

sible routes. By this means, it is planned to save many thousand miles of needless hauling. A committee of two officials from the Railroad and Fuel Administrations

the Railroad and Fuel Administrations will work out a plan which may be based on a division of the East into districts, each of, which is to get its coal mainly from a designated mining area. Howard Elliott, president of the New Haven, and A. G. Gutheim, an official of the Interestate Commerce Commission's car service bureau, will represent the railroad administration

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These were the main purposes of the industrial curtailment order of five days ago. Dr. Garfield said. In the memorandum sent to Di-rector General McAdoo suggesting the embargo. Dr. Garfield referred to the one day embargo on all freight, except food and fuel, declared yesterday by the Pennsylvania lines east of Pitts-bargh and suggested that similar ac-uon should be taken for several days, particularly on the worst congested trank lines leading to the seaboard. War munitions and supplies, he said, might be exempted. might be exempted.

"Such an embargo would be espec-taily effective if it could follow im-mediately the five days covered by the January 17 order," said the me-morandum. This would make an embargo effective tomorrow. During the last two months of 1917, the Administrator declared, in-creasingly acute car shortage neutro.

1917, the Administrator derivative result of the car shortage neutra-lized efforts for increased production at the mines; empty cars were not at the mines and congestion was so great that loaded cars did not reach

ir consignees. While the railroads were operated "While the rainoads were operative separately, although in a co-operative plan," he added, "they seemed to have found it impossible to remedy this sit-uniton, and since a Director General of Rainoads has been appointed, we have had nothing but unprecedentedly severe weather, almost nullifying his works."

efforts." During the six weeks ending Jan-uary 5, it was explained, coal produc-tion lost because of car shortage amounted to 19 per cent, 30 per cent, 34 per cent, 24 per cent, 9 and 9 per cent respectively. Conditions were worst on the B. & O. and the Penn-

The Fuel Administration today reported better movement of empty cars to mines of Pennsylvania, West Virginia and other fields, although the Railroad Administration reports were less hopeful.

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DECREASED EARNINGS SHOWN

Herbert Asquith, former prin

## FOR RAILROADS OF COUNTRY

(By The Areocised Press.) Washington, Jan. 22.-Farm prodncts of the United States reached the unprecedented value of \$19,443,849,-By The Associate' Trees Washington, Jan. 22.—The rall-roads net revenue from operations in November was \$94,280,000 or \$21... 000,000 less than in the same month A preliminary statement inst issued official of the Interestate Commerce Commission's car service bureau, will represent the railroad administration on this committee. The necessity for some new method of dealing with the coal transporta-tion problem was emphasized today by scores of reports that weather con-ditions were as bad or worse than at any time since the unprecedented period of cold and stormy weather started nearly two weeks ago. The bright phase of the situation Garfield that ships were being bunk-ered more rapidly than last week, and the coal was going in sufficient quantities to domestic consumers. by the by the Department of Agriculture shows crops were valued at \$13,610, 462,782, and represented 70 per cent of the value of all farm products. Animal and animal products were valued at \$5,832,386,599 in 1917, an increase of almost \$1 500,000,000 per 143.571.000 in the corresponding per-loc of the year before. Valued at \$5,833,386,599 in 1917, an increase of almost \$1,500,000,000 over 1516.

All sections of the country showed decreased earnings. Eastern roads re-ported net revenue of \$31,389,000, as inimials and animal products, shows inimials and animal products, shows inimials and animal products and lower 1916. Illinois first, Texas second, and Iowa third. In 1916 Texas led with Iowa. second and Illinois third. Southern roads, \$17,143,000, as com\_ pared with \$18,034,000.



thods of uniting political forces op-

A successor to Chairman Wilcox who will resign at the St. Louis meet-

ing was not discussed today, it was

PRODUCTS OVER SIX BILLION

INCREASE IN VALUE OF FARM

posed to the Democrats.

the weather bureau announced. The storm warnings are displayed from north of the Virginia Capes to East-

Important British States-

the vessels to supplement the trans port and supply fleet of the expedi-tionary forces, but France's need of tonnage to bring in food was recog-nized as being more urgent. The terms under which France has (Ilv The Associated Press.) York, Jan. 22.-To promote unity between America and her Ai-lies during the war and prepare pub-lic opinion for a league of Nations af-

The terms under which France has chartered the ships from Brazil in-clude an agreement to move the Braz-illan coffee crops. It is expected that the vessels will be used in moving much of that 2,500,000 tons of wheat ter the war is won. Is the purpose of invitations extended through Am-bassador Page to ensinent British tates and the states for a speaking to the United States for a speaking tour of its principal cities, the Nationrecently sold by Argentina to the Al-lied Governments. al committee of the churches and mor-al aims of the war announces uere.

