



PUBLIC SERVICE HEADS APPROVE BOARD'S ACTION

Officials of Omaha Utilities Declare No Request Yet Made for Assistance; Will Avoid Raise.

The proposal of the federal railway administration under Secretary McAdoo to give relief to the local public service corporations throughout the country who are finding it hard to operate under war time costs, meets with the approval of officials of the Omaha public utilities companies.

G. W. Vattles, president of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company, said:

"The movement doesn't originate in Omaha, of course, and we of the street railway company have asked nothing as yet. We will not ask for anything unless the exigencies of the times force us to it. We are not contemplating the asking of any increase in rates. But of course no man can look ahead and see what may happen. We will avoid asking an increase in fares, however, just as long as it is possible."

Expenses Almost Double.

J. E. Davidson, president of the Nebraska Power company, said:

"The government realizes what our increased costs of operation is, and the government realizes how important are these industries to war activities and especially how the electric light companies are related to the food-producing concern. In our own plant, for instance, we are paying \$4.45 per ton for coal that formerly cost us \$2.83. This means that on the entire consumption of coal for the year it costs us \$160,000 more than it did formerly."

"Our taxes have increased \$50,000, most of the increase being due to war tax."

"The cost of labor has increased materially."

"The cost of materials has increased all the way from 25 to 200 per cent. Copper, which averaged at average 15 cents per pound, has now sold during the year as high as 36 cents per pound, although the government has now fixed the price at 23 1/2 cents."

Concerns Need Relief.

"This shows some of the increases in our cost of operation. It is plain that the public service concerns need relief. As to the relation of our company to food production, it is well known that we supply power to the meat-packing industry of the South Side, to the mills about Omaha and to scores of other industries that are directly concerned with the manufacture and distribution of foodstuffs."

Davidson was asked whether the company would immediately ask permission to increase its rates.

Course Now Uncertain.

"I cannot say what we will do as yet," said Davidson. "It seems that President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo have not yet worked out their program in detail as to what they will do in these matters and until that time we can make no statement as to what our course will be. It is plain, however, to those who know the increased costs of operation that the public service concerns need relief. In the states where public service commissions exist some relief has been afforded, but we have no such commission here."

Frank T. Hamilton, president of the Omaha Gas company, said, "I have not studied the proposal of Mr. McAdoo and his rail board with regard to public service corporations, and therefore cannot say much about it."

Officials Study Situation.

President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo, director general of railroads, have been in correspondence about the situation with reference to the public service corporations throughout the country, and are seriously considering the matter of allowing them to increase fares and rates wherever that is necessary to the existence and efficient operation of the plants. The correspondence recently between President Wilson and Mr. McAdoo shows how very important to the war and food activities they consider the public service utilities, such as the street railway, light, heat and power companies.

Neglected Plunder.

The lady of many portable possessions was moving from town to the seashore for the summer. A cab had been thought big enough to convey her and her property to the station, and the cabman sat there, passing from one state of disgust to another still deeper, while his vehicle, inside and out, was piled high with a miscellaneous assortment of cherished belongings. At last the task of loading came to an end. "Is that all?" inquired the cabman with polite incredulity.

"Yes," was the reply.

"The cabman looked surprised.

"Seems a pity," he ejaculated, "to leave the doorstep."—Philadelphia Ledger.

No Use for It.

Pat walked into the postoffice. After getting into the telephone box he called a wrong number. As he had been thought big enough to convey her and her property to the station, and the cabman sat there, passing from one state of disgust to another still deeper, while his vehicle, inside and out, was piled high with a miscellaneous assortment of cherished belongings. At last the task of loading came to an end. "Is that all?" inquired the cabman with polite incredulity.

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Safety First.

"Now, how do you go anywhere they want to send me," said a dusky citizen in a southern city on registration day, after performing his patriotic duty. "Boss, just anywhere. But I ask just one thing and that is, put me in no cavalry."

"Why do you draw the line on the cavalry?" asked the registrar.

