

WORK OF REBUILDING RAILROADS BEGUN

Director-General Issues Order for Absolute Pooling of Traffic.

SHORTEST ROUTES SOUGHT

Common Use of Terminals and Rolling Stock Decried—Present Officers and Employees of Lines to Be Retained.

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buy them in and hold them for sale to the public at a convenient time.

It is held that once the roads are coordinated and operated as one system, it will be impossible to go back to the old system.

Another reason for the apparently cheerful acquiescence of the railroad executives to the Government's plan of operation is the assurance given by Mr. McAdoo that roads which did not make fair earnings in the pre-war period will be provided with adequate compensation from the Government.

The foundation for this arrangement will be laid in legislation now being framed and to be introduced immediately after President Wilson addresses Congress next week.

Train Curtailment Expected.

Secretary McAdoo spent today in his office at the Treasury Department, but arranged to open headquarters next week in the Interstate Commerce building.

Although he has not yet taken the subject of curtailment of passenger schedules, this course is anticipated later. Postoffice officials today expect to revise their mail schedules accordingly.

In his statement to the Senate interstate commerce committee today, Chairman Lovett, of the priority board, of blame in connection with the issuance of unnecessary orders, placing the responsibility on the War and Navy departments, as well as with the Shipping board, which designate which freight for these departments is to be given preference.

"Couldn't the President have improved the situation last July by having these priority orders pass through one man?" asked Senator Kellogg.

"You can draw your own conclusions as well as I can," Chairman Hall replied.

Order No. 1 Sent Out.

This attitude of the railroad presidents gave special significance to the first official instructions of Director-General McAdoo, designated as "Order No. 1," telegraphed today to every railroad executive head. The order follows:

All officers, agents and employees of such transportation systems may continue in the performance of their present regular duties, reporting to the same officers as heretofore and on the same terms of employment.

Any officer, agent or employee, desiring to retire from his employment, shall give the usual and reasonable notice to the proper officer to the end that there may be no interruption or impairment of the transportation service required for the successful conduct of the war and the needs of general commerce.

All transportation systems covered by said proclamation and order shall be operated as a National system of transportation, the common and national needs being held paramount to any actual or supposed corporate advantage.

All terminals, ports, locomotives, rolling stock and other facilities available shall be fully utilized to carry out this purpose without regard to ownership.

Movement First Concern.

The designation of routes by shippers to be promoted when speed and efficiency of transportation service may thus be promoted.

Traffic agreements between carriers must not be permitted to interfere with expeditious movements.

Through rates which have not heretofore been because of short hauling or other causes, are to be established and used whenever expedition and efficiency of traffic will thereby be promoted; and if difficulty is experienced in such through routing, notice thereof shall be given to the director by wire.

Existing schedules or rates and outstanding contracts in force shall be observed, but any such schedules or rates or orders as may hereafter be found to conflict with the purposes of said proclamation or with this order shall be brought immediately by wire to the attention of the director.

Competition Wiped Out.

Through the railroad war board Mr. McAdoo called on all railroad presidents to take up vigorously the question of common use of terminals, the parallel lines, wiping out competitive prohibitions and waiving competitive control of solicitation of traffic.

The result of this action may be the assignment of through traffic moving one way to certain systems and the reservation of the lines for traffic moving in an opposite direction.

A committee of presidents of railroads entering New York was appointed to report as speedily as possible rearrangements of passenger and freight train operations could be made at the New Jersey waterfront of the New York harbor to increase efficiency.

It was especially suggested that the railroad heads arrange for pooling docks, car floats and lighters and marketing facilities now controlled by individual railroads.

The committee consists of Samuel T. Lea, of the Pennsylvania; Frederick D. Underwood, of the Erie; Daniel Willard, of the Baltimore & Ohio; William H. Truesdale, of the Lackawanna; William G. Basler, of the New Jersey Central; and E. E. Loomis, of the Lehigh Valley.

Freight Must Be Moved.

At the same time a committee of public officials headed by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Egan, meeting in New York, decided to put into effect a drastic plan of forcing consignees to remove their freight promptly from terminals.

In all these preparations for clearing the channels of transportation the immediate thought uppermost in the minds of the men in charge is to get coal to market, to relieve the shivering of householders in many sections where a cold wave now is being felt, to provide fuel for war industries, or to lease the ships now tied up in harbors for lack of bunker coal.

