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TRAINED RAILWAYMEN TO AID McADOO IN GETTING EFFICIENCY FROM RAILROADS

First Step Will be Removal and Elimination of All Non-essential Traffic.

FINANCIAL AMERICA APPROVES OF MOVE

Labor is Behind Wilson Declares A. B. Garretson of the Brotherhoods.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Secretary McAdoo is to retain the presidency, calling upon practical railwaymen to aid in the work and allowing existing organizations to continue for the present.

The assumption of railroad control means that the United States practically controls every industry and every business of its citizens through its hold on the vital arteries of commerce.

Wages Considered Today.

The matter of railway wages will be considered today by President Wilson in conference with the brotherhoods chiefs. Simultaneously, McAdoo confers with the railroad executives regarding railroad operation.

Eliminate Non-Essentials.

An inquiry will be started immediately to eliminate non-essential traffic. The President is to devote the roads primarily to actual war service.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Financial America approved today the government operating of railroad. The stock exchange says this is the best news in years.

Board of Directors. McAdoo is to select the board of directors including the railroad war board, the commerce commission and other agencies helping to direct transportation.

CITY WILL CONTINUE TO GET COAL FROM UTAH AND WYOMING

Pendleton will still continue to receive Utah and Wyoming coal. This city has been made the western terminal for such coal according to new zone regulations.

JELLICO FREED TO GIVE MORE TIME TO COMPLEX PROBLEMS

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Authoritative information says Jellico's retirement as the first sea lord is the result of a decision to let younger men try their hands.

ANTI-PICKETING LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL SAYS SUPREME COURT

SALEM, Dec. 27.—The supreme court today held the Portland anti-picketing ordinance to be unconstitutional. It declared it sought to prevent strikes, walkouts and boycotts.

Proclamation Fixes Prices of Mill Feeds

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—Following the announcement, fixing the prices of mill feeds by Milling Commissioner T. H. Wilcox the following statement was made last night by Federal Food Administrator W. B. Ayer: "All dealers in mill feeds are to be licensed. They should address the United States food administration, law department, license division, Washington, D. C., without delay."

"SWEAR OFF? THUNDER! THERE'S NOTHING I CAN AFFORD!"



URGES QUARANTINE ON SOCIAL DISEASES

Letter From John McCourt is Read to City Council at Meeting Last Night.

John McCourt, former Pendleton lawyer and now a member of the commission on training camp activities, would have Pendleton declare a quarantine against social diseases both as a protection for the soldiers passing through this city and for the residents of the community.

A letter from Mr. McCourt was read to the city council last night and he submitted a copy of the Portland ordinance. The council referred the matter to the city attorney and health committee.

Mr. McCourt proposes that the city should have the power to isolate persons afflicted with social diseases whenever necessary for the protection of others. He declares that the British and French armies have found these diseases a real menace to efficiency and he quotes some alarming statistics as to the prevalence and effects of the disease.

UKRAINIANS CAPTURE MAXIMALIST FORCES

PETROGRAD, Dec. 27.—Ukrainian newspaper announces that the Rumanian front headquarters of the Fourth and Eighth armies, captured Maximalist forces and disarmed them. Fighting at Tomsk is with alternating success.

ANGRY MOB WOULD HANG PRO-GERMANS

Audobon, Iowa, Citizens Attempt to Lynch Preacher and Young Farmer.

MEN SAID TO HAVE BEEN UNPatriotic

Wife's Pleadings Delay Action Until Sheriff Arrives on Scene.

AUDOBON, Iowa, Dec. 27.—A mob of angry citizens attempted to lynch Rev. W. A. Starck, German Lutheran preacher, and Fred Tennoght, a young farmer owing to their alleged unpatriotic utterances and failure to support patriotic activities.

JAMAICA MAY LIMIT IMPORTS.

Plan Would Permit Foreign Supplies to Go to the Armies.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 27.—A special session of the legislature began yesterday. The governor announced a plan for limiting the importation of foodstuffs to induce the natives to cultivate food so as to permit foreign supplies to go to the fighting armies.

RAILROAD SHARES ADVANCE AT NEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The market is strong in railroad shares showing a decided advance as the result of the government control announcement. The advances ranged from two to eleven and five-eighths points.

TEUTONS OFFER OVERTURES OF "NO ANNEXATIONS AND NO INDEMNITIES" TO LURE SLAVS

Condition Made That Other Belligerents Pledge Same Policies; Essential Element of Wilson and England, the Elimination of Hohenzollernism Lacking; Move considered One of Germany's Cleverest Pieces of Strategy to Embarass Allies.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 27.—In a formal reply to the Russian separate peace overtures, Vienna says the central powers are willing to make a general peace on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities. They ask only that the other belligerents pledge the same policies.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27.—The Brest-Litovsk peace conference between Russia and Germany was resumed today. It was previously reported the meetings were postponed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—If the central powers' overtures to Russia are true they still lack the essential element President Wilson and England demand—the elimination of Hohenzollernism. The blanket formula "no annexations and no indemnities" does not cover all necessary in the settlement.

WILL SUBPOENA ALL CLOTH CONTRACTORS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The senate military committee has requested that subpoenas be sent to the heads of woolen mills and army cloth contractors. It is determined to go thoroughly into the clothing supply matters.

