

PLAN TO START CARS

BAKER ASKS EXTRA MONTH'S PAY FOR ARMY Washington, Dec. 5.—Congress was urged today by Secretary Baker, in a letter to Chairman Dent of the house military committee, to authorize the payment of a gratuity of one month's pay to all soldiers, army nurses and army field clerks. Later a bill was introduced by Mr. Dent containing these provisions. Men in the regular army would receive the money as soon as possible and the others would receive the gratuity on discharge.

MISS BAKSA CLEARED OF CHARGE OF MURDER New York, Dec. 5.—Without taking the stand in her own defense, Elizabeth Baksa, the 19-year-old Freemansburg, Pa., girl on trial for the murder of her boarding house keeper here, was acquitted this afternoon at the direction of Judge Rosalsky. When James Regan, Sing Sing convict, called in rebuttal by the prosecution, persisted in his story as a witness for the defense that he had killed Mrs. Helen Hamel last February, afterward threatening Miss Baksa's life when she discovered the crime, the court ruled that the evidence need not be presented to the jury. "Thank God they knew I was innocent," the youthful prisoner cried when informed that she was free. After her sobs had subsided the girl declared she would return tomorrow to her Pennsylvania home, adding that "A country girl has no business in New York."

RURAL MAIL TO BE USED IN WAR ON HIGH PRICES Washington, Dec. 5.—Plans for an assault on the high cost of living, by extension of rural parcel post through the use of the army motor trucks were explained today by Assistant Postmaster General Blake to the house postoffice committee. Mr. Blake, in asking for \$8,000,000 for the rural service for the year beginning July 1 next, said trucks for the proposed service would be turned over by the War department without charge. Truck rates, he added, could make postal rates compete with freight rates.

CHAMPION YEARNING STEER BRINGS \$3,350 Chicago, Dec. 5.—The sum of \$3,350 was paid for the champion yearling steer of the International Live Stock exposition, "Evyie Knight," today by Wilson and Company, to offer to President Poincaré of France and be served at a banquet to President Wilson and the peace delegates at Paris. Shipping space has already been arranged. The steer, which was raised at Purdue, was sold at the stock show at the rate of \$2.50 a pound, said to be the highest price ever paid for a beef. Edward Morris, Jr., bidding against J. Ogden Armour, bought the champion carload lot of cattle owned by J. W. Frazier, Hardin, Ill., for 50 cents a pound.

WOMAN REVOLUTION LEADER ON WAY TO U. S. Tokio, Dec. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Madame Catherine Breshkovskaya, "grandmother of the revolution," arrived here yesterday from Vladivostok on her way to the United States. Madame Breshkovskaya said that on her visit to Washington she desired to meet President Wilson, to whom she will narrate conditions in European Russia and Siberia.

UNIVERSAL BABY TRAINING PROPOSED Chicago, Dec. 5.—A campaign for "Universal Baby Training" was begun by the American Association for the Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality at the opening of a three-day session today. Mrs. William Lowell Putnam of Boston, advocated clinics in which child birth cases would be taken care of at a nominal fee for families with incomes between \$1,000 and \$2,000 a year. She declared the most neglected child was the baby of middle class parents.

FLU DEATH TOLL GROWING IN DENVER Denver, Dec. 5.—The greatest number of deaths from influenza reported any one day to the city bureau of vital statistics since the epidemic began here on October 6 was recorded for the 24-hour period ending at noon today, when 37 burials had been issued with influenza given as the cause of death.

W. C. T. U. TO RAISE FUND OF \$1,000,000 Chicago, Dec. 5.—The executive committee of the W. C. T. U. began a campaign today to raise a fund of \$1,000,000 part of which will be used to enlarge the executive headquarters of the organization in Washington. Thirty thousand new members have been enrolled during the last year, it was announced.

Cleveland Car Strike Ends; Women to Be Dismissed from Jobs Cleveland, O., Dec. 5.—After being on strike five hours and following an address by Mayor Davis, the striking street car men late this afternoon voted to accept the proposition of President Stanley of the Cleveland Railway company whereby the men return to work and the company agreed to dismiss the women conductors by March 1, provided the men return to work at once.

