

Successful Public Utilities Necessary To Win This War

Increased Rates Necessary to Maintain Credit and Efficient Service



The President's Letter

Letter from the Secretary of the Treasury to the President

Dear Mr. President:

February 15, 1918.

I beg to hand you herewith several memoranda and letters relating to street railways and other local public utilities furnishing light, heat, and power, which I have been asked to bring to your attention by a committee representing public utility interests.

These papers indicate the existence of genuine apprehension regarding the adequacy, under present conditions, of the service and rates of local public utilities. The view is expressed that increased wages and the high cost of essential materials and supplies have affected them as they have affected everybody else, and that united effort will be necessary in order to meet alike the public requirements for service and the corporate financial needs upon which that service depends.

As Secretary of the Treasury, I must take official notice of these matters. It is obvious that every part of our industrial and economic life should be maintained at its maximum strength in order that each may contribute in the fullest measure to the vigorous prosecution of the war. Our local public utilities must not be permitted to become weakened. Transportation of workers to and from our vital industries and the health and comfort of our citizens in their homes are dependent upon them, and the necessary power to drive many of our war industries and many other industries essential to the war is produced by them. It may be that here and there, because of the prominence given to less important interests immediately at hand, State and local authorities do not always appreciate the close connection between the soundness and efficiency of the local utilities and the national strength and vigor and do not resort with sufficient promptness to the call for remedial measures. In such cases I am confident that all such State and local authorities will respond promptly to the national needs when the matter is fairly and properly brought before them.

Our public service utilities are closely connected with and are an essential part of our preparations for and successful prosecution of the war, and the unfavorable tendencies which the accompanying papers reveal may most effectively be checked, wherever they may be found to exist, and the needed relief obtained, only by prompt action on the part of the respective local authorities.

I earnestly hope that you may feel justified in expressing the conviction that the vital part which the public utilities companies represent in the life and war-making energy of the nation ought to receive fair and just recognition by State and local authorities.

Cordially yours,
(Signed) W. G. McADOO.

The President, the White House.

My Dear Mr. Secretary:

The White House, Washington,
19 February, 1918.

I have examined with care the memoranda and letters which you transmitted to me with your letter of the fifteenth. I fully share the views you express regarding the importance of the public service utilities as a part of our national equipment, especially in wartime. It is essential that these utilities should be maintained at their maximum efficiency and that everything reasonably possible should be done with that end in view. I hope that State and local authorities, where they have not already done so, will, when the facts are properly laid before them, respond promptly to the necessities of the situation.

I shall be glad to have you communicate with the local authorities whenever the information in your possession suggests that such a course is desirable and in the national interests.

Cordially yours,
(Signed) WOODROW WILSON.
HON. WILLIAM G. McADOO,
Secretary of the Treasury.

TIDE WATER POWER COMPANY

THEATRE

SAVED HORSE FROM DROWNING.

Stories are frequently told of a horse rescuing a man from drowning, but very rarely is a man called upon to jump into the water to save the life of a drowning horse. However, an incident of this kind occurred during the filming of Geraldine Farrar's Aircraft production of "The Woman

God Forgot," which will be seen at the Grand today and tomorrow. During the action of the story a Spaniard dashes through the private garden of Montezuma's daughter, and leaps with his horse into the pool, where the royal Aztec maidens were wont to swim. The people on the bank watched the animal go under water, rise to the surface and go under again, three times. One of the members of the organization then realized the horse was drowning. He dived into the pool, caught the bride

of the animal, swam with it to a runway at one side of the pool, held the horse's head on his knee while a sling was placed around its body, and towed it to a place where it could be led ashore.

RETURNS TO MUSICAL COMEDY.

For all this week the Royal announces a return to musical comedy, presenting Allen and Kenna's Aviation Girls. They come recommended as one of the highest class tabloid companies seen here during the season. Their shows are above the average in staging and acting and they will undoubtedly appeal to a large class who prefer the light and airy musical comedy brand of entertainment to the heavier dramatic productions.

"The Two Bosses" is the opening bill to be presented today and tomorrow at the Royal and is a comedy farce with lots of music, a swing and a gaiety that will fascinate and some of the best comedy work of the year. Features are Mae Kenna, Ludlow Allen and Jack Wright, three well known musical comedy stars sure to please. Four big vaudeville specialty teams are carried with this company and three different bills will be presented during the week.

Mr. J. R. Watson has a field of corn four or five blades high that has weathered the frosts with only an occasional hill hurt. The editor's Irish potatoes right near the corn field are nearly ready to bloom.—Sampson Democrat.

There were roasted shad and other varieties of fish galore down at the market dock last week following the fire, and as these were of no earthly use to the owners they were given to anyone who wanted them and there was a line of colored boys busily engaged in salvaging the members of the funny tribe from the ruins after the fire had died down. Messrs. George N. Ives & Son, fish and oyster dealers, had quite a large supply of fish in their place and these fell prey to the flames, which destroyed the building in which they were located.—New Bern Sun-Journal.

Don't Let Catarrh Drag You into Consumption

Avoid Its Dangerous Stage.

There is a more serious stage of Catarrh than the annoyance caused by the stopped-up air passages, and the hawking and spitting and other distasteful features. The real danger comes from the tendency of the disease to continue its course downward until the lungs become affected, and then dreaded consumption is on your path. Your own experience has taught you that the disease cannot be cured by sprays, inhalers, atomizers, jellies and other local applications. S. S. S. has proven a most satisfactory remedy for Catarrh because it goes direct to its source, and removes the germs of the disease from the blood. Get a bottle from your druggist today, and begin the only logical treatment that gives real results. You can obtain special medical advice without charge by writing to Medical Director, 27 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.

APPROVE REPEAL OF ALLIANCE CHARTER

Washington, April 14.—Repeal of the Federal charter of the National German-American Alliance was approved unanimously today by the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill of Senator King of Utah for annulment of the organization's charter was ordered favorably reported despite the recent vote of the organization to voluntarily dissolve.

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IN EFFECT FEBRUARY 4TH, 1918.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

EAST BOUND.			WEST BOUND.		
Leave Electric Center for Winter Park	Leave Electric Center for Wrightsville	Leave Electric Center for Beach	Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
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SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS
Leave Front and Princess streets every half hour from 2 to 5 P. M.
Leave Beach every half hour from 2:15 P. M.

*Daily except Sunday. Sunday only.
Beach transfer car connects with this train at Wrightsville. Transfer car is superseded by half-hour schedule Sunday afternoons.

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(TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, SATURDAYS ONLY)
Leave Ninth and Orange Street 3:00 P. M.
Freight Depot open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, from 2:00 to 3:00 P. M.

SPECIAL NOTICE—This table shows the time at which trains may be expected to arrive at and depart from the several stations, but the arrivals and departures are not guaranteed.

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