FRANCIS MAKES DENIAL.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 27.—American Ambassador Francis published a flat denial of the bolshevik charge that he and the American Red Cross sought to aid Kaledines against the bolshevik. He asserts the supplies were en route to Jassy, not Rostoff.

ROBBERS GET \$5000.

WHITE BEAR, Minn., Dec. 27.—Four bandits this afternoon robbed the first state bank of \$5000. They drove to the bank and escaped from there in an auto.

MRS. FRANKIE KILGORE FILES SENSATIONAL CROSS COMPLAINT

Not only Frankie E. Kilgore fight the efforts of her husband, Simon C. Kilgore, to obtain a divorce and a third of her valuable property in Athens, Ga., she has filed today an answer and cross-complaint to his recent sensational complaint in this answer and cross-complaint is just as sensational and puts a different face on the domestic difficulties of the well known couple.

Mrs. Kilgore denies almost in entirety her husband's charges upon which he seeks a divorce. The cruelty, she alleges, was altogether on the other side and was so pronounced that she has had no affection for him to be alienated since a year and a half after their marriage. As for having deserted him for J. W. Sumner, whom he is suing separately for \$30,000 damages, she stoutly denies having had any relations with Sumner other than a business and social nature and declares that her husband well knew the reason she was in company with Sumner in Montana, Washington and this state and knew that she was acting with him and her husband in the sale of mining lands in Montana.

Referring to the charge made by her husband that Harvey Thomas, who worked for them first alienated her affections several years ago, she denies his charge and declares the only reason her husband alienated her was because of a quarrel over a team of horses. Relative to her alleged affair with Sumner, she states that she purchased a section of land and her husband two and a half sections in Montana through Sumner and that thereafter they accepted a proposition to assist him in getting acquainted with other Umatta county residents and in selling Montana lands. They acted in this capacity for several weeks and she alleges, helped make a number of sales and received cash commissions. They traveled back and forth with Sumner and were with him a great deal, introducing him to many people, she alleges, and, while he was in Umatta county, he was a guest at the home of Mr. Kilgore's parents in Athens. The only time she traveled with Sumner without being accompanied by her husband, she did so at his special request. She denies that she ever behaved in a scandalous manner with Sumner or that her conduct was other than perfectly proper.

GOT BIG SHIP CONTRACTS; NO CAPITAL PAID

Manager Emergency Fleet Admits Powerful Interests Were Set up Free.

BEST WAY TO KEEP UP OUTPUT HE SAYS

Senate Probers Turn Fire on Sloane Corporation of Seattle.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Assistant Manager Bowles, of the emergency fleet admitted to the shipping probers that some of the most powerful financial interests were set up in the shipbuilding business by the government free. He said several received large contracts without putting up capital.

Bowles said the International Shipbuilding company of New York received a \$150,000,000 contract without putting up any capital. The government established the company's yards on the Delaware at Philadelphia at a cost of twenty one million, paid practically all the superintendents, foremen, employes and furnished materials and payroll. The company furnished the site.

The senate probers also directed their fire on the Sloan Shipbuilding Corporation of Seattle concerning whose contracts Senator Jones said there were ugly rumors. Bowles said he was familiar with the row of this firm as it obtained its contract as this before his time. He promised to furnish the committee full details.

\$5000 VOTED TO BUY RED CROSS SUPPLIES

Five thousand dollars was voted yesterday for supplies by the board of directors of the Umatta County Red Cross chapter at the annual monthly meeting. The chapter has been asked to concentrate during the year on the making of seven different hospital garments and the supplies of cloth and gauze will be purchased at once.

An electric cutting machine, which will cut out the garments was ordered purchased at a cost of \$1000 approximately and this will enable all of the garments to be cut out at headquarters and sent to the various auxiliaries.

Two more members were added to the executive board at the meeting yesterday. Mrs. Henry G. Thompson was chosen to take charge of home instruction in nursing and James H. Gwinn was chosen to take charge of the publicity work. Mr. Gwinn was chairman of the publicity committee during the membership drive. Mrs. E. A. Schiffer and Mrs. H. H. Hattery, two of the members of the executive board, are now visiting the Portland and Seattle chapters in order to note the methods used there.

TEXAS FLYER COMING HOME

Sergt. Baisley, Severely Wounded. Wins Praise in French Citation.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES. Dec. 27.—Sergt. Clyde Baisley of San Antonio, Tex., one of the early American volunteers in the French aviation corps, has a month's leave of absence. He has sailed for New York and will visit his mother in the Lone Star state.

Baisley joined the Lafayette squadron at the Verdun front soon after that famous unit was formed. He was desperately wounded by a German explosive bullet and suffered untold agonies at the American ambulance for many months. He was decorated with the French war cross and military medal, with the following citation: "Horace Clyde Baisley, volunteer for the war's duration, a young pilot full of enthusiasm and courage; on May 18, 1918, attacked several enemy chasing aeroplanes in their line and was seriously wounded in the course of the combat, but succeeded in bringing his aeroplane back within the French lines."

Release from the French army has been offered Sergt. Baisley, because his wound left him lame. He refused to take off the honored uniform and declares that he will again face the Germans at the front in the same capacity. Lieut. Basil Luthery, the stellar ace of the Lafayette corps, has been sent to a great French aviation school to instruct young flyers in marksmanship.