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MCADOO TELLS WHY HE WANTS RAILROADS GOVERNMENT HELD FOR FIVE YEARS TO SENATORS

LET PEOPLE KNOW WHAT CAN BE DONE

It Will Not Be Possible to Review Results of One Year Peace-Time Operations Until Too Late to Extend Limit, He Says.

GIVES REASONS WHY THE LINES SHOULD BE HELD

Director General of Railway Makes What May Be His Last Public Statement of Stewardship—Says Public Should Decide.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Accomplishments of the railroads under federal control in the last 12 months and arguments for a five-year continuance of government operation were recited today by Director-General McAdoo testifying before the senate interstate commerce commission, which took up consideration of his recommendations for extension of control to 1924.

Mr. McAdoo read a prepared state ment more than 15,000 words in length. He planned to take most of the day in presenting the testimony, probably the last public statement of his stewardship of railroad matters before retiring as director general.

After citing reforms effected under unified control, the director-general said: "I believe that even under the handicap of war conditions a sufficient showing has been made to indicate that all reforms I have mentioned are desired as permanent peace measures. Thus it is clear that the general public has not had an opportunity to appreciate this and to weigh the real value of what has been accomplished. In view of the far reaching importance of any solution of the railway question, the public is entitled to have, before the present federal control can be terminated, a reasonably fair test under peace conditions of the advantages to be derived from these reforms.

"It will be impossible to review the results of even one year of federal control under peace conditions until the spring of 1920 and it will then be too late for Congress to legislate before the end of the 21 months period after the declaration of peace provided for in the present law. Operations under peace conditions with a tenure so short as 21 months cannot possibly constitute a fair test."

The reasons for this he explained, would be the inevitable disturbance of the employees' morale, the difficulties of carrying out an expensive program of improvements and of forcing on the railroad companies the necessary expenditures.

FRENCH HOLD SACRED GRAVES OF AMERICANS

State Department Today Makes Public Message Received From the French Government.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The state department made public today the following message under date of January 1 received from the French government:

"The French government wishes to express its profound sympathy and gratitude to the American families whose sons have met a glorious death on French soil during the war. It wishes to share in their mourning. Their graves are as sacred in its eyes as those of the French comrades and it will take the necessary measures to provide that they shall be respected."

Greek Ship Floated

Norfolk, Jan. 3.—The Greek steamer Elin which went ashore December 16 off Carruck on the North Carolina coast was floated this morning by the government wrecking tug Rescue. The Elin is on route to Newport News where she will go into dry dock for survey and repairs.

Congested Shipments of Food For Europe the Cause of Embargo

New York, Jan. 3.—The shipment of all classes of freight and particularly foodstuffs intended for American troops abroad and Europe's starving people was embargoed from other parts of the country to the ports of Boston, Philadelphia and New York for export by order of the federal food administration today.

Food and supplies are accumulated on the piers of New York to such an extent that it is impossible for it to be handled or for cargo space to be provided for its transportation abroad. Similar conditions are declared to exist in Boston and Philadelphia with the situation becoming serious.

Regarding the shipping situation it was declared those slated for use by the food administration had not become available in tonnage expected and that other vessels expected to arrive in New York, Boston and Philadelphia to carry shipping across the Atlantic were layed by storms.

BANK OF COMMERCE IN FEDERAL SYSTEM

Local Institution Aligned With the Regional System of the Government on January 1, Cashier Mills States.

In order to increase its efficiency to the community at large and to be of more service, if possible, to the government, the Bank of Commerce entered the federal reserve system on January 1, Cashier H. A. Mills announced today. The step was taken by the officials of the bank after due consideration of the duties and responsibilities of the institution.

The federal reserve, it should be stated, is the regional banking system which is nothing more or less, when the brass tacks are reached, than a part of the treasury department of the United States government. The nation is divided into 12 districts or regions for convenience sake and the headquarters of the banks in this section, aligned with the system is at Richmond, where the federal reserve bank of the fifth district is located.