### TWO OFFICERS AND A PRIVATE DIE IN FRANCE

ster, Eishop Gore, Viscount Bryce, Viscount Grey, Arthur Henderson, the Railroad Administration reports Viscount Grey, Arthur Henderson, the Washington, Jan. 22.—First Lieu-isbor party leader, and George Adams will endeavor to se-ults of his fuel curtailment order. Garfield said The cablegrain to Amhaszador Page school in France the war department

Dr. Garfield said: "Our reports show that the prime purposes sought to be accomplished by the regulation, the bunkering of ships and supplying domestic con-tand Alton R. Farker, representing the lengue to Enforce Peace, the Rey Union and Rey, Charles S. MacFar-Tacal officials of the Fuel Admin-lengue to the Federal Council of Church-es of Christin America. There organized to Ambassader Page was advised tonight by General Persh. Licuit Cheney's mother, Mrs. Wm. Licuit Sherwood's emergency ad-Brooklyn, New York, and that of Pri-vate Beach, Themas Beac Local officials of the Fuel Admin-ported that domestic consumers, public utilities and other consumers, incontinued on Page Seven: icontinued on Page Seven: icontinued of the Fuel Admin-isstications will have the co-operation of the consumers, incontinued of Page Seven: icontinued of the Fuel Admin-isstications will have the co-operation of incontinued of Page Seven: icontinued of the Fuel Admin-isstications will have the co-operation of incontinued of Page Seven: icontinued of the Fuel Admin-isstications will have the co-operation of incontinued of Page Seven: icontinued of the Fuel Admin-isstications will have the co-operation of incontinued of Page Seven: icontinued of Page Seven: ic

en in General Pershing's message.

draft was introduced in the House today by Representative Dent, chair-President.

ministration of the Army

By The Assiding Press : Washington, Jan. 22.-Legislation proposed by the War Department to proposed by the War Department to

man of the Military Committee. It includes joint resolutions authorizing the President to call men into an pro- necessary in view of their co-opera-by class and apportion quotas in pro- lion with the Government. Mr. Con-portion to the class called, and pro- lion with the Government. Mr. Con-viding for registration of all men dou intimated that the request for viding for registration of all men Government operation was not being

carry out recommendations of Prov. ost Marshal General Crowder for

IN ARMY DRAFT IS PROPOSED

June 5. Mr. Dent also introduced a bill to A preliminary statement just issued the Department of Agriculture organize the army nurses into an "army nurse corps" with a superintendent at its head, and another to give six months pay to dependents of officers and enlisted men killed or dying from wounds.



(By The Associated Press.) Wilmington, Jan. 22. Announce-ment is made from the General Headquarters of the Atlantic Coast Line here today of the formation of the Southern Rate Committee, which in sto be organized with headquarters in Atlanta to initiate the freight rates of all the carriers in the Southern dis-trict under the Government operation Brazil Lets France Have plan and comprising the territor south of the Ohio and Potomic Re-ers, furloughing March first, C. Met territory

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 Davis, general freight agent of the Davis, general freight agent of the committee. Other members are N. B. Wright, assistant freight traffic manager of the Courtal of Georgia, Savannah, who will be chairman, G. K. Calewell, assistant freight traffic manager of the Southern Railway, Washington, Jan. 22.—The thirty

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 The thirty agent of the Southern Railway, Washington, E. K. Bry 

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AUSTRIA AND GERMANY IN THROES OF CRISIS\*

(By The Associated Press.) Geneva, Jan. 22.-Some news of a reliable nature has begun to trickle across the Swiss fronther which seemingly proves that Austria and Hungary are in the throes of the greatest economic crisis since the war began. It is estimated that more than a million workmen men and women have struck. A majority of these were conployed in the war industries, and only small sections of them

have returned in answer to the bait of higher waters. The re-mainder, it is said, are assuming a more threatening attitude and are daily demanding peace and cheaper food.

It is stated that Hungary ab, solutely refuses to give erreals either to Austria or to Germany and that the Rumanian stocks of grain are exhausted. The military situation is involved, and even endangered by the strikes which continue.

formation acdiced at the hearing now in progress will be presented to the

'en Armour, Edward F. Swift and velson Morris. The request of the workers for gov-

erament operation of the plants dur-ing the war was lost sight of during the discussion of the arbitration dis-

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Opposition of the packers to seiz. ure of their plants will be based on the contention that such action is un-necessary in view of their co-opera-

taken seriously by the owners. John Filzpatrick, prescident of the Cincago Federation of Labor, heading the delegation of workers here, will have another conference with the commission tomorrow. There was no intimation tonight of when the conferences would be concluded and the commission's recommenda-tion submitted to the riendent.

