

PUBLIC UTILITIES HIT BY ADVANCING COSTS

High Wages and War Prices Depress Corporations.

STATE CONTROL IS URGED

William Howard Taft First Witness Before Federal Electric Railway Commission.

NEW YORK, June 19.—Testimony that the general situation among the country's public utility corporations is most discouraging and that wage increases, higher cost of materials and kindred circumstances have greatly depressed the financial strength of the companies was given here today by William Howard Taft, first witness at the Federal Electric Railway commission's hearings into the problems of public utility finance and service.

Mr. Taft said he understood the street railways, city and suburban, in the United States represent an investment of \$5,000,000,000 and that while he thought it not impossible that there was much watered stock, none of it had been issued in recent years.

Wages Declared Too Low.

Mr. Taft declared that as a member of the war labor board he and his colleague, Frank P. Walsh, reached the conclusion that in public utility companies generally the rate of wages paid was considerably less than it should be.

Mr. Taft said the investigation made by his board into the wage problem and the increases granted in many cases, had, he thought, more or less established an upward tendency. He did not see any near prospect of decline in amounts paid for labor. He had found employers obstinate against any increases on the ground their companies could not pay them and maintain the service required.

He consulted many business men who had refused to build because of the high cost of material. Mr. Taft declared, and now they were beginning building, having come to regard the higher costs as a level more or less fixed.

State Control Is Favored.

Mr. Taft said: "I believe it would be best for all concerned to have complete state control, especially for speed and efficiency, but there is a strong feeling among the people for local regulation. The whole problem should be under the state with local aid, but the local board should not control everything. A fixed fare for 20 years, under present conditions, would not be right, in my opinion.

"The purchasing power of a dollar has decreased, and this, of course, applies to the nickel."

WAR LESSON IS VALUABLE

SENATOR LODGE SPEAKS BEFORE HARVARD GRADUATES.

Destruction of Germany's Military Power Declared Best Guarantee of World Peace.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 19.—Lessons for America in Germany's military aggression and in Russia's bolshevik rule were emphasized in an address here today by United States Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, at the commencement exercises of Harvard University.

Destruction of Germany's war power, Senator Lodge declared, now is the best guarantee of world peace. Misery wrought by bolshevism in Russia, he asserted, proves that a world must come slowly by evolution, and that present conditions may be endangered "by vainly striving for a glittering impossibility."

"It is melancholy reflection that the best assurance of the future peace of the world lies in the destruction of the German war power, which is worth all its cost," said Senator Lodge.

"Once again comes the harsh lesson that all the advances of men in morals and in altruism, in charity and gentler manners and purer laws, all that really remain with us, come slowly, never in a moment."

"I fervently hope," he said to the Harvard graduates, "that you will have visions and dreams, but do not forget that having visions is one thing, while being a visionary, especially a visionary whose visions and ideals are stage properties, is quite another."

Russian bolshevism, Mr. Lodge said in conclusion, presents a warning to America in its "awful results of a scheme which its author pretended and their dupes believed would make all men happy in a moment."

"In letters of fire," said Mr. Lodge, "this Russian scene says to us, 'This way lies ruin.'"

AMERICANISM WOOD'S PLEA

ONE FLAG AND ONE LANGUAGE IS GENERAL'S IDEA.

Justice to Returning Soldiers, to Capital and Labor Urged in Commencement Address.

PHILADELPHIA, June 19.—"Our men fought with splendid courage. They lived up to the highest traditions of our military service and in their performance of duty gained the admiration of Europe. They never failed; they always took their objective. Their courage was resistless."

Thus spoke Major-General Leonard Wood today at the commencement exercises of the University of Pennsylvania.

General Wood urged that this country must do the right thing by the returning soldiers. "If we do," he declared, "we shall have in the home of each one of them a center of patriotism and a spirit of service which will go far to keep alive a sound, patriotic spirit."

"We must do all we can in this period of readjustment to maintain the best possible relations between labor and capital, for they are interdependent. We do not wish an autocracy of either capital or labor, but a real democracy."