The federal reserve system was founded some time ago, and proved of great assistance to the nation in financing its war program. The system was founded for the paramount purpose of lending financial assistance to the government in time of need, therefore the government eternally stands behind it. The safety of a bank is thus insured by membership.

The Bank of Commerce enjoyed a marked growth during the past year in every respect. While complete figures will not be available until January 15 when the directors of the institution have their annual meeting, Cashier Mills stated this morning that deposits during 1918 had increased \$226,000, raising the total to \$751,217. The resources at the close of business on the last day of the old year totalled \$832,826.

Despite the fact that \$300,000 worth of government securities were disposed of during the year to patrons of the bank, there was no decrease in the amounts on deposit as savings accounts. There was a steady drain from the coffers of the savings department to purchase war savings stamps and Liberty bonds, Mr. Mills stated, but somehow or other the people of the city found a way to replace these sums and add a little bit more.

SOLDIERS TAKEN ON SHORE FROM VESSEL

Men Who Have Been Held Prisoner on Stranded Transport Since Early Wednesday Are Being Removed by the Navy Very Rapidly.

ONE BOAT LOAD OF MEN WENT TO PORT AT NOON

Tar Heel Chaplain of Northern Pacific Well Known Episcopal Minister, Formerly of New Bern—How Relief Work is Being Done.

Fire Island, N. Y., Jan. 3.—The navy set itself today to the task of bringing ashore the soldiers who had been held prisoner since Wednesday morning on the stranded transport Northern Pacific. Submarine chasers, power launches and whale boats in a tumbling surf came alongside the helpless liner and transporter at the rate of 300 or 400 an hour the men to waiting cruisers and destroyers.

At noon 900 men had been transhipped and one destroyer had started to New York with a load of the rescued.

Four submarine chasers took turns at the sides of the big vessel and received 150 men at a load, while 20 motor launches carried from 10 to 20.

The Northern Pacific remains fast in the sand with a slight list seaward which held the rope ladders snugly against her camouflaged sides and made comparatively easy descent into the boats.

Tar Heel Abroad.

New Bern, Jan. 3.—B. F. Huske, formerly rector of Christ's Episcopal church of this city, is chaplain on the transport Northern Pacific, aground off Fire Island, New York. His mother lives at Fayetteville.

Relief Work Good.

New York, Jan. 3.—Information that approximately 1,000 troops, including some of the wounded, had been removed from the American transport Northern Pacific, which is aground at Fire Island, was received by navy department officials here at 10:30 a. m. today. This indicates that fewer than 1,500 soldiers remained on board and the work of removing these in small boats and with the breeches buoy was progressing favorably, it was stated.

FURTHER DECLINE IS NOTED ON MART TODAY

Cotton Slumps Few More Points Because of Weak and Disappointing Showing of Liverpool.

New York, Jan. 3.—There was renewed liquidation and a further decline in the cotton market during today's early trading. Liverpool made a rather weak showing which was a disappointment to the traders who had bought here on yesterday's decline, and after opening barely steady at a decline of 16 to 46 points the active months soon sold 50 to 55 points net lower with January touching \$8.85 and March 27.40. The market turned steady toward the middle of the morning.

ADMIRAL RODMAN SAYS TO SINK SHIPS IS THE BEST

Washington, Jan. 3.—Destruction of all capital ships of the German navy surrendered to the allies was recommended at the house naval affairs committee today by Rear Admiral Rodman, who commanded the American fleet in the North sea.

Admiral Rodman declared the ships would not be needed; that they are of different types than those of the allies, and that it would be a waste of money to pay to maintain them.

WHITE HOUSE IS AGAIN THROWN OPEN TO PUBLIC

BAKER TELLS PLAN FOR REGULAR ARMY

Force Under Consideration is 500,000 Men, He Tells House Military Committee—No Decision on Universal Military Service.

NOT PLANNING TO KEEP MEN IN EUROPE LONGER

Gives As His Judgment Decision to Purchase National Army Cantonment Sites and Retain Them for Training Purposes.