The labor situation presents one of the most perplexing problems with which the Government has to deal, as a decision on it will of necessity present the Government's general labor policy during the war, which as yet has not been clearly defined.

Those who have studied the situation believe that Government officials responsible for a policy are for paying labor on a basis of the present cost of living and many are of the opinion that the Government is about to take measures through spreading control over the necessities of life to regulate in a more general way price changes for commodities the people must use.

Labor's Demands Presented.

The brotherhoods' demands were presented to the managers' committee of the railroads December 1 and an answer was requested by December 31. The men asked that the wage increases be made effective January 1, but in a recent conference with President Wilson promised not to strike while the negotiations were pending.

It appeared likely tonight that the brotherhoods might not press their demands for some time in the belief that in the present unsettled railroad situation their request for wage raises would meet a better response at a later time.

Creation of a Government corporation for handling railroad securities and for financing the purchase of railway equipment is the best plan, officials believe, for handling this end of the financial situation.

The Government financial system, it is held, is too cumbersome. Under the scheme proposed the railroads would submit to the corporation all refunding issues for approval as well as all new issues of securities. The corporation then would

FUEL TO BE SCARCE

Government Control of Mines Is Predicted.

SHORTAGE 50,000,000 TONS

Conscription of Labor Will Be Necessary, Senate Committee Is Told, and Restricted Use Is Declared to Be Only Solution.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Government control of mines and conscription of labor were predicted by L. A. Snead, head of the fuel administration's distributing agency, in testifying today before the Senate committee investigating the coal situation.

Co-ordination of effort is necessary to meet present demands, Mr. Snead said, and he added that he could see no possibility of the production of the 50,000,000 tons the fuel administration estimates the Nation is short this year. Restricted use is the only solution, he declared.

Priority orders for coal shipments might afford some temporary relief from shortages experienced in many parts of the country, Mr. Snead said, but the only solution of the whole problem is adequate and efficient transportation.

Mr. Snead was on the stand throughout today's hearing and was questioned at great length as to the coal situation here in Washington. The fuel administration expected to have enough coal to supply local needs has been shipped to the capital, but suffering has been caused by hoarding of coal by consumers last summer and Fall, inadequate distributing facilities and failure of dealers to co-operate with the fuel administration.

It was necessary for the fuel administration last week arbitrarily to divert coal to supply the capitol building when a shortage threatened, the witness declared, and today, when the cold was severe, 1000 tons consigned to the Government was ordered assigned to private users.

When the situation here threatened to become acute, Snead said the fuel administration established five dumps and ordered that 500 tons be placed in them every day to supply the public.

The committee adjourned today until next Wednesday, when Food Administrator Hoover will testify on the sugar situation. He and other witnesses are expected to begin the sugar inquiry within two days.

CARDROOM LAW READY

NEW LICENSE ORDINANCE TO BE CONSIDERED WEDNESDAY.

Measure Gives Officials Authority to Revoke Licenses and Close Places for Violations.

Card rooms now are to be licensed. Mayor Baker will present an ordinance to the City Council Wednesday to impose a license on all public places where cards are played, which license may be revoked by the City Council for cause.

The city now has an ordinance permitting card rooms, but prohibiting gambling and other violations of law. The only way of punishing violators, however, is to gather sufficient evidence to get convictions in the courts.

The new ordinance will enable the City Council to revoke a license and put a place out of business for cause. This is the same law that previously applied to saloons, placing absolute control in the hands of the City Council. It is the same law, also, that applies to pool halls.

CAMP COMPLAINT JUST

BAKER ADMITS OREGON TROOPS SUFFERED HARDSHIPS.

Secretary of War Says Conditions Objected to Will Be Remedied; Clothing Supply Sufficient.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 29.—A letter received today by Senator McNary from the Secretary of War discloses that there was some ground for complaint regarding the hardships imposed upon Oregon men in the Twenty-third Engineers, now at Camp Mead, Maryland. The complaint was not due to lack of clothing. The trouble existed at a camp adjoining the rifle range.

The Secretary's letter says the regiment is fully supplied with warm clothing and sweaters, but adds that the men of the regiment were sent to a small camp nearby, while awaiting in target practice, and there they were quartered in tents.

"This duty," the Secretary says, "lasts 10 days at a time, and steps have been taken to equip this camp for cold weather."

The Secretary thanked Senator McNary for bringing the condition to his attention that it might be corrected.

