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ALL TRAFFIC AND FACILITIES OF RAILROADS TO BE POOLED

AND EQUIPMENT TO BE IN GOMMON USE Is Sixty One Today But The French Make It Plain

Haul Freight By Shortest Route Regardless of Billing or Routing.

McADOO TO SEND OUT FIRST ORDER TODAY

All Present Officers and Employees of Railroads Are routine To Be Held in Service. BEGIN GRINDING OF Some of the Effects of Government Control.

number of end ads terminal facili ries which they don't new hardly be The Barinose and Orio prob Loonsvivasia stariat.

Mends of the Can railrowl hoods conferred with President Wilso for an hour and a half late vestords discussing in detail the rest the esplayer will play under government of cration. A. B. Garretson of the Co. ductors, said afterwards that wage in treas a were not mentioned

Mr. Carretson added that the brothe honds were behind the government of eration plan and the President ha thrown it for two works.

Soon after American railroads on an Director General McAdoa will bear his first official order woring out vol. complete pooling of traffic, conjument,

less of the company which shipments I originate, and the common use of ter minula to effect maximum efficiency Without anticipating wanders nufer the new plan officials look forward to material improvement in the present trafficonvention within a few probes.

Speedy movement of freight will b the first aim of the lieuta, general, has problems whose solution must press close on the heels of actual transportation are the equitable reimbersement of roads for the use of their property of the basis of pre-war-carrings increase wage for milroad employes, financia, of accessary baproxements, building of sold!tiound line or facilities.

Before most of these questions van be nettled, special legislation will be necessary and to argo this President Wilson is preparing a nu sage to be delivere to Congress soon of r it convenes the Loliday recess next Thursday, Legisla

tion already has been drafted. The legislation, however at ' prob I me dependent on it, can await the di Regration of Congress while Directo McAdoo must get into action today with powers already conferred on him b President Wilson. First he will confe with the railroads' war board of pres ent whose services and advice he said would be retained under the new ad ministration. He then will organize corps of assistants and advisors largely of experts of the Interstate Commercial Commission, in whose building he will maintain headquarters for railroad su-

pervision. Mr. McAdoo said vesterday he had given almost no thought to the personnel of his staff, and was not prepared to outline the details of his administration. He is determined, however, to navia d'ampring pay raisond organiza tion rany age to wait up develope l which can lend efficiency to the new

order. Although the rationa! was board offer being in executive session all day usue no statement commerting on goverment operation callway executives in the exchanges. Hundreds of telegrams of efficient and satisfactory operation. congratulation poured in upon Mr.

TERMINALS, TRACKS PRESIDENT WORKS PEACE WORKERS IN ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Pressure of Work Makes Deviation From the Routine Impossible.

President Wilson is fullar relebrating his filst birthday. No special core nor planned at the White House as the war time rush of work makes impossibany deviation in the President's dull

FIRST "WAR FLOUR"

mills Wednesday began grinding "wear flour" under the new government reg the wheat instead of but 50 oer con two grades of flour will be efficientand the output will be listed as wi figur of first and second grades

Members of the food administration milling division said that because i the large supply of flour now on th market it would be some time bufor war flour reached the consumer

The Balloting Was Heavy and the Australian Soldiers Ballot Was Very Much Against Idea.

parne Australia disputch to the Ot. tawa agency of Reuter's Limited giving Bolshoviki but that the war would go the Intest figures on the recent conscript were cast for the proposal and T.072,000 | Cormany was seeking

others arithrized the appointment of Secetary McAdoo as dire tor general.

The labor question mader governmen peration was discussed with President Vilson during the day by heads of the our gallways brotherhoods, who renewed t is understood they received assurances e limble to the next or even the second British reply to the German peace offer fraft call by being placed in the second lenft classification.

Mr. McAdoo fast night made his first sublic atterance since his appointment n a statement saying that at least an il be has time to mature his plans and olicies, railrond operation "will be connet of through existing railroad organi-

"This new task is of great difficulty." gaid Mr. McAdoo, "It enunot be done be moment and it cannot be done at all mless the people of the United States s well as the officers and employes of be railreads, give to the railread direc on their intelligent and patriotic sur ort. I carnestly seek the cooperation and assistance of every good citizen-i his great work.

"The operation of the milronds as horoughly unified system is of funda mental importance to the success of the var. Without it we cannot get the efweme test in this war will probably ome in the year 1918. Victory will de end upon our speed and efficiency. We an get neither speed nor officiency an ess the railroads are equal to the deannels of the situation.

