

## RAILROAD RATES TO JUMP 25 PER CENT

### 600 Million Cost Gain to Be Met.

## SCHEDULES BEING PREPARED

### Proposed Increases Will Yield About \$900,000,000.

## IMMENSE INCOME NEEDED

### Fully \$300,000,000 Will Be Required to Cover Higher Wages That Will Be Paid to Employees of Lines.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Estimates made today by railroad administration officials indicate that an increase of at least 25 per cent in freight and passenger rates will be necessary this year to meet the higher costs of fuel, wages, equipment and other operating expenses now set at between \$600,000,000 and \$750,000,000 more than last year.

Recommendations that rates be raised by approximately this percentage have been made to Director-General McAdoo by his advisers. He is expected to act within the next six weeks and to put increases into effect immediately.

### Shippers May Appeal.

Shippers will be permitted to appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission under the railroad act and final decision will be with President Wilson.

Such an increase as is proposed would be biggest in history of American railroads as the percentage is larger than any ever sought by the railroads under private management and would apply alike to the entire country. Both class and commodity schedules would be affected.

### Experts Prepare Schedules.

Rate experts of the interstate commerce commission and railroad administration are at work at new schedules. Any increases to be ordered will be arranged in a manner so as to preserve rate relationships between commodities and regions, officials said today, so that industries and commercial interests will be subject to the same degree of rate competition as at present.

### Passenger Fares 3 Cents.

Passenger fares would be raised under the plan suggested to about 3 cents a mile from the existing general rate of a little less than 2 1/2 cents.

The proposed increases, it is estimated, would yield about \$900,000,000—\$750,000,000 in freight and \$150,000,000 in passenger revenues.

This would leave a margin above the estimated increases in operating expenses eventually, but since the new rates would not go into effect until the year is half over, the yield would fall several hundred million dollars short of meeting the anticipated deficit this year.

### Outlay to Be High.

It is roughly estimated by railroad administration officials that the railroads this year will spend between \$390,000,000 and \$520,000,000 more for wages than last year; between \$150,000,000 and \$150,000,000 more for coal, and between \$150,000,000 and \$250,000,000 more for cars, locomotives, rails, ties, terminal facilities, barges for inland waterways, and other supplies and equipments. These figures may be lowered by later developments but officials who have studied the situation closely are inclined to believe that they are more likely to prove higher.

### Wage Advance Likely.

The estimate of increased wages is based on the probability that the director-general will approve a general scheme of higher pay for workmen in accordance with the railroad wage commission's recommendations, which called for an addition of \$300,000,000 to the \$2,000,000,000 payroll of last year.

Although the question of exact prices the railroads are to pay for coal under Government operation has not been settled, officials in charge of purchases are said to have decided that it will be necessary to pay at least 6 cents more a ton than under contracts now expiring. Railroads' coal consumption amounts about 175,000,000 tons a year.

### Freight Rates to Advance.

The cost of extensions and betterments, particularly at terminals, now being planned, can be determined at this time only in most general terms, but officials point out that the financial burden of these will be felt within six months and that eventually they must be met out of higher freight revenues.

An extensive scheme of economic to be effected by pooling, short hauls, elimination of competition and other new practices possible under Government management, is being developed slowly, but it is said the economies will not begin to show big in reports of expenses for almost another year. By that time it is planned to reduce rates if it is found possible to do so and still maintain railroads in normal condition.

Mr. McAdoo repeatedly has expressed the opinion that the railroads under Government operation should be self-supporting. For this reason he is represented as prepared to raise rates, and explain to shippers that since

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## NEW YORK IDLERS MUST GO TO WORK

### ANTI-LOAFING BILL IS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR WHITMAN.

### All Able-Bodied Men Between Ages of 18 and 50 to Be Required to Do Useful Labor.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 13.—An anti-loafing bill, modeled in some respects after statutes in effect in Maryland and New Jersey, was signed by Governor Whitman today. It requires all able-bodied men from 18 to 50 years of age, after proclamation by the Governor, to be "habitually and regularly engaged in some lawful, useful and recognized business, profession, occupation, trade or employment until the termination of the war."

NEW YORK, May 13.—A census of male idlers was begun by the police today with a view to prosecutions under the anti-loafing bill signed by Governor Whitman.

"The pool and lounge lizards," pool-room loafers, tramps and other idlers between the ages of 18 and 50 will be haled to court and fined or imprisoned unless they can show that they are engaged in a useful occupation or intend to seek employment.

## PREMIER NEARLY CAPTIVE

### William M. Hughes, of Australia, on Transport Attacked by Raider.

A PACIFIC PORT, May 13.—The Right Honorable William Morris Hughes, Premier of Australia, arrived here today with a party of Australian officials en route to a war conference in London.

