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DECEMBER 11th. and 12th.

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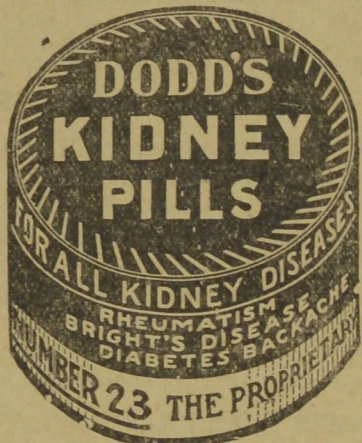
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DECISION BY RAILWAY BOARD

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The Railway Board in a judgment handed down today declines to reduce the minimum weight applicable to canned goods in carloads, moving at commodity rates. The pro-war weight was thirty thousand pounds which was increased by the board to forty thousand pounds as a result of suggestions made by the Canadian Railway War Board, which advocated an increase up to sixty thousand pounds.



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HOW NEWS OF ARMISTICE WAS CONVEYED TO TROOPS

Document was Signed by the Hun Delegates at Five o'Clock in the Morning—News was First Flashed to Foch's Headquarters—General Pershing was Acquainted with the News by an Orderly While in Bed.

Junius B. Wood cables the following to the Chicago Daily News:

This is an inside story of the moves by hidden hands behind America's great war machine which brought its countless wheels to a sudden stop.

The fighting ended as the world knows, at 11 o'clock on the morning of Nov. 11, exactly six hours after the German and allied representatives had signed the armistice terms. It stopped as suddenly as if one hand had turned a switch and put out 10,000 electric lights. At this great moment of the world's history, however, instead of one hand doing the work it required a separate hand for each light, each simultaneously clicking the switch which turned off the steel stream of death that had rolled over Europe for more than four years. That such unity of action was possible on the part of the military machine makes it all the more wonderful. How it was done in the American armies is typical of all armies.

Armistice Signed on Train

The meetings of the German and allied representatives were held on a special train standing on a railroad siding between Soissons and Compeign. There the armistice was finally signed at 5 o'clock in the morning on Nov. 11. Naturally everybody in the army from the field marshal down to the kitchen police knew that an armistice was being discussed, but there was no assurance that it would be signed. It is an actual fact that the latest official report received in the field through the various army couriers stated that a hitch had come and that there was a strong possibility that the negotiations would fail. While it was known that the Germans were on the point of caving in, experts believed that the might continue fighting for two years. The allies were daily gaining in the offensive and they did not relax at any point on the line for a single minute.

The American first and second armies were steadily denting the hinge of the German defences in the Verdun sector and it would not have been politic to relinquish the upper hand. The commanders were also cautioned to beware of false wireless reports from the enemy that the armistice had been declared, causing the men to lay down their arms and become helpless victims of attack and capture. The moment the armistice was signed the

battle was raging with the same deadly fury as on hundreds of other days.

Flashed to Foch's Headquarters

As soon as the armistice was signed word was sent to the headquarters of Marshal Foch, commanding the allies and then like a flash everybody was aware of it. Direct telephone wires connected the special train with Marshal Foch's headquarters and also with the American, French, British, Belgian and other headquarters. The message which Marshal Foch prepared for transmission to them was: "The armistice has been signed and hostilities will cease at 11 a. m., this date, the 11th."

That message is due to become historic. Copies were handed to the officers representing the different allied headquarters for immediate transmission to their commanders. At the same time the wireless was sending it out in French with the additional sentence "All commanders will give orders accordingly." The German high command wireless was also sending out a message of similar import.

Col. T. Bentley Mott, chief of the American mission with Marshal Foch received a copy for transmission to Gen. Pershing. By 6 o'clock in the morning over the American army telephone he had communicated with an orderly at Gen. Pershing's residence in Chaumont, and had wired it to Gen. Pershing's general headquarters in the city. Gen. Pershing the preceding night had left the special train in which he lived for seven weeks to sleep in a stationary bed. Col. Mott asked for Officer James C. Hughes, an assistant aid, who was called. Hughes ran down the dark, cold corridors in his pajamas to the telephone and copied the important message on a pad.

Wakes Pershing to Give the News

"Here this has just been received," he shouted, bursting into the bedroom of Col. Carl Boyd of Adairsville, Ga., aid to Gen. Pershing. For a soldier uninterrupted sleep, whether he is a general or a private, is unknown in war time. Tumbling out of his bed like a fireman and jumping into a sweater and slippers, Col. Boyd stepped into Gen. Pershing's room, and, switching on the light, woke him up and read the message. Then he called the 1st and 2nd armies and read the order. "Tell them to get it out to the troops immediately," said the general. "That will take in everything we've got under American command on the front. Other American troops that are fighting will receive orders from the French and British corps to which they are attached."

Col. Boyd ran down the hallway to the telephone, where direct wires connected with each army headquarters more than 100 miles away. "Cut everything off, for this is a priority message," he told the army hello girl. "Give it to both army headquarters." At 6.15 in the morning he had reached Brig. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, chief of staff of the first army and read to him Gen. Pershing's orders. Before he had finished talking with him the telephone girl had Brig. Gen. Stuart Heintzleman, chief of staff of the 2nd army on the wire awaiting the message.

Carried to Units by Phone

Army field telephones still available carried the message to the different corps and each was ready to multiply it by the number of times necessary to transmit it to the various subdivisions of the army. Like the great branches of an oak the lines were all carrying Marshal Foch's order, "Hostilities will cease at 11 a. m." Each division duplicated the message to the brigades making the division, each brigade duplicated it to the regiments, which in turn sent it to the three batteries and to each battalion, where in turn it was transmitted to each of the four company commanders, and by each company commander to his platoon leaders, however many there might be.

Motorcycles carried the message from division and brigade headquarters in some instances for many miles over shell torn roads where the telephone was not working. Other motorcycles and in some instances messengers on horseback and often afoot went up farther into the hall of battle to the regimental headquarters. There other runners took the order up to the battle line stretching over the eighty kilometer (48 mile) front.

Runners in Heroic Dash

Going to the front shielded by the darkness of night is a dangerous task but safe compared with the same task

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