

W. D. HINES NAMED AS NEW RAILROAD HEAD

President Wilson Announces Mr. McAdoo's Successor.

SAME POLICIES TO PREVAIL

Five-Year Government Control or Relinquishment to Lines Unless Congress Acts Favored.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Walker D. Hines today was appointed Director-General of Railroads, to succeed William G. McAdoo. The appointment was made by President Wilson by cable, upon recommendation of Mr. McAdoo.

The policies of Mr. Hines will be continuation of Government control, or early relinquishment of the roads to private control, unless Congress promptly enact remedial legislation.

"Mr. McAdoo's policies are my policies and I intend to carry them out through the existing railroad organizations," Mr. Hines telegraphed today to regional directors, immediately on announcement of his appointment.

The new director-general also declared for "a square deal for labor," fair treatment of railway owners and patrons and closer understanding between the public and the Government on railroad questions.

Difficulties to Be Shown.

"Before the Senate interstate commerce committee, which is conducting hearings on railroad legislation, Mr. Hines probably next week will make an effort to show the Government's difficulties in supervising the railways with the control period limited to 21 months. As assistant director-general he advised Mr. McAdoo during the formulation of the recommendation for five-year extension of Federal management, and many other policies of their administration have been developed on his recommendation. He was called in as Mr. McAdoo's principal assistant immediately after the Government took charge of the railways in the final days of 1917.

Mr. Hines' first official act today was to delegate the Railroad Administration's case in the New York maritime workers' strike to the War Labor Board for settlement. In a statement he pledged himself to "a square deal for labor with not only ungrudging but sincere and cordial recognition of its partnership in the railroad enterprise." He discussed his policies with callers.

Discussion Is Favored.

The idea of combining the several hundred private lines into a few Federal concerns has been considered by Mr. Hines, but he said the questions relating to that subject were so numerous and perplexing that it was confusing even to try to list them. He believes, however, that it will be an advantage to have the railroad problem discussed during the next Presidential campaign, basing this on the feeling that sentiment of the Nation is not sufficiently crystallized to permit Congress to enact legislation that would be satisfactory.

The Director-General said he favored discussion and testing of Federal control over a period that would give needed information to the country, after which Congress would be able to act with greater safety. While he advocated immediate return of the railroads to their owners if the situation is granted, he pointed to the possible labor difficulties and financial problems of the roads as arguments against this plan.

TOWN OUT OF COFFINS

VICTIMS OF INFLUENZA BURIED IN MUSLIN COVERINGS.

Complete Tie-Up of Sumpter Valley Railroad Declared to Be Responsible for Scarcity.

For influenza victims at Austin, a town about 60 miles from Baker, it was found impossible to get coffins and it was necessary to bury them in muslin coverings, according to Frank Gardiner, of the Baker Chamber of Commerce, who was in Portland yesterday. The complete tie-up of the Sumpter Valley Railroad, is responsible, he says.

"Four persons, who died from the 'flu' the other day in Austin, had to be buried without coffins," he said, "there has been practically no transportation into this section since the strike last week. There were cases in this small logging town and doctors were practically unavailable.

"From Austin to Paisley City, a distance of 27 miles and which must be traversed by a poor mountain road since the railroad suspended, an automobile owner last week charged \$75 for the trip.

"Business in Baker and the surrounding country is at a standstill as a result of the tie-up. Unless we soon get relief, thousands will be out of work and starving."

Mr. Gardiner yesterday was authorized by the State Chamber of Commerce to telegraph C. A. Grotty, of the Railroad Administration, concerning the situation.

EX-KAISER WELL GUARDED

Glimpse Caught of Former Emperor Walking in Garden.

AMERONGEN, Jan. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Since the recent illness of William Hohenzollern, the former German Emperor, most stringent precautions have been taken against the approach of strangers to Amerongen Castle. Guards maintain a close watch around the castle. All arrivals in the village are immediately interrogated by detectives.

When Herr Hohenzollern took advantage of a sudden burst of sunshine today to walk in the rose garden with an aide, the apertures in the walls, which had been open up to today, were covered with thick straw curtains to prevent anyone looking in.

From a point of vantage, however, the correspondent saw the former Emperor walking about briskly.

WILSON ACTS IN STRIKE

Labor Board. Officials declined to say what would happen in such a case, but it was believed that the tugs and lighters would be put under Government operation rather than permit further stoppage of traffic.

President Wilson's cablegram also assigned to the War Labor Board the important task of stabilizing labor conditions generally and preventing "industrial dislocation and warfare" which, it has been feared, might result from unemployment during the period of industrial and military demobilization. Hitherto the board has been concerned solely with the prevention of stoppage of war work.

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