"There is room in this country for but one flag, the American flag. Put down the red flag; it stands for nothing which our government stands for. It is against everything we have struggled for. The experience of the training camps brought out very forcibly the desirability of having but one language in our grade public schools, and that language should be the language of the Declaration of Independence, of the constitution, of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Cleveland and Roosevelt."

LABOR OPPOSES POLITICS

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such producing agencies; favors curbing the power of the courts to make and unmake laws; favors full participation of labor in politics; favors public extension of waterways and public ownership and development of water power; urges a minimum of land standards and favors farm ownership with public aid; would curb corporate power; insists upon a full return of freedom of speech and press; would prohibit immigration for two years and restrict thereafter; would tax in proportion to the income of persons or property; favors state colleges for workmen's children and demands a verdict for labor in conducting industrial education; urges governmental aid in building homes; opposes large standing armies; favors help for soldiers and their dependents; immediate remedial measure urges the payment of salaries to returning soldiers and sailors for a limited period after discharge.

Programme Held Practicable.

"The committee recommends approval of the programme, not because it believes it all comprehensive, but fundamental; not because of its idealism, but because of its practicability; not because of its novelty, but because it is based on experience and justice. The programme is highly constructive in character and excellently designed to benefit not only a part of society, but to bring to all the people greater hope for a better day, a brighter life, greater liberty and a larger measure of prosperity and happiness."

The committee also adopted a report on the judicial construction of law. This report, which assailed courts and judges, declared organized labor in the future would treat all inactivity and "invasion of personal liberties" as being in violation of constitutional safeguards and would "accept whatever consequences" might follow.

Courts Are Scored.

"Despite all precautions to safeguard individual liberty and freedom of action," said the report, "and the fact that the early constitutional convention denied the right to our courts to pass on the constitutionality of laws enacted by congress, our courts and judges have been slowly and surely disregarding these restrictions and limitations and now freely and uninterruptedly exercise powers which even the monarchs and kaisers dared not exercise with all their claims to power by inherent divinity."

"The power of our courts to declare legislation enacted unconstitutional and void is a most flagrant usurpation of power and authority and is a repudiation and denial of the principle of self-government recognized now as a world doctrine. The continued exercise of this unwarranted power is a blasphemy on the rights and claims of free men of America."

The convention showed \$338 in a

AWARDS TO JAPAN DECLARED CONTRARY TO JUSTICE.

Jeremiah Jenks Fears Chinese Will Not Readily Yield to Military Domination.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Jeremiah J. Jenks of the University of New York told the house immigration committee today that the greatest danger of war in the future lay in the action of the Paris peace conference in awarding to Japan "the alleged claims" of Germany in Kiao Chow and the province of Shantung.

"The award," said Professor Jenks, "seems contrary to the principles of right and justice, so contrary to the development of democratic principles in the war, so contrary to the principles for which America and the allies fought, that unless some factors enter that do not appear, the decision is almost certain to bring about war in the Far East, and in that war the United States would almost certainly be involved."

"The Chinese are normally democratic in their ways of thinking and living, and they will not readily yield in the long run to militaristic domination such as that award involves. However much the Japanese may attempt to disguise it by explanations, the United States cannot afford to countenance such a setback to democratic principles."

FUTURE DANGERS ARE TOLD

Drink a cup of Nurgu tea every day. Clossel & Devers, Portland.—Adv.



Remarkable picture of vast crowd in front of the chancellors' palace in Wilhelmstrasse, Berlin, which bitterly denounced peace treaty. The big sign reads: "To hell with the d—d peace."

ARMY WASTE IS DIVULGED

OFFICERS BURN PROPERTY TO SAVE WORK, IS TESTIMONY.

Congressional Probers Told of Wanton Destruction in France by Salvage Officials.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Congressional investigation of war-time expenditures of the war department was opened today with Sergeant Charles D. Malcolm of Company L, 23d engineers, who has just returned from France, testifying that he personally had seen large quantities of government property, both old and new, wantonly destroyed by fire.

