

OPERATORS ARE FIRM ON STAND AT SETTLEMENT

Renew Denials That Previous Agreements Bind Them to Accept Government Plan.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Coal operators of the United States through their executive committee explained further tonight their reasons for refusing to participate in the government's plan for settling the bituminous coal strike.

The insistence of the operators on the stand left open tonight the possibility, it was held, that the commission named Saturday by President Wilson and given by him, power to fix wages and prices of coal necessary to sustain wages, might be unable to function.

The operators in a formal statement tonight said: "In the light of the statement of Attorney General Palmer of yesterday, in which he says that it would be an amazing repudiation of their own statements if the operators do not acquiesce in the plan which their official representatives have repeatedly agreed to, in the settlement of the strike, the bituminous coal operators feel impelled to re-state their attitude so that it may be clearly appreciated by the public."

Attorney General Palmer, in his statement yesterday, asserted that the operators had agreed to the memorandum of the attorney general and John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers of America, laying down the terms of agreement for settlement of the coal strike.

The operators did accept the proposal of the government, presented through Dr. Garfield, former fuel administrator and referred to in President Wilson's letter of December 6. Under the terms of this proposal the mine controversy was to be settled on the basis of the five principles announced by Dr. Garfield.

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Pretty Girl, Dressed as Boy Roughs It for "Local Color"

Leaves Ohio Home With Hair Clipped and in Male Attire for 1,500-Mile Jaunt 'Cross Country to Study Human Nature—Worked in Omaha as Hotel Bus Boy.

Denver, Dec. 21.—Ellen Vallery, 21-year-old itinerant philosopher, of Youngstown, O., has secured sufficient "local color" for her proposed writings, she declared here and, following her arrest by local police when she was discovered in a freight yard while working as a waiter, bus boy, and performed various other tasks in the garb of a boy, is enough, Ellen says.

Ellen, who is pretty and decidedly feminine, despite her efforts at camouflage, learned that she could not work as a waiter or bus boy, so she replaced a mail carrier, her home town that he might journey to Europe and fight the Germans with Uncle Sam's doughboys.

Could Do Man's Work. "I thought if I could do that I could do anything a man could," she told City Chaplain Jim Goodheart, to whom the police paroled her.

So, with the desire to prove that she could do a man's work, she set out on her journey to Europe and fight the Germans with Uncle Sam's doughboys.

From Omaha to Morgan. From Omaha she went to Fort Morgan, Colo., where she worked on a farm, and came to Denver, basis of settlement of the wage controversy.

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where her identity was discovered while she was preparing to catch a freight to Wyoming in the company of two men.

Men are the best pals in the world," she told Goodheart, "and when they find out a girl is straight they are straight, too."

Miss Vallery declares that she has gone to church every Sunday since she left home. "No harm can come to anyone who has done no wrong," she said. "All I have done is to cut off my hair and put on some boy's clothes."

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"I'll just stay in Denver now until my hair grows out and then I'll return to my mother in Youngstown," she announced, and Jim Goodheart has promised to secure employment for her here.

Blair, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram.) S. F. Martin, aged 75 years, prominent citizen and business man, died Saturday evening at the family residence in this city.

MILK BATHS AS AID TO BEAUTY ARE ADVOCATED

Greek Dancing and Rhythmical Exercises Also Recommended—Course, \$5.00.

Paris, Dec. 21.—With milk bath, Greek dancing and rhythmical exercises Cleo de Merode, the most enchanting woman in France, plans to restore the Parisiennes' reputation of being the most beautiful women in the world.

Ten years ago the dazzling actress, hence, the "modern Diana," by the late King Edward and King Leopold of Belgium, both of whom were enthralled by her charms, ranked with Liane de Pughy and Emilienne d'Alencon as one of the liveliest trio of belles in the world.

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At the same time I believe girls can derive nothing but benefit from such healthy and beautifying exercises as skating, riding and fencing.

As my pupils progress and pass the age of 18 I shall begin to inculcate into them the paramount importance of making the most of their beauty.

