

FEDERAL BOARD TO AID UTILITIES AS WAR MEASURE

Street Railway, Light, Heat and Power Companies May Be Assisted by U. S. and Rates Raised.

Washington, Feb. 22.—With the approval of President Wilson, the federal railroad administration is about to interest itself in street railway, light, heat and power companies throughout the country whose financial stability may be threatened by mounting costs of operation. Where it appears necessary, increases in fare may be suggested.

Correspondence between Secretary McAdoo, as director general of railroads, and the president, made public tonight, discloses that a committee representing public utility interests recently presented memoranda to the secretary setting forth a most serious situation and asking that it be brought to the attention of the president.

Mr. McAdoo and the president agreed that public utilities are a necessary part of the nation's equipment for war, and the secretary was authorized to communicate with local authorities in behalf of utilities found to need assistance.

Secretary McAdoo's letter to the president follows: "I beg to hand you herewith several memoranda and letters relating to street railway and other public utilities furnishing light, heat and power, which I have been asked to bring to your attention by a committee representing public utility interests.

To Meet Needs of Service. "These papers indicate the existence of genuine apprehension regarding the adequacy, under present conditions, of the services and rates of local public utilities. The view is expressed that increased wages and the high cost of essential materials and supplies have affected them as they have affected everybody else, and that united effort will be necessary in order to meet alike the public requirements for service and the corporate financial needs upon which that service depends.

"As secretary of the treasury, I must take official notice of these matters. It is obvious that every part of our industrial and economic life should be maintained at its maximum strength in order that each may contribute in the smallest measure to the vigorous prosecution of the war. Our local public utilities must not be permitted to become weakened.

"The transportation of workers to and from our vital industries and the health and comfort of our citizens in their homes are dependent upon them, and the necessary power to drive many of our war industries and many other industries essential to the war is produced by them.

Essential to War. "It may be that here and there, because of the prominence given to less important interests immediately at hand, state and local authorities do not always appreciate the close connection between the soundness and efficiency of these local utilities and the national strength and vigor, and do not resort to sufficient promptness to the call for remedial measures. In such cases, I am confident that all such state and local authorities will respond promptly to the national needs when the matter is fairly and properly brought before them.

"Our public service utilities are closely connected with and are an essential part of our preparations for and successful prosecution of the war, and the unfavorable tendencies which the accompanying papers reveal may most effectively be checked, wherever they may be found, to exist and the needed relief obtained only by prompt action on the part of the respective local authorities.

"I earnestly hope that you may feel justified in expressing the conviction that the vital part which the public utilities companies represent in the life and war making energy of the nation ought to receive fair and just recognition by state and local authorities."

GOETHALS WORKS REORGANIZATION Q. M. DEPARTMENT

Washington, Feb. 22.—Reorganization of the quartermaster corps under Major General George W. Goethals has been completed and a summary made public today shows radical changes designed to assure the food and clothing supply of the army, particularly of the overseas forces.

General Goethals is depending very largely upon highly specialized civilians to carry out his program.

To meet such a situation as the recent railroad situation, which severed the embarkation of the usual food supplies, a series of storehouses have been established where vast quantities of foodstuffs are kept constantly in stock.

The fuel and forage division is headed by Daniel B. Wentz, for years an active coal operator. He has surrounded himself with civilian experts on fuel, forage and oil, which he purchases for the army.

Still another new element of organization is the outfitting of troops bound overseas at special camps maintained for that purpose.

Heretofore they were outfitted at their training camps. Camp Merritt, near New York City, is now used for this purpose and arrangements are being made for similar use of three other Atlantic seaboard camps. Great quantities of supplies of all kinds for outfitting purposes are being concentrated at these camps.

Forced To Sell

On account of extensive alteration our entire stock must go. Everything at Cut Price. J. HELPHAND 314 N. 16th St.

JUNIOR RED CROSS DRIVE IS SUCCESS

Pupils and Teachers Make Wonderful Record Securing Money for Mercy Work on Battlefield.

The Omaha spirit of "Anything that is worth doing is worth doing well," will continue for at least another generation if the Junior Red Cross drive in the schools is any criterion. The example set by the parents in oversubscribing every quota set for Omaha was followed to the letter by the children.

