

HIGHER WAGES FOR MEN HELD URGENT

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SQUARE DEAL IS PROMISED

Increase in Pay Necessary to Keep Employes From Being Attracted to Other Industries—McAdoo Fears No Trouble.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Higher wages will be asked of the railroad administration soon by nearly all classes of organized railroad labor. It was learned today that many pending wage disputes will be transferred to the Government by railway executives.

Strikes are not contemplated by any organization, it is said, and wage questions will not be put up to the director-general as demands. Railroad labor leaders are represented as not seeking to take advantage of Government operation to obtain for themselves, but rather as pointing out the necessity of wage increases to keep employes from being attracted to other industries.

Up to the present, the only general demands for wage increases considered by Director-General McAdoo are those presented by the four railway brotherhoods and the switchmen's union, whose president, S. E. Heberting, conferred with Mr. McAdoo today. The brotherhoods' case will be investigated by a board of four to be named by the director-general tomorrow, and he also may ask this body to inquire into the switchmen's demand, which now is being considered by a committee of railway executives representing all roads.

Directors to Be Named. The director-general announced tonight that he expected to name railroad directors for certain sections of the country to assist him in administering Government operation, but said he had not determined how many would be appointed nor what terms the director should supervise. Mr. McAdoo said specifically that he did not plan to name any directors.

The Senate and House Interstate committee today continued their hearings on the railroad bill. Before the House committee, the Interstate Commerce commissioner Anderson reiterated that it seemed impracticable to change the bill to provide for termination of Government control of carriers during the war. He advocated leaving the question of return of the roads to private control to fuller determination by Congress.

Representative Moore, of Pennsylvania, asked the committee to amend the bill to provide specifically for Government control of carriers during the war. Members of the United States employes' compensation commission advocated that railroad men should be regarded as Government employes.

Compensation Is Argued. Testifying before the Senate committee, George M. Shriver, vice-president of the Eastern Railway Employees' Association, said that compensation should be based on property investments as of December 31, 1917, rather than June 30, 1917, as proposed in the bill. The average return on investment of the 38 principal Eastern systems for the three-year average suggested by the President was 14.4 per cent, he said. He stated that the Eastern railroads had added \$110,000,000 to their property investment in the last half of 1917. Consequently if provisions of the bill are carried out, he said, the Eastern roads' return on property investment really would be 5.32 per cent.

MR. WILSON FOR SUFFRAGE

(Continued From First Page.) Trump card yet to be played. There were no formal predictions from the opponents tonight, but a tremendous fight is promised. All of the members who went to the White House were Democrats and most of them supporters of the amendment, but there were several uncommitted. In the delegation were Representatives Baker, California; Taylor, Colorado; Barkley and Cantrill, Kentucky; Hayden, Arizona; Gregg and Jones, Texas; Ayres, Kansas; Cawway, Oregon.

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PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

Bad weather continues to prevail on most of the major battlefronts, but nevertheless heavy artillery duels are proceeding and at several points infantry attacks of small proportions have been carried out. The Germans, in one of these maneuvers, which apparently was more in the nature of a raid than an attack by large forces, entered the British advanced posts north of the Ypres salient, but later were forced out by a counter attack.

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ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, TUESDAY, JAN. 9.

(By the Associated Press.)—Snow was falling along the mountain front and an intermittent enemy artillery fire was in progress during a visit which U. S. Consul Carroll, Jr., American Consul at Venice, just paid to the Asiago plateau on that front as a guest of the Italian general staff.

The city of Bassano, through which Consul Carroll passed, had been partly evacuated. Most of the stores and hotels were closed, but a remnant of the populace was still about the streets. Firing could be heard from the enemy positions seven miles distant, near Monte Grappa, where the enemy is now being conditioned for the future of his last effort to break through.

Nearly a foot of snow fell during Consul Carroll's visit and several officers predicted a three-foot fall, which they considered would bring the telegram dated Monday, a Russian report to the supreme command today shows a rise in temperature, with a minimum of 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

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EVASION NOT ATTEMPTED

Draft Registrant Who Failed to Report in Marine Corps. MARE ISLAND, Cal., Jan. 9.—Floyd J. Lyons, who was charged with failure to report on duty in the selective draft army from Butte, Mont., was turned over to a local draft exemption board here today by officers of the Marine Corps, in which service he had enlisted recently.

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CHICAGO STILL BLANKETED

90 Per Cent of Streets Blocked to Vehicle Traffic by Snow.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—The efforts of all Chicago to clear away the blanket of snow which for four days has menaced the city with famine and conflagration, today still left 90 per cent of the streets blocked to vehicle traffic. Millions and laborers, in answer to the call of the Mayor, worked side by side in the streets to clear away the drifts and permit deliveries of food and fuel. Efforts were also made to uncover fire hydrants to avoid the danger of conflagration.

Meanwhile the railroads reported that train service was approaching normal and the streetcars were being run on schedule.

STUDENTS TO DEBATE

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The 1918 schedule of the Lewis County Interscholarship Debating League will open Friday night. The Centralia High School team, composed of Emerald Sloan and Nora Dishon, will debate the Morton team here, arguing the affirmative side of the question: "Resolved: That the eight-hour day should be adopted in all industries, and time and one-half be paid for overtime."

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KAISER RECEIVES POLES

EMPEROR ASSURES DELEGATION HIS FULL SUPPORT.

RUSSIA SAYS HE IS CHAMPION OF PRINCIPLES MAKING FOR WELFARE OF HUMANITY. AMSTERDAM, Jan. 9.—Referring to himself as having been throughout his reign the champion of principles making for the welfare of humanity and peaceable co-operation of peoples, Emperor William promised his full support to the delegation of the Polish regency council which he received a day or two ago, a Berlin dispatch says. In reply to the address presented by the delegates, who expressed gratitude for the restoration of the independent Polish kingdom, the Emperor said: "It is a sincere joy to me to be able to greet you, as the appointed representatives of the Polish state, in my capital. I gather from your words, with lively satisfaction, that you see in the acts carried out by my exalted allies and myself fulfillment of the long-cherished desire of the Polish people for establishment of the independent Polish kingdom and that you believe you will be best serving your fatherland if in common with the German empire and peaceable co-operation of peoples, I feel grateful that my unremitting efforts in my reign of nearly 30 years to be the champion and

protector of these principles will meet with deep sympathy on your part. "May it be granted to you, gentlemen, in successful labor to give the Polish state foundations which will guarantee its further peaceable development as an element of order, progress and civilization. You may hereby be assured of the full support of myself and my government."

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