Washington, Jan. 3.—No decision has been reached by the war department on the question of universal military service Secretary Baker told the house military committee today and he indicated that no definite project for a permanent military establishment could be presented to Congress until the peace conference had concluded its work.

When asked whether it would be necessary to keep a large force in Europe for two years, the secretary said:

"We hope that it is not true; we are not planning for it."

He said that 700,000 men had been discharged from the army since the armistice was signed and that another million men would be discharged within the next five weeks.

Mr. Baker gave notice that a bill authorizing a regular army of 500,000 men to be raised by voluntary enlistment would shortly be submitted to Congress together with estimates for appropriations. This army, he said, was in the nature of a temporary military establishment, described as "a stop gap army," which would tide over the period until peace is reestablished.

The secretary's statement made during a conference he sought with the committee in order to lay before it the question of the disposition to be made of the artillery training camps at Fayetteville, N. C., Columbus, Ga., and West Point, Ky. He said that it was necessary that a decision be reached as to whether the sites be purchased for permanent camps and was unwilling to proceed without advice from Congress.

In regard to keeping the 16 national army cantonments and some of the national guard camp sites, Mr. Baker said it was his personal judgment the cantonment sites should all be purchased to be held for divisional training centers for whatever army the nation may decide to maintain.

SAY THIRTIETH IS COMING HOME SOON

Passing Soldiers, Members of Machine Gun Corps of 30th Division, Report Belief That Men Will Arrive Shortly.

Late Thursday a number of the members of the machine gun corps of the 30th division, "Old Hickory," passed through High Point en route to South Carolina camps for demobilization. These men, during the brief stop of the train here, stated that it was expected all men in the 30th division who did such gallant fighting with the British and who smashed the famed Hindenburg line would soon be across the Atlantic.

This information should prove of deep interest to a large number of residents of the city since High Point furnished an organized company to the 30th, which was disbanded and the members scattered throughout the division. There has been no official news from General Pershing, however, stating that the 30th had been designated for early convey home. Greensboro people have had letters recently from members of the 105th engineers, organized in Greensboro, stating that they were near a French port.

It may be that the 30th, reported to have been moved farther back from the old fighting front, will come home sooner than expected.

STILL COLDER WEATHER TO BE PORTION OF CAROLINIANS FOR NEXT TWO DAYS IS FORECAST

Atlanta, Jan. 3.—The whole south which has experienced an unusually warm winter was in the grip of a cold wave today which reached its extreme in Jackson, Miss., where the temperature dropped to eight above zero this morning.

The area of high pressure has not yet left the Rocky Mountain section and prospects are, according to the local weather forecaster, tomorrow will be another cold day with the Atlantic coast section getting lower temperatures than today, especially in the Carolinas and Virginia.

The weather forecast then reads "fine and clear" and may be expected to underlie by Sunday.

FIGHT LIKE HADES READ LAST ORDER TO "WILD CATS" AND IT WAS FOLLOWED TO THE LETTER

"Fight like hell until 11 o'clock and then cease firing," was the final order of actual hostilities received in the company of Lieutenant Hal Ingram, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Ingram, of this city, was worded. Lieutenant Ingram is attached to the 321st infantry of the 81st "Wild Cat" division and according to the letter just received by his parents, everyone concerned fought according to orders.

The letter of the local officer throws some additional light on the fact that the 81st was in the thick of the fray up until the very last minute, or 11 o'clock on the morning of November 11. The Germans kept the Americans under a shower of gas during the final hour and the lieutenant thinks he is very fortunate to have emerged none the worse for the final 60 minutes of the greatest war in the history of the world.

Lieutenant Ingram says the Germans will fight and that any report to the contrary is more or less a mistake. He admits that his division was faced by the crack troops of the German army, the fifth Prussian guards, and states that the "Wild Cats" made progress nevertheless. The letter, one part written November 24 and the other December 4, follows:

"Just got a letter from you, and you cannot imagine what a life saver it was after pushing back 27 kilometers with my feet today.

