

Hines to Talk With Bankers On Rail Debt

Crisis in Financial Status of Lines Believed To Be Responsible for Action; \$500,000,000 Is Needed

Heads of Roads Invited

Amount Will Be Doubled Unless Special Session Is Called In Prediction

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Railway executives, leading bankers and representatives of the War Finance Corporation will confer here Friday with Walker D. Hines, Director General of Railways, in regard to the parts to be played by the Finance Corporation and by private financial institutions in the railway financing operations now in progress.

Financial interests will be represented by Eugene Meyer, jr., for the War Finance Corporation; Thomas Cochran, of J. P. Morgan & Co.; Jerome J. Hanauer, of the National City Company; Jackson Reynolds, vice-president of the Guaranty Trust Company; Bankers from Chicago and other large cities probably will be represented. The financial advisors to Director General Hines, James N. Wallace, F. Q. Brown, Frederick Scott and Mr. Bremer also will be present. Secretary Glass of the Treasury will likely attend.

Roads to Be Represented

The roads will be represented by the Special Committee of Railway Executives, headed by Howard Elliott and including Samuel R. Cox of the Pennsylvania, Albert H. Harris of the New York Central, E. G. Buckland, of the New Haven, and Harry Bronner, of the Missouri Pacific.

Belief that the financial situation of the railroads is rapidly nearing a crisis is said to be responsible for the arranging of Friday's conference. Railway men have expressed the opinion that early action by the President and Congress is imperative if the requirements of the roads, estimated at \$500,000,000 up to July 1, 1919, are to be met. Three-fifths of this amount, it is expected, will have to be raised by private financial institutions, in the face of a large Victory Loan, as resources of the War Finance Corporation devotable to this purpose are believed to not exceed \$200,000,000.

Deficit Growing Rapidly

The forthcoming conference, it was reported today, was arranged for a luncheon given yesterday by Mr. Elliott for a group of bankers, at which time it was pointed out that the financial situation is rapidly becoming worse and the deficit on the roads is piling up far more rapidly than can be overcome by the railroad administration under its present organization.

Mrs. Gerard Helps Convict Ex-Soldier As a German Spy

Wife of Former Ambassador Identifies a Man Seized on Mexican Border as One Seen in Berlin

Henry Bode, the only turncoat convicted in the American army, was found guilty, it was learned yesterday, on evidence given by Mrs. James W. Gerard, wife of the former ambassador to Germany, and is now serving a sentence of ten years at Fort Jay for espionage. After his conviction she made a statement describing his activities in the German Intelligence Service.

"It was agreed that I was the most capable man," he said, "to carry out a project in the United States to blow up the Laguna Dam and destroy the railroad bridge at Yuma. My instructions were to proceed to Yuma and settle there to live. I was to obtain pictures of the bridge and supposed trenches and artillery casemates and wire entanglements on the American side of the border."

Parted 25 Years, Divorced

Army Major Is Granted Decree; Was Eighteen When Wed

Major John Henno, U. S. A., stationed at Camp Mills, was awarded a decree of divorce by Justice Kelly, in the Brooklyn Supreme Court from Mrs. Pauline Henno, whom he had not seen for twenty-five years. The couple were parted when he was eighteen and she sixteen. Because of family opposition they separated, and he entered the army, Mrs. Henno rose rapidly.

State Income Tax Bill Is Denounced by Craig

Wealth Exempted and Millstone Hung on Wage Earner, Asserts Controller

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ALBANY, April 9.—Charles L. Craig, Controller of New York City, added his opposition to the proposed 2 per cent state income tax bill to-day at the final hearing on pending tax measures before the Davenport special tax investigating committee of the Legislature.

"It exempts wealth and puts millstones on the necks of the salary and wage earners and small business men," he said. "The bill strikes from the tax rolls, and forever exempts, stocks and bonds, money on deposit or drawing interest and intangible personal property of vast extent, including that on which no income tax is imposed."

Freight Shippers Regain Privileges Lost During War

Concessions on Routing and Daily Shipments Are in List; Mutual Co-operation Is Agreed on in Future

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Freight shippers have won back many privileges which they enjoyed before the war following a two-day hearing before Max Thelen, director of public service of the railroad administration.