Children will be encouraged to drink plenty of pure fresh water and sleep in the open air.

The fugitive was trailed to a farm house by Deputy Sheriff Frye and a Winfred bank clerk and recaptured. The fugitive slept in a straw-tucked the night before and was near-frozen, as the temperature was around the zero mark.

At the annual election of officers of Omaha Camp No. 120, Modern Woodmen of America, Arthur D. Curtis was elected vice consul, Ronald Herbert, worthy advisor; William Wollman, banker; C. H. T. Rippen, clerk; Arthur T. Beber, escort; John A. Beber, watchman; John H. Kilian, trustee and A. J. Prohaska, past consul.

GRAVE AT LAST RECEIVES THE MYSTERY GIRL

Unknown Woman Found in Ravine North of Florence Laid in the Earth Yesterday.

At 4:45 yesterday afternoon the body of the "Mystery Girl," found murdered near Coffman station, north of Florence a month ago, was lowered into a grave in West Lawn cemetery.

She was still the "Mystery Girl." The combined efforts of state and city officials had failed to reveal who she was, who killed her or why.

Not a spot of blood stained any of her clothes. Carefully manicured nails told that she was not of the plebeian class. Physicians said she had given birth to a child.

Asked to describe her curriculum, she said, "I propose to work solely on the plan I have always myself adopted. I think I never prefer the girls should bathe in milk at least twice a week in order to impart to the skin the lovely sheen of silk. I also prescribe Greek dances in loose costumes and progressive exercises designed to give suppleness to every muscle in the body. Care, however, will be taken to guard against excessive vigor producing overdevelopment, and I shall strongly discourage robust college games such as hockey and basket ball."

"I have rented a large hall in a fashionable quarter of Paris and am having it painted and furnished according to my own ideas. The color scheme and furnishings will be bright and cheery, for pretty surroundings are the finest aid to loveliness. Each child—I shall accept pupils from the age of 7—will have her own little dressing room, tastefully furnished and individually lighted and she will be costumed for all her exercises in strict accordance with her individuality."

"An orchestra will play classical music during the dancing and exercises and I shall explain to my pupils that the influence of good music on the esthetic senses is of importance in beauty culture."

The railways of the United States are more than one third, nearly one half, of all the railways of the world. They carry a yearly traffic so much greater than that of any other country that there is really no basis for comparison.

The regular Christmas celebration of the camp will take place Friday, December 26, at the DeLuxe Dancing Academy, 111 S. 18th street, with a big Christmas tree, singing and dancing by Miss Agnes Britton and her pupils and other entertainments, closing with a dance.

Brief, City News

Have Root Print It—Beacon Press Yacoma Cleaners—Burrus-Graden Co. Army Stores Open—Army retail stores will remain open until February 15, 1920, at least and parcel post orders will again be accepted after January 1, 1920.

Brownell Hall to Reopen—In cooperation with the fuel administration Brownell hall discontinued its classes and closed all its buildings but one occupied as a residence by out-of-town members of the faculty. Miss McDonald, principal of Brownell hall, announces the reopening of the school, January 5.

More than 10,000 persons viewed and examined the body in gentleman's mortuary. Scores of persons swore that it was the body of their missing sister, or daughter, but in every single instance, their claims were disproven.

All efforts of modern criminology failed to reveal the girl's identity. Eight of the reporters who had worked on the case, acted as pallbearers yesterday. A score of curious men and women formed the funeral cortege.

In her nameless grave the girl is sleeping. One of night's thousand eyes my in time see the murder following the mandates of tradition, wander back to the scene of his crime. In that little doctrine criminology, the police see a ray of hope that some day the mystery will be solved.

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At Fort Sheridan he reviewed a regiment of men in bed, in wheel chairs and on crutches. Two of his former orderlies shook hands with the general again. One was Sergeant Walter H. Hyatt, who left his left leg in the Argonne, the other Sergeant Henry Topman, 42 years old and a soldier for 24 years, who received the commander in bed.

