

THE WEATHER:
Rain Monday, colder in west and by night in eastern portion; Tuesday fair.

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LEGISLATION TO AID OPERATION OF RAILROADS ASKED

President Wilson's Requested Legislation Heads Week's Program.

OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS COMING UP

Woman Suffrage to Be Settled in the House Next Thursday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Legislation asked by President Wilson in connection with government operation of the nation's railroads heads the program of congress this week.

Interstate commerce committees of the senate and house meet tomorrow to begin consideration of the administration railroad bill and the membership of both bodies appear desirous of its early disposal. The senate committee tomorrow will hear prominent railroad executives and the house committee meets to map out a program and decide whether hearings will be held. Representative Sims, chairman and other members of the committee are inclined to favor hearings and they may ask Secretary McAdoo to take charge of testimony for the government.

Other legislation also is in the making for early consideration at the capitol. The senate democratic steering committee meets tomorrow to map out a program and also to fill the vacant chairmanship of the interstate commerce committee. The leaders generally expect the selection of Senator Smith, of South Carolina, over Senator Pomerene, of Ohio.

Woman suffrage is to be settled in the house next Thursday, when a vote on the resolution for admission of the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the constitution is scheduled. The result is in doubt with a very close vote indicated. Hearings on the resolution will be closed tomorrow by the new house suffrage committee.

The principal business before the senate this week is disposal tomorrow of the Walsh-Pittman coal and oil and leasing bill, designed to open up vast western natural resources.

Various investigations of operations will continue and on Tuesday the senate privileges and elections committee will resume consideration of Senator Lammie's alleged disloyal St. Paul speech and make plans to begin hearings, probably with former Secretary Bryan as the first witness.

War inquiry. The senate military committee will continue tomorrow with further investigation of (Continued on Page Two.)

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS ARE 'TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED' BY THE GERMAN DELEGATES

Demands of Russians that Conference Be Resumed At Stockholm Instead of Brest-Litovsk Is Rock on Which Conference Was Split.

The peace negotiations between the central powers and the Bolshevik government in Russia have been "temporarily suspended," by the Germans. From the meagre advices received, it appears that the rock upon which a continuation of the pourparlers split, was the demand of the Russians that the conference be resumed at Stockholm, instead of at Brest-Litovsk. Dissatisfied with the proposals for peace made by the Teutonic allies before the recess of the Brest-Litovsk conference, Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, had been insistent on the deliberations being held on neutral soil instead of at the German eastern headquarters. The Germans, however, had been equally as firm in their determination not to treat with the Russians at any other place than Brest-Litovsk.

No Foundation.
German advices Saturday were to the effect that the Bolshevik delegates, on finding that the representatives of the Teutonic allies were at Brest-Litovsk awaiting them, had started for this town, but nothing has come through to show that these had any foundation in fact. The decision of the Germans to discontinue the sittings was arrived at during a crown council held in Berlin Saturday which was attended by Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General von Ludendorff, first quartermaster-general.

A belated dispatch from Berlin gives as the reason for the refusal of the Germans to consider Stockholm a place where peace might be advantageously discussed, the fear that British, French and American diplomats in the Swedish capital would by intrigue render all endeavors futile.

Dispatches from Berlin indicate that although the reichstag parties in the main are supporting the government, considerable political unrest is prevalent and that strong efforts are being made to hold the socialists in line.

The socialist organ in Berlin characterizes the situation as extraordinarily serious.

Although the weather continues cold and much snow lies on the ground in northern France, there has been considerable activity by the infantry in the Arras sector, in Flanders and on the eastern part of the front along the Moselle river. Near Bullecourt the British have recaptured in a counter-attack the sap taken from them Saturday by the Germans. There were intermittent artillery duels Sunday along the entire battle front.

In the Italian theatre the big guns of both sides are (Continued on Page Two.)

Ever Try to Quit Smoking?



NEW DEMURRAGE RULES ESTABLISHED BY McADOO ARE EXPECTED TO HASTEN LOADING AND UNLOADING OF FREIGHT

Charges Are Increased From Fifty to 100 Percent and McAdoo, in Addition, Issues Appeal to Shippers to Release Cars as Rapidly as Possible—Says Imperative Necessity for Releasing Freight Cars Exists.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—To promote more prompt unloading of freight cars, Director General McAdoo today established new railroad demurrage rules for domestic traffic, effective January 11, continuing the present two day free time but providing for increases ranging from fifty to one hundred per cent in charges thereafter.

The director-general appealed to shippers and consignees to co-operate in releasing cars to meet the national emergency and to make special efforts even before the higher demurrage charges go into effect to clear terminals as a contribution to the success of the war.

New Demurrage Rates.
The new demurrage rates, approved by the interstate commerce commission on request of the director general are \$3 per car for the first day after the two free days, \$4 for the second day and \$1 additional for each succeeding day until the charge per day reaches \$10. This maximum then will be charged for every day or fraction thereafter.