Representative McArthur today received a letter from the Adjutant-General saying that the Secretary of War had forwarded to the commanding officer of the North Pacific Coast artillery district at Seattle the complaint of Mayor Baker, of Portland, against improper housing of Oregon troops at Fort Stevens, with instructions to investigate and report.

Paper Inquiry Begins Soon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Commissioner W. B. Colver, of the Federal Trade Commission, announced today that plans were rapidly maturing for the hearings beginning January 21 in connection with the news print price agreement which several manufacturers recently made with the Department of Justice.

Phone your want ads to The Oregonian, Main 7076, A 6035.

"The Victrola Shop"

will exchange Victrola for a good, used piano; out of town or in the city. Write or phone for full information.

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140 Sixth Street, Main 3106. MERLIN-PACKARD-BOND PIANO.

PEOPLE FLEE FROM HOMES

Reith Residents Driven to High Elevations by Flood Waters.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Fearing that the water which is surrounding their homes will flood them out, residents of the lowlands at Reith, a little railroad town west of here, have moved to higher ground. It is not believed that the danger is great.

In Riverside, a suburb of Pendleton, water surrounds some of the farmhouses, but the property is protected by a strong levee. No serious damage is expected. The river is still close to six feet. The McKay and other of the tributary creeks are running bank full.

RESIDENTS ASKED TO LIST ROOMS FOR SOLDIERS.

The war emergency council, created by Mayor Baker, is giving its energy at the outset to providing rooms for soldiers visiting Portland over the weekend, when hotel accommodations are short. In view of the crowded conditions downtown, the council has asked all residents having rooms they can spare for soldiers to notify any of the following:

Mayor Baker's office, Main 471. F. W. Beach, Northwest Hotel News, Buchanan building, Main 948.

E. E. Larrimore, Broadway 660. The lists of residences, with the prices, will be kept at the hotels and elsewhere, and the applicants for lodgings directed to them.

ARMY MEN MADE ANGRY

Authority to Investigate White Slave Conditions Revoked.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The authority to investigate white-slave conditions in this city, conferred upon Mrs. Grace Humiston several months ago, after she had solved the mystery of the Ruth Cruger murder when the police had failed to do so, was today revoked by Police Commissioner Woods.

Recently Mrs. Humiston carried her investigation activities into nearby Army cantonments, and sensational charges she made drew her into sharp controversy with the Army authorities.

3 BRITISH GUNBOATS LOST

Destroyers Thought to Have Been Sunk by Torpedoes.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Three British torpedo-boat destroyers were sunk through being struck by torpedoes or hitting a mine off the Dutch coast on the night of December 25, with a loss of 13 officers and 180 men, the Admiralty announced today. The statement reads:

"Three of our destroyers were mined or torpedoed during foggy weather off the Dutch coast on the night of December 25. A total of 13 officers and 180 men were lost."

STANDARD SUIT COSTS \$12

British Government Regulates Manufacture of Men's Clothing.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The new "standard suits" for men, which are to be manufactured under government control, will cost \$12 each. The cloth, it is announced, will be composed in the bulk of wool, and there will be a limited variety of fabrics, mostly of the favorite gray and brown tweeds.

The first of the new suits will be placed in the market in February.

FRED N. WALLACE ARRIVES

Irrigation Congress Secretary Will Make Arrangements for Event.

Fred N. Wallace, of Tumalo, secretary of the Oregon Irrigation Congress, will arrive in Portland today to make arrangements for the annual meeting of the irrigators, which will be held in this city January 2-5, inclusive. The sessions of the convention will be held in the Elizabethan room of the Imperial Hotel. It is expected the attendance at this year's meeting will equal that of last year, when 500 delegates were present.

Friday, January 4, the delegates to

RAILROAD CASE IS ARGUED

Appeal Taken From Decision of State Board in Road Issue.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The Mapleton road case was argued before Judge Percy R. Kelly, of Albany, in the Lane County Circuit Court yesterday and taken under advisement. The case is an appeal from the action of the State Public Service Commission, holding that the Southern Pacific Company should provide the people living in the territory between Mapleton and

PORTLAND'S BRIGHTEST SPOT

"Happy on New Year's—Happy All the Year."

Make this old proverb come true. Watch the old year out and the new year in at The Portland Hotel.

Happy—why, you just can't be any other way—gay crowds, snappy music and dancing.

