

RAILROADS ARE BLAMED FOR BIG CAR SHORTAGE

Private Ownership of Carriers Held Responsible for Congestion by Interstate Commerce Commissioner.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Thousands of crippled freight cars, accumulated through the winter because of gross neglect of railroads in making repairs, occupy miles of tracks in eastern rail centers and are largely responsible for car shortage and traffic congestion, it was shown today by reports of Interstate Commerce Commissioner McChord to Director General McAdoo.

These reports cover the six weeks period since the government assumed operation of the railroads, and indicate that one of the most critical ills of rail transportation under private management was the sidetracking of cars needing repairs.

Cars Block Tracks.

The transportation division of the railroad administration will undertake to solve the problem of car repair at once in the light of Commissioner McChord's disclosures.

Conditions are worst at Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Altoona, Cleveland and Buffalo, it was shown. The Pennsylvania railroad, early this week, had 6,603 so-called bad-order cars, which occupied 55 miles of tracks.

The Philadelphia & Reading had 2,052 bad-order cars in its principal switching yards, covering 16 miles of tracks.

The Erie had more than 1,000, making eighty miles of track covered by defective rolling stock.

Railroads Make No Preparations.

These cars could have been repaired quickly during the winter if railroads had made proper preparations for covered repair tracks in advance, according to railroad administration officials.

Freight train movement throughout the east has been at the rate of about eight miles an hour, or two-thirds normal.

Representatives of railroad employees recently charged that railroad managements encouraged this lax administration to discredit the Adamson law. Commissioner McChord's report cites the facts discovered without comment.

Today's reports of inspectors indicated a slow clearing up of congestion on several eastern trunk lines.

Liberty Bonds Jump

In Price at Peace News

New York, Feb. 15.—Peace talk furnished the basis for considerable activity in Liberty bonds on the stock exchange today. In place of the recent low records all three issues displayed unusual strength, completely dominating the bond list.

The second 4s were the most prominent, rising from their early quotation of 95.12 to 96.08 just before noon. Only yesterday this issue made the new minimum of 94.70.

The first, or unconverted 4s, sold from 96.22 at the opening to 96.60 against the minimum of 96.04 recorded yesterday.

The 3 1/2s, or first issue, rose from 97.50 at the outset to 98.14, yesterday falling as low as 97.56. The minimum of 97.20 for the 3 1/2s was made on January 31.

Murder Witness Is Arrested

On Old Charge of Killing

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 15.—W. B. Clark, principal witness for the state in the murder trial of Felix Jones, was arrested this afternoon on a warrant issued in Cottle county, Texas, charging him with murder.

Clark, on the stand yesterday, testified Jones told him he had killed Thomas Lyons in El Paso May 17.

Clark was placed in the county jail. He is to be taken to Paducah, Tex., for trial.

Clark was arrested on a warrant charging him with the murder of Gus Spelker at Paducah, Tex., in 1904. The warrant was based on a complaint and not an indictment, according to the record.

Swift Lawyer Is Given

Order to Enter Vault

Chicago, Feb. 15.—An order was issued by Judge Baker in the United States circuit court of appeals today permitting Henry Veeder, counsel for Swift & Co., to consult certain papers in his vault.

This vault is being guarded by federal agents pending appeal from Judge Landis' decision permitting Attorney Francis J. Heney, representing the federal trade commission, to examine the files therein in connection with the packing house inquiry.

The letters desired by Mr. Veeder were to assist in fixing up the income tax schedule of Louis F. Swift.

Term in Jail for

Stealing Liberty Bonds

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 15.—W. F. Drummond, a clerk in the Federal Reserve bank here, who was captured in Denver while fleeing with \$65,000 in Liberty loan bonds he had stolen from the local bank, today was sentenced to two years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth.

Drummond was arrested after offering a \$1,000 bond in payment of jewelry he had purchased. The bonds were recovered.

Central High Debaters

Lose in St. Joseph Contest

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Omaha Central high debating team lost here this morning to the St. Joseph Central high school team. The decision was 3 to 0. The Omaha team, composed of Barton Kuhn, Ralph Cohn and Harold Delano, opposed compulsory arbitration of labor disputes as advocated by John Hall, Earl Whitsel and Marie Houck of St. Joseph.