ULTIMATUM ISSUED TO UNITED HEBREW TRADES
Must Not Harbor Independent Bodies, American Federation Says.

DR. VENABLE CHOSEN.
CHAPEL HILL, Jan. 5.—Dr. F. P. Venable, head of the chemistry department, has recently been chosen as one of six distinguished chemists by Secretary of the Interior Lane to act as an advisory board to the United States bureau of mines.

STORM WARNINGS.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Storm warnings have been ordered displayed along the Atlantic coast from Wilmington, N. C. to Jacksonville, the weather bureau announced tonight.

day and for each day thereafter. Even these rates are several times higher than those which prevailed a year ago and which were raised last spring when congestion on eastern railroads became acute. Much higher rates are charged on the Pacific coast and in several other districts.

No changes will be made for the present in demurrage rules or rates on export freight. The new regulations, said Mr. McAdoo's order, specifically contemplate the cancellation of all average agreement provisions of existing tariffs.

PEACE NOT QUESTION OF TERMS, TAFT DECLARES
Will Come After Nations Are Convinced Military Conspiracies Must Fail.

CARDINAL GIBBONS PREACHES.
BALTIMORE, Jan. 6.—In the presence of a great throng of persons, Cardinal Gibbons preached in the cathedral this morning. After the mass he held his annual New Year's reception in his home.

VOLCANO UNEASY.
SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Nicaragua, Jan. 6.—Irazu, a volcano 11,800 feet high, near the city of Cartago, Costa Rica, is manifesting signs of eruption. The old crater is vomiting immense volumes of smoke. The populations of San Juan Jose, the Costa Rican capital, Cartago and the neighboring towns are growing uneasy.

ences and hardship on these accounts will be far smaller than the inconvenience and hardship which our people as a whole are suffering on account of the undue tying up of railroad equipment, and will be very small indeed compared with the menace which the widespread tying up of equipment causes to the health and comfort of the people and the successful conduct of our war operations.

CHICAGO AND THE WEST IN GRIP OF SNOW STORM
Traffic of All Kinds Is Seriously Delayed—No Abatement in Sight.

CLIP THIS COUPON FOR "Culinary Echoes From Dixie"
By KATE BREW VAUGHN.

How to Get it.
Clip this coupon and present at The Citizen Office with 75 cents. Add 5 cents for postage if out of town.

There is only a limited supply of cook books on hand and no more can be secured after the present stock is exhausted.

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RUSSIANS FAIL TO MOVE CONFERENCE TO SWEDISH CITY

Germany Contends That Her Delegates Have Reached Brest-Litovsk.

ROUMANIA WANTS TO CONTINUE THE WAR

French Government Protests Against Seizure of Banks in Petrograd.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Dispatches received here from Petrograd dated Friday, and Saturday confirm the previous reports that the Russian peace delegation, including Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, returned to Brest-Litovsk in an endeavor to arrange for a transfer of the negotiations to neutral territory. The German refusal to acquiesce in these dispatches, was based on the fact that their delegates already had arrived at Brest-Litovsk.

Armistice Declared.
An armistice has been declared in the Ukraine region, the rads, the Ukrainian legislative body, and the Bolsheviks having agreed to a compromise of their differences. The rads is said to be ready to decline to give support to General Saldienko and his Cossack in return for the withdrawal of the Bolshevik troops from the Ukraine.

The Petrograd Post says the king of Roumania has cabled the entente allies that the Roumanians are demanding to continue the war, notwithstanding the desire of the troops on the Russian-Roumanian front, and that M. Poincare, the French president, replied assuring the king of France of support.

The French government has protested against the seizure of French banks in Petrograd.

AVIATORS FORM CORDON AROUND ITALIAN CITY BEATING OFF THE ENEMY
Teuton Airmen, Reaching Padua, Meet Unexpected Surprise.

BOMB OTHER CITIES.
ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Saturday, Jan. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Padua was spared another air raid last night largely through the daring of Italian aviators who went into the air an hour before moon rise and formed an aerial cordon around the city, meeting enemy machines as they advanced.

The enemy aviators, seeing the heavy cortège of ammunition or a possible exploit was the destruction of an enemy balloon at Susegana and the bringing down of an enemy airplane by gunfire.

The artillery action along the mountain and Piave fronts is intermittent and no longer shows the intensity of a big offensive. Along the upper Piave enemy batteries have been virtually silent for a week, indicating either a shortage of ammunition or a possible movement of forces westward to other fronts.

Weather conditions continue abnormally good with clear days and nights. The temperature usually is above freezing and there is almost no snow. Weather experts believe the season now is so far advanced heavy snows are unlikely until the regular Alpine snow falls beginning in February.