

BIG BENEFITS IN U. S. CONTROL OF RAILWAYS SHOWN

Car Shortage Cut in the East,
Operate All Roads as One
Now.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.—Specific reforms effected on eastern railroads under pooling and common operation made possible by the government management were reviewed in a report from A. H. Smith, regional director for the East, made public yesterday by the railroad administration. All lines have been regarded as a unit, Mr. Smith explained, and the aid which some have been able to give others under this plan has enabled the railroads to clear up the congestion of last winter and eliminate practically all car shortage. Only in open top cars is there any dearth of supply now, he said.

Some of the Reforms.

Concrete reform measures were enumerated as follows:

"Elimination of approximately 2,200 miles per month of unnecessary passenger train mileage.

"Assignment to eastern roads of 122 locomotives constructed for the United States military railroads in France, 125 locomotives constructed for the Russian government and 118 locomotives under order for the southern and western roads.

"Transfer of power from one road to another to relieve congestion or shortage of power.

Labor is Interchanged.

"Common use of terminal facilities at large commercial centers.

"Interchange of labor to eliminate accumulations of less than carload freight.

"Classification of freight by the originating railroads to permit trains to be run through to western terminals without re-switching.

"Co-ordination of harbor facilities at New York.

"Routing of freight to tidewater via the delivering line at destination resulting in a very great relief to the seaboard terminal facilities.

Save Engine Efficiency.

"Diversion of traffic to roads with most favorable grades, resulting in saving of engine efficiency.

"Running of locomotives through over more than one road in connection with troop and freight movement to save power and the delay to traffic."

Other improvements based on reports on June 1 were noted as follows:

"On Feb. 1 blast furnace production was 57 per cent. of capacity and by-product coke 67 per cent. At that time 113 out of 290 blast furnaces were out of blast. At the present time the blast furnace situation is practically normal, there being no furnaces out of blast because of lack of transportation.

Increase Coal Movement.

"The movement of coal via the great lakes is progressing satisfactorily, there being an increase of 26 per cent. in cars dumped in vessels so far this season. The ore movement from the lakes of 4 per cent. in cars shipped.

"During the winter months steel tonnage piled at the plants awaiting shipment continued to increase and reached the peak about March 1, at which time there were approximately 500,000 tons awaiting movement. This tonnage has been moved with the exception of about 40,000 tons, which is held on account of embargo.

"On Jan. 1, there were on hand at north Atlantic ports approximately 41,000 cars of export freight in cars, on piers, and on the ground. This has been reduced to approximately 28,000 cars."



Red Cross Notes

The class in First Aid to be given in connection with the Earlham college summer school, was not started last week, owing to the absence of the instructor from the city, and the class is still open for enrollment. Instruction will be given on Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30 until 12:20 o'clock. The course will consist of ten lessons.

Owing to the exhaustion of raw material, the surgical dressings department of the Red Cross will be closed until further notice.

An American Red Cross canteen worker in France recently shattered all records in France by serving 265 meals in two hours and a half, or an average of one meal every 34 seconds.

Since troop movements to the eastern seaboard have reached extraordinary proportions, many chapter refreshment units have surpassed the record set by the Washington chapter last September, that of serving 20,000 cups of coffee a day.

Children in the public schools of Porto Rico are making pajamas for the use of the Red Cross.

Five American portable laundries have been installed at base hospitals by the American Red Cross. They are a real novelty in France.

