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OBJECTS TO LARGE RAILROAD GUARANTEE

SENATOR CUMMINS WANTS TO DEPRIVE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MUCH POWER AND DELEGATE THIS INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

PRESENT PLAN WILL TAKE \$950,000,000

(By United Press.)
Washington, Jan. 11.—Government ownership advocates in the senate are determined to reduce the income guarantees provided for railroads under the federal control legislation, with Director General McAdoo in control.

The proposal is to pay lines compensation based on the full net railway operating income of the past three years would mean about nine hundred and fifty million of dollars annually.

Senator Cummins, ranking republican in the senate Interstate Commerce Committee, believes this too much by two hundred million dollars, and proposes a guarantee to the railroads of the interest on their bonded debt and divided to their yearly average.

There appears an unwillingness for the rate fixing power to be in the hands of the director general and a proposal to insert a provision to leave the rate fixing power in the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission seems to emanate from the same source.

CAN'T PRODUCE 100,000 PLANES

Washington, Jan. 11.—Chairman Howard Coffin, of the aircraft production board, says one hundred thousand airplanes within the year is impossible. It would need four million workmen to accomplish this.

It would further be an unworkable transportation problem and housing question in Europe would be one of tremendous proportions. Personnel and shipping naturally bar the way to this degree of success, however the aircraft program is now well on its way towards satisfactory realization.

KRIS KRINLE'S—

Washington, Jan. 11.—Boys and girls in Germany and Austria had a slim Christmas, according to official government advices received here today.

The four years of war have caused Christmas holiday packages to be getting scantier every year. No holiday was quite so bare as this one.

PICTURE SLIDES ON WAR SCENES

(By United Press.)
Washington, Jan. 11.—To aid in supplying suitable material with which to illustrate sermons, lectures and school work, the division of pictures, Committee on Public Information, is preparing official stereopticon slides showing America's participation in the war.

These slides will be made available soon for general use, at a normal charge to cover actual cost.

BRICKLAYERS WANTED ABROAD

(By United Press.)
San Antonio, Jan. 11.—The first requisition under the new selective-service regulations is for bricklayers. In sending the call the Provost Marshal General asked for 1,000 men to fill a urgent need of the armies in France.

SECTY. BAKER FEARS SLACKNESS

(By United Press.)
Washington, Jan. 11.—In a recent review of military operations the Secretary of War says: "The various reports of immediate peace proposals by the Germans on seemingly favorable terms should not for a moment induce us to slacken our preparations of war. It is only necessary for us to recall that during the Christmas season last year the Germans put forth very similar peace rumors."

MALE VANITY NOW DISCLOSED

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Jan. 11.—Figures from examinations made by Army and civilian shoe experts at Army camps show that only about 15 per cent of the men wear shoes which fit properly. Of the several groups of men examined 28 per cent were shoes one-half size short, 26 per cent wore shoes a full size short.

Reports ascribe the high proportion of misfits to the inclination of men to choose shoes too small, faults of method and supervision of fitting, insufficient numbers of larger and narrower sizes by manufacturers.

"NOT AGREE TO A SHAMEFUL PEACE"

RUSO-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS AT BREST-LITOVSK WAS BROKEN OFF YESTERDAY UPON MOTION OF FOREIGN MINISTER TROTSKY

PREPARING PETROGRAD FOR A SIEGE

Petrograd, Jan. 11.—In a fever of war preparations Trotsky declared that Russians had not intention of suing for mercy at the hands of the imperialists who refuse to listen to the voice of the people.

"Since the central powers and democratic do not speak Russia will fight to the bitter end, not so much from the trenches as in apprising the people to interpose barricades every step against their oppressors."

He insisted upon transferring the peace negotiations to Stockholm.

Nicholai Lenine re-echoed Trotsky's sentiments, regarding Russian determination to fight for immediate peace, in an interview given out prior to his departure, probably for Stockholm: "I fear we must halt our peace efforts and prepare for war," he declared "if Germany will not accept

GOOD SUPPLY FOR AMERICANS

(By United Press)
Washington, Jan. 11.—The war department's power programme is adequate to supply the American army and may perhaps lend aid to her allies, declared Secretary Baker, before the senate military committee today.

The secretary declined to give details of the power production at an open session.

Senator Wadsworth bitterly assailed Secretary Baker, in these words "you have created the impression throughout the country that everything is rosy and conditions are, and fine need for haste whereas facts show that we are approaching the greatest crisis in our history."

