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## REBUILDING RAILWAYS TO TAKE BIG SUM

BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS REQUIRED TO PUT LINES IN ORDER

### BACK TO PRIVATE OWNERS MAR. 1

Federal Control of Express Companies Also to Be Relinquished on the Same Date as Roads

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Five billion dollars will be needed by the railways of the United States for expansion, rehabilitation and improvement in the five-year period following their return to private ownership on March 1.

Leading railroad men in Chicago made this statement when informed the president had fixed a date for turning back the roads.

"The roads should spend a billion a year," said Hale Holden, regional director of the Central West, "for at least a five-year period in order to provide the country with an adequate transportation machine. Extensions, improvements and additional equipment are sorely needed."

Washington, Dec. 26.—Control and operation of the nation's railroads, assumed by the government as a war measure two years ago today, will revert to the owners next March 1, unless congress fixes an earlier date.

President Wilson, through a proclamation issued Wednesday night fixing March 1 as the date of the return, put at rest speculation as to the time of the handing back of the roads.

The president in an address to congress last May said he intended to turn back the roads at the end of the present year.

By another proclamation, issued with that in regard to the railroads, the president ordered the dissolution on March 1 of the American Railway Express company, which was formed July 1, 1918, under government direction by consolidation of the Adams, American, Wells Fargo and Southern companies.

Extension by two months of the announced time for return of the railroads was made, said a statement from the White House accompanying the proclamation, because congress had not enacted legislation to meet conditions incident to the change in control and operation.

Leaders in congress generally expressed approval of the president's action.

## JAPANESE TO PROHIBIT EXPORT COTTON GOODS

Tokio, Dec. 26.—The Japanese government has decided to prohibit the exportation of cotton yarns and cotton tissues in order to check the advance of prices. Owing to the shortage of supply against the ever increasing demand, the price of raw cotton has gone up 97 per cent.

It is alleged that this is in part due also to speculative dealings of cotton yarn brokers, who have taken advantage of the buoyant market and the fast falling supply to deal in futures.

The government has decided also to exempt from customs duty cotton yarn and cotton tissue imported from abroad. Several large spinners in Osaka and elsewhere have ordered cotton yarns from the United States and China and many Japanese cotton mills will augment their manufacturing capacity with spindles and other machines imported from the United States.

## GERMAN STEAMERS GO TO GT. BRITAIN

Vessels of the Emperor Type, Used by America to Bring Soldiers Home, to Be Returned

Washington, Dec. 26.—By direction of the president, former German steamships of the Emperor group are to be delivered to Great Britain, the Shipping Board announced today. The vessels are those assigned to the United States after the armistice for the return of the American troops, and designated for turning over to Great Britain.

## IRRIGATION CONGRESS IN PORTLAND JAN. 8-10

The ninth annual convention of the Oregon irrigation congress will be held in Portland January 8, 9 and 10 at the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

It was originally planned to hold the sessions on December 29, 30 and 31, but on account of the special session of the legislature and the state-wide storm, the dates were postponed until the week immediately preceding the convening of the state legislature.

Inasmuch as important matters concerning irrigation are to be brought up at the special session, all of the members of the legislature have been invited to attend the sessions of the irrigation congress by President Jay H. Upton, of Prineville.

Various matters of importance relating to irrigation will be discussed and prominent speakers representing the interior department and the various irrigation enterprises of the state will be heard at the convention. Among the speakers invited to attend are Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, and Elwood Mead, chairman of the land settlement board of the state of California.

## JERUSALEM WILL BE RE-JUVENATED

London, Dec. 26.—Professor Patrick Geddes, town planner, who has in hand projects for the improving of Jerusalem for the Zionist organization, aims at making the changes without destroying the historic and romantic aspects of the ancient city, according to a statement which he has given to the Zionist Bulletin.

Professor Geddes states that one of his first tasks will be in connection with the Hebrew University, and he hopes to begin on that next year, utilizing buildings already erected. Research laboratories for chemistry will be a feature of the school. Dr. Weizmann, the Zionist leader, who has been reader in bio-chemistry at Owen's College, Manchester, will be in charge of the research work.

Professor Geddes says he hopes also to start a Palestine museum and suggests that nothing more of historical and archaeological interest should go out of the country.

## GERMAN PRISONERS WANT IRON CROSSES

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Many returned German prisoners are applying to the military department for new iron crosses, saying the originals were taken from them by the entente. Not a single prisoner so far as is known has admitted that he often and gladly sold his iron cross to the American soldiers or took a bag of tobacco for it with enthusiasm.