Two Killed When Wind

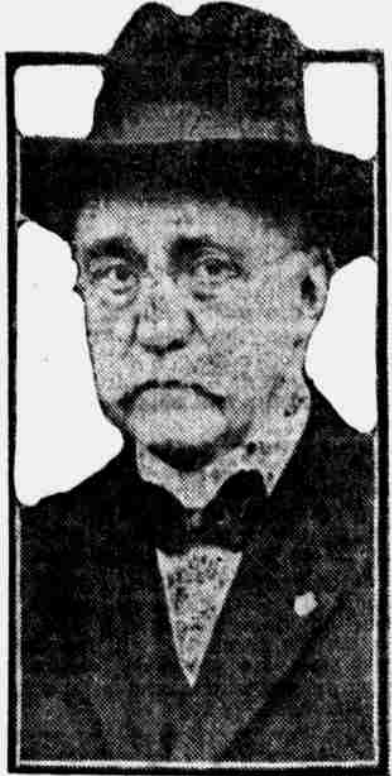
Destroys Big Tenements

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 15.—A woman and a child were killed and seven other persons were injured in the collapse of two old tenement buildings in Third street near the Ohio river front here today. The buildings crumbled under pressure of a high wind.

Two Omaha Men and Whist Millionaire Who Are Officers of Big Tournament



C. W. MARTIN.



H. F. FRY.



J. H. ABBOTT.

"The Whist Millionaire" is the title whist enthusiasts have affixed to H. F. Fry of Chicago, former president of the national association. Mr. Fry

is worth almost a million dollars and whist is his greatest recreation. He is in Omaha for the twenty-fourth annual tournament of the Central

Whist association now being held at the Hotel Rome. C. W. Martin of Omaha is president of the Central Whist association and J. A. Abbott is secretary.

INDUSTRIES MUST USE COMPETENT MEN

Mediation Commission Reports on Dispute Affecting Twin City Street Car Lines.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Necessity for full use of the nation's man power demands that industries give preference in employment to competent men out of work over those already employed, concludes the president's mediation commission in special report made public today on the labor disputes affecting the St. Paul and Minneapolis street car lines.

"While competent former employees are available," says the report, which is submitted to Secretary Baker as head of the National Council of Defense, "the Twin City Rapid Transit company should not engage men who are at the time employed or can be used in farming pursuits or war industries."

History of Strike.

The report, which gives a history of the strike, shows that several hundred former employees of the Twin City company remain unemployed.

In January, however, the commission asserts, the company advertised in Minnesota country newspapers and employed 28 from the country districts to fill vacancies on the street cars.

The strike, the report continues, virtually had been settled by an order issued by the Minnesota state public safety commission, concurred in by the company and the men, providing for no discrimination against the men because of union affiliations.

A misunderstanding later arose about the wearing of union buttons by the men and several hundred considered themselves locked out, whereas the company believed it followed the safety commission's order.

The report urges the men to offer themselves for reinstatement and recommends that the company reinstate the men as to wages and former status.

U-BOAT SUNK IN BATTLE WITH TWO FRENCH PLANES

Paris, Feb. 15.—An encounter between two French hydro-aeroplanes and a German submarine in the English channel recently probably resulted in the sinking of the U-boat after it had been bombed by the planes, according to an official announcement by the French admiralty. The aeroplanes were on patrol duty over the channel when they discovered the submarine on the surface.

They attacked it after maneuvering so that the sun was at their backs, and the submarine plunged, but it did not disappear before the aviators had succeeded in dropping several bombs on or near the periscope.

While one aeroplane returned to the base for more bombs, the other kept watch and saw the submarine emerge after a few seconds with a list to port of 45 degrees.

After attempting to right itself, the submarine again disappeared, only to reappear a third time. Its instability, however, increased, and suddenly the observer saw the submarine list still further and sink, so that even the periscope could not be seen.

American Is Murdered

At Juarez Ranch

Juarez, Mexico, Feb. 15.—The body of John D. Blunt, an American manager for a ranch in the Juarez valley, was found late yesterday in an irrigation ditch with a deep wound on the top of the head. He had been missing since February 5.

His mother and father live somewhere in Georgia, but the address has not yet been learned.

Efforts to dislodge Mexican squatters was believed to have been responsible for the murder.