Springfield (Ill.) Carmen Strike for Increased Pay Springfield, Ill., Dec. 5.—Motor men and conductors on the Illinois Traction system went on strike at midnight, turning in their cars at the end of their runs. The men seek a wage increase from 45 to 65 cents per hour.

MEN WHO MADE WAR TO BE PUT ON TRIAL

Cannot Escape Because Their Heads Were Crowned, Says Lloyd George in Speech Announcing His Policy.

London, Dec. 5.—David Lloyd George, the prime minister, tonight in the election campaign, gave a restatement of his policy. In it he declares that the men responsible for the war cannot escape because their heads were crowned, but that they must be tried by an international court. Mr. Lloyd George also declared himself in favor of the expulsion and exclusion of all enemy aliens.

To Abolish Conscriptio. Dundee, Dec. 5.—The British representatives at the peace conference will demand general and absolute abolition of conscription throughout Europe. Winston Spencer Churchill made this announcement in a speech here tonight. Agree Upon Plans. Paris, Dec. 5.—(Havas.)—There is complete agreement between the allies on all questions, particularly that concerning the former German emperor, declared Premier Clemenceau on his return from London last night. He expressed deep satisfaction over the important results obtained at the conference.

Col. E. M. House of the American peace delegation, who has been representing President Wilson in conferences here, now is fully conversant with the decisions taken by the supreme war council at its meeting at London, which he unable to attend on account of illness. Will Scrutinize Documents. Copenhagen, Dec. 5.—The Berlin government has ordered a search among the private documents of the former emperor for matter relating to the outbreak of the war. Demand 94,000,000 Marks. Amsterdam, Dec. 5.—The Dusseldorf Nachrichten, a copy of which has been received here, says Gen. Nudant, president of the French armistice commission at Spa, has presented a note to the German commission, demanding for the first month for the British troops of occupation 40,000,000 marks and for the French troops 54,000,000 marks.

War Labor-Board Puts Bound to Its Activities Washington, Dec. 5.—Actions of the war labor board hereafter will be limited to cases in which the board decided today, after conferences with the secretary of labor. All complaints filed after December 5 involving industrial controversies will be referred for action to the bureau of mediation and conciliation.

Von Mackensen Flees, Leaving to His Staff Care of His Troops Paris, Dec. 5.—(Havas.)—The Frankfurt Gazette prints a dispatch from Hermannstadt, saying that Field Marshal von Mackensen, the German commander-in-chief in Roumania, fled to an unknown destination, leaving to his general staff the care of his troops which had made their way into Austrian territory on their way home, declining to see them disarmed.

U. S. Saves \$7,250,000,000 By Canceling Contracts

Washington, Dec. 5.—Secretary Baker told the senate finance committee today that through contract cancellations the war department expects to save approximately \$7,250,000,000 of the \$24,281,000,000 voted by congress for the army during the war. Earlier in the day the house appropriations committee which is investigating to determine what part of war appropriations can be returned to the treasury, made public a statement from Mr. Baker showing an estimated saving of about \$12,000,000,000, or nearly half the total appropriations. Chairman Shirley explained later, however, that this estimate was made some time ago and that revised figures furnished by the war department showed an estimated saving of about \$7,000,000,000.

Business Men of Omaha Join In Appeal to Street Car Men

Omaha retailers and the Omaha Chamber of Commerce both issued appeals yesterday to street railway employes to return to work, they follow: "Omaha, Dec. 5.—To Employes of Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway Co.: "Until we heard Thursday morning the decision of the war labor board, the retailers of Omaha, who are suffering a heavy loss of business because of the street car strike, silently viewed the situation and said nothing either way. "Since, however, the board has made its decision, and has advised the men that the agreement they made before the board was still in effect, we feel we should say something in the way of an appeal to the men. We reached our decision upon learning the war labor board had also advised and requested the men to return to work. "The retailers, who do a big credit business, are friends of the union men; always have been, and always will be. The union, we feel, will understand our situation. "Our stores are loaded with holiday goods; the shopping crowds had just started to make their annual drive of holiday buying—then the strike came. Under present conditions we—the innocent third party—are not only losing business heavily, but the shopping public is being inconvenienced; Christmas shopping, which the government urges us to expedite, is being delayed, and a condition is being wrought that is almost disastrous. "In view of this situation, and of the war labor board's request, we feel justified in appealing to the men to withdraw from the strike, return to work, and permit business to resume its normal trend. "We are not opposing the union, nor the company; we are not thinking of ourselves alone, but we are thinking of the best good for the greatest number of people."