"I can only say at the moment that the problem wil the taken hold of vigos ansly and that plans and policies will be announced from time to time as rapidly as it is possible to mature them. Mean | tor than due and houses with English | and director of affairs at Princeton uniwhile, the business will be conducted cated privately they were well pleased through existing railroad organizations there was also a little trade buying of

upon invitation of the Interstate Com- with the tone rather unsettled. A dubious note came from the Capital merce Commission has accepted offices

That They Will Not Accept Bolsheviki Program.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Coincident NEW NOTE TO ALLIES Report Has it That Bolsheviki Has Reached an Armistice With General Kaledines and That a Neutral Zone Has Been Establish- Two KILLED BY

> coples of the world. Th Russian artunter that is Fence conference we eturn to Petr grad tomorrow or Satur ay. An armistice is reported to has or renched between the Bolsheye oces and the troops of Gueral Kai nes at Reserv with a neutral gar

FRANCE WILL

lous tufore the war, Pore en Mini Pinethon declared in replying against it. The Australian soldier vote in gotintions with the Russians rees hows 25,000 for and 32,000 against con-tablishing Commercula relationse in the

> BRITISH ANSWER TO THE BOLSHEVIKI

London, Dice, 28 -- Achievement of the purpose for which the allies ar heir pledge of loyalty to government lighting is essential to the future freidualistration. Theywspent about an domand peace of markind " said Preiour and a half with the President, and mier Lloyd George in a letter which he sent today to the labor Congress. Th hat most railway employes would not Premier's statement is regarded as the

BOLSHEVIKI HAS SEIZED THE BANKS

Military Acts Upon Order of Finance Commissioner and All Banks in The City Are Taken Over.

Petrograd, Dec. 18. Soldiers action rder the orders of Finance Commiioner Menshinsky today surrayeded far much had been the case. and seized all private banks in Peter grand including the branch of the Na feetive use of our resources. The su tional City Bank of New York, The PRESIDENT WILSON connagor B. R. Stevens was perested and detained for a short time

COTTON MARKET

the opening today. Liverpool was bet, ed in the duties of a college professor contages of present quota of national connections were buyers here white versity.

es Are Killed By Germans On Christmas Eve.

THE TRENCHES

Three Deaths Were The Result of Two Attacks One Of Which Was Made at Night By an Aviator, Other In Trench Shelling.

With the American Army in Prans Phursday, Dec. 27, .- By the Associated Press :- A corporal of American encinnets was killed and one private counded Christmas Eve when a shell dropped near a party of American entimests working in tremenes on the French front. The engineers had been vorking for weeks with veteran Frencis

With the American Army in France, Churchay, Dec. 28. By the Associated Press.-During a recent moonlight night German aviators dropped bombs near a ertain town and two American privates who were in a camp in a wood were killd. The German airmen flew low and tropped their bombs necurately

APPOINTMENTS ON A. C. L. ANNOUNCED

d terminal trainmaster at Florence South Carolina, the appointment to I effective the first of the year. Mr. F. vielle succeeds Mr. R. C. King, Thi innouncement was made from the offiof General Superintendent W. H. New U. of the Atlantic Coast Line this more

Mr. R. F. Turk is also appointed terninal trainmaster at Wilmington, sue ceding Mr. Forwielle, who held this pe sition at Wilmington for some time This appointment is also effective Jun

MISS EVELYN ORRELL WEDS MR. L. C. HALL

parriage of Miss Evelyn Binnehe Orrell o Mr. Leighton Caldwell Hall, on Monlay, December 24, at Fayetteville, Misc Orrell is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Comberland county capital after Jan. mary first. Miss Orrell is well known in to New York. menutume believing in this way that Rocky Mount and is a charming and the Bolsheviki might be checkmated attractive young lady. She has many the committee resound investigation of friends here who will receive the news wish both a happy future.

J. PLUVIUS DID ALL KINDS OF THINGS

Last night Jupiter Pluvius did all kinds of things. First there was a slight full of sleet about 7 o'clock, This was quickly followed by a sprinkling of snow and then, if commenced raining Others also stake that during the early hours of the night the moon appearfor if few minutes. The drizzle continmed until after midnight, and then the nin, sleet and snow all froze.

