

RAIL ROAD AIDED IN VICTORY

W. G. McAdoo, director general of the railroads of the United States, on December first issued the following statement regarding the assistance of the railroads in the winning of the war:

"The railroads were, so to speak, our first line of defense. If they had not functioned effectively our armies overseas would have been powerless. The result is worth all that it may cost, whether the sum be large or small. I feel also that the public has shown themselves patriotically sympathetic and forbearing in the patience with which they have borne the inconveniences that were unavoidable as the result of the strain to which our transportation facilities have been subjected in the exigencies of war. This strain is not yet over, for Europe will continue to be dependent upon America for her food at least until her next harvest shall have been gathered, and the many cars and engines will be engaged for some time yet in the demobilization of our troops. An immediate reversion to normality is not, therefore, to be expected, and until the abnormal demands of the post bellum period are satisfied a comparison between the results of ultimate unitary control of the railroad cannot be fairly made, nor can the public expect to enjoy all the travel luxuries that they had become accus-

tomed to in the long years of peace that preceded the world war.

"As to the future, I prefer to forgo any adventure in the field of prophecy but do feel justified in pointing out that by the prompt act of the president in taking over the railroads and putting the guarantee of the government behind them, bankruptcy for many of the proprietary corporations was averted and that, whatever the cost may be, if any it is insignificant when compared with the contribution made toward the winning of the war.

"Under the statute, government control is to continue for twenty-one months after a formal declaration of peace shall have been made by the president. This limitation renders it impossible for the railroad administration to undertake much that might be desirable in so far as the remoter future of our railroad system is concerned.

"I am, nevertheless, confident that the intelligent, enthusiastic and experienced railroad men who are associated with me in the United States railroad administration will do all that can be done toward sound economy and efficient operation in the service of the public during that period. Every effort will be made to give the best possible service at actual cost. The government is not trying to operate the railroads at a profit but to furnish the people with adequate and efficient transportation without loss, while at the same time establishing reasonable wages and working conditions for the great army of railroad men and women in the railroad service of the United States."

Human Development.

Man has been on the earth perhaps some twenty odd thousand years, and it is only the last three thousand that we are much concerned with. To suppose that a modern Englishman must necessarily be at a higher stage of mental development than an ancient Greek is almost the same mistake as to argue that Browning must be a better poet than Wordsworth because he came later. If the soul, or the brain, of man is developing, it is not developing as fast or so steadily as all that.—Gilbert Murray in the Century Magazine.

Moon Superstition.

Among the Hindus and Egyptians the mouse was carried to the moon. De Gubernatis says: "The pagan sun-god crushes under his foot the mouse of the night. When the cat's away the mice will play. The shadows of night lance when the moon is absent."

LIVE STOCK

MORE HORSES NOW ON FARMS

Increase in Number of Animals Notwithstanding Large Use of Motor Vehicles.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Substitutions for the horse have so far failed to diminish his number on farms, where he is mostly bred. The railroad did not verify the common prophecy of the horse's gloomy future nearly a century ago, and many years elapsed before the heyday of the bicycle arrived with its expected menace to the horse. That machine of pleasure and toil diverted attention from the first real antagonist of the horse, the electric street railway, and this was a formidable one. Street-car service could not have been developed by horses to the extent that it has been carried by electricity, yet there was an enormous displacement of horses when they no longer pulled street cars. It is roughly estimated that 2,000,000 horses would be required to move the street cars now in city service, and that farmers would need to keep a stock of perhaps 3,000,000 horses to produce this supply. Yet, horses kept on increasing.

Apparently the most effective foe of the horse has appeared in the last ten years in the motor vehicle, although its importance in this respect is popularly exaggerated. According to statistics collected by the United States department of agriculture, the total state registrations of motor cars were 48,000 in 1906, about 500,000 in 1910, over 1,000,000 in 1912, over 2,400,000 in 1915, and 3,512,996 in 1916.

Automobiles do not merely displace horses but many are used by men in occupations dependent on either horses or automobiles for personal movement, such as real estate agents, builders, and some merchants and manufacturers, and there is also the large public automobile passenger service in cities and, again, the large number of automobiles owned by farmers in place of driving horses.

With motor trucks and commercial vehicles the case is different. Here is clearly a complete substitution of fuel power for horse power. It is the opinion that every motor truck on the average displaces three horses. The state records often merge the registration of motor trucks and commercial vehicles with that of automobiles, but, to the extent that the separation is made, it is known that 118,982 of the former were registered in 1916. Probably the displacement of horses by motor trucks and commercial vehicles

LETTER FROM MR. SMART

A. G. Smart, general superintendent on the Burlington, with headquarters at Alliance, found himself unable to be present at the community club eating Tuesday evening. He therefore sent the following interesting letter to secretary Fisher:

"Your kind invitation to attend the general meeting of the Community Club received, and while I regret that prior engagements make it impossible for me to be present I am with you in spirit and predict that the get-together meeting will have a beneficial effect on the material interests of the community.

"But few places are as fortunately situated as Alliance the operating headquarters of over two thousand miles of transcontinental railroad. This one industry in the month of October paid to its Alliance employees over \$128,000 in wages, which indicates the purchasing power of your citizens.

"We have every reason to believe that the transportation business will expand, and contemplate next year a considerable expenditure in enlarging and improving our facilities at this terminal. This means additional men and the necessity for more adequate housing facilities becomes apparent. The start made by your association, is, I feel the beginning of a better and larger Alliance.

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Kidney disease is no respecter of persons. A majority of the ill-afflicted people today can be traced back to kidney trouble.

The kidneys are the most important organs of the body. They are the filters, the purifiers, of your blood. Kidney disease is usually indicated by weariness, sleeplessness, nervousness, despondency, backache, stomach trouble, pain in loins and lower abdomen, gall stones, gravel, rheumatism, sciatica and lumbago.

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American-Bred Percheron Mare, the Type That is Always in Demand.

represents a stock on farms of a few million horses, and to these must be added the stock eliminated by the automobile.

Last of all, the farm tractor has appeared, with conjectural possibilities, but as yet with no perceptible displacement of horses.

Unusual and large demands for horses for war purposes have been made since the autumn of 1914. During the ten years preceding, from 19,000 to 40,000 horses were exported annually, while the imports were from 5,000 to 33,000, so that the net exports were no appreciable draft on domestic production. In the first year of the war 230,340 horses were exported, in the second 357,553, and in the third 278,674 horses, and within less than a year the needs of the army of this country have called for a large number of horses.

Notwithstanding the various forces that have been working against increase of horses at their breeding places, or rather, in common expectation, to reduce their numbers at a strong rate, the fact is that horses on farms increased at the average yearly rate of 183,000 since 1900 and more than that since 1910, or 216,000 per year. Per capita of the population, farm horses tended to increase from 0.19 of 1 horse in 1850 to 0.24 in 1890 and 1900, after which the decline has been to 0.204 in 1918, or still above 1850. At the same time, however, by means of machinery the farm horse has constantly gained as a producer.

Strange though it may seem, the average price of a horse at the farm, all ages and conditions included, is less than it was four years ago, and even eight years ago. Since 1897 horse prices at the farm for January 1 had risen from \$31.51 to \$111.46 by 1911, the highest average in the department of agriculture's record of 53 years, but a decline followed to \$101.60 in 1916 and then a gain to \$104.28 in 1918, apparently caused by the war.

WOMAN

Your body and mental efficiency are important factors right now. It's no time to be sick. It's no time to allow your system to be drained of its vitality to such an extent that you can do only a part of the work demanded of you.

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