Topman, who served under "Black Jack" Pershing in the Philippines, is recovering from a machine gun wound in the lungs and mustard gas poisoning.

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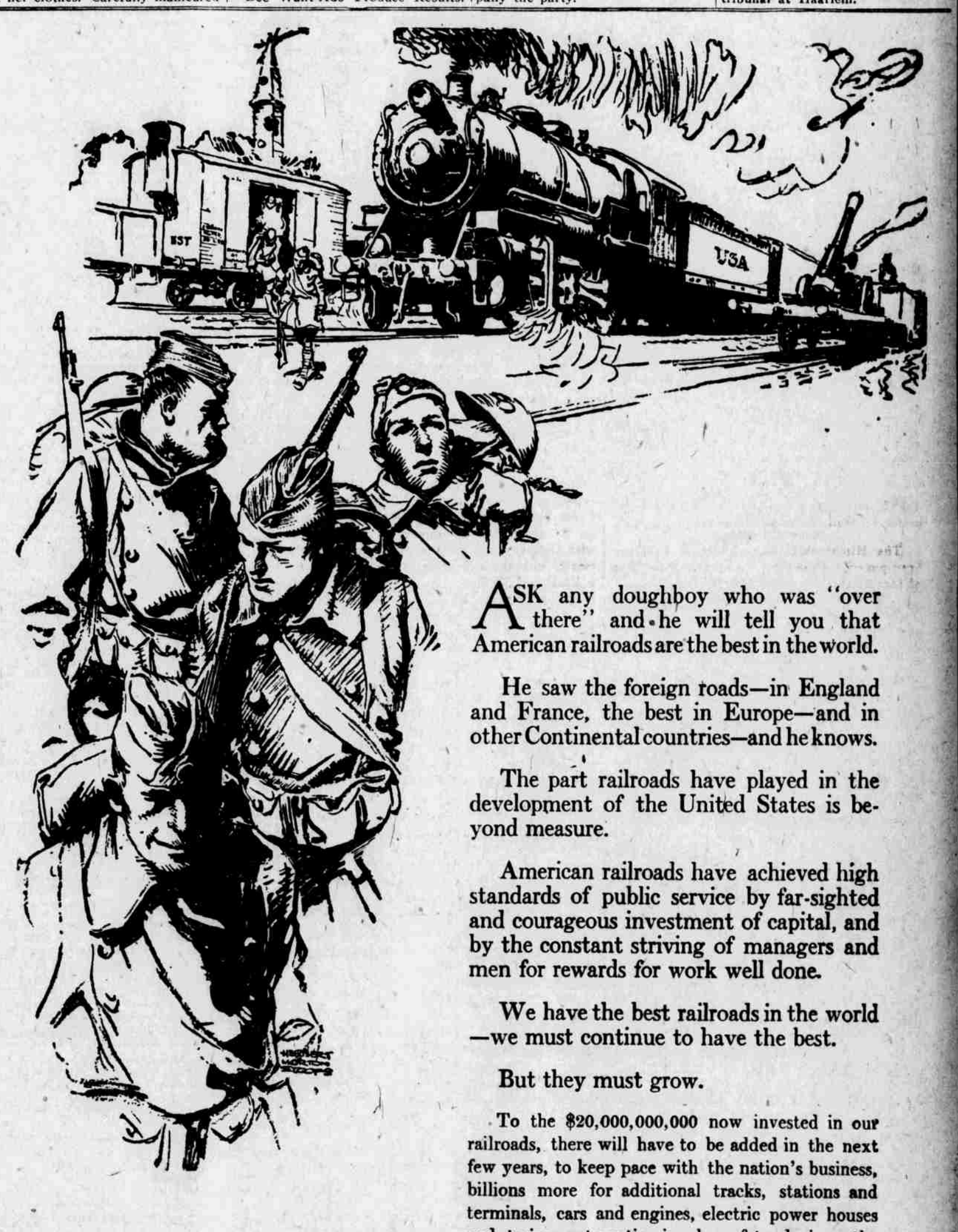
Premier of Egypt Has Near Escape From Assassination

