Plight of Many Public Service Concerns Is Admitted to Be Serious.

## STREET RAILWAYS IN NEED

Secretary McAdoo Calls President's Attention to Grave Conditions Existing and Executive Urges Action for Relief.

Recognition by President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo, as Director-General of Railroads, of the seriousness of the affuation confronting many of the public service corporations of the country, whose financial stability is threatened by mounting costs of operation, it is believed will result in granting the relief demanded by these utilities through an adjustment of the rates now allowed for service by public service commissions and other bodies

ice commissions and other bodies charged with their regulation in the various states.

As the result of correspondence between Secretary McAdoo and the President, based on memoranda furnished by a committee representing the public utility interests, the Federal Railroad Administration is expected to take a hand in regulating the rates and charges to be made by street railway, light, heat and power companies throughout the United States, and, possibly, finance betterments and extensibly, finance betterments and exten-sions of utility corporations when those improvements may be deemed a necessary part of the Nation's equip-ment for the war.

In submitting the plan, Secretary Mc-Adoo sent the following letter to the

"I heg to hand you herewith several memoranda and letters relating to street railway and other local public utilities furnishing light, heat and power, which I have been asked to oring to your attention by a committee epresenting public utility interests.

## Apprehension Is General.

These papers indicate the existence of genuine apprehension regarding the adequacy, under present conditions, of the services and rates of local public the services and rates or local public utilities. The view is expressed that increased wages and the high cost of essential materials and supplies have affected them as they have affected everybody else, and that united effort will be necessary in order to meet alike the multi-remember for service and the public requirements for service and the corporate financial needs upon which that service depends.

which that service depends.

"As Secretary of the Treasury, I must take official notice of these matters. It is obvious that every part of our industrial and economic life should be maintained at its maximum strength in order that each may contribute in the fullest measure to the vigorous prosecution of the war. Our local public utilities must not be permitted to become weakened. The transportation of workers to and from our vital industries and ithe health and comfort of our citizens in their homes are dependent upon them, and the necessary power to drive many of our war industries and many other industries essential to the war is produced by them. ential to the war is produced by them

Authorities Sometimes Slow. "It may be that here and there, be-cause of the prominence given to less important interests immediately at hand, state and local authorities do not always appreciate the close connection between the soundness and ef-ficiency of these local utilities and the National strength and vigor and do not resort with sufficient promptness to the call for remedial measures. In such cases, I am confident that all such state and local authorities will respond promptly to the National needs when the matter is fairly and properly

brought hefore them.
"Our public service utilities are closely connected with and are an essential part of our preparations for and successful prosecution of the war, and the unfavorable tendencies which the secompanying papers reveal may most effectively be checked, wherever they may be found to exist, and the needed relief obtained only by prompt action on the part of the respective local

President Urges Action.

aession suggests that such a course is desirable and in the National interest."

ice corporation to make up operating deficits. Instead, the President urges the regulating bodies to adjust the deficits. Instead, the President urges tory.

"We have been warned by Great to understand each other and are finding each other not one tithe as bad as the increased cost of operation and then, if the utility needs additional capital for investment—not to pay operating losses, but to be used for increasing its facilities—the President believes the United States may properly loss may proparly loss may proparly loss may not all the thunder of the German suns, can shake the trief. United States may properly loan money for the purpose of increasing facilities.

showing to the Government that its loan would be safe."

Betterments contemplated this year by the Portland Raliway, Light & Power Company involve the expenditure of about \$1,000,000. But the company recognizes the fact that it will be in no position to apply to the Raliroad Administration for these necessary funds until its rates have been so adjusted that it can meet actual operating expenses instead of operating at a loss. In the absence of being able to make such a showing to the Government, it is conceded that any application for financial aid from the Government for investment in a utility which, under present operation and existing conditions was showing a deficit, would receive scant consideration.

Betterments contemplated this year when he might drive two is a Benedict when he head the heart and soul, for sinck-ing, delaying and sullen indifference is a treachery which may cost the life of our brothers and our sons.

Heroism Has Chance at Home.

"A not actory where guns are molded and munitions made, in the shops where clothes are cut and shaped. In the for-clothes are cut and shaped. In the shops where clothes are cut and shaped. In the shops





Germans Expected Workers in this U. S. to "Fall" for Lies.