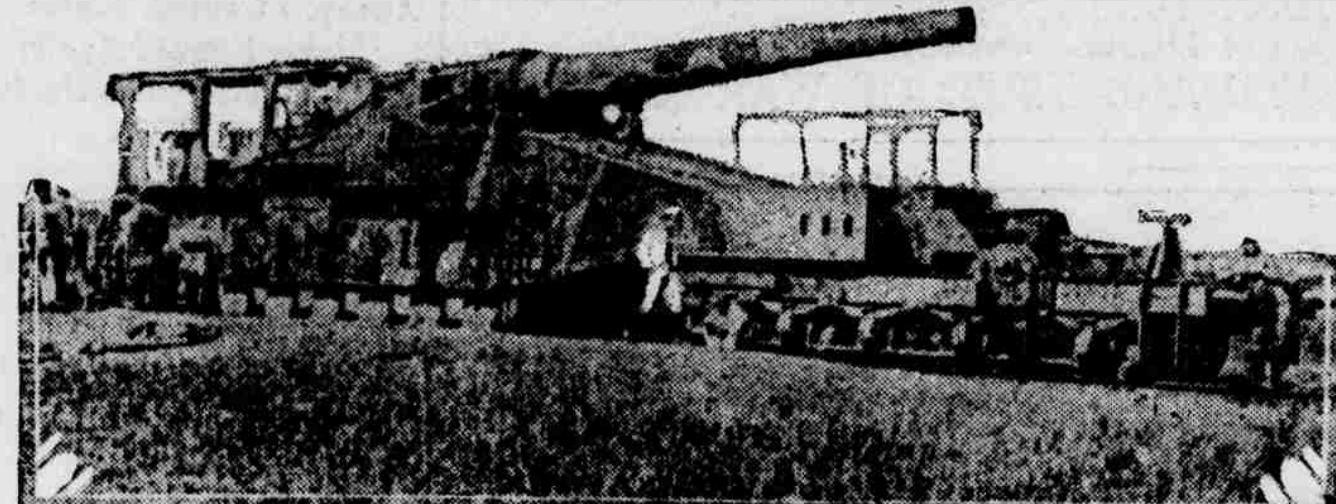
TWO AVIATORS KILLED.

SPRINGFIELD, O.—Lieut. Frank Stewart Patterson of Dayton, O., and Lieut. Leroy Swan of Norwich, Conn., were instantly killed at Wilbur Wright aviation field when their plane collapsed in mid-air.

None so poor but can buy War Savings and Thrift Stamps.

HOW SHE BANISHED BACKACHE
Mrs. Effie E. Kleppe, Averill, Minn., writes: "I was at a sanitarium three weeks at one time, two weeks another time, for rheumatism, and kidney trouble, and I was relieved. On my return home I began using Foley Kidney Pills and found immediate relief; a half bottle completed the cure." This further proof that these wonderful pills give relief where other treatments fail. Under the skin, weak, sore, aching kidneys, bladder, back, muscles or joints. For sale by A. G. Lukens & Co.—Adv.

FRENCH ARTILLERY PLAYING BIG PART IN CHECKING DRIVE OF HUN TROOPS



One of the big factors in checking the enemy's drive on the western front has been the effective work of the French as well as the American artillery. The picture shows a huge French long-range rail gun being brought up for a bombardment.

WINCHESTER

Two serious accidents occurred here Saturday and Sunday injuring one man seriously and slightly injuring several others. On Saturday four men from Wabash, Ind., were wrecked north of Winchester while trying to pass another machine. The machine

took to the ditch and struck a telephone post. William Kessler, owner of the machine, suffered both legs broken, while the other men were slightly injured. The party had been to Dayton, Ohio. It is said that the machine was running at a high rate of speed. The car was badly damaged. On Sunday afternoon Charles Mitchell, Harry Woods and Miss Agnes Downing were coming to Winchester when they

attempted to pass a rig on the road, another machine behind them ran between them and the buggy and forced their machine into the ditch. The machine struck a telephone pole and was badly wrecked. Miss Downing suffered a severe cut on the leg and Woods had an artery severed in his left arm, while Mitchell received only a few scratches. The driver of the machine which caused the trouble did not stop

here Monday evening, when they were found to have in their possession three dozen bottles of beer. The driver of the machine gave his name as Callahan and claimed that he was a lawyer in Ft. Wayne. The names of the other men were not given. The prosecutor allowed Callahan to plead guilty to hav-

ing an unlawful amount of liquor in his possession and fined him \$50. The fine was paid and the party left for Indianapolis. When fined Callahan changed his name to Edward Zachrist and said his home was Richmond, Ind., and it was so entered on the records.... Modoc is having a new flow of natural gas. The Oil and Gas company of that place are drilling in some new wells and one drilled in last week shows a good flow of gas, which assures Modoc and vicinity of plenty of heat the coming winter. They have a pipe line for several miles from the wells to Modoc and furnish gas to patrons along the line as well as in Modoc.... Business men as well as others are being enrolled here to help take care of the harvest. A meeting will be held at the court house tonight when a thorough organization will be perfected. The threshers of the county meet tomorrow night to form an organization.



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