With several schools yet to hear from, more than \$7,000 was already subscribed Thursday night. Every school that reported yesterday was 100 per cent plus. The reports did not come in until late, and it is impossible to secure a list of the contributions of the various schools.

All Took Interest. Teachers and pupils alike took a keen interest in the record made by their school. In the Lathrop school rivalry between the Sixth B and the Eighth B developed into a hard fought contest, the older grade winning by

50 cents. When the results were announced a little boy in the losing grade, with tears streaming down his cheeks, begged to be allowed to go home and borrow the missing money from his father to wipe out the deficit. He assured the teacher that he would pay his father back as rapidly as he could earn the money.

A rummage sale was managed by the children of the Pacific school to secure funds. The Franklin school raised money by shining shoes. Catholic and parochial schools that reported last night were well over the 100 per cent quota.

The Highland school on the South Side entered the money raising campaign with a vengeance. A White Elephant sale was responsible for a large part of their money. In order to be sure of reaching their quota the movie film, "The Little Poet," was run as a benefit at a local theater for the West Side school. All of the receipts were added to the Junior Red Cross fund of the West Side school.

Money did not come as easy at the Cass school. The majority of the pupils at this school do not come of wealthy parents, and it required hard work and thrift on the part of the students to bring their school into the 100 per cent class.

Teachers Bring Money. Teachers reporting to the office of the superintendent of schools carried their money in every conceivable

manner. Candy boxes, hand bags, grips and envelopes all divulged the earnings and careful savings of the students and teachers. One teacher in presenting her class subscription added her personal check for \$25 with the remark "I can think of no better way to spend it."

Teachers were unanimous in acclaiming the drive the best educational feature of the entire year. Pupils learned how much 25 cents in money really is and how much endeavor must be expended in earning and saving money.

The Cass school is typically American and students of every nationality are included in the membership. All were American in this drive and were extremely proud when they could say that they were 100 per cent Red Cross members. Edwin Caldwell, a colored boy in the primary grade, with 25 cents tightly clutched in his hand, reported that he was 100 per cent. The money had been earned by sweeping a floor 25 times.

A Jewish girl in the Eighth grade risked her life happiness with her sweetheart when she turned in 70 cents saved over a period of many days to present her boy friend with a beautiful valentine. A small Scandinavian girl, in the Fifth grade, assisted in cleaning house in order to earn her membership fee.

"I'm going to swat the kaiser," shouted a small German boy to his mother as he left home with a snow-

shovel larger than himself. He was as good as his word, and had earned his 25 cents before he returned. An Austrian girl waited until the last minute hoping to find some way to earn money. As a last resort, she sold her dolls, and though tears dimmed her eyes, made her sacrifices that she might assist the Red Cross.

Programs were given by the different grades and a small admission fee charged to push the campaign "Over the top." Many of the children have been in the habit of buying part of their lunch, so pie booths were established in the halls and materially added to the schools' revenue. Happiness reigned last night that they had done their bit successfully to make Omaha schools 100 per cent.

Packers' Profits Revealed By Court Testimony

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Statistics purporting to show the relation of wages to earnings in the plants of Armour & Co., Swift & Co., and Morris & Co. were introduced today by Attorney Frank P. Walsh, representing the employees, in the packing house wage arbitration hearings.

The statements show that Swift & Co. make 6.2 mills on a pound of meat, Morris & Co. 4.9 mills and Armour & Co. 4.7 mills.

That extra room will pay your coal bill. Rent it through a Bee Want Ad.

HOW SCANDINAVIA STANDS IN THE WAR

Dr. Egan, United States Minister to Denmark, Tells of Views of Three Nations.

New York, Feb. 22.—Dr. Maurice Egan, United States minister to Denmark, today addressed the American Academy of Arts and Letters on the position of the Scandinavian nations in the world war. Dr. Egan recently returned to the United States to recuperate from the effects of a long illness.

Dr. Egan said that from the beginning of the war Sweden, Norway and Denmark had maintained neutrality under extreme difficulties. After having spent 10 years on the German frontier, he could see how Americans had misunderstood the views and hopes of these nations. America, he declared, was a big, free country, apart from any other, and with its own institutions and its power to maintain them, while the three small Scandinavian nations have lived and are living under the constant shadow of a ruthless colossus.