"The only apparent explanation for burning this property," declared Malcolm, "was that the salvage officers did not care to sort the equipment."

The fire was started last March for about a month, Malcolm said, adding that in the last week of the month he personally saw about 700 pairs of new pants, 500 rifles in good condition, 25 unopened boxes of small arms ammunition, 500 pairs of old and new rubber boots, 200 leather holsters and 10 cartons of bay destroyed.

Malcolm said he and members of his squad reported the fire, which was on a road midway between Souilly and Ippes, to Captain W. L. Clark, commanding the fourth battalion of the 23d engineers.

"Did the burning cease?" asked Representative Flood, democrat, of Virginia.

"It stopped shortly after we made the report."

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When an advertising man of experience took the account, his query was: "What's the big idea?"

The idea evolved was very simple—advertisements in magazines, headed "Start a band in your own town," and literature hinting at the pleasure, profit and distinction of playing in a band right down Main Street.

What could be more alluring than to wear a fine uniform, and on the Fourth of July lead bravely in a martial air, to which your own slip-horn or cornet contributed.

As a result, hundreds and hundreds of new bands were formed and so an immediate and growing market was created for band instruments.

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IF YOU have yielded to the lure of the outdoors and you find, after a day spent in the sun, that your skin is sore and tender, simply apply Santeptic Lotion and relief will be instant. Sunburn, windburn and tan have no terrors for the man or the woman who uses Santeptic Lotion. Stay outdoors in the hot sun as much as you please; Santeptic will give you protection and on the rights and claims of free men of America.

Santeptic is equally efficacious in those other annoyances incident to the summer season—stings of mosquitoes, bites or stings of fleas, mosquitoes and other insects. Both as a preventive and as a remedy, Santeptic should be included in the necessities carried on every outing trip. Santeptic is readily procured at most drug and department stores. If you cannot secure it, send 50 cents, with dealer's name, to Esbenott Laboratories, Portland, for a full-size bottle, postpaid.—Adv.

"THE STORE THAT UNDERSELLS Because IT SELLS FOR CASH"

THE BIGGEST VALUES IN THE CITY

WILL BE FOUND in the UNDERPRICED OFFERINGS Arranged for

Our 971st Bargain Friday

Price Savings—Positively Sensational!

HERE'S WONDERFULLY ATTRACTIVE VALUES IN

Cool Cotton Frocks at \$3.75

Pleasant Styles in Refreshing Crisp Voiles in Sizes 16 to 42

About 50 Dresses in this special purchase—each model designed to make one happy on a hot day. They come in refreshing, crisp Voiles, prettily fashioned for comfortable wearing, smartly styled and considerably underpriced at the figures quoted for BARGAIN FRIDAY'S SALE—\$3.75

Women's, Misses' White Wash Skirts

Especially Priced For Friday's Sale at.....\$1.29

Your summer wardrobe will not be complete without one of these dainty White Wash Skirts and here is an opportunity to purchase at a splendid saving. Several styles and all sizes from 24 to 28 to select from. Only a limited number in this assortment—so don't delay your coming.



EXTRA! FOR FRIDAY ONLY

Curtain Scrims At 14c Yard

In our Drapery Section a special sale of dainty Curtain Scrims and Swisses. You have choice from spot-check and openwork border styles. All on sale Friday at, yard.....14c

EXTRA! FOR FRIDAY ONLY

Printed Zephyrs At 19c Yard

About 800 yards of Pretty Printed Zephyrs in 32-inch width. They come in a fine assortment of patterns and colorings. All on sale Friday at, the yard.....19c

EXTRA! FOR FRIDAY ONLY

Stamped Gowns At 98c Each

In the Art Section we place on sale a fine lot of ready-made Stamped Gowns of dainty nainsook—many patterns to select from. All sizes. All on sale Friday at, each.....98c

EXTRA! Special for Friday!