Bring mother, sister and your friends and make this the happiest New Year's Eve of all.

Dancing and Music From 6:15 to 8:15 During Dinner. Special a la Carte Service and Dancing From 10:15 to the New Year.

Make Your Table Reservations Monday.

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Richard W. Childs, Manager. Elbert S. Robe, Asst. Manager.

Overcoat Days

Swirling gusts of wind and rain, scurries of sleet that drive against you at every corner—but that good, warm overcoat that buttons round you so comfortably makes you to laugh at King Winter and his frolics.

Here are overcoats for mid-Winter days—trench coats, belted coats, double-breasted coats, Chesterfield coats.

Rich fabrics, superlatively tailored—Scottish fleeces of the Montagnac type, Carr meltons, Irish duffles and friezes, velours, novelties.

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Third Floor—Elevator.

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TEUTONS BOMBARD PADUA

Thirteen Persons Killed and 60 Injured by Enemy Aviators.

ROME, Dec. 29.—Thirteen persons were killed and 60 others injured when the city of Padua, in Northern Italy, was bombed by enemy aviators last night, the War Office announced today.

RAINFALL SETS NEW RECORD.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Rain, which has fallen almost continuously during the past 10 days, has been the heaviest ever known in this section. Owing to the illness and death of local Weather Observer Root no accurate report of the rainfall has been kept, but it is believed to have smashed all previous records.

COUNTY TREASURER IS NAMED.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—S. G. (Grant) Trullinger was today appointed County Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of E. G. Gearhart who is to become City

Auditor and Police Judge.

Mr. Trullinger will assume the duties of the office on January 1.

HUMANE CURE for Drugs, Liquor and Tobacco Habits

No violence. No padded cells where you are held in restraint to fight it out yourself, but a pleasant room, with trained attendant and the Neal Standard Remedies that will positively eradicate it from your system without suffering or pain. Treatment guaranteed or money refunded. Write for confidential information to Neal Institute, 394 12th, corner Harrison, Portland, Or. Phone Mar. 2400. 60 institutes in principal cities.

Dessert Molds

Our Offer

Buy from your grocer two packages of Jiffy-Jell to try.

Then mail us the coupon below. Enclose only 10c to pay mailing, and we will send you three individual dessert molds in assorted styles, made of pure aluminum.

Or enclose 20c and we will send six molds—enough to serve a full package of Jiffy-Jell. The value is 60c per set.

Or we will send a pint mold, either heart or fluted shape—value 50c—for only 10c to pay mailing.

Cut out the coupon now. Order Jiffy-Jell at once, for this offer expires in one week.

A Lifetime Gift

If You'll Try Jiffy-Jell

A Fruity, Economical Dessert or Salad

We want you to know Jiffy-Jell for your own sake. See how it excels the old-style gelatine desserts. It will surprise and delight you.

Jiffy-Jell is an exquisite product, made with rare-grade gelatine. No sugar, no fruit need be added. Just add boiling water. Then add the rich fruit flavor from the vial in each package.

The great distinction lies in these wondrous flavors, made from fresh, ripe fruit. They are highly concentrated, so Jiffy-Jell desserts and salads have a wealth of rich fruit taste. They come sealed in bottles—one in each package—so they keep their strength and freshness.

See how Jiffy-Jell differs from old-type desserts where the flavors came mixed with the powder. It will be a revelation.

Here you have fruity dainties, zestful salads, at a trifling cost. No other fruit dainty costs so little. No other form of dessert is so economical. Mix in vegetables or fruit for healthful, nourishing salads.

Millions are enjoying Jiffy-Jell. Now we ask you to buy two packages to try. Then mail this coupon to us, and any molds you select will be sent you for just the cost of mailing. They mean a lifetime gift.

Cut out the coupon now, for this offer expires in a week. Be sure you receive the Jiffy-Jell from the grocer before sending us the coupon.

Mail Us This Coupon

When you buy Jiffy-Jell from your Grocer

I have today received two packages of Jiffy-Jell as pictured here from

(Name of Grocer)

Now I mail this coupon with

10c for Pint Mold, heart or fluted, or

10c for 3 Individual Molds, or

20c for 6 Individual Molds (Check which)

Write plainly and give full address.

Your Name

Address

Be sure you get Jiffy-Jell, with package like picture, for nothing else has true-fruit flavors in vials. Mail coupon to

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