HEROES TOIL AT HOME

Secretary of Navy Daniels Delivers Stirring Address at American Alliance for Labor and Democracy Meeting.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22 .- The bitterest

Speaking with Samuel Gompers at a patriotic mass meeting arranged by the American Alliance for Labor and De-President Urges Action.

President Wilson gave his approval to the plan and wrote Secretary Mc-Adoc in part as follows:

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"I hope that state and local authorities, where they have not already done so, will, when the facts are properly laid before them, respond properly to the necessities of the situation.

"I shall be glad to have you communicate with the local authorities whenever the information in your possession suggests that such a course is blooded American has passed.

"I is a time rather for thanks to

All in Patriot Class.

Government Must Be Shown.

Neither is it believed that it will be the policy of the United States to lend money to any utility unless it can first be shown that the borrowing utility will be able to earn interest on the new money loaned by the Government. If any utility is unable to earn a return upon what it already has invested because of insufficient rates, it would not hammer that strikes a rivet is every hammer that strikes a rivet is every

upon what it already has invested because of insufficient rates, it would not be good husiness for the Government to extend financial aid.

"Our hope," said Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, light & Power Company, yesterday, "is that we may be placed in such a position by the regulating bodies in Oregon as to enable us to make an application to the Government for assistance with some prospect of securing it. But we cannot expect to secure this length of the hour is ships. The hammer that strikes a rivet is every whit as effective as the machine gun on the firing line. Our soldiers must go across the sea, supplies must go with them, and to those nations fighting side by side with us against the sent the food that is absolutely with them, and to those nations fighting side by side with us against the sent the food that is absolutely vital to the maintenance of their military strength.

"Every man who fires one shot at the enemy when he might use a machine strength."

But we cannot expect to escure this aid unless we can make a satisfactory gun, every man who falls to be on the showing to the Government that its loan would be safe."

with the children who will question him in future years—and how will he answer himself, how will he answer himself, how will he answer himsens, if he can only confess neglect and cowardice in an hour of trial?

"Never before in the history of human struggle have the reactions of war been guarded against so carefully as in this day, when America fights for her life. There is not a single body with any executive power that does not have upon it a representative of labor, sitting side by side with the representative of the employers and have equal voice in all those decisions that are concerned with the human element in cerned with the human element in

"In the next few days the first of a series of historic meetings will be held in the office of the Secretary of Labor the great employing interests and five representatives of the workers of America will meet in an honest effort to agree on principles and policies which shall govern relations between employers and workers during the war, in an effort to set down a programme that shall safeguard every right and defend

every duty. Spy Campaign Defeated.

"The real hope of the Prussians that "I carnestly hope that you may feel justified in expressing the conviction that the vital part which the public utilities companies represent in the life and war-making energy of the Nation of the Navy Daniels declared in an admost upon the declaration of war.

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"Far bitterer than the failure of the submarine to sweep the seas has been

policy, and when this war is over it will have won its own fight as well No hidebound capitalist of that type which is so rapidly disappearing in this enlightened time, who made the name 'capitalist' something of a reproach, will dare then to rise and seriously announce his belief that labor desirable and in the National interest."

It is not expected in any quarter that it will be the policy of the Government to lend money to any public serve, but how and where they can deficite. Instead, the President was to lend money to make up operating deficits. Instead, the President was to lend money to make up operating deficits. Instead, the President was to lend to rise and se riously announce his belief that labor and to point out not why they should be suppressed with an iron and to point out not why they should be suppressed with an iron and to point out not why they should be suppressed with an iron and to point out not why they should be suppressed with an iron and to point out not why they should be suppressed with an iron and to point out not why they should be suppressed with an iron and to point out not why they should be suppressed with an iron and to point out not why they should be suppressed with an iron and to point out not why they should be suppressed with an iron and to point out not why they should be suppressed with an iron and to point out not why they should be suppressed with an iron and to point out not why they should be suppressed with an iron and to point out not why they should be suppressed.

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umphant progress of real democracy throughout the whole world."

"We once more declare our steadfast loyalty to America's enlightened cause," said the resolutions. "We recognize in this great struggle a war that is essen-tially labor's war—a war of the useful people of the world against the agents and institutions of tyranny and oppres sion, and that we are resolved to re-main with this struggle to its vic-

Orious conclusion."

Determination of the American labor novement to have no dealings with nemy nations as long as they remain autocratic was warmly commended. A message of greeting was sent to the first contingent of American wounded to arrive here from France.