In the meantime, the employees have announced they will continue at work, althoug they say they consider the original agreement is void because alleged to have been broken by the packers. The strike vote taken by the men still is in effect and empowers the union leaders to call out the workers if an agreement is not reached

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# DECORATE SURGE JONES WITH THE WAR CROSS

(Hr The Associated Press.) Paris Ian 22-Regression Henry Sweat Jones of New York a member of the LaPaystie Flying Corps, who also is a Lieutenant in the Aviation Reserve of the American Army, has been decorated with the war cross. An official citation praises his splen-did spirit and admirable daring. Nergeunt Jones has been at the front continously since May of last year.

was hastily completed today to be fur-nished to Senators in readiness for proposal had not been dropped. Inwas hastly completed today to be fur-Thursday's dehate. Late in the day Senator Chamberlain included in the record a statement furnished by the War Department showing shortages of equipment of National Guard and National Army cantonmends on Jan. 1. On that date the overcoat shortage was over in all camps and the principal deficiencies in most of the camps were of minor clothing items, but Camp Lee, Virginia, snowed a shortkanap ise, virginia, showed a short-age of worden coals, camp Funston, kansas, 50 per cent in blankets and Camp Funston and Camp Sevier, S. C., reported shortages 55 and 50 per cent respectively, in woolen breeches and conts.

preparing to elaborate on the defic-lencies in providing Army supplies

and equipment disclosed in the com-

mittee's war inquiry. Today the com-mittee decided to resume the invest-

gations next Saturday, calling Surgeon General Gorgas to testify regarding cantonment sanitary conditions. The

Secre ary Eaker submitted his re-port letters retracting certain state-ments made to the committee some

Incite name to the committee some lime and regarding sufficiency of clothing a Camp Sherman, Com. Prompted by President Wilson's statement last night, the ordnance bureau of the War Department has em-barked upon a new pullcy of publici-While no official statement was wallable, it was indicate that what ever military necessity uses not de-mand suppression of f.cts and figur-es, full information as to what the bureau is doing will be given to the press

In connection with the new policy It was disclosed that re-organization of ordnance bureau began early in May, 1917, less than a month after the Enemy Flyers Destroyed declaration of a state of war a rough draft of the re-organization re-ferred to by Fresident Wilson in his

and Big Bombing Flyer statement, so far as that hureau is concerned at least, was drawn up dur-With its Crew Has Been ing May and had the approval of the-President himself before it was under-



meat shortage, decreeing two meatmeat shortage, decreeing two meat-less days weekly—Tuesdays and Fri-days—in London and Wetnesdays and Fridays in other parts of the country. This will apply to the homes as well as to notels and restaurants Even meat left over from the pre-tions day must not be used of meatvious day must not be used of less days, but saved for the following

Bendes this there is to be a fur-ther large reduction in the meat ra-tions allowed hotels and restaurants, while butchers will be allowed only fifty perfected of what they had in October. Meat at breakfast will be barred under the new order, no meat being served between 5:30 and 10:20

in the smallest quantities.

from unregulated competition for men between war industries and dif-ferent branches of the Government. Labor is in entire sympathy with the creation of this reserve, because it will help to prevent the great hard-sching which foll these workshards ships which fall upon workingmen by having no certain way of know-ing whether or where there may be employment for them.

"By registering in the public ser-vice reserve, men can be assured that they will be told when they will be wanted. The reserve now is listing men willing to serve on railroads, in munition plants and in the divisions of the army which remains defined

of the army which require skilled

mechanics.

was estimated that from now R It was estimated that from now until next August 400,000 men will be needed for ship building, this number of voluntary workers is ex-pected to be enrolled during regis-tration week.

An appeal to President Wilson to An appeal to President Wilson to speed up Government machinery in aid of production so as to relieve the anxiety of fairmers as to labor sup-ply, credit facilities and seed short-age, was made today in a memorial from the Federal Board of Farm Orcontractions in behalf of more than 2,000,000 organised farmers. The board usked for a reply February sixth, when representatives of the seven National farm organizations comprising the board, together with a number of state Masters of the Grange and heads of the Society of Equity and other bodies will seek an addence with the President to dis-cuss constructive plans. The ma-morial said.

rial said. are assured on every side, the farm-ers of America must produce more food in 1918 than they did in 1917. But unless present conditions are radically changed. increased crops next year are impossible. Under existing conditions we can not equal the production of 1917, much less surpass 0, and this for reasons over which the farmers have no control. The chief causes which will in-evitably bring about a smaller crop

next year, unless promptly sensed by National action, are six in num-ber. The shortage of farm labor, shortage of seed; prices often below by Food Controller for Curtailing Consumption by Orders (By The Associater Press)

(By The Associater Press London, Jan. 22.—Lord Rhondda, food controller, is prepared to take drastic measures to deal with the excellent markets lie idle for lack of a living return. Millions of aeres will be wholly or partly idle next summer because the money to buy seed and obsistence will be lacking. Many of farmors thus affected are ten. ants whom misfortune will compel to abundon the farm.

Ho far as we have learned, there is not a single genuine farmer, repof America. In any position of author-ity in the Food Administration, the advisory Council of National Defense or any of the other special board charged with the conduct of the war

Comparing their own small earn-ings with the huge war profits they see o'clock in the morning Patrons of restaurants also have to do with less butter, margarine, milk and sigar, articles which are already served, when served at all

