

OPERATION OF RAILROADS U.S.' GREATEST TASK

Way Was Paved Before War Broke Out for Government to Assume Control of Vast Lines.

Washington, March 11.—President Wilson's signature to the bill for government operation of railroads until 21 months after the war completes the plan for the greatest undertaking in government control of privately owned public utilities the war has brought to America.

Early in August, 1916, the war cloud was growing ominous, so an act was passed empowering the president, through the secretary of war, to take control of and utilize all systems of transportation in a national emergency. President Wilson employed this authority on December 28, 1917, taking possession of the lines and appointing Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, director general of railroads.

Engaged in a war requiring every bit of national effort to insure success, the president believed it was imperative that the government direct all operations so that adequate means might be had to expedite troop movements, war supplies, and care for the generally abnormal strain on the transportation system.

Must Move Troops.

The flow of khaki-clad men had to proceed to the ports of embarkation without interruption; shells, cartridges and rifles had to be moved from munitions centers; foodstuffs had to be transferred from the granaries of the west and ample provision had to be made for the output of the mines. In addition to military needs, the country had experienced during the winter of 1917 the greatest breakdown and congestion the transportation system ever known.

At a stroke of the president's pen the roads came under federal administration. Property rights were not purchased—the government merely exercised its authority to operate the lines and provision was made for safeguarding the proprietary interests of investors.

At the request of the president congress then set about to enact a law to carry on the step taken as an emergency under the law of 1916.

Will Protect Property.

In substantial accordance with President Wilson's recommendation, the law provided that the compensation estimated at \$945,000,000 annually, shall be predicated on average net earnings for the three-year period ending June 30, 1918. The amounts will be ascertained by the Interstate Commerce commission and certified by the president, who will negotiate with the roads for their acceptance. Ordinary taxes, such as national or state, shall be paid out of operating revenues, but war taxes must be paid by the companies out of their own funds or charged against the standard return. In that way, the roads will bear their proportional share of the war burden. So that the properties may be returned to their owners in conditions as good as when taken over, provision was made for their maintenance and for protection against unusual deterioration.

In the absence of a complete federal valuation of railroads, the exact rate of return to be made by the government cannot be stated accurately, but it is estimated that the companies will obtain an amount representing 5 1/3 per cent.

Courts Open to Roads.

In the event that the president finds that an equitable return cannot be computed for some roads on the three-year pre-war basis because of abnormal operating conditions during that period, he is authorized to fix an amount as he shall believe reasonable. In case a road refuses to accept the amount of compensation as estimated by the Interstate Commerce commission, a board of referees shall be appointed to ascertain a fair return, and if this method fails the roads have recourse to the federal court of claims. These provisions of the act safeguard the constitutional right of investors to have their compensation determined by due process of law.

One section of the act provides the president may advance the rate of earnings for any road, increasing its resources in order to handle better the war-time volume of traffic.

The companies are authorized to continue the regular payment of dividends, but extra dividends shall not be voted without the approval of the government.

Ratify Treaties.

Madrid, March 10.—Ratifications of commercial treaties between France and the United States and Spain have been officially exchanged.

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GERMANS WOULD SHIFT WAR CENTER

U. S. Officials Declare Teutons Will Be Forced to Abandon Major Russian Operations for Western Front.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 10.—Germany's sweeping of Russia is described by the War department's weekly military review tonight, as another futile attempt on the part of the Germans to shift the center of gravity of the war, which still remains on the west front where the Teutons face the French, British, Italian and Belgian armies and the evergrowing American forces. There, the review says, lie the key positions of the war.

American troops now occupy trenches at four separate points, and, as was recently disclosed, in the principal sector their front is four and a half miles long. They have been constantly engaged, the department says, and the scope of their activities is being constantly extended.

Nothing is found in the situation by the department to indicate that the Germans have abandoned their plans for a great offensive in the west, and it says the allies, while assuming an alert defensive, are content to let the enemy break itself against their impregnable line.

Cossacks Rob and Plunder Bolsheviki War Mission

San Francisco, March 10.—A bolsheviki mission, carrying 5,000,000 rubles and traveling from Russia to Manchuria to enlist the aid of the Chinese government, was taken from a trans-Siberian train at Chita, Siberia, recently by armed Cossacks, according to Alfred Tellam, an American mining engineer, who arrived here today from Russia.