"OMAHA RETAILERS' ASSOCIATION," By Charles E. Black, president. "Omaha, Neb., Dec. 5.—To the Street Railway Employes of Omaha: "In view of the wire received from the national war labor board at Washington, recommending that the street car men of Omaha return to their occupations, the executive committee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce strongly urges that the street car men abide by the ruling of the national war labor board and resume their regular positions at once, thus preventing the great inconvenience and disturbance to business, labor and the general public occasioned by the present tie-up of traffic. OMAHA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, By Its Executive Committee.

PREPARE ROYAL RECEPTION FOR MEN FROM FRONT

Chaplain Lewis Says Nothing Too Good for Soldiers Who Have Gone Through War's Horror.

Be ready for the American soldiers when they return; be ready for the glorious men, whose courage and everlasting bravery has won peace for us here tonight, try to be big enough to be fit to greet these home-coming soldiers, who have been transformed by the horrible, glorious life they have lived; that was the burden of the message Chaplain John M. Lewis delivered to Omaha people Thursday night at the University club. The chaplain served in France with Mobile Hospital No. 1 for six months and was closely associated with Unit K, which is under the command of Col. Donald Macrae of Council Bluffs. Lauds Courage of Men. Chaplain Lewis' voice lowered with reverence when he spoke of the courage of our soldiers and told how they met death with a smile. He told of some of the horrors of the scenes in the hospitals, of strapping big husky soldiers brought in crushed and broken and wounded. A number of his best friends were in England and he only wished he could live there as a private citizen. "I quarreled with my father in regard to Great Britain," he continued. "I told him the British would be against us. He never believed this and would not take into account that possibility."

Treats Villagers. Amsterdam, Dec. 5.—The former German crown prince, trudging over muddy country lanes in Dutch sabots, is a familiar sight on the Island of Wieringen says a correspondent of the Telegraph. Frederick William declares that what he misses most is a riding horse. He plays billiards with the villagers and treats them to drinks and smokes, and buys candy for the children. The younger Hohenzollern has his breakfast at 8:30 a. m. and his (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

FORMER KAISER SENDS TO BERLIN FOR PHYSICIAN

"My Father Is Down and Out, Isn't That Enough Punishment?" Pleads Crown Prince.

London, Dec. 5.—A German physician summoned from Berlin Tuesday by the former German emperor arrived in Holland today on a special train, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam. Three members of the former emperor's staff, the dispatch adds, have left Amerongen for Berlin. They are carrying many documents concerning the former emperor's private property. Plea by Crown Prince. London, Dec. 5.—You English clamor to get father and me away from Holland. We are down and out and my father is a broken man. Isn't that enough punishment. This plea was made by the former German crown prince in an interview on the Island of Wieringen, where he is interned, with a correspondent of the Daily Mirror. Frederick William added that he always favored an agreement between Germany and Great Britain and wished them to work together. A number of his best friends were in England and he only wished he could live there as a private citizen. "I quarreled with my father in regard to Great Britain," he continued. "I told him the British would be against us. He never believed this and would not take into account that possibility."

Ten Killed, 23 Injured in Cap Works Explosions Hampton Lakes, N. J., Dec. 5.—Ten men were killed and 23 injured here late today by four explosions which destroyed the detonator assembling building of the Dupont cap works and shook the countryside for miles around. Fire, which followed the explosions, was confined to the one unit and the property loss was said to be slight. Officials of the company said tonight they believed an employe assembling French fuse detonators, which are filled with fulminate of mercury, had dropped one of them. Exploding, this had set off the stock in the building which officials claimed, contained only 25 or 30 pounds of fulminate.