Swedes Seize Big

Quantity of Munitions

Bound for Finland

London, Feb. 15.—Great quantities of arms and munitions bound for Finland have been seized in the harbor of Stockholm, the Social Demokraten of Stockholm says, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

Half a million cartridges, it is said, were delivered there to the order of an alleged private individual. The workmen at the Vesters factory have informed the government that they will stop work if exportation of munitions is permitted.

STOCK FEEDERS MUST GET RELIEF OR QUIT BUSINESS

Washington, Feb. 15.—Although assured by the food administration that efforts to stimulate war time meat production would be rewarded by "reasonable" profits, stock raisers of the country now are experiencing and facing tremendous financial losses because the government has neglected their interests, the senate food inquiry was told today by T. W. Tomlinson of Denver, secretary of the American National Live Stock association.

The president, the food administrator and the states have appealed for increased beef production to meet extraordinary demands at home and overseas, said the witness, but apparently no attempt has been made to safeguard the stockman's financial interests.

The threatened meat shortage is no myth, Tomlinson declared, as 25 percent of stock feeders will be compelled to go out of business unless the government comes to their relief.

Given Term in Federal Jail For Selling Diseased Cattle

Chicago, Feb. 15.—James Dorsey, a cattle raiser of Gilberts, Ill., was sentenced to serve eight years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., and fined \$3,000 by Federal Judge Landis today for using the mails to defraud.

Dorsey was charged with having sold tubercular cattle to dealers throughout the northwest on representation that they were free from disease.

Pending appeal, Dorsey was released in bond of \$15,000.

Patriotic Societies Observe Anniversary of Maine Sinking

Washington, Feb. 15.—The 20th anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor was made the occasion of several notable patriotic demonstrations here today.

Patriotic and military organizations and representatives of all branches of the regular military service participated in the exercises at Arlington

National cemetery, where many of the sailors and marines who perished in the disaster are buried.

Floral tributes for President Wilson and the president of Cuba were placed on the Maine anchor and mast in the cemetery. This afternoon the memory of the Maine dead was further honored with impressive exercises held in the riding hall at Fort Myer under the auspices of the District of Columbia branch of the Spanish war veterans.

Federal Arbitrator Will Inspect Packing Plants

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Seeking firsthand information as to working conditions in the packing plants at the stock yards, Judge Samuel Alschuler planned to devote today to a tour of the yards.

The judge, appointed by Secretary of Labor Wilson to arbitrate the differences between the packers and their employes, has been hearing the testimony of the employes for the last four days and the following four secular days will be given over to the employers.

Germany to Hold Peace Conference With Roumania

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—Berlin newspapers of Thursday evening intimate that peace negotiations with Roumania are about to be opened.

They say, although no official communication has been issued, it may be assumed that Roumanian negotiators who will first discuss a prolongation of the armistice have arrived at a place agreed upon.

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BEAUTIFUL styled coats of Plush, Velour, Pom Pom, Broadcloth, Kerseys and Meltons, in all the wanted colors—richly trimmed in fur, plush and Kerami—take full advantage of this great sale Saturday.

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GROUP NUMBER 1--
57 COATS
that actually have sold from
\$19.50 to \$29.50
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GROUP NUMBER 2--
91 COATS
formerly priced and sold from
\$35 to \$49.50
Your Unrestricted Choice Saturday

GROUP NUMBER 3--
77 COATS
featured during season from
\$55 to \$75
Your Unrestricted Choice Saturday

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TWO WONDERFUL SPECIALS SATURDAY IN SILK, SERGE, SATIN AND GEORGETTE DRESSES

Almost 300 strikingly attractive new Spring dresses are offered in this unusual sale—smart coat style dresses, new jacket effects, models for street, business and afternoon wear—Positive savings of 1/4, 1/3, 1/2 and in many cases even more.



Men's wear Serges, Satins, Taffetas, Crepe de Chines—in Rose, Copen, Navy, Black, Plum, Green, Silver, Taupe, Champagne—clever new spring styles.

100 DRESSES
Actually Worth to
\$32.50
Choice of the Lot
Saturday

\$15

Fine Men's wear Serges, Satins, Georgettes, Crepe de Chines, Novelty Taffetas—in a world of new spring colors—Styles enough to satisfy every taste.

190 DRESSES
Worth Up to
\$45
Choice of the Lot
Saturday

\$21.75