MEN'S SHAW-KNIT Cotton Half Hose At 35c Pair

Three Pairs for \$1.00

MEN! Here's a splendid saving for you—an opportunity to purchase the celebrated Shaw-Knit Cotton Half Hose at a bargain price. These are made white inside—no dye next to the skin—and dark oxford outside. They come seamless and in the fine ribbed top. All sizes from 9 1/2 to 11 1/2. Not More Than Three Pairs to a Customer

EXTRA! Special for Friday!

Popular Styles in Women's WOOL SWEATERS At \$3.79

All Colors and Sizes

JUST at a time when Sweaters are in great demand for vacation and sport wear comes this special underpriced sale. At the above special price you have choice from a fine assortment of styles and weaves in most all wanted colors. All sizes in the lot, but not in each style. Unrestricted choice from broken lines. \$3.79 Bargain Friday at.....

EXTRA! Special for Friday!

A Sale of Women's SILK LISLE HOSE At 30c

All Colors and Black

THOUGHTFUL women will not fail to profit by this special sale of Silk Lisle Hose, made full fashioned without seams. They come in all colors as well as black, and in all sizes. They are a selected lot of run-of-the-mill stockings that show slight imperfections—nothing to lessen their wearing quality. Come and see what wonderful values they are. Friday, pair.....30c

EXTRA! Special for Friday!

In Our Basement A Sale of Boss and Regal Polish Mops 50c

These Mops are of good size and quality. Each Mop comes in a neat tin container and has a four-foot smooth handle. 16-oz. Bottle Cedar Polish priced Friday at.....25c

EXTRA! Special for Friday!

Important Sale Of Women's MOIRE SILK BAGS At \$3.98

In the Leather Goods Section we place on sale all broken lines of Women's Moire Silk Bags—all good styles and shapes. They come in black, navy, taupe, dark brown, etc. Come early for first choice at.....\$3.98

EXTRA! Special for Friday!

A Sale of Misses' STOCKINGS At 15c Pr.

About 200 dozen pairs of Misses' Medium Weight White Ribbed Cotton Stockings in this special sale. All sizes from 5 to 9 1/2 priced for Friday only

Three Lots of Laces—Undervalued!

Pleasant styles and patterns in endless assortments from which you may supply your summer sewing needs at prices unusual for their lowness.

LOT 1	LOT 2	LOT 3
At 5c Yard	At 10c Yard	At 15c Yard
Dainty Lace Edges and Bands	Val., Filet and Cluny Laces	Venise, Filet and Cluny Laces
Included are Imitation Filet, Cluny, Torchon and Normandy Bands and Edges. Also Two Thread Val. Laces. All on sale FRIDAY AT 5c YARD	Wide Normandy Vals., Imitation Filet, Cotton Cluny Laces in both bands and edges, in white and ecru. All new patterns on sale FRIDAY AT 10c YARD	Narrow Venise Edges in white and cream, Filet Crochet Edges and Bands, Wide Cluny and Filet Laces. All on sale FRIDAY AT 15c YARD

Two Tempting Offerings In Embroideries

LOT 1	LOT 2
At 10c Yard	At 35c Yard
Hundreds of pretty new patterns to select from in Swiss Baby Edges and Sets, Beadings and Beading Edges—also Cambric Skirtings; both blind and openwork designs all on sale. Friday at 10c Yard.	17-inch Flouncings and Corset Cover Embroideries, 9 to 12-inch Skirtings and dainty Edges in Swiss, cambric and longcloth. A wonderful assortment at an exceptionally low price. Friday at 35c a Yard.

Summer Footwear—Attractively Low Priced

BAREFOOT SANDALS

A standard make in tan Lotus calf, made in two-strap style and heavy soles.

Sizes 5 to 8 at.....\$1.50
 Sizes 8 1/2 to 11 at.....\$1.75
 Sizes 11 1/2 to 2 at.....\$2.00

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Women's fashionable Pumps and Oxfords in tan and black vici kid and gunmetal leathers. All sizes and widths. Styles with low or high heels. Especially good values at \$5.50.

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