Two Flyers Killed in Falls. Mather Field, Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 5.—Lieut. Edward Berry Wall of Orange, N. J., was killed almost instantly here today when an airplane in which he was flying alone, fell at Mills station. Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 5.—Lieut. Lowell Peterson of Boston, an instructor of aviation at Barron Flying field, was instantly killed when his aeroplane went into a tail spin and fell today. Cadet Jamie Over-all, riding with him was severely injured.

Differential on Lard. Washington, Dec. 5.—The food administration today fixed the differential on lard substitutes containing 40 per cent edible tallow at three-quarters of a cent below the standard brand of lard substitutes, basic price, in California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Montana and Idaho.

Shipping Losses in War 15,053,786 Gross Tons London, Dec. 5.—The world's total losses of merchant tonnage from the beginning of the war to the end of October, 1918, by enemy action and marine risk was 15,053,786 gross tons, according to official announcement issued tonight.

Tried Fighting Men to Be Kept in Europe Until Peace Is Sure Washington, Dec. 5.—Secretary Baker gave it as his personal opinion today that none of the veteran divisions of the American army in France will return home before peace formally is declared. He indicated that the tried fighting men would compose the bulk of the force to be kept in Europe for the present. Heretofore the understanding has been that the Rainbow division and two or three other famous units would be brought home soon, leaving their places to be filled by some of the newcomers.

'STRIKERS WRONG'-WAR BOARD; OLD RIGHTS BACK IF RETURN

Company Promises Seniority to Men Who Resume Work; Mayor Appeals for Citizens.

President Wattles of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company has issued an appeal to the striking carmen to return to work at once, and thereby preserve their seniority rights with the company. Men who do not report at once will be considered as dismissed from the service. Action on this matter was approved Thursday afternoon by meeting of the board of directors of the street railway, following the receipt of information from the National War Labor board.

Mr. Wattles would not state Thursday night just when resumption of street car service would occur, but he intimated that it would be as soon as the company can put the machinery in operation. He has assured those who return to work that they will be given ample protection against any who may try to interfere. The company anticipates that the situation will be cleared without untoward occurrences but they are prepared to meet any emergency, officials stated. Conductors Hicks and Johnson, who said they were harassed Thursday morning, called at street railway headquarters during the afternoon and were given personal assurances by President Wattles and Vice President Leusser that they and others who stand by the company will be fully protected. Statement by Wattles. President Wattles' statement, approved by the board of directors, addressed "To the Striking Employes of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company" follows: "The war labor board, to whom you appealed last June, agreeing to abide their decision, have decided that you have no right at this time to ask for a recognition of your union and have requested you to return to work for the company at once. You cannot afford as honorable laboring men to disregard or delay action on this request and we now appeal to you to return at once to your work and take your respective runs. "If there are grievances other than recognition of the union, which cannot be settled amicably by yourselves and the officers of this company, you have the right to appeal to the war labor board on February 1st of the year of your desire, and you are both obligated to abide the decision of this board at that time. "It will be the duty of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company to fill the places of those who fail or refuse to return to the service of this company. This is not made as a threat but as a warning to all those men who have earned seniority rights, pension rights and other privileges. From past experience you should know that the officers of this company would regret such a situation, but we are bound to furnish this community with street car service at any cost."

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Hundreds Arrested For Carrying Liquor To Nation's Capital Washington, Dec. 5.—Wholesale arrests of persons accused of bringing liquor into Washington were made today by the police. It was the first general dragnet thrown out since the District of Columbia became "dry" more than a year ago under act of congress, and officials expressed surprise at the volume of traffic. The police estimated at 10 o'clock tonight that 400 persons had been taken into custody.

Robbers Loot Indiana Bank of Large Amount Leavenworth, Ind., Dec. 5.—Liberty bonds and war savings certificates secured by a band of robbers who looted the Leavenworth State bank here yesterday, is placed at \$100,000.

