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WAR ARMS DEAL, LLOYD GEORGE SAYS; NO OTHER DRAFT UNTIL FEB. 15

WAR BOARD TO OPERATE RAILROADS FORM'ADDOO

Private Railroad Executives Are Called in to Take Charge for Present; War Freight to Have Right of Way on All the Lines.

First Order Expected to Call for Pooling of All Freight, Equipment and Terminals; Drawing Plans for Central Organization

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Parlor, lounge and observation cars on all transportation systems operating between St. Paul and the Pacific coast will be discontinued December 30, according to telegraphic advices received here today by Great Northern division officials from headquarters.

It is said the order will also affect trains operating westward from Chicago on all lines. The order is a result of federal control.

Washington, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—Director General McAdoo placed the existing board of private railroad executives in charge of temporary operation of the railroad lines taken over by the government.

The emergency operators include Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern railway; Howard Elliott, official of the New York, New Haven & Hartford and chairman of the board of directors of the Northern Pacific; Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman executive committee of the Southern Pacific; Hale Holden, president of the Burlington; and Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania lines.

This was the only feature marking the important step the president has taken since mobilizing an army for the war. On the transportation system of the country depends largely what will happen to the kaiser in 1918. McAdoo says, and upon McAdoo's administration the roads under federal control depends eventual government ownership, politicians declare.

M'ADDOO RUNS GREATEST R.R. IN THE WORLD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—By uniting all American railroads under Director General McAdoo, the greatest railroad in the world was formed today. Number of employees—about 1,700,000, with an equal number in related locomotive, freight car and other plants. Miles of tracks operated—about 150,000. Number of railroad companies embraced—about 700. All cars in service—2,500,000. Capital stock and funded debt—\$17,000,000,000. Gross annual operating revenues—\$4,000,000,000. Gross annual operating expenses—\$3,000,000,000. Tons of annual freight—1,200,000,000. Passengers carried yearly—1,250,000,000.

DENMARK SUFFERS, EXPLAINS DR. EGAN

U. S. Minister to Copenhagen Brings Report From Scandinavian Countries.

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Denmark is heart and soul with the entente allies, but Sweden is aiding Germany to carry on the world war in more ways than one.

Dr. Egan says conditions in Denmark beggar description. The last coal he purchased for the American embassy cost \$100 per ton. Electricity, he said, was almost unobtainable and candles are in general use throughout Denmark.

Judge King Would Succeed McNary

Washington, Dec. 28.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Will B. King will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States senator to succeed Senator McNary. He will run for the six-year term without regard to the controversy over the short term vacancy. He expects to make a formal announcement and declaration of principles about February first.

New Timber to Be Made Available

That a large tract of timber near the mouth of the Willamette river will be opened up soon was indicated today when the Grant-Smith-Porter-Guthrie company filed application with the public service commission for the construction of a logging railroad at Holbrook.

CHINESE OUT 4.5 MILL TAX RUSSIANS IN TO BE ABOUT HARBIN FIGHT COUNTY LEVY

Two Hours of Street Fighting Precedes Surrender of Bolshevik Forces, According to Dispatches Reaching Tokio.

Troops Are Disarmed; Supplies Taken From Barracks; Foreign Consuls Assured There Will Be No Further Trouble.

ZEPPELIN PROGRAM DREARY FAILURE

Of 53 Put Into Commission Since 1914, Only 13 Now Remain in Service.

With the French Armies in the Field, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—Germany's Zeppelin program, announced with boastful pride in 1914, stands a dreary failure today.

PORT SURVEY FOR PORTLAND IS PLAN

Younger Business Men Will Gather Statistics on Cargo and Facilities in City.

Conscription for Ireland Considered

London, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—The question of extending conscription to Ireland was seriously considered by parliamentary leaders in parliament reconvenes after the Christmas holiday.

PARCEL POST WATERROUTE IS PROPOSED

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 28.—U. P.—A parcel post water route between Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles, for the purpose of relieving railroad congestion, is to be established soon, according to Superintendent Roscoe C. Knorr of the Northwest railway service.

FIRE FIENDS AT WORK IN VALLEY

State Marshal Unovers Organized Effort to Destroy Grain Warehouses in Oregon.

Salem, Or., Dec. 28.—As a result of the fire at Carlton, Ore., the fire at Carlton early Sunday morning, when a flouring mill and warehouse were burned with a loss of \$20,000, State Fire Marshal Wells said Thursday night, that an organized effort has been made to destroy grain warehouses from Gaston to Salem.

1917 Crop Close to That of Last Year

Washington, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—The world's production of wheat in 1917 was 1,864,000,000 bushels or 91.1 per cent of the five-year average 1911-15, according to a cable this afternoon to the department of agriculture from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome.

ROLL OF HONOR

With the American Army in France, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—First Lieutenant E. J. Paul, a war hero, was killed in an accident at a flying school on December 20, 1917.

CLOTHING SHORTAGE MAY DELAY NEXT CALL

Next Draft Call Will Be Made Up From Questionnaire Classification, Provost Marshal Announces From Washington.

Earthquakes at Guatemala City Keep Up; Many Homes in Ruins

American Red Cross Undertakes Relief Work; Foreign Colonies Escaped, Cables Thurston.

CITY'S RED CROSS SHOWING PLEASING WORKERS; COMPLETE SUCCESS APPEARS CERTAIN.

Red Cross Membership Drive Portland 67,996 State outside 124,149 Oregon total 192,115

Joffre Already Put Among 'Immortals'

Paris, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Marshal Joffre is now an "immortal." Members of the French academy today voted by a large majority to take the famous soldier into the group known as "immortals."

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Thousands are now homeless, he cabled. The water situation is becoming serious and sanitary conditions are correspondingly affected.

TEUTONS HARASS FRENCH AT VERDUN

"Shock Troops" Supported by Liquid Fire Used; May Still Dream of Breaking Through.

Paris, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—German "shock troops," supported by large quantities of liquid fire, are harassing the French lines on the Verdun front at points where they are not under the fire of German artillery.

Violent Cannoning Reported Berlin, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Increasing violence of the artillery firing along the Asiago plateau was reported today in the war office statement: on operations on the Italian front.

ROME REPORTS SUCCESS Rome, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Capture of an Austro-German advanced post west of Canovodi Sotto and evacuation by enemy forces of an aviation camp near Conigliano, were announced by the war office today.

Haig Gives No Details London, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—Field Marshal Haig reported "nothing special" from the British front today.

Commerce Chamber Favors 6-Cent Fare

Salem, Or., Dec. 28.—The public service commission today received a letter from W. D. B. Dodson, secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, stating that the board of directors of the Chamber favor granting a 6-cent streetcar fare to the Portland Railway, Light & Power company.

CONGRESS OF LABOR DELEGATES ANSWERED

Henderson Demands That Principle of No Conquest Shall Guide Allies and Indorses Stand as Taken by Wilson.

Lloyd George Insists Purpose of Allies is Not Imperialistic or Vindictive; France Rejects the Peace Bait Offered by Berlin.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—A Russian peace negotiator has accepted Count Czernin's German terms as the "basis" for general peace discussions and will reconvene the conferences at Brno-Litovak Wednesday next, according to word from that city received here via Berlin today.

\$50,000 Lost From Mail Car in South

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Postal inspectors and detectives were today searching for \$50,000 which disappeared from a mail pouch while en route from the federal reserve bank at Richmond, Va., to a Columbia bank.

1917 IN REVIEW

The epochal transformation from a peace to a war basis has been the outstanding feature of the year at home.

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