Pedestrians this morning found the thin conting of ice, making walking ogedingly risky and it was with considerable difficulty that many carried them elves gracefully. The temperature be gan to rise, however, and the lee rapid melted. The sun threatened to con out from bekind the clouds several times incing the day, but up to the present writing it was still cloudy with prospoets for more tain or snow. Wenther prophets predicted that we were to have a layd winter this season, and s

SIXTY ONE TODAY

Washington, Der. 28:- This is Persi dent Wilson's vixty first birthday, He danned to spend it quietly at fiam ; is pursuance of his work as leader of the world's greatest nation at war Cube a good part of yesterday's reaction at few birthdays back found him imprer-

The wearing experiences he has gone

Corporal and Two Privat- Five Railroad Executives Are Designated By Secretary McAdoo For Work Ahead.

> BEGINS NEW EPOCH OTHERS ON THE STAND The Secretary of the Treas-

ury and His Assistants Have Single Task of Making one Road Out of Vast Mileage of Nation.

Washington, Des. 28 .- As the first practical step in the government opertion of railcoads which began at noo today Director General McAdoo drafts the railroad's war board into the gov ernment service to work out plans of unified operation and submit them t him for approval.

The following five railroad executive ach a leader in the business of trans portation will work out the plans to welding 250,000 miles of railroads into me great continental system for win ning the war:

Fairfax Harrison, president of the olios Kruttscnitt, chairman of the

oard of the Southern Pacific. Samuel Ren, president of the Pennsyl

Hate Holden, president of the Burling

Howard Elliott, of the New Haven. Ender President Wilson's decision to Prent event regarded by many a he opening of a new epoch in govern ment operation and control of public utilities passed by without any forma

When the Senate Committee Investigating Sugar Short age Meets Today Mr. Hoover Has Gone to New

Washington, Dec. 28 .- When the Senrte committee investigating the sugar shortage finally called for Food Admir strator Hoover today to give his vie of conditions, a letter from Chief Comwas presented saying Mr. Hoover "had tenrued through the public press' he was to testify today but had been called

As Mr. Haover did not appear today the coal situation with W. B. Colver of of the wedding with interest and will the Pederal Trade Commission contin ning on the stand.

NATIONAL COAL SHORTAGE A FACT

New York, Dec. 28 .- A national condarrage, due to the wiping out of the we supply and the increased conomotion is an Startual fact?" and must be faced by the small consumer ith the practice of the Mutmost con exation," necording to a report of o New York State Fuel Conservaion Committee filed Wednesday with dhert H. Wiggin, State Fuel Admin erator. The committee to assure the seds of the small consumer in New dreets and sidewalks covered with a York State, has devised a plan for the saturation of coal on the "eard see out" basis, and recommends its adoption as a conservation measure.

FURMAL CALLS OF

Men From First Draft Not Yet Taken Will Be Given Until February 15th Says the previous week the losses were 2. Provost Marshall.

Washington, Dec 28 - Proved Mer all General Crowder has notified the State governors that there will be as more formal calls for deferred per cary men before E. benary 15, All men cave been called but whose order num bers are so low that they are not as

WORK ON SUPPLIES ONLY HOPE

Witnesses Just Back From France Today Testify as To Condition Equipment and Supplies.

A Number of Commanders From Cantonment Camps Are Placed on the Stand To Testify as to the Equip- French Break Up a Surprise ment of Each.

Washington, Dec. 28 .- More first hand information regarding equipment, ordnance, clothing and other supplies of General Pershing's forces and also at national army cantonments was receiv ed today by the Senate military com mittee from Major Generals William Wright and Edwin St. John Greble, commanders at Camp Donaphan, Oklahoma and Bowie, Texas respectively. The officers who recently returned from a visit to the French buttlefront were examined in executive session by the com mittee which recently heard similar con idential testimony from Major General O'Ryan, commander at Camp Wadsworth, S. C.

AND THE KAISER HAD A NARROW ESCAPE

Geneva, Dec. 28 .- The German emeror, returning with his staff from the erdon front, had a narrow escape luring the reprisal raid of a british air pundron on Mannheim Christmas eve ecording to a dispatch from Basal, only about an hour earlier the empe or's train left the station, which was partly destroyed by several bomb A section of the tracks was torn up tting communications north.

In fact, the emperor's train was the ist to leave Mannheim, and no train rrived at Basel yesterday from that Two bombs fell on the palace tion, on the suspension bridge across ie Neskar river, both structures be ng badly damaged. An ammunitie here, however, as the employes were naving a holiday. A considerable num her of persons were killed or injured within the town, and several down into the Rhine.

Field Marshall Haig Sub- northeast of Verdun. mits List of Those Deserving Mention For Bravery and Includes Many Amer-

London, Dec. 28: Field Marshal Haig has submitte da list of names of per sons serving on the western front as de serving special mention. The list which was published today in the London Gazette contains the names of many Americans attached to the American army nursing corps.