Passengers on the vessel said a German raider had attacked and damaged a British transport on which the Premier had sailed previously.

Passengers said Premier Hughes and his party, on the return to port of the damaged vessel, had caught a train to another port and embarked on the steamship on which they reached here.

With Premier Hughes, Prime Minister Ferguson Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand; Joseph Ward, labor leader and former Premier of New Zealand, and Robert Curran.

## "GIVE A LIFT CLUB" COMES

### New York Auto Owners Will Make It Easy for Soldiers to Ride.

NEW YORK, May 13.—No soldier or sailor will lack means of free transportation in this city, if the Mayor's committee on National defense succeeds in its plans launched today for the organization of the "give the uniformed men a lift" fraternity among automobile owners. The committee is distributing cards bearing the words "Give the uniformed men a lift as far as you go."

The cards are to be stuck on windshields and, according to the committee, they will constitute sufficient invitation for enlisted men to jump into automobiles whenever they pull up at the curb.

## MANLESS MUSIC PROSPECT

### Musicians' Convention Told to Expect Feminine Orchestras.

CHICAGO, May 13.—Orchestras composed entirely of women will be seen in the near future throughout the country, according to Mrs. Enos P. James, of San Diego, Cal., the only woman delegate attending the 23rd annual convention of the American Federation of Musicians, which opened today.

John Phillip Sousa and 100 members of his Jackie band from the Great Lakes naval training station, who are also members of the federation, played at today's sessions.

## CHARLES W. WAGNER DIES

### Author of "The Simple Life" Passes at Home at Age of 67.

PARIS, May 13.—Pastor Charles W. Wagner, author of the widely known book, "The Simple Life," is dead at his home here. He was 67 years old.

LONDON, May 13.—Mrs. Harry Gordon Selfridge, wife of the London merchant, formerly of Chicago, died last night at Highcliffe Castle, the country place of the Selfridges near Boulogne.

LONDON, May 13.—Baron Courtney Penwith, political economist and deputy speaker of the House of Commons from 1885 to 1892, died in London Saturday.

## SCIENTISTS SET UP RADIO

### Plant Installed at Baker to Aid in Gathering Eclipse Data.

BAKER, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—Setting up of the radio station by the Government Naval Observatory party here to study the eclipse of the sun June 8 was completed today.

Professor Hammond, in charge of the party, said that first exchange of signals with Government radio station at Arlington, Va., would take place Tuesday about 1 A. M.

## AIRPLANE FALL IS FATAL

### Lieutenant Maurice, Injured April 16, Dies at Houston, Tex.

HOUSTON, Tex., May 13.—Lieutenant Benjamin V. Maurice, of New York, died at Ellington Field, Houston, today, of injuries received when his airplane fell on April 16.

His father, who was at the son's bedside when death came, will take the body back for burial.

## GERMANY PLANNING DIVER BATTLESHIPS

### Submarine of Present Type Whipped.

## ALLIED TORPEDO CRAFT WIN

### Cruisers That Submerge Will Enter Under-Sea War.

## BIG GUNS TO BE CARRIED

### French Minister of Marine Authority for Statement Regarding New Ruthlessness Campaign of Teutons.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Realizing that America and the allies have gained mastery over the present type of submarine, Germany is now said to be planning a new series of big U-boat cruisers with which she hopes to assume again the advantage in her unrestricted undersea warfare.

Announcement of the new German scheme is made by Georges Leygues, the French Minister of Marine.

No details regarding the new U-boats were given by M. Leygues, but from information from other sources it appears that the cruiser submarines will be heavily armed and armored and will be designed especially to meet the menace of the torpedo-boat destroyers which have proved so effective in hunting down the smaller submarines now in operation.

### Allies Declared Ready.

M. Leygues declared that the allies are ready to meet Germany's new efforts and that they will not rest upon the "fine results obtained" in the past. "We shall not stop," he said, "until we have cleaned up the sea as one cleans up a trench."

Just how effective the war against the U-boats have been is shown by figures on destruction of allied shipping given to the "naval committee" of the French Chamber of Deputies Saturday by Minister Leygues. They reveal that sinkings of merchantmen have fallen off to the point where new construction is exceeding the destruction, even now before American yards are in full swing.

### Sinkings Average Lower.

The monthly average of destructions this year, as given by M. Leygues, is 315,000, compared with more than 500,000 tons monthly in 1917. In April of last year, the first month of Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare, the tonnage sunk was \$71,000. In April of this year it had dwindled to about 268,000 tons.

On the other hand, the destruction of submarines is exceeding their construction by the enemy and the margin is expected to increase as additional American destroyers which are now being turned out rapidly take their place operating in the war zone.

