

RUSS RAILROADS IN DEPLORABLE STATE

Sixty Per Cent of Engines Out of Commission

London.—The deplorable state of Russia's railways was outlined by Colonel C. S. Gaskill, of Moorestown, N. J., former chief of the American Relief Administration Traffic Division, who recently was in London en route to the United States, where he is to resume his position with the Pennsylvania Railroad.

There are only 61,000 versts (a verst is two-thirds of a mile) of railroad in all Russia under Soviet control, Col. Gaskill stated. This means about one-twelfth of the United States mileage in a country far larger. Enormous stretches of territory, including many fair-sized cities, have to depend for their connection with the outside world on wagon and river transport, being absolutely untouched by railroads.

"The total number of locomotives," Colonel Gaskill said, "according to Soviet official figures, is only 18,700, of which sixty per cent are out of commission. Of the remaining forty per cent fifteen per cent are fully fifty years old. The number of cars is estimated at 440,000, of which thirty per cent are out of service. The condition of the others is dilapidated in the extreme."

Evidences of former wealth in rolling stocks are seen in some fine large American and other cars, which one constantly finds piled up on sidings, where they are used as houses by refugees and even by railroad officials.

Make Homes from Cars.

"These cars have been turned in many cases into quite comfortable homes," he declared. "Whole families conduct a regular menage in them. Presumably many of these cars were seized during the various wars and never returned to their proper

uses."

The railroad beds, the Colonel stated, apparently did not suffer much as a result of war, but now they are showing the need of repair. The ties are rotting, and so far the people have not had the strength to cut the wood for manufacturing new ones. The same lack of strength was largely accountable for the dearth of fuel which at first threatened to handicap seriously the movement of American Relief Administration supplies.

"Our salvation," he declared, "lay in the fact that the Government was able to transform the engines from wood or coal to oil burners. Canadian tank cars are now bringing sufficient fuel from the oil fields of Baku."

The utter destitution of the country affects the railroads in many small as well as large ways. For example, cotton waste for cleaning purposes is unobtainable, and workers have to content themselves with the ticker tape used for Russian telegrams. Paint, of course, is now an unknown luxury.

"But the Russian railroad officials are as keen as ever," the colonel stated. "The Government fortunately for us retained most of the old experts, and we have to thank their energy and efficiency for the fact that our stocks got moved. These men have been cut off for years from the outside world."

Asked For Literature

"They all begged me to send them literature, particularly on American methods of signaling."

In considering the movement of American Relief Administration supplies during the Spring, Colonel Gaskill said it must be remembered that they were the only freight outside of the Soviet seed cargoes moving over the roads.

"It is ridiculous to say that any more material could have got in than we sent," he declared. "Ours got in only by almost superhuman efforts."

The recent improvement in the transportation situation he ascribes to the opening of the rivers. The supply of barges is better than cars, and the American Administration fared excellent relations in Saratov with the River Transport Department. Before leaving Russia Colonel Gas-

kill spent some months as supervisor of the American Relief Administration, feeding in Saratov, where American food is keeping 1,183,000 people alive.

"You can feel the results of our feeding in the very atmosphere," he declared. "We've given those peasants a new lease on life, and I suppose one would have to be saved from starvation himself to realize the intensity of their gratitude."

Colonel Gaskill is now returning to America after an absence of five years, during which time he served with the Engineers in France under General Atterbury, later becoming technical adviser to the Polish Government. He has been eight months in Russia with the American Relief Administration. His home is in Moorestown, N. J.

MRS. WRIGHT'S SALAD DRESSING WINS OUT

A. E. Wright Co. Forced to Build Big Plant

Glass lined pipes and tanks will be the new equipment in the A. E. Wright Salad Dressing company building which is to be erected at 1253-59 Diversey parkway, Chicago. The building will be completed November first, A. E. Wright, president, announces, and the factory will be moved from 1306 Sherman ave., to Chicago.

The new building is necessary because of the great increase in business, Mr. Wright says, and will cost, including equipment, \$80,000.

The business was founded five years ago by Mr. Wright, then owner of the North Shore creamery. He sold salad dressing made by Mrs. Wright as a side-line. Soon he was selling from six to a dozen bottles of the dressing a day and saw the possibilities of developing the manufacture of the dressing on a large scale and seeking national distribution. Today

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