While the Scandinavian nations are

closely allied by blood, Dr. Egan continued, they have widely divergent ideals. Sweden is the least democratic nation of the three. Norway, after the break with Sweden, would have become a democracy, if the great powers had permitted her to. Nothing now but the life of the little Prince Olaf, heir to the throne, prevents her from becoming one.

Sweden, he said, has always been inclined to be pro-German; Norway always has been anti-German; Norway loves England and is very friendly to America.

"King Oscar made a grave mistake at the time of the break," Dr. Egan continued. "He struck to the old aristocratic rule by the overlords. All this time Denmark was under constant fear of the same fate as that which overtook Serbia. But if Germany had assailed Denmark, Russia would have swooped down on Sweden. That fear on Sweden's part is gone, but Denmark is still under the old menace."

Aero Camps in California

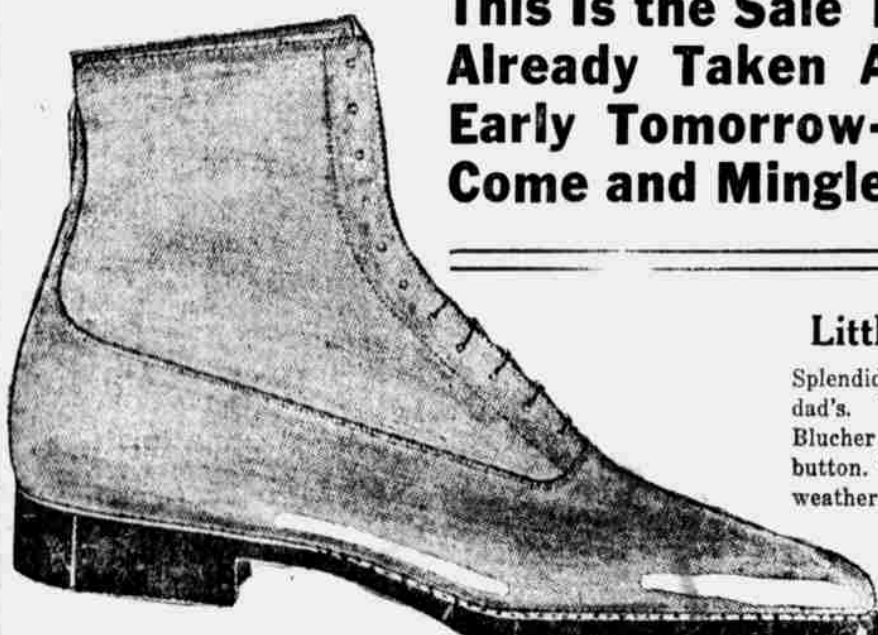
Washington, Feb. 22.—In officially announcing today the selection of a site at Sacramento, Cal., for an aviation training camp, Assistant Secretary of War Crowell said the question of locating such a camp also at Riverside, Cal., was still under discussion.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

Down! Down!! Still Lower Go the Prices AT PANOR'S BIG SHOE SALE OF THE ENTIRE STOCK OF THE SHOE MARKET, OF SIOUX CITY, IA.

14TH DAY OF OUR WHIRLWIND SHOE SALE
THE CROWDS ARE STILL COMING--THE SHOES ARE STILL GOING
Sale on Men's Shoes, Boys' Shoes, Girls' Shoes and Women's Shoes

This Is the Sale That Has Startled All Omaha--If You Haven't Already Taken Advantage of These Wonderful Values, Come Early Tomorrow--The Doors Swing Open Promptly at Nine--Come and Mingle With the Crowd.



Men's Regulation Army Shoes

MUNSON LAST
Shoe Market Price, \$7.00
Fine tan leather, welted soles, soft tips. The very best work shoe ever made. All go in this sale, at—

\$4.98



For Men -- High Class Dress Shoes

Shoe Market Price, \$6.50 and \$7.00
Men, if you want nice street or dress shoes, or a pair for office wear, in this lot you will find them, in all leathers and all styles. They go, at....

\$4.98

Men's Extra Serviceable Shoes

One Big Lot Shoe Market's \$4.00 and \$5.00 Values
Men's black blucher styles, button; or high top lace styles; or new English styles; Sioux City's Shoe Market sale price—

\$2.48



Little Men's Shoes

Splendid grade calf. Just like dad's. Wide toes that fit. Blucher lace style. Also in button. This is the shoe for wet weather. Sizes 9 to 13. In this sale.....