### U. S. Looked to for Tonnage.

The total of allied shipping destroyed in the first four months of 1918 was placed by Minister Leygues (concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

## ALARM CLOCK SETS HUN LINE IN PANIC

### YANKEE RUSE CAUSES BOCHES TO WASTE AMMUNITION.

### Daring American Invades German Trenches and Carries Off All Street Signs as Souvenirs.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—How an American alarm clock kept the whole German line guessing and caused the Germans useless expenditure of large quantities of machine gun and rifle ammunition all one night was related today.

"The Americans had been trying for some time to draw the fire of certain enemy units.

"Leave Fritz to me," said a happy-faced young American, who, putting an alarm clock under his arm, disappeared into No Man's Land under cover of darkness and fastened the clock to a wire.

Soon the alarm rang, whereupon the Germans opened fire. The wire had been so arranged that the clock continued to ring intermittently and each time drew a violent fire from the enemy.

Meanwhile the Americans rested in their trenches and enjoyed a hearty laugh.

An American officer turned the tables nicely on the enemy recently. The Germans had retired during a bombardment to concrete dugouts behind their trenches, leaving the first three lines to one man, who went around setting off fires so as to create the impression that the whole front was alive with Germans.

An American patrol leader went over and discovered the ruse. He killed the one German, invaded the trenches and gathered dozens of street signs which the Germans had posted, returning to his own lines with the signs tucked under his arm.

## METHODIST WOMEN WIN

### Full Lay Membership Secured After 40 Years' Fight.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 13.—Women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, today won their 40 years' fight for full lay membership in the church when the ground conference in session here struck from the church law the prohibition against their election as church stewards and as delegates to the general conference.

## U. S. OFFICERS DECORATED

### French General Pins War Crosses on Three Americans.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Major Ralph Boyce, of Hancock, Mich.; First Lieutenant Herbert R. Garstide, of New York, and Lieutenant Paul Meyers, of Milwaukee, Wis., were decorated with the war cross by a French General today.

## TURKS CHASED 20 MILES

### British in Mesopotamia Advance to Within 60 Miles of Mosul.

LONDON, May 13.—British mounted troops, after capturing Kirkut, in Mesopotamia, pursued the Turks for a distance of 20 miles to the northward, says an official statement issued today by the War Office. On May 11 the Turks were driven across the Lesser Zab River at Altyn Kupri. The latter place is 60 miles southeast of Mosul.

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## LOYALTY CALL TO U. S. VOTERS ISSUED

### "War Till Victory" Men for Congress Urged.

## TWO PARTIES TO CO-OPERATE

### Republican and Democratic Unite in Appeal.

## PACIFISTS TO BE DEFEATED

### Important Step Taken Preliminary to Elections in November. Waiving of Partisan Differences Exhorted.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—American voters are called upon to elect only loyal and "war-till-victory" men to Congress next November, in an appeal sent to Congressional leaders today by a delegation representing the League for National Unity.

The two great political parties are asked to join forces in doubtful districts to insure the choice of Congressional campaign committees; Representative Kitchin, of North Carolina, Democratic floor leader in the House, and Representative Gillette, of Massachusetts, acting Republican leader.

### Both Parties Exhorted.

The appeal says in part: "The Nation must be able to count upon both parties nominating men at the forthcoming Congressional primaries who are whole-hearted and unequivocal supporters of the war aims of our Government and its purpose to prosecute the war to a successful termination."

"In the interest of the Nation we ask for more. If in any district it becomes likely that an anti-war candidate be successful, it is the imperative duty of the two leading parties to effect a coalition against the non-American or anti-American candidate in order to make certain of his defeat."

### Allegiance to Nation First.

"If in any Congressional or Senatorial election there prove to be a danger of the election of disloyal candidates, it will become the duty of Americans, regardless of party affiliations, to defeat such candidates and to set loyalty to the Nation above personal loyalty to the party."

"Let no party nominate or elect to Congress any candidate on a so-called peace platform. The American Nation, under the leadership of the President of the United States, commander-in-

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## CRASH ON SUMPTER VALLEY INJURES 2

### RAILWAY MOTORCAR HITS ENGINE OF LUMBER COMPANY.

### George Leland and Mary Seymour Victims of Accident Due to Misunderstanding of Orders.

BAKER, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—Ten persons were injured, two seriously, but probably not fatally, today when a Sumpter Valley Railway motorcar collided with an Oregon Lumber Company engine traveling over the Sumpter Valley tracks from Austin, from Batesville.

George Leland, 55, suffered a broken leg and injuries to his back; Mary Alice Seymour, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Seymour, sustained a broken leg and several bruises. The injured were attended by a doctor from Austin and were brought to the hospital here.