Queen Mary Urges Women To Aid in Reconstruction London, Dec. 5.—(British Wireless Service.)—Queen Mary has issued the following message to the women of the empire. "A few months ago, at the height of our anxiety and strain, I sent a message in the name of the women of our lands to our men fighting for us across the seas. Now, in the hour of victory, I should like to give a message to the women of the empire. During the war they have been given the high privilege of service. They have risen to the great opportunity and have proved their courage, steadfastness and ability. I have been allowed to watch and appreciate their work in many parts of the country and my heart is full of admiration and gratitude for what I have seen. "I earnestly trust that though the thrill and glamor of war is over, the spirit of self-sacrifice and helpfulness, which it has kindled, will not waver. A new era is dawning on the world, bringing with it many difficulties, fresh responsibilities and serious problems. "Parliament has secured for the whole country greater opportunities of more thorough and varied education, but it will depend on the parents whether these opportunities are used to the full. We all rejoice that plans are afoot for bringing to an end the existence of such bad and crowded housing as makes home life almost impossible. "Today more than ever, the empire needs her daughters. For in the larger world of public and industrial work women are daily taking a more important place. As we have been united in all our work, whether of heads or hands, in a real sisterhood of suffering and service during the war, let us go on working together with the same unity of purpose for the resettlement and reconstruction of our country."

'WE'LL WIN THIS STRIKE', SAYS SHORT, WHEN TOLD OF COMPANY'S APPEAL

President of Car Men's Union Flatly Declares Intent to Fight; Traction Head Indicates Purpose to Move Peaceable Settlement of Trouble.

"You may say for me that not one of the strikers will return to work until this controversy has been settled to our satisfaction. We are going to win this strike." This was the declaration of President Ben Short of the local carmen's union last night in response to President Wattles' appeal to the men to return to work. When Jerry Burnett, organizer of the carmen's union, was advised by The Bee of the action of the war board advising the men to resume work, he replied: "I haven't anything to do with the national war labor board. Don't bother me about the war board." Mr. Burnett is indisposed in his room at the Castle hotel. SITUATION THAWING OUT. This statement on behalf of the men and intimations from the street railway company that an effort would be made today to move cars were developments in the strike situation late yesterday. President Wattles did not deem it wise to make an announcement of the time when cars will be taken out of the barns, but he said no unnecessary time will be lost in restoring traction service. "The situation is thawing out," said President Wattles. The directors of the company held two meetings yesterday, and the strikers maintained their pickets at car barns. COMPANY APPEALS TO MEN. The company has sent a call to the men to return to work at once and to be ready for their runs. A copy of the call was transmitted to President Short of the union Thursday afternoon. Officials of the street car company are optimistic in their belief that the strikers will accept the dictum of the national war labor board and will return to their posts today. Determined, however, to resume street car service, the company's representatives have announced that they are prepared to operate cars over their system. Police authorities of the city have already been asked for protection against any possible disturbance. Mr. Wattles said: "The only honorable thing for the men to do now is to return to work. We both agreed to submit our differences to the war board and to abide by the decisions of that board. Neither side can afford to disregard the order from the government."

Truck Driver Turns to 'Jitney' Business During Car Strike Harry Hartung Transfer company, complained to the police Thursday night that one of their drivers had failed to bring in his truck. When asked if the company had an idea what the driver had done with the truck, the police were informed he was starting up in the "jitney" business.

Methodists to Raise Huge Sum for Foreign Missions Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 5.—The Methodist Episcopal church in America will raise \$85,000,000 in the next five years for religious work in China and other foreign countries, according to plans submitted to a gathering of representatives of 18 Methodist churches in southern New Jersey here today.

Victor Berger's Election to Congress is Contested Milwaukee, Dec. 5.—Formal notice contesting Victor Berger's seat in congress deals extensively with editorial comment in the Milwaukee Leader and makes the general charge that Berger interfered with the operation and success of the military and naval forces of the United States.

Sleuth Quits U. S. Service. Washington, Dec. 5.—A Bruce Bielaski, chief of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, has offered his resignation to Attorney General Gregory. He intends to enter private business.

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