SHIPPING LOSSES SHOW DECREASE

London, Dec. 28 .- The losses to Brit ish shipping show a material decreas for the past week. According to the amuralty report Wednesday, 11 British acrehantmen of 1,600 tons or over were

Ther the week ending December 19, 7 British merchantmen wer esunk, 11 of them of more than 1,600 tons. 4 of them more than 1,600 tons.)

STOCK MARKET

New York, Dec. 28 - Few noteworthy hanges were recorded at the opening other paraphernalia necessary to the of today's stock market, but demands staging of the show were lost in tranfor rails were soon resumed at average sit and it was not until today that they gains of 1 to 2 points in the first half arrived. This promises to be a good and optimism was reflected in the mass with all the support and power of the March and May. The opening was 9 to through slace as guide of America a mally in camp will get the benefit of hour for graingers, coalers, New York musical comedy show and one that will and rise in railroad securities on stock government asserted in behalf of more 26 points higher in consequence but de Central and some of the Pacific, Chicago please theatre goers and those who like mand was supplied around the initial have left him practically untouched in been instructed however, to continue and Alton featured the low priced rails popular price vandeville. A good che "The director general of railroads, figures by Southern and local selling appearance. His health is much better scuding men to make up deficiencies in at an advance of 5 1-2 points. Equip rus, funny comedians, and pretty score today than it ever has been. His com- the quota caused by rejection of mer ments and Coppers also rose I to 2 points ery will add much to the performanplexion is ruddy, his eye clear, his step a ready in the service until they have with a few specialties such as Oils and to be officed. A pleasing show is Congress expressed fear that the task. The commission has also placed at the was too big for the government to handless of the director the whole work the efficiently under war conditions, and and facilities of the commission.'

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SENATE CONTINUES PEACE APPEARS AS

Bulgaria, However, Seems To Have Kicked Out of Harness on Matter of Holding Territory.

KING FERDINAND HAS DIFFERENT VIEW

Attack of the Germans Northwest of Verdun While the Austro German Have Not Followed Up Victory in South.

German terms for a general peace and he suggestion that the entents join the Russo German pence conference have brought no immdiate responce. Amerian, British and French leaders are sient, probably awaiting a direct mes sage from the peace makers at Brest-Litovsk. The attitude of the American government has not changer and it is felt in Washington that the present German promises of no annexation and to indemnities are insincere. Al alleged view of the German peace terms in high British circles says that Germany desires a general peace and does not want a separate peace with Russia. British newspaper opinion is divided. A

Arecess in the peace negotiations has been taken and the conference will be resumed January 4th at a place not yet determined.

Loon Trotsky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister is said to be preparing a new appeal to the entente allies to join the conference, It is indicated in Russian dispatches received in London that the Bolsheviki place most of their hopes in retaining power in the consummation of a peace which will meet the wishes of of the Russian population, thus weakening the Cossack and Ukrainian opposi

King Ferdinand, of Bulgaria, an American dispatch says, holds different views on annexation from those exactory in the northern suburb was pressed by Count Czernin who appar lown up. Few persons were killed ently is the German mouthpiece, A Vien na newspaper quoted the king as saying Bulgaria would hold what she had won which seemingly is at variance with the generalization of non-foreible an nexation uttered by Count Czernin, Gerann and Austrian newspaper generally ceite Czernin's statement warmly.

Repulsed in their attempt to break the French lines northwest of Ver the Germans have ceased their efforts, while the artillery on both sides keeps up a lively fire. In the Argonne yestorday the French checked a German surprise attack and French artillery broke up enemy concentration of troops

On the British front the artillery enragement continues at various fronts. On the Italian northern front the Austro Germans have not followed up their secess of early in the week west of Brenta and which they had hard fighting to maintain. Enemy artillery on the Asiago plateau is intense, probably in contemplation of other attempts.

INLAND STEEL CO. HAS AN EXPLOSION

A Number of Persons Are Believed to Have Been Kill ed in an Explosion at Indian Harbor Today.

Chiengo, Dec. 28 .- A number of persous are reported to have been killed ank during this period by mine or sub- in an explosion of a blast furnace in narms, as well as one merchantman tre plant of the Inland Steel Co., at reder that tonnage, and one figuring Indiana Harbor Indiana stoday. The plant caught fire and is threatened wit blestruction.

VAUDEVILLE SHOW AT MASONIC TONIGHT

Will's Musical Comedy Company will give performances at the Masonie Opera House tonight and tomorrow afternoon and night. This company has been here during the week, but the trunks and