A joint committee of railroad operators and representatives of shippers prepared a memorandum which was submitted to the conference late today and approved by the committee. This is understood to be final and no changes are expected. The text is as follows:

"1. The shipper shall not be deprived of his right to route his freight over any line at the legal rates applicable and to deliver his freight at point of origin to such carrier on any business day during regular business hours.

"2. Daily service will be given to the greatest possible extent. At shipping points where it can be mutually arranged by representatives of the shipping public and the carriers, schedules will be published covering the movement of freight houses, to be forwarded in through cars or set-out cars on specified days. The specified days shall be known as 'shipping days.'

No Steel Solution Proposed by Hines

Responsibility for Prices Put Up to Industrial Board by the Railroads

WASHINGTON, April 9.—In connection with the controversy over steel prices, it was disclosed to-day that in conference which have followed the refusal of the railroad administration to accept prices promulgated by the Industrial Board the railroad administration representatives have neither definitely proposed new and lower prices nor indicated whether the principle of standard prices would be supported even with a reduced scale.

Strikers Get Twenty Days

Magistrate Scores Men Accused of Assaulting Strike Breaker

Four men accused by Joseph Maggioro, of 40 Star Street, of waylaying him on his way to work in the plant of the Geller Manufacturing Company, where they are strikers, and badly beating him, were sentenced to twenty days each in the workhouse by Magistrate Dale in the Bridge Plaza Court, Brooklyn, yesterday.

\$6,330,000 Is Loaned to Czecho-Slovaks by U. S.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Credits of \$6,330,000 to the Czecho-Slovak republic and of \$900,000 to Belgium were established to-day by the Treasury. The Belgian credit raised the total loans to the Allies to \$9,016,229,000 and the total to Belgium to \$3,143,500,000.

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Bribe Inquiry Hearings Will Begin To-day

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insisted on having the bill referred to his committee. This was done.

Senator Walters declared he was unequivocally in favor of the enactment of the measure into law. Asked by Senator Thompson if he thought the bill constitutional, Senator Walters replied: "I do not know. I have doubts. If the contracts and franchises in existence in New York City between transit companies and the city are of a nature that will be adjudged within the purview of the constitutional definition of a contract, I do not believe this Legislature or any public service commission can do anything to abrogate any provision of the contracts."

"But the bill will enable public service commissions to investigate the subject. It will enable them at least to satisfy those who are dissatisfied with the present situation, and it may enable the Public Service Commission to bring about agreement between the transit companies and the cities that will result in a modification of such contracts. In Syracuse, Utica and other upstate cities agreements already have been reached. Some such settlement may be reached in New York City under this bill will save the traction companies there from going to smash. It might work out some change in the preferential or other clauses that would save the situation."

"The bill does not provide for fare increase, but does open a way for the Public Service Commission to deal with the railroad companies and municipalities holding agreements or which have granted franchises, with the end in view that arrangements may be made to save the railroad corporations from going to smash."

Burke Says He Has Not Been Served, but Insists He Won't Run

Richard H. Burke, who, it is said, will be the first man subpoenaed in the state Senate investigation of the alleged \$500,000 fund to accelerate passage of the Martin bill giving the Public Service Commission authority to raise fares, said he had not been served at a late hour last night. He is living at the Great Northern Hotel, 118 West Fifty-seventh Street.

"Well, I'm still at the hotel, and I'm not running away," he said.

Burke said he had received a message over the telephone earlier in the day that a subpoena for his appearance before the investigating committee had been issued. He added that he would not go to Albany unless the papers were served on him.

Burke, who is said to have been an

employee of a signal company which figured in the Public Service investigation conducted by Senator Thompson, refused to discuss the present inquiry, or the information in his possession.

Three former Governors—Charles E. Hughes, William Sulzer and Charles S. Whitman—in turn yesterday, when communicated with, said they knew nothing whatsoever about the statement by Senator George F. Thompson, of Lockport, about the alleged slush fund.

