car. He added, however, that the department should "take pot luck with the whole country" in the demurrage question and compel to unload at once any cars it was using for storage purposes.

SENATOR SMITH CHOSEN

South Carolinian Succeeds Newlands as Head of Commerce Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Senator Smith, of South Carolina, was chosen today by the Senate steering committee to be chairman of the Interstate Commerce committee, succeeding the late Senator Newlands. He will have charge of the Administration railroad legislation in the Senate.

Friends of Pomeroy of Ohio were understood to have claimed the chairmanship for him because he has had longer service on the committee, although not its ranking majority member. The committee, however, chose Senator Smith virtually unanimously.

CLARK & WILSON SAWMILL AT LINNTON IS OPERATING TO CAPACITY.

Development of the wood ship-building industry naturally has increased the demand for a maximum output of the lumber mills. This has been the experience of the Clark & Wilson Lumber Company at Linnton, which today is operating its plant to capacity, with a day shift only. In the last year this company cut and delivered to the trade 46,000,000 feet of manufactured lumber.

This company now employs 175 men in its lumber mill and an equal number in its various logging camps. The last year has seen no increase in the number of operatives in its sawmill, but 50 additional men have been given work in the camps.

Last month this company's payroll aggregated \$18,000 as compared with about \$10,000 for the corresponding month a year ago. The fact that its payroll has almost doubled in the last 12 months is due to the fact that wages in many of the departments have doubled.