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 21.—An official communication gives the following details regarding the attempt made to assassinate Yussuf Wahba Pasha, the premier:

"As the prime minister was motoring from his home toward the ministry a Coptic medical student named Arian Youssef Haab stepped into the roadway in the Medan Sileman Pasha and threw two bombs at his car. The chauffeur saw the student as he was preparing to throw the first bomb, and stopped the car with the result that the bomb exploded in the road several yards ahead of it. The student hastily threw the second bomb, which went over the car and exploded in the road also. No-body was injured.

"Yusubashi Selim Effendi Zaki, who was in the car with the premier, jumped out and ran towards the student who was trying to draw an automatic pistol from his pocket. With the aid of constables belonging to the premier's motorcycle escort, Zaki was able to disarm his assailant before he could draw the pistol. The student had two loaded automatics and 24 cartridges. He states that he had been seeking an opportunity for seven days to kill the premier. An inquiry is being conducted."

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American railroads have achieved high standards of public service by far-sighted and courageous investment of capital, and by the constant striving of managers and men for rewards for work well done.

We have the best railroads in the world—we must continue to have the best.

But they must grow.

To the \$20,000,000,000 now invested in our railroads, there will have to be added in the next few years, to keep pace with the nation's business, billions more for additional tracks, stations and terminals, cars and engines, electric power houses and trains, automatic signals, safety devices, the elimination of grade crossings—and for reconstruction and engineering economies that will reduce the cost of transportation.

To attract to the railroads in the future the investment funds of many thrifty citizens, the directing genius of the most capable builders and managers, and the skill and loyalty of the best workmen—in competition with other industries bidding for capital, managers and men—the railroad industry must hold out fair rewards to capital, to managers and to the men.

American railroads will continue to set world standards and adequately serve the Nation's needs if they continue to be built and operated on the American principle of rewards for work well done.

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TROUBLES ENDED AFTER 20 YEARS, SAYS COAL MINER

Suffering Overcome After Taking Tanlac and He Gains Forty-two Pounds.

"It's a fact, I was in such misery from stomach trouble and rheumatism that I was not expected to live, but now after taking Tanlac I feel as fine as I ever did in my life, and have gained 42 pounds in weight."

"I had suffered for 20 years," he continued, "and was in as bad a fix as a man could be in. I had indignation so bad that the minute I ate anything it would sour and cause gas to form and I would suffer terribly with cramps in my stomach. Even liquid diets would make me deathly sick and nauseated and I often wondered how I lived through such agony. I also had had case of rheumatism and my joints were so stiff I could hardly bend over to lace my shoes and I had such pain in my elbows that I couldn't lift a pick and my feet were so swollen and hurt so bad that my shoes would hardly go on. I tried all sorts of medicines and treatments and liniments, but nothing ever gave me any relief."

"But when I began taking Tanlac, it went right after my troubles and I began to improve right away. All my troubles gradually left me and I feel 20 years younger. I can eat anything set before me without the least fear and every trace of the rheumatism has gone. I sleep like a log every night and work like a trooper every day. People who know my condition are actually astonished when they see me now and without question I consider Tanlac the best medicine ever made."

Tanlac is sold in Omaha at all Sherman & McConnell Drug Company's stores, Harvard Pharmacy and West End Pharmacy, also Forest and Meany Drug Company in South Omaha and the leading drug-gist in each city and town throughout the state of Nebraska.—Adv.

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E. Vaks Again President of Local Junk Dealers

The Greater Omaha Junk Dealers' association at a meeting held Saturday elected the following officers: President, E. Vaks; vice president, A. Richard; secretary, S. Feldman; treasurer, M. Lozerowitch; trustees, S. Epstein, H. Lieberman, I. Steiberg. Mr. Vaks' election was the sixth consecutive time he has been so honored by association members.

Annual Election Officers of the Modern Woodmen

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