The German government demands proof that the crosses were actually taken.

## STRIKE IN PROTEST TO CUMMINS BILL IS VOTED

Railway Machinists Are On Record by a Nearly Unanimous Vote to Walk Out if Congress Enacted Measure With the Anti-Strike Provision

Washington, Dec. 26.—Ninety-eight per cent of 125,000 union railway machinists voted in November to strike with other trades in the event congress enacted the Cummins railroad bill with the anti-strike provision. In making this announcement today, William H. Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists, said the vote was taken

before the senate interstate commerce committee reported out the Cummins measure and the result was not officially published because the association did not want to appear in an attitude of threatening congress. Johnston said the strike vote stipulated that the union railway machinists quit work if the Cummins bill passed both branches of congress.

## FIX PRICE OF WHALE MILK AT \$5 QUART

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—Five dollars a quart—not a cent less—would be the price he would ask for whale's milk if he established a whale dairy, according to Captain John B. Loop, a sea mammal expert of Long Beach, near here, who recently returned from a whale hunt in Mexican-Pacific waters.

Captain Loop has not determined, however, to establish a whale dairy, he merely made that announcement because Arthur de Ell, of 607 North 18th street, Omaha, Neb., who had heard of the seaman's knowledge of whales and a small cargo of the lacteal fluid of leviathans that he recently brought to Southern California, sent a request "reserving" a sample of the milk.

Captain Loop said he would send a sample to de Ell. He permitted members of the B. P. O. Elks to sample the whale's milk he took to Long Beach. They declared it richer and more palatable than that of cows.

The captain, who has contributed much interesting information to the general knowledge of whales, says the first thing to do in order to obtain the milk of one is to catch the whale. He has not made public how he does it.

## WILSON WAITING FOR SUGAR BOARD'S DATA

Washington, Dec. 26.—President Wilson is withholding action on the McNary bill extending the life of the sugar equalization board until the board files a memorandum concerning the measure. It was said at the White House today that the board has requested delay. There was no indication of what the board's attitude on the bill will be.

### REQUEST FOR TROOPS REFUSED BY GOVERNOR

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 26.—Governor Hart today refused the request of the Wilkeson Coal and Coke company for troops to protect non-union miners from union miners at Wilkeson who have not been taken back since the strike was settled. The governor said he thinks the sheriff has the situation well in hand.

## TREATY MEASURES WILL BE TALKED NEXT WEEK

Paris, Dec. 26.—Conference will begin early next week between the allied and German delegates on measures preparatory to putting the peace treaty into effect, it was announced today.

## SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE HEAD WAS IN THE CITY

Dr. A. K. Downs, president of the state sportsmen's league, of Portland, stopped in this city Saturday evening for a couple of hours on his way home from Medford and Ashland. He arrived here on train No. 54 and left later on 16. While here Mr. Downs interviewed a number of local sportsmen regarding legislation that is proposed for the better protection and propagation of game and game fish. He is especially interested in the two measures advocated by the league at its recent meeting in Portland, the division of the sporting from the commercial interests in the state fish and game commission, and the enactment of a measure providing that districts shall vote upon the control of the commercial fishing in the various streams within the state.

Mr. Downs stated that a protest had gone up from all over the state at the action of the fish and game commission in removing Biologist Finley from his office, and that the pressure finally became so strong that the governor changed front.

It is expected that Mr. Downs will be here again within a week at which time the sportsmen's club will hold a meeting for the purpose of completing the organization recently undertaken.

## I.W.W. STAND MUTE AND REFUSE TO EITHER PLEA

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 26.—Three alleged I. W. W. who were arraigned in the federal court Wednesday charged with violating the sedition laws, refused to enter pleas today. Each stood mute and Judge Cushman entered pleas of not guilty for them, and ordered the assistant district attorney to proceed with plans for trying the cases January 13th, to protect the defendants in case they appeal their cases if convicted and decide to hire attorneys after the trial.

### ANOTHER SALEM MAN IS GIVEN STATE JOB

Salem, Ore., Dec. 26.—Warden Steiner today appointed James Lewis an employe of the city of Salem, deputy warden at the state prison, to succeed John C. Talley, resigned.

## PLAIN U. S. IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR NEBRASKA

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 26.—Constitutionality of the state law designed to curtail use of foreign languages in Nebraska schools, an Americanization measure, was upheld by the state circuit court today.