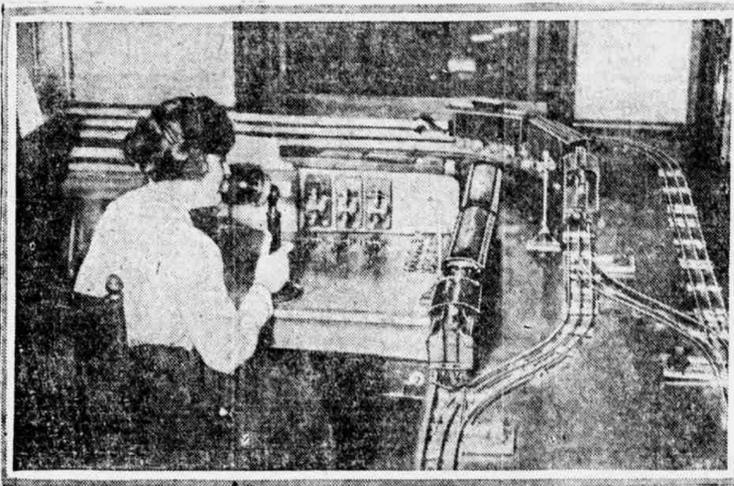
"It's just like this. When I'm told to retreat, I don't want to be bothered with no boss."—Everybody's Magazine.

Materialized a Good "Meow."

Otto Barnes, 35, Richmond Hill, N. Y., was in the men's court charged with having broken up a spiritualist meeting at 121st street and Seventh avenue by throwing a black cat into the meeting.

The cat landed on the back of a worried member of the crowd, and the crowd scattered. Barnes admitted he had carried the cat, but insisted that it ran away from him and that he did not throw the animal. He was fined \$10 by Magistrate McGuade. —New York World

Big Eastern Railroad Trains Girls to Act as Dispatchers at Terminals



TRAINING GIRLS AS TRAIN DISPATCHERS

The Pennsylvania Railroad has opened a building in Philadelphia to be used in training women to become train dispatchers. One of the girls

is shown here seated at a switchboard in the school. On the table is a complete miniature railroad, electrically operated, with tele-

U. S. SAVES HUGE QUANTITIES OF MEAT FOR ALLIES

Food Administrator Hoover Says Meatless Days Have Saved Immense Supply of Beef.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Meatless days in the United States have saved 140,000,000 pounds of beef in four months, the food administration announced today.

During this period 165,000,000 pounds of beef were exported to the allies, together with 400,000,000 pounds of pork products. The figures were made public in a statement explaining why the food administration refused requests of cattle and sheep growers to remove beef, mutton and lamb from the conservation rules with regard to meatless days.

Mutton and lamb are not exported and the food administration has removed the restriction on its consumption in some of the western states.

Lift Ban on Mutton.

The restriction will be lifted soon in many of the other western states in which large numbers of sheep and lambs are produced for meat. Food Administrator Hoover will recommend to state administrators that the people be permitted to eat all the mutton and lamb they want until after April 15, when the spring marketing season is about at an end.

"It is desirable to bear in mind," said Mr. Hoover today, "that the meatless days are simply and solely for the purpose of enabling us to feed the allies by saving on our meat consumption."

"Our national consumption has increased at a faster rate than our production and, therefore, without the meatless days we would not be in position to export even the pre-war average amounts."

"That the exports are absolutely vital needs no proof further than the statement of the ration at present in force in Europe among the allies, which has been reduced approximately to one pound of meats of all kinds a week, or less than 30 per cent of the present American consumption, and it is today at so low a figure as to tend to diminish the morale and the resistance of the allies."

"We are doing our best to increase the amount of exports and can do so only by the rigid conservation on the part of the American people."

Where He Fell Down.

"To think a fine old Shakespeare!" "I do, sir," was the reply.

"As you think he was mair clever than Rabbin' Burns?" "Why, there's no comparison between them."

"Maybe, no; but ye tell us it was Shakespeare who wrote 'Unsay lies the head that wear a crown.' Now, Rabbin' would never say a nonsense as that."

"Nonsense, sir," thundered the other. "Ay, just nonsense. Rabbin' would have said that a king or queen either diana gangs to bed wi' a crown on their head. He'd have kent they hang it over the back of a chair."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Language of Patches.

A lady advertised for a man to work in her garden, and two men applied for the job. While she was interviewing them on the lawn, she noticed that her mother-in-law was making signs to her to choose the shorter of the two men, which she finally did. When the ladies were alone the daughter said: "Why did you signal me to choose the shorter man, mother?" The other had a much better face. "Face" returned the old lady.

