

## Amusements.

McAdoo Recommends Big New York Almost Out of  
Reduction in Parlor and Coal—Supply Barges  
Sleeping Cars. Frozen In.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Hundreds of passenger trains on railroads east of the Mississippi will be withdrawn from service under orders soon to be issued by Director-General McAdoo, based upon specific recommendations

made today by a committee of eastern passenger traffic officers. The committee was divided as to the advisability of withdrawing most parlor and sleeping cars, leaving only those considered most necessary for important travel routes.

Under government operation was discussed by the director-general today with heads of the four railway union brotherhoods, and the question of wages will be taken up at further conferences.

Tomorrow President Wilson goes before congress.

After working continuously for 26 hours, the crews of four tug boats succeeded tonight in releasing 13 of a fleet of 30 coal barges frozen solid in the Kill Van Kull, between Staten Island and the New Jersey shore. The 13 barges were towed up the bay to Manhattan tonight.

Some of the director-general's advisers have urged that practically all frozen meat be sent to New York by rail.

Seventeen other bargains frozen in the way from Port Reading, N. J., to New York Central and Pennsylvania Railroad tugs was working tonight in an effort to release them and it was hoped the boats would reach New York by morning.

Rexie Schley, tug administrator for Manhattan, said tonight that almost half

rior and sleeping cars be withdrawn from service, and that people be required to travel largely in day time in ordinary coaches. It is not considered probable, however, that Mr. McAdoo will approve such a drastic course at this time.

The railroad has been unable to

gent nearly three hours with the director-general, most of the time being devoted to discussing the possibility that the government may call on railway employees to work much overtime in order to clear present freight congestion. This would increase the number of men working in the heat and in many office buildings temperatures are so low that occupants are wearing their coats and furs. The weather bureau said that a snow storm in the tinement districts was suffering acutely. Hotels are filled with persons driven out of heatless homes.

The weather bureau could give no hope of relief from the intense cold. It was said that temperatures probably would go to 30 below zero.

The 'brotherhoods' demands for forty per cent. higher wages, refused by railroads just before the, reser-

TO SAVE JAP VESSEL

Assistance Arrives Near Burning Freighter Has Cargo of

Mr. McAdoo now is considering whether express companies should be taken over for government operation, and has received from his legal advisers opinions on the proper procedure in case he decides this is necessary to maintain the highest freight rates.

Freighter—has Cargo of Merchandise.

A Pacific Port, Jan. 3.—The situation of the Japanese freighter Shinyo Maru, in whose hold a fire has been raging since last night, was described

# NEW DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE

British Board of Trade President  
Outlines the Program of the  
Board's Activities.

London, Jan. 3.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—Sir Albert Stanley, president of the board of trade, in a reword to the current issue of the board of Trade Journal, outlines the program of the board's activities to-  
ward increasing the production of  
7600 tons of steel, cotton and other merchandise.

cluding the dissemination of up-to-date information from all parts of the world. The journal states that a new department of overseas trade will comprise the board of trade's trade commissioner service within the empire and a foreign office's commercial attaché service, with

The Shinyo left this coast for oriental ports December 21. She was built in 1891, and is 456 feet long with a beam of 47 feet and a gross tonnage of 5900 tons. She is owned by the Kishimoto Steamship Company of Osaka, Japan.

**ACTIVE ENEMY ALIEN  
PLACED UNDER ARREST**

Washington Takes Action in Case of  
Fritz von Piliis, as Dangerous

propagandist.

New York, Jan. 3.—Fritz von Pillis, former employe of the Prussian Government, sometimes known as Baronet Sederick de Pillis, was arrested here today by agents of the department of justice upon orders from Washington as an active and dangerous enemy alien.

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## INDICTMENT WAS FAULTY

Charge of Conspiracy to Evade Selective Law Falls Thru.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 3.—The indictment charging Congressman John M. Nelson with conspiracy to evade the selective training law was faulty, it was learned today.

Nelson was indicted in 1915, and was very active in spreading pro-Austrian propaganda. To carry on this work he started the Universal Press Syndicate. He was not without experience, for he was at one time employed by the colonization bureau of the Prussian Government to Germanize Poland. Later he was employed by the North German Lloyd Steamship line.

Byron Nelson, with conspiracy to evade the selective law, was charged in the Chicago federal district court last week. The case was set for trial on the grounds that it was a matter of public safety and insufficient. The government attorneys took the matter to the circuit court of appeals.

Judge Carpenter suggested the rule of the United States Supreme Court in the *Quirin* case, which held that the government could try enemy combatants in military courts. He suggested that the government could try the defendants in military courts. The government attorneys took the matter to the circuit court of appeals.

**INVESTED WITH HONORS.**

London, Jan. 3.—The following were invested at Buckingham Palace with the

Beaumont, Dawson, Ontario; Walter Bur-  
ton, Ontario; John C. Grier, Ontario; W. J.  
Anderson, Ontario, foot amputated; Cap-  
tain W. K. Turner, multiple wounds, severe; Lieut. C. G. Grier, lower body, severe. At Shorncliffe—Lieut. H. S. Fry, Quebec, face and leg. Discharged from Dieppe—Lieut. T. Forsyth, gassed, from Field Ambulance, Lieut. A. W. Loxie, Quebec, neck, face.

**PRISONERS CHANGED.**  
London, Jan. 3.—Lieuts. L. K. Bell, E. S. Skead, and A. A. Smith, are transferred to Switzerland. Captain D. Owen, Major A. F. Brown, Ontario; Lieut. A. D. Martin, Manitoba, hand and arm. Returned to duty.—Lieuts. L. C. Montgomery, Quebec; D. B. Gilmour, Quebec, and A. S. Porter.

London, Jan. 3. — The director of meat supplies announces that Tuesday will be the meatless day in London, and Wednesday in the provinces.

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