

### QUARTER MILLION MILES OF RAILWAY IN UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 30.—Illuminating figures setting forth the extent, amount of business handled, the vast capital invested and the importance of the railway systems of the United States compared with those of other nations, are given in today's bulletin issued by the National Geographic society from its Washington headquarters.

"With its more than a quarter of a million miles of railroads (257,569) on June 30, 1915, the United States not only leads every other nation in the world, but exceeds by 50,000 miles the total railway mileage of Europe. In fact, it has two-thirds as much mileage as all the rest of the world combined. The length of tracks, including switches and sidings, reaches the enormous total of 391,000 miles—enough to reach from the earth to the moon, and with a surplus sufficient to girdle the globe six times. Over these tracks 60,000 locomotives are operated, drawing 2,327,000 cars.

"The average number of employees of all the railroads in the United States whose annual operating revenues amounted to \$100,000 or more last year was 1,409,342, the number of miles of road coming under this classification being about 225,000. The total compensation paid these employees was \$1,165,000,000, an amount exceeding the total revenues of the United States government for 1913-14 by more than \$120,000,000. The average annual wage of railway employees is, therefore, \$826.

"Among the railway employees in 1914 the largest average daily compensation went to general officers, \$16.66, with other officers ranking second, \$6.48. Third in line of average daily compensation were the engineers, \$5.24, followed by conductors, \$4.47. The lowest wage was to the trackmen, a daily average of \$1.59. In every class save one (employees—account floating equipment) the compensation for 1914 was more than in 1913, the largest daily increase going to the general officers (39 cents), with firemen ranking next (9 cents), and conductors third (8 cents).

"For the twelve months ending June 30, 1915, our railroads carried 878,000,000 passengers, 76,000,000 fewer than during the previous twelve months. These travelers paid the roads \$346,900,000, about 60 cents each, and the average receipts per passenger mile were a fraction under two cents. The number of tons of revenue-producing freight handled was 1,802,000,000, for which shippers paid the roads \$1,977,000,000. The average freight rate per ton per mile for these shipments was a little less than three-quarters of a cent.

"The total railway operating revenues for the year amounted to \$2,956,000,000, with operating expenses of \$2,088,000,000.

### AMBULANCE CORPS WANTS VOLUNTEERS

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—The French army authorities have requested that the American Volunteer Ambulance corps, which has done such valuable service, be increased by more volunteers, according to a cablegram received from Richard Norton, commander of the corps, by his brother, Elliot Norton, of New York. It has been asked that Elliot Norton pass upon the qualification of any man who desires to volunteer for the corps and he has arranged to do this.

The corps began work in France at the start of the war and for the last eighteen months it has been doing regular ambulance service for one of the French army divisions. Lately the corps received the distinction of being mentioned in the general orders for "the constant devotion to duty of its members and because it has rendered the very greatest service to the army division to which it is attached in succoring the wounded in the best possible manner."

The essential requirements for volunteers are that they should be good Americans in sound health, capable of withstanding hardships and doing hard and trying work in caring for the wounded with kindness and without complaint. Volunteers should also be good-tempered and capable of getting on well with other men of all kinds and conditions. In addition they must be able to drive a motor and talk some French. The men already attached to the corps have been principally American college graduates from 25 to 50 years of age.

A spinster says she loves cats because they are just as treacherous as men.