"When you pick out a man to work in your garden you want to go by his overalls. If they're patched on the knees you want him; if they're patched on the seat, you don't."—Boston Transcript.

Time to Get Ready.

The other day a man telephoned to the draft selection board for Marion county outside of Indianapolis and asked whether it is necessary to have the wife's signature on an affidavit for an exemption claim. He was told it is necessary if he is claiming exemption on the ground that his wife is dependent on him.

"Won't any one else do?" the inquirer asked. "My wife says she won't sign it." The board member told the man that the best thing he can do under the circumstances is to "get ready to go."—Indianapolis News.

IRISH SOLDIER FINDS SOLACE IN RELIGION

Priests Enter the Ranks and With the Men Follow the Flag Into the Battles.

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

Dublin, Oct. 10.—The solace and comfort which the Irish soldier gathers from his religion is one of the phases of front-line life frequently touched upon by the late Major William Redmond in his letters home, some of which Mrs. Redmond has collected into a memorial volume. In one of these, given to the Associated Press, the popular Irish leader wrote, shortly before his death:

"The fortitude the men seem to draw from their faith is great and marked. The man who has been with his chaplain and who has prepared himself by the sacraments is ready for any fate, and shows it in his very demeanor. Often the writer has heard officers declare their pleasure at the devotion of the men to their religion, and frequently those officers have been of other religions themselves."

In another letter Major Redmond writes of the work of the French priests:

Revival of Religion.

"With all the evil that has followed in its train, it is good to find at least one beneficial result from the war. It has led to the revival of religion in a most remarkable way."

"As to this practically everyone is agreed, and it is apparent in a hundred directions. Perhaps this revival is most marked of all in France, and there it is attributable in no little degree to the splendid record of the French priests in the army."

"To many people it seemed a wrong thing that the ministers of the Prince of Peace should be called upon to take up arms and play a part in the terrible work of bloodshed and slaughter which has converted so large a portion of Europe into a veritable shambles. What seemed wrong, and what from some points of view, was wrong no doubt, has in the result turned out a blessing."

Priests in Front Ranks.

"The spectacle of thousands of priests marching and fighting for the country and the flag has touched deep-

ly the heart of France and many a man who was perhaps ready enough to proclaim himself an anti-Cleric will never so describe himself any more. The bravery of the French priests in battle—2,000 of them have been killed—has been only equalled by their devotion to their holy office."

"By accident or design—one must decide according to the measure of one's charity—the Germans have destroyed many churches and shrines and convents in the war. They present a sad spectacle, but it would seem that in proportion to the ruin thus caused the faith has taken refuge more and more in the hearts of the people, with the result that, in the opinion of most men, religion has been perhaps the one thing in all the world, so far, strengthened and built up afresh amidst the horrible ravages of war."

That there has been a similar result all over the world, and away from the actual scene of war, is the testimony of unbiased observers.

"The fact is that the ruin and carnage have been so stupendous, the sacrifices have been so great, the horrors have been so widespread, and have so penetrated into almost every family circle, that almost every human being in the world has been affected and has turned to look for hope and comfort beyond the grave."

LATE WAR BULLETINS

BIG GUNS ACTIVE.

Paris, Feb. 22.—Heavy artillery fighting on the whole front is reported in today's official announcement.

BRITISH LOSE PRISONERS.

London, Feb. 22.—"Early last night a large party of the enemy raided two of our posts in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Roulers railway and a few of our men are missing," says today's war office report.

"On the remainder of the British front there is nothing special to report."

"A raid attempted by the enemy early yesterday against posts held by Belgian troops in the Merckem sector was repulsed by artillery and machine gun fire."

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RESTRICTION ON SIZES OF BREAD LIFTED BY RULE

New Food Regulation Provides That Variations in Loaves May Be Made by Bakers.

Loaves of bread may be baked in three-fourths pound loaves now, according to a new regulation which just reached Food Administrator Wattles from the federal food administration. The new rule provides that bread may be baked in three-fourths pound, one-pound, one and a half pound, two-pound and three-pound loaves.

Variations of three-fourths of an ounce one way or the other will be permitted in individual loaves, though the average loaf must weigh up to the new regulations. The new loaf may be baked singly or in twin, two in a pan, and its manufacture is subject to the same rules as all other bread.