Misunderstanding of orders by Engineer Al Jones is given as the cause for the accident. The motorcar, which was put in charge of the first of the month, was in service of Conductor William Spivey and Motorman Charles Betry. It was completely demolished.

## BREAD TICKETS PROPOSED

### Chicago Master Bakers Favor System of Rationing.

CHICAGO, May 13.—Bread tickets as a war-time measure in Chicago may be necessary, according to sentiment among 12,000 master bakers of this city in session here today.

Harry A. Wheeler, state food administrator, announced that the 80 per cent of wheat flour allowed bakers between May 13 and June 1 will be reduced for the month of June to 70 per cent of the amount allowed for the same month last year.

## ANGRY CRIPPLE KILLS DAD

### John Verburg Shoots When Father Strikes Boy's Mother.

CHICAGO, May 13.—John Verburg was shot and killed today by his crippled son, John Jr., because he had struck the youth's mother when she objected to his demands that a 15-year-old daughter get employment.

## EAST EATS WHALE STEAKS

### Evanston, Ill., Restaurants Pay 25 Cents Pound for Sea-Meat.

CHICAGO, May 13.—A shipment of 500 pounds of whale steaks was received today in Evanston, Ill.

It was sold for 25 cents a pound and soon appeared in the restaurants.

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## YANKEES MAKE HUN LINES LIVING HELL

### Gas and Shell Fire Keep Boches in Torment.

## HUGE MUNITIONS DUMP HIT

### Americans Rain Projectiles on Cantigny and Montdidier.

## GREAT FIRES ARE STARTED

### German Positions Before U. S. Army Rapidly Becoming Untenable; Allies Await Expected Renewal of Great Offensive.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—A gigantic enemy ammunition dump at Cantigny was fired by the American artillery this morning. At the same time two fires were started in Montdidier, followed by numerous explosions.

The weather continues misty and rainy. There was no infantry action today and only intermittent machine gun and rifle fire. The position of the Germans is becoming more and more intolerable, while the Americans are entrenching their positions more firmly. Any hopes the enemy might have had of breaking through in this sector are diminishing.

### Huns Get Own Medicine.

The Americans take nothing for granted, but return fire two to one, which is believed to set a new pace in this sector. What appears to trouble the Germans most is that the Americans never turn back when the enemy uses gas. They give him a double dose of the same, with everything else the enemy tries.

Improved weather conditions led to increased air activity in the Toul sector today. Many American planes were working over the enemy lines and observation balloons were sent up for the first time in many days.

The American artillery last night and this morning directed a heavy and harassing fire on German rear areas, where it is known troops are billeted and it is suspected that others are moving.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Germany's resumption of the gigantic offensive against the allies on the west front has not yet materialized. In various sectors there have been local operations which have no bearing on the situation as a whole. But along the entire front there is a quiet that might be encouraging were it not for the fact that the Germans are known to be moving up men and materials for a new move in the mighty drive launched March 21.

### Serre Region Watched.

Field Marshal Haig's report makes special mention of the activities of the German artillery north of Serre. This little town is situated in the Frencheux line north of Albert and marks the apex of a triangle, the base of which is the line between Hebuterne and Bucquoy.

For several weeks military experts have been watching developments in this particular region because it is the logical point from which the Germans are expected to launch a great turning movement against the Arras sector, where the country is moderately level, with long undulating ridges which might be stormed readily by heavy masses of troops.

The southern portion of the British front has been under heavy fire and this may indicate that the Germans are getting ready for a new effort to reach Amiens.

On the rest of the western front the reports tell nothing of interest as revealing the true situation.

### Italians Repulse Enemy.

Since the Italians captured Mont Corno Saturday morning, the Austrians have tried in vain to regain this commanding peak south of Asiago, but have been met by stern resistance.

In Mesopotamia the British forces have progressed further up the Tigris and have captured Kirkut, pursuing the Turks for 20 miles to the northward. The British now are 60 miles east of the important city of Mosul, the site of the ancient city of Nineveh and the crossing of numerous caravan routes.

Ukraine reports tell of the capture by the Germans of Dowager Empress Maria Feodorovna and Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaevitch and Alexander Michaelovitch, who have been living in straitened circumstances in seclusion of their estates in Crimea, which now is overrun by the Germans.

Emperor Charles of Austria, accompanied by his family, has fled to the south.

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## RED CROSS CAMPAIGN TELEPHONE NUMBER IN LIBERTY TEMPLE, MAIN 313.

The permanent telephone exchange number for Liberty Temple is Main 313. This has just been assigned by the Pacific Telephone Company, the previous number being the property of the Liberty loan. Calls for the second Red Cross war fund campaign should be made for this number.

The Home telephone number is A 461.