\$1.98



Big Boys' Shoes

\$3.00 Values—Gun metal button style, good wearing shoes, go at

\$1.98

Women's or Men's All Felt House Slippers

Shoe Market Price, \$1.00. All-over Felt House Slippers, with felt soles, in this great sale, at.....

48c

"Pla-Mate" Shoes for Children

Absolutely the greatest wearing of all children's shoes; all sewed, no tacks, no nails, no seams; a room for every toe; all styles; go in this sale at.....

\$2.98

Hundreds of Pairs Ladies' Rubbers

Foot Holds, Storm Rubbers, Plain Rubbers, high or low heel Rubbers; Shoe Market price, 85c; all go in this sale, at.....

58c

MILITARY BOOTS

Shoe Market Price, \$6.00
Fine, soft black leather, high, 9-inch patterns, lace styles; a classy street or dress shoe for girls or big girls. Go in this great sale, for only.....

\$3.98



Ladies' Novelty Boots

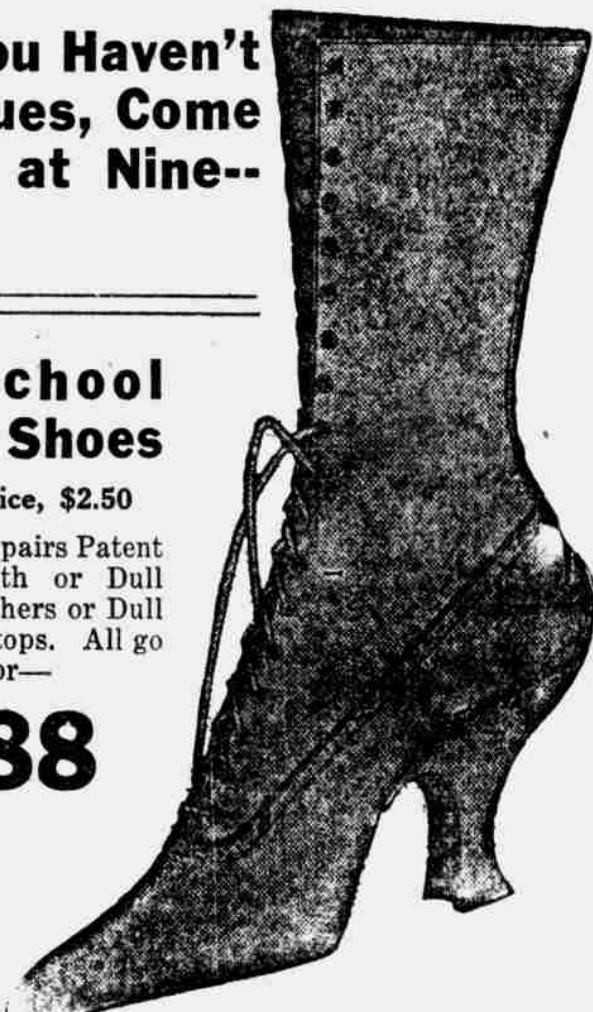
Shoe Market Price, \$7 and \$8
Gray Boots, Ivory Boots, English Walking Shoes, Black Kid Lace Boots, with covered Louis heel or leather, Black and White Boots, will go Monday at—

\$3.98

RUBBER BOOTS

500 Pairs
FOR MEN! FOR LADIES! FOR BOYS!
When this big snow thaws you will need boots then, or for Spring. Come tomorrow and get a pair. All go in this great sale for the one price.....

\$2.98



Ladies' Fine House Slippers

Shoe Market Price, \$3.00
Fine kid, one or two straps, high, low or medium heels, all go in this great sale at.....

\$1.98

Baby Shoes

Regular \$1.50 Values—Pairs and pairs and pairs of these fine little shoes, in all black kid, all dull kid and patent with dull tops, sizes 1 to 6, now.....

\$1.00

Ladies' Novelty Boots

Shoe Market Price, \$5, \$6 and \$7
Gray Boots, White Boots, Brown Boots, Combination Boots, with fine cloth top to match; English Walking Boots, tan and black and d dressy boots with covered Louis heels. Our price in this big sale, at—

\$2.98



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