Wheat Saving Measure.

The new regulation is not intended to displace the one-pound unit and will simply add an additional loaf size. It was adopted as a wheat saving measure on the showing that in some large cities there are many families who require less than one pound of bread per day.

The price of the three-fourths pound loaf should be relatively lower than that of the pound loaf, the federal food administration says.

Must Use Substitutes.

"Complaints have come to us that bread is being sold under weight in this community," said Food Administrator Wattles. "We want any reports of short-weight bread being sold. If the person who buys a short-weight loaf will bring that loaf to the food administration office we will pay him the price of the bread and keep it for evidence when the baker is called before us to show cause why his license should not be revoked."

All bakers are required to use 20 per cent substitutes for wheat flour in bread and rolls, effective February 24. Those who willfully refuse will be compelled to close.

Potatoes may be successfully used up to half of the substitute requirements in combinations with other substitutes, but when so used four pounds of potatoes equals one pound of substitutes.

Where to Look for a Wife.

A good housewife will look at least two square meals ahead of her nose. The modern system of marketing during the high cost regime is such a fine art that a youth contemplating matrimony should hit to the market place for selecting a bride. My boy, when you see a maiden pinching, smelling and pricing a soup bone you may rely on her sense of economy, for she is looking forward not less than two meals. The soup bone when cooked is merely food in the rough or primitive state. Its choicest by-products are realized after the boudoir stage. Thereafter comes the goulash, the croquettes and the luscious hash. By all means avoid the girl who orders choice cuts of porthouse or English mutton chops. She will make you no good helpmate. But the girl who selects the chuck or neck piece or the tail end of a ham bone and renders them into dainty, palatable dishes is the one you want. So take my advice and seek the market place when you feel that you have had your fill of bachelor loneliness and wish a taste of wedlock. Follow such a girl around until you are perfectly satisfied, then nail her.—Cartoons Magazine.

ALL AMERICANS STAND AND SING NATIONAL HYMN

Observe Washington's Birthday by Singing "America" at 8 O'clock Last Night in Public Places.

"My Country 'Tis of Thee,
Sweet Land of Liberty,
Of Thee We Sing."

Prominent singers led in the singing of this hymn in the leading hotels, theaters, churches and fraternal societies at 8 o'clock last night. This is in conformity with an order issued by those promoting national song week.

In all sections of the United States from the hearts of patriotic Americans came the words of the familiar hymn "American." Washington's birthday proved an appropriate day to start the song week campaign.

Thus, just as the Mohammedan turns to Mecca at a given hour of the day, so the American, the real American, as the clock tolled 8, last night, stood and sang "America."

Schools Are Closed.

The schools of Omaha were closed in observance of the legal holiday, Washington's birthday. Many of the churches had special celebrations and special services observing this day. Banks were closed and many of the

stores had closed their doors for the day.

The Douglas County Pioneers celebrated the day at the old Masonic temple with some speeches and songs.

Patriotic services were held at Temple Israel at 8 o'clock. "Americanism and Judaism" was the subject of an address delivered by Rabbi Frederick Cohn.

The First Christian church gave a party, and the pastor, Rev. C. E. Cobby, issued an invitation to all young people of Omaha to come and see what kind of a party can be put up at a church, especially since so many depend upon the dance halls for their parties.

Benefit at Church.

The Presbyterian church gave a social, the proceeds of which are to be used for the national service commission of the Presbyterian church.

The Independent Order of B'nai B'rith celebrated at 8:15 o'clock with a patriotic program. C. E. Herring and Charles Elguter addressed the meeting.

His Alibi.

"Were you acquainted with the murdered man?" asked the prosecuting attorney of a witness for the defense in a murder case. The willingness of the witness to say all that he could in behalf of the prisoner was apparent.

"Yes, sah, I knowed him; he was the honestest 'est."

"Never mind about his honesty. You say that you know him?"

"Yes, sah, and I'm proud to say I never know'd sech a noble."

"Answer my question please. What was the condition of his health? Was he in robust health?"

"No, sah, he was the feeblest nigger I ever seen. Dat is, sah, he was in sech poor health, dat even if he ain't been kilt when he was, he was bound ter die, anyhow, at least two days previous, sah."

And the witness stepped down with a well-satisfied air of a duty well performed.—New York Post.

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