"What is the use of asking former Governors about such a matter?" said former Governor Sulzer. "Thompson is the man to say who attempted to bribe him, if there was any such circumstance. I wouldn't know Senator Thompson if I fell over him in the street. I never recalled him at once. If any one should offer me \$500,000, I would knock him down, and so would any other honest man. I was twenty-seven years in public life, and I never was offered a bribe, but I was under suspicion I would give Senator Thompson instantly, challenging him to produce the names of the mysterious strangers who have been trying to bribe him."

"The story from beginning to end sounds incredible to me. However, the Senate has appointed a committee, and in due course Senator Thompson, under oath, will have a chance to say who offered him the bribe, and who dangled before him the Governorship nomination to assist the traction interests. If there is anything 'slush' money ready for distribution at Albany there would be little mystery about the fact. There would be a riot."

"I know nothing whatsoever about the statement attributed to Senator Thompson and narrated in to-day's papers," said former Governor Whitman. An equally comprehensive statement was made in behalf of Mr. Hughes by his secretary.

The four other former Governors are Benjamin B. Odell, of Newburgh; Horace White, of Syracuse; John A. Dix and Martin H. Glynn, of Albany.

Chicago Judge Blocks Burleson's Phone Rates

CHICAGO, April 9.—Judge Charles M. Feell, in the Superior Court, to-day made permanent an injunction issued a few weeks ago restricting the Chicago Telephone and Telegraph Company from raising their rates in conformity with the schedule issued by Postmaster General Burleson.

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American Ship Arrives With Mail From Danzig

The West Humhaw, an American steamship, arrived at New York yesterday with mail from American military and other officials in Germany and Poland. She came from Danzig, and was the first ship flying an Allied flag to dock at a German port since the armistice.

Captain Hatfield, commander of the West Humhaw, said things were quiet in Danzig during the fifteen days his ship was there.

"The Germans," he said, "laid themselves out to flatter us Americans. They said they were all friends of the United States and blamed their troubles on the English and French."

"I have been many times in German ports, but I never saw people looking more prosperous or better dressed than in Danzig. Nobody did any work. The government paid them eight marks a day for doing nothing, so they did not seem to think there was any necessity for working. They were short of soap and sugar. If a man had a piece of soap he locked it up in a safe, and they would steal anything sweet if it was not nailed down."

Captain Hatfield said little had been done toward cleaning up mine fields in the North Sea and the Baltic.

Oats Handlers Move to Expedite Grain Exports To Adjust Private Business So U. S. Can Send 1,600,000 Tons of Food to Europe

To increase the export grain handling facilities of the Port of New York so that the Grain Corporation can send a total of 1,600,000 tons of grain and cereal products to Europe in the next thirty days, oat handlers of this city at a meeting yesterday agreed to adjust their private business to release the greatest possible percentage of the port facilities for this purpose.

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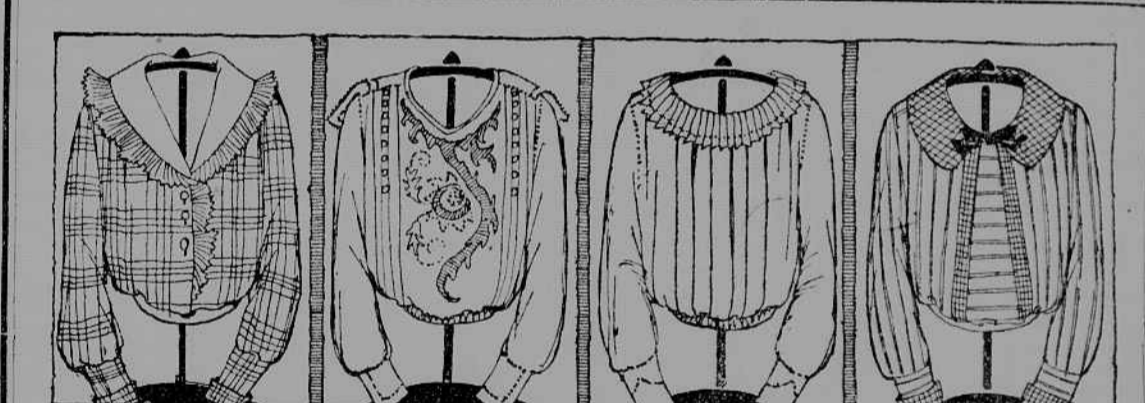
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