"I have nothing much of interest to write, only that which concerns me and very close surroundings. I have no heroic tales of tell about going over the top, because both times I have been over the top, I had so many knives and guns I was about the last one over—and you need not believe what you read in books about going over the top, because I don't care how they describe it, its bound to be wrong, and never embarrass a soldier by asking him if he was scared when he went over, anyway, you should not encourage falsehoods. People smoke cigarettes at that time who never smoked before, and you speak to the fellow next to you with a 'Hello' like you had not seen him in years, and he gives you a sickly dry grin and says something about as silly as you can imagine, but still too deep for you to completely absorb.

CHURCHMAN ACCUSED BY SUICIDE LIKELY TO BE EXPELLED FROM FLOCK; CHURCH LAUNCHES PROBE

Los Angeles, Jan. 3.—As a result of the suicide of Miss Mildred L. Turner, pretty Burlington, N. C., girl, Wednesday, and the finding of a death note in which she accused George Tinchenor, rich churchman of Los Angeles, of having betrayed her and driven her to suicide, the church in which Tinchenor was prominent yesterday began an investigation of the girl's charges.

If found guilty he will be expelled from the church, the pastor decided.

Tinchenor denied knowing the girl except as a waitress who served him every day in a down-town cafe, and declares he did not know her name until he read the story of her death in the newspapers.

He, however, is at loss to account for the presence among her effects of his photograph, across the back of the picture is written the accusation.

ROYAL WELCOME IS GIVEN PRESIDENT

King and Queen and Other High Officials Greet the President and Party at Station This Morning—Program Will Keep Him Busy.

IS TO BE BUSY DURING ENTIRE STAY IN ITALY

Dines and Talks Today and Saturday and Visits, Dines and Talks on Sunday and Monday—Is to Return to Paris Monday Night.

Rome, Jan. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—President Wilson arrived in Rome at 10:25 o'clock this morning. He was received at the station by King Victor Emanuel, the queen, members of the government and representatives of local authorities.

An immense crowd welcomed the President with the greatest enthusiasm. The program arranged for President Wilson's entertainment today includes a luncheon with Queen's Mother Margareta, a reception by the parliament and a state dinner with King Victor Emanuel following a visit to the President of a deputation from the quirinal.

In the evening the citizenship of Rome will be conferred upon the American executive. On Saturday there will be a luncheon at the American embassy in honor of the President. This also is the date set for his visit to Pope Benedict and his reception to the people. He will take dinner with the court. The President expects to leave for Genoa Sunday and probably will go to Milan. Monday he will arrive in Zurich, where he will make a short visit, leaving for Paris Monday night.

Name of One Firm Left Out of List War Stamp Sales

In the list of war savings stamp sales appearing in The Enterprise yesterday Lashmitt's shoe store was unintentionally omitted. This store, under the management of Mr. Doub, had an allotment of \$400 and oversold, its sales totalling \$550.

The showing of the merchants of the city in respect to the sales of the government's baby securities was beyond the expectation of leaders of the movement, inasmuch as the quota was considered a very large one. Not all stores reported sales but a sufficient number surpassed their quota to take care of their less-hustling co-workers.

HOME GUARD RESUMES DRILLS THIS EVENING

Every Member of the Company Urged to Be Present Promptly So That Lost Time Can Be Made Up.

The first meeting since before Christmas of the High Point home guard will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the armory on East High street, according to a call issued today by Captain H. A. Mills. Guns for the members of the company arrived some time ago, but haven't been used and those who are able and expert enough to line up correctly this evening and execute the necessary maneuvers will likely have the pleasure of handling the weapons.

Local Doctor Is Chosen Delegate To State Meeting

Dr. H. W. McCain, of this city, has been elected a delegate from the Guilford County Medical society to attend the sessions of the North Carolina Medical society in annual convention at Pinehurst next April. He was chosen during the meeting of the county body at Greensboro.