The mission, according to Tellam, was composed of 12 bolsheviki leaders, among them a former member of the dum, traveling in a sealed car. Tellam said that he and several other Americans were on the train.

After the members of the mission had been removed from the train, Tellam said, the Cossacks returned and announced the mission's papers had been seized, that the leader had been shot and that a similar fate awaited the other members of the mission as soon as the Cossacks had obtained certain information they sought.

Central Powers to Hold Conference After Easter

Amsterdam, March 10.—There will be a conference of the sovereigns of the central powers and their allies, Turkey and Bulgaria, immediately after Easter, according to the Hungarian newspapers. The meeting will take place at Sofia or at Constantinople, in consideration of the age of the sultan of Turkey, it is said.

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Nebraska Senator Asks Why Discharged Men Held in Camp

Washington Bureau of The Omaha Bee, 1311 G Street.

Washington, March 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Hitchcock proposes to find out why a lot of men discharged from the army are still being held in cantonment, notwithstanding they are needed on the farms and in other industries.

Tobias Reinettson of Loup City is a case in point. He was discharged from the army in the last month but is still detained in cantonment while his services are greatly needed on a big farm in Sherman county.

The passage yesterday of the act permitting farm lands to return to the farms from military training camps on furlough during the planting and harvesting seasons greatly remedied conditions so far as this year's grain crop is concerned, but it still leaves the average farmer and dairyman without much relief.

The new act was passed just in time to release drafted farm workers for planting the spring wheat crop, but as soon as the seeds for that and the other grain crops are in the soil they must return to their cantonments until time for harvesting.

Diversified farmers who raise a varied crop, run dairies and raise cattle and hogs are complaining, however, to their congressmen that whereas the new act provides sufficient labor for the enormous wheat and corn farms, where the men are badly needed only during the planting and harvesting seasons, it gives them little relief.

Brief Notes Are Exchanged Between Germany and Sweden

Amsterdam, March 10.—The German emperor, according to the Berlin papers, has telegraphed to the king of Sweden, his heartfelt thanks to the Swedish government for the efforts of the Swedish minister at Petrograd in behalf of German prisoners.

The emperor's telegram admittedly was dispatched at the request of the foreign office, in view of the ill feeling existing in Sweden on account of the German occupation of the Aland islands. The king of Sweden replied briefly.

800 SOLDIERS FIGHT FIRE AT FORT CROOK

For lack of 20 feet of fire hose yesterday afternoon, after 1,000 feet of hose had been laid to carry water to fight fire, the Fort Crook hotel, a two-story frame structure, burned to the ground.

Eight hundred men of the 41st infantry, from Fort Crook, aided the army fire department in saving a restaurant building two feet from the burning hotel.

The families of three army men at Fort Crook have been living in the building.

The structure was owned by J. W. Lowry and was built in 1896 at a cost of \$2,400.

The building was located in Fort Crook village, the fort itself not being endangered.

Funeral Services for J. A. Breckons of Wyoming

Washington, March 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Funeral services for Joseph A. Breckons of Wyoming were held today at a well known undertaking establishment, the Christian Science funeral service being read. Senator and Mrs. Warren, Representative and Mrs. Mondell, ex-Senator Clark of Wyoming, life-long friends of Mr. Breckons, were in attendance as were Senator Myers of Montana, Representatives Roddenberry of Illinois and Kinnott of Oregon together with many representative newspaper correspondents. Intense was made in Rock Creek Park cemetery.

Son to Empress Zita.

Paris, March 10.—A son has been born to Empress Zita of Austria at Baden-Baden.

Japan Foreign Minister Declines Discuss Siberia

Tokio, Saturday, March 9.—Viscount Motono, the Japanese foreign minister, was questioned today in the House of Representatives by the leader of the opposition concerning the mobilization of the Japanese army. The foreign minister refused to be drawn into a discussion of the subject.

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An inside bath is had by drinking, each morning before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver, kidneys and 10 yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour fermentations and poisons before putting more food into the stomach.

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