"AMERICA COME-AID US QUICKLY"

(By United Press.)
London, Jan. 11.—"We have arrived at the great crisis of the war which can only be satisfactorily solved by the vehement effective action of the United States," declared the British minister of munitions, Winston Churchill today at the American luncheon club.

He graphically and eloquently pictured the peril resulting from the unceasing German re-inforcements being piled on the west front from the east front, and shouted "America, come aid us with your might, and with utmost speed. This is the time for action on the largest scale ever planned."

Friends of Mr. G. W. Bryan, who has been ill for months, were glad to see him on the streets again this afternoon.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE WINS HOUSE AMENDMENT

BY THE EXACT TWO THIRDS MAJORITY THE WOMEN OF THE NATIONAL PARTY WIN VICTORY LAST NIGHT

WEAVER ONLY CONGRESSMAN VOTES YES

COMMISSIONERS HELD MEETING

Last night the town commissioners held a long session in transacting routine business.

All commissioners were present and reports were presented by the chief of police and road superintendent, as well as several petitions, which were acted upon.

Some citizens have felt it would be well to allow the townspeople to keep hogs in the back lots during this winter. This matter had been presented to the commissioners on two other occasions, and again last night in concrete form. After duly considering the matter a resolution was passed "that in the opinion of the commissioners the keeping of hogs within the town limits would be detrimental to health and would set back the plans for better sanitation to which the commissioners are pledged."

The keeping of chickens in the town limits was brought up by request in view of the large number that are running at large. It was determined to place, Chickens, Geese and Goats in the stock law ordinance making it an offense for these to run at large.

The road superintendent was authorized to cap and cover the wells on Main street and to remove all attachments.

A good deal of other routine business that had accumulated was transacted.

CO-OPERATION KEYNOTE SUCCESS

London, Jan. 11.—Binding the interest of workmen of America and England, as bound up between the workmen and the German army, cannot be done without the willing cooperation of men in the workshop and the men in the field, declared J. N. Barnes, members of parliament and member of the British war cabinet.

"TAG SHOVEL" DAY JAN. 30.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The fuel Administration expects school children throughout the country to do the tagging work on "Tag-Your-Shovel-Day" which has been set for January 30, planning to make it a school holiday.

In this extra effort to save coal for war purpose the Fuel Administration will try to get a tag on every coal shovel in the country. On the face of each tag are words: "Save that shovel of coal a day for Uncle Sam." On the reverse side are hints for saving coal.

(By United Press.)
Washington, Jan. 11.—Woman suffrage by federal constitutional amendment won in the house last night with exactly the required two-thirds majority, 274 being recorded for and 136 against the amendment which is known as the Susan B. Anthony bill.

Miss Alice Paul, leader of the National Woman's party gives the credit for the victory to President Wilson, but Zebulon Weaver, of the tenth North Carolina district, was really one of the factors since he was the only North Carolina congressman to vote "yes;" George Hood, of the third district not voting, the other eight opposing the measure.

But for Speaker Clark's to cast his vote from the chair if it was needed the change of a single vote to the opposition would have meant defeat.

Of the total membership of 435 there were 410 that voted, and of these 104 Democrats, 165 Republicans and five miscellaneous voted in the affirmative, and 102 Democrats, 33 Republicans and 1 progressive voted against.

HAIRDRESSING FOR LADIES

Another innovation that will be greatly beneficial to Scotland Neck is a plan proposed by Mr. A. C. Yandle to set aside one afternoon a week for ladies hairdressing.

All the plans have not yet been worked out nor has he received the necessary equipment for drying ladies hair that is necessary before he receives any customers but the plan is on foot and due notice will be given through the columns of the Commonwealth as soon as the ladies can obtain this accommodation.

The plan is to set aside one afternoon a week during which time the hairdressing parlor is closed to men. Here the ladies can get their hair shampooed and thoroughly dried. Then all kinds of tonics and perfumes preparations, so dear to the heart of the feminine, can be obtained. Specially should it be noted that Mr. Yandle will have in attendance on each lady's afternoon a lady assistant, in fact his wife will assist him in attending to the lady patrons.

COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	31.90	31.90	31.70	31.70
Mar.	31.68	31.68	31.30	31.45
May	31.45	31.45	30.92	31.10
July	31.10	31.10	30.65	30.82
Oct.	29.95	29.95	29.39	29.55

Local Market 26 cents.
COTTONSEED MARKET.
\$1.08 per bushel in wagon loads.