## BAN ON JAPANESE PICTURE BRIDES

Flowery Kingdom has Decided to Prohibit Issuance of Passports to Women Wedded by Picture

Tokio, Japan, Dec. 26.—The Japanese government, according to the newspapers published here yesterday has decided to discontinue the issuance of passports permitting picture brides to "proceed to the United States, which practice has been the cause of some anti-Japanese feeling in America revealed in advices reaching here."

## ENGLISH WORKS OF ART COME TO AMERICA

London, Dec. 26.—The house of commons has been informed that large numbers of works of art have been leaving this country recently for America and elsewhere. The chancellor of the exchequer, Austin Chamberlain, said there was no export duty on works of art but "there was much to be said in favor of imposing such a duty."

### HARVARD FOOTBALL TEAM ARRIVES ON THE COAST

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—The Harvard football squad arrived here shortly before noon today. All stood the trip well and will commence training this afternoon for the game with Oregon January 1st.

### SCHOONER OKANOAGAN GOES ASHORE ON HAWAIIAN REEF

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 26.—The schooner Okanogan, a four-masted wooden vessel is ashore on a reef in one of the Hawaiian group, according to a message from Honolulu to the Chamber of Commerce here. The vessel is reported a total loss. The crew was saved.

## HONOLULU AFTER DISLOYAL CITIZENS

Honolulu, T. H., Dec. 26.—Fredrick Funston Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at its last meeting, appointed a standing committee headed by Commander F. Q. Smith, to enlist the aid of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce in driving out disloyal residents.

Several members reported having heard disloyal statements made by Germans and German-Americans within the past few months, and, it was announced, that the authors of these, as well as war-time pro-Germans will be investigated.

Officers of the post intimated that if no results could be obtained locally the matter would be taken to Washington.

### CANNERY PACK HEAVY

Cottage Grove, Ore., Dec. 26.—The cottage Grove cannery, in casting up its business for the year, finds that during the season it paid out \$50,001.02 for produce, labor, cans and supplies.

## BAN STILL RETAINED ON AUTOS IN BERMUDA

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 26.—A vigorous effort to raise the ban on motor cars, has failed. The house of assembly voted 7 to 15 against it. For at least another year Bermudians and visiting tourists will continue to walk, ride a bicycle or drive a horse as of yore.

Since little Nantucket capitulated to the forces of progress this colony has held an almost unique position in its opposition to the use of automobiles.

## FUGITIVE HAD A BRILLIANT WAR RECORD

ENLISTED IN MARINES UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME AND WON HIGH MILITARY HONORS

### IS NOW SET FREE ON PROBATION

Won the Croix de Guerre, Which Has Now Been Conferred Upon Him Under His Own Name

Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—How Arthur E. Abbott, long wanted as a fugitive from justice for the theft of \$15,000 from the Federal Trust company of this city, enlisted in the marines and as Sergeant William Harkell was cited for brilliant war service was disclosed today when he was set free on probation by the district attorney. The croix de guerre was also conferred upon him in his own name.

## MOVE FOR PREVENTION UNAUTHORIZED STRIKE

London, Dec. 26.—Seven of the largest trade unions in Great Britain have inaugurated a movement aiming at the prevention of unauthorized strikes. It is declared that the movement is sponsored by the national union of General workers, representing an enormous membership.

## ALASKAN FARMERS TO CAN SURPLUS PRODUCT

Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 26.—Farmers of the Chilkat valley, who have successfully raised strawberries, raspberries, cranberries and many varieties of vegetables, will find a better market for their products, it is believed here, when a new canning company, recently incorporated, gets into operation. There are 51 farmers in the valley, each on homesteads varying from 60 to 120 acres in extent. The land is fertile and capable of raising big crops which will pay well if an outside market is found, the farmers report.

Prominent Alaskans are named in the incorporation papers.

## MOVE TO EXTINGUISH FIRE IN COPPER MINE

Jerome, Ariz., Dec. 26.—The fire, which for more than 20 years has burned in the upper levels of the United Verde Copper mine here, is about to be eliminated by a drastic process of lowering the entire surface of the property to a 400-foot level. All attempts to extinguish it have failed.

It is the general opinion that the fire was started by a slip in the rock producing sufficient friction heat to ignite the ores rich in sulphur. It has burned its way through veins of copper, gold and sulphur.

The process of suppressing the fire involves the removal of 14,000,000 cubic yards of material. The area to be evacuated is roughly estimated at 400 by 800 feet. Monster steam shovels are to be employed in the work.

It is expected that the task of removing the entire top of the mine, and to extinguish the fire, will occupy several years.