### MEAT SUPPLY IN CHICAGO ENOUGH FOR THREE DAYS

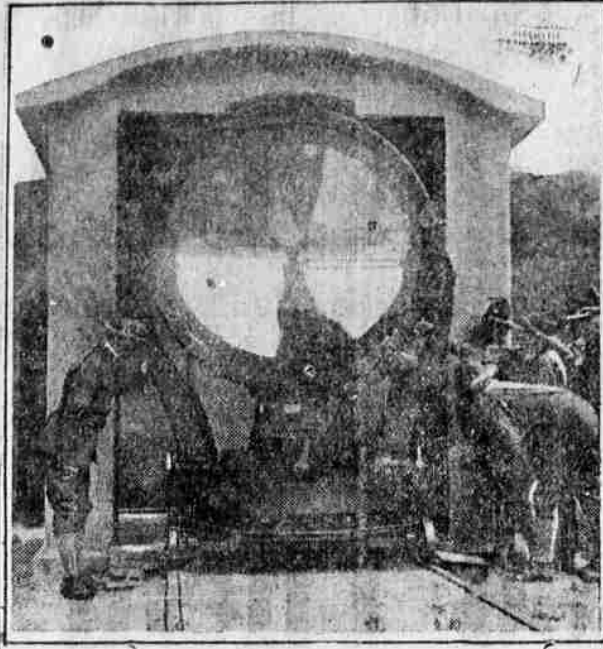
CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—The nation faces a serious shortage of fresh meats in the event of a national railroad strike, officials of the Union stockyards, the world's largest cattle market, said today. The present supply, it was announced, will last only three days.

Because of the heavy demand for foreign export and the unusually heavy domestic demand, the packers have been unable to lay away a surplus for storage. Thomas E. Wilson, head of one of the largest packing firms, said. The embargo placed by railroads on the shipments of cattle and other perishables probably will mean the crippling of the entire packing industry of the country, he said.

"A strike can only result in a shut-down of certain sections of our business," Mr. Wilson added. "The packing houses have, of course, done what they could to prepare for the strike. We have stored as much as we could and we have got as much livestock in the yards as possible. The supply we have on hand, however, will last no longer than three days.

"If the packers cannot bring in any livestock they cannot ship out

### BOYS LEARN HOW TO OPERATE UNCLE SAM'S GIANT SEARCHLIGHT; THROWS RAYS 3 MILES



The biggest searchlight in the United States is in use at Fort Terry, Plum Island, N. Y., where several hundred boys from all parts of the country are being put through military training. The searchlight is five feet in diameter and throws rays three miles.

any fresh meats, under the perishable goods prohibition." The total number of cattle received in the Chicago market for the present averages about 50,000 weekly. About 140,000 hogs are brought into the market and 120,000 sheep each week.

### ARMORED CRUISER MEMPHIS WRECKED SAN DOMINGO BAY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—One enlisted man was killed, two officers and five men seriously injured and sixty-seven other men slightly hurt aboard the armored cruiser Memphis, in addition to those lost by drowning when the ship was wrecked in a storm yesterday at San Domingo City. Rear Admiral Pond's dispatch today said a steam main burst, causing the additional casualties.

Admiral Pond said all hands had been removed from the ship, which he presumed would be a total loss. Today's message did not summarize the total casualties, merely adding, "several men missing, believed drowned," to the itemized casualties of the engine room accident which occurred while the cruiser was endeavoring to make her way to sea in the face of a sudden storm. A report last night said twenty men returning to the ship in a motorboat had been lost.

Admiral Pond's message follows: "All hands off the Memphis. Captain Bench was the last to leave the ship. When the storm struck steam was up and main engines working, but main steam line burst. Cause un-

known. Those near too seriously injured to be questioned. Two officers injured, but will recover. One enlisted man dead, five very seriously injured, five seriously injured and sixty-seven slightly injured, mostly in engineer's force. Several men missing, probably drowned."

Complete muster of the Memphis' crew and a full report on the loss of the cruiser are expected at the navy department today.

The navy tug Potomac, which left San Domingo City for Port-au-Prince at 1:30 p. m. yesterday, just before

the storm broke, is thought to be safe, although there is no word from her. The gunboat Costine, which was in the harbor at San Domingo City, put to sea when the storm broke and still is out of the harbor. She lost all but one of her boats and had her steering gear disabled, but the ship is under control, according to dispatches.

The sea was perfectly smooth in the harbor until after 3 o'clock p. m. when the storm suddenly broke and the heavy seas droye the Memphis ashore at 4:30 p. m.

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