GREAT LEADER EULOGIZED

Without Washington, Rabbi Wise Says Republic Might Have Failed.

"A noble mind and a spotless chara ter was George Washington of Fair-

With this eulogy Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, at Temple Beth Israel last night, praised the leader whose birthday was observed the country over.
"Without George Washington the great work of beginning a republic

HATTIE LOFFLER VISITING NEAR OREGON CITY

not Husband at Camp Lewis, Institutes Mrs. Loffler Says She Is Seeking Divorce.

OREGON CITY, Feb. 22 .- (Special.) Very much alive and well, Mrs. Hattle veloped by the war was discussed by Loffler, formerly of Tacoma, for whom in the office of the Secretary of Labor a search was instituted in Oregon City at Washington. Five representatives of Thursday, appeared early Friday morn-

Urgent advices from the Tacoma Red cross to the effect that Mrs. Loffler, the wife of Sergeant Fred Loffler, of Company F, 14th Infantry, Camp Lewis, was seriously ill in or near Oregon City, led to immediate steps on the part of the local civilian relief committee. of the local civilian relief committee.

Mrs. Loffler, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Walker, on Molalla avenue, read the story of her mysterious illness at the breakfast by the military autocracy of Germany. this morning and immediately many." came to the city to quiet any alarms According to Mrs. Loffler, a divorce

suit is pending between herself and her husband, and she said that Ser-geant Loffler was well aware of the fact that she has been visiting her Mrs. Loffler had been an employe of

the Rhodes department store in Taco-ma until recently. She and Mr. Loffler were married in July of last year. The for about four years. Mrs. Loffler said that recently her husband was here and tried to get her to return to Tacoma and fix up

fused to do. FARM WAGE SET AT \$60 the uniform of a First Line was acting as a salesman for his father's firm.

domestic troubles. This she re-

Ritzville District Farmers Make Plans for Coming Season.

RITZVILLE, Wash., Feb. 22—(Special.)—About 50 farmers met today to discharged from service at Camp Lewis, Tacoma, a few weeks ago on account discuss wages for the coming season. Mr. Scott, of the United States De-partment of Agriculture, presented the matter from a Government standpoint. It was decided that the current wage should be \$60 a month.

2006 Pledge Co-operation.

Resolutions were adopted by the 2006 idlers should be 100ked after this season and if men appeared in town and remained any length of time without from Chicago. "It is my intention to the properation of the purpose to run for working they would be reported to the from Chicago. "It is my intention to Sheriff and police officers and it is seek the Democratic nomination for the plan to arrest them and put them Governor at the next ensuing primary

in jail under a charge of vagrancy. A election in California," said Heney's tel motion was lost to have this apply to egram.

retired farmers.

Ritaville is the center of a German-American farm community of wealth and sets the pace for wages and condi-

## WORLD DEMOCRACY TALKED of the University of Toronto, Canada, by the University of Pennsylvania at

Effect of War on Governments Dis cussed at Library.

THE LITTLE HOUSE WITH THE BIG SHOWS

World democracy as it is being de speakers before the Alliance for Labor and Democracy at the Central Library

The labor party of England, declared Dr. Joseph K. Hart, after predicting control of the political situation by this party after the next elections, has evolved a programme which embodies the real aims of democracy.

E. I. Stack secretary of the State

"In our own state," hes aid, "the Indstrial Welfare Commission wants to raise wages of women workers 90 cents a week to beat the high cost of living."

UNIFORM CAUSES ARREST

Son of San Francisco Importer Is Held for Impersonating Officer. SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 22.-Charged

with impersonating an Army officer, David H. Upright, 26 years old, son of the junior member of the firm of Caro & Upright, importers and jobbers, San Francisco, was arrested late today by Federal officials at a leading hotel. Upright, the officers said, was wearing the uniform of a First Lieutenant of

Several trunks containing samples were found in his room.
Upright, according to the officers,
won a First Lieutenant's commission at arrived from San Francisco

# Subject to Croup

"My daughter Lucile is subject to croup and I keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house all the time. It is the best croup medicine I know of," writes Mrs. Oran A. Swaidner, Roanoke,

Canadian Educator Honored. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 32 .- The deree of doctor of laws was conferred upon Sir Robert A. Falconer, president

the annual University day exercises of the institution today.

LAST DAY

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the chest (it often prevents pneumon 30c and 60c jars; hospital size \$2,50.

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