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# BOARD UNANIMOUS ON MERCING LINES

## Advantages of Uniting Street Car Systems Outlined Before Trade Body.

### OTHER ISSUES TAKEN UP

Unanimous endorsement of the proposal to merge the Capital Traction and Washington Railway and Electric street railway systems was given by the Board of Trade at its special meeting last night in the auditorium of Central High School. The resolution presented by the board's public utilities commission and on which affirmative action was taken at two previous meetings was presented by the chairman of the committee, E. C. Graham, and not a vote was recorded against it.

Advantages of a merger of the two systems as set forth in the resolution were: improved service, combination of value of securities, reduction of overhead expenses, real unification of lines, and the resolution declared that the best interests of the companies and the interests of Washington citizens that the companies owed it as a civic duty to merge the systems.

Opposition was expressed to the same system of lines proposed by the National and Electric Companies. Free transportation was voted in favor of the plan.

### Mr. Katz on Building Zone.

Engineer Commissioner Katz spoke at length on the building zone system for the District of Columbia, and if the plan were adopted in a resolution presented by Sir Charles the board's endorsement of the plan was refused, the resolution being unanimous.

A resolution presented by Odell R. Smith regarding the movement for increased pay for officers and men of the police department was held over for the month's later meeting, though favorable to the resolution. Mr. Smith stated that so far as the 1919 details have been sold for the policeman defense league ball game for the benefit of the police pension fund.

### War Museum Is Urged.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the Navy, and Sir George W. C. Neville, commanding officer of the expedition that formed a part of the Expedition, were guests of honor at a special meeting of the board of trade last night. Sir Neville, in a brief talk, urged the board to set behind the movement for creation of a national war museum to house the objects of the expedition. A resolution offering to support of a monument of \$100,000 for the annual observance of the anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States. The resolution was adopted unanimously.



Three hundred wounded soldiers from Walter Reed Hospital will be taken to see "Mickey" at Puffs tomorrow afternoon. Following the performance the boys will be driven around the city and the Red Cross and the War Camp Community Division will serve a picnic dinner.

The arrival at Mount Bachelor continues to be a success. All the stands are well patronized. The stands are well patronized. The stands are well patronized. The stands are well patronized.

The Wanderlusts' hike for Sunday will be held at the same time as last week. It is expected that the hike will be held at the same time as last week. It is expected that the hike will be held at the same time as last week.

## KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES—Not



### ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES.

#### YOUNG MEN

Robley D. Evans Post, No. 1 American Legion, hosts at New Memorial People's Hall and 21st street northwest.

Washington Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, will give a professional dinner at the conclusion of the regular meeting at 7 o'clock of the camp hall in the old Masonic temple, 314 and 316 streets.

Director of the woman's bureau of the police department will address the Business Women's Council at the Church of the Covenant, at 7 o'clock.

Football games and motion pictures at the Hill Triangle Recreation Center, 2013 and 18 streets at 7:30 o'clock.

Steering committee of the chamber of commerce will meet at 8 o'clock.

Nashville, Tenn.—C. Nelson Parrish, Southern cotton manufacturer, lost his shoe into the body of his brother, Jake Parrish.

### WAR MEDALS AWARDED

#### D. C. MEN UNCLAIMED

Medals for bravery in action during the war awarded to four Washington men may be obtained at the Army recruiting office, 508 14th street.

These men, although registered from Washington, apparently have given up the places of residence from which they entered the service and efforts of Army recruiting officers to locate them and give them their medals have so far proved a failure.

The cross de guerre has been awarded to Mel Charles E. Elliott of 184 Columbia road, Private Edward H. Handy of 2212 Virginia avenue southeast and Private John E. Chilton, Private George Green has been awarded the distinguished service cross. The last two named were with the 21st Infantry.

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Opposition was expressed by the same system of lines operated by the Washington Railway and Electric Company, and the resolutions adopted in favor of free transfer.

### Res. Made on Building Zoning

Engineer Commissioner Katz spoke on his plan for a building zone system for the District of Columbia, and if the plan were adopted, it is a record never presented by any one of the board's members. The plan was held, the resolution being unanimously adopted.

Resolution presented by Odell R. Smith, chairman of the building and police department, was held over for action at a future meeting. It provides for the establishment of a building variable to the present one. Mr. Smith stated that he had proposed that the plan has been sold for the police department. It is for the benefit of the police pension fund.

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Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the Navy, and Surg. Gen. W. C. Neville, commander of the Marine hospital, were guests of honor at the 25th anniversary meeting of the National War Museum, held at the Hotel Hamilton, Washington, D. C., last night. The meeting was held in honor of a national war museum to house veterans of the world.

Former Representative James T. Zolner, made a speech in support of a permanent day for the annual observance of the anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

## CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Twenty hundred wounded soldiers from Walter Reed Hospital will be taken to see "Mickey" at Paul's tomorrow afternoon. Following the performance the boys will be driven around the city square, and the Red Cross and the War Camp Community Service will serve a picnic dinner.

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Director of the woman's bureau of the police department, will address the Business Woman's Club, at 730 Church St.

Phonographic, dance, and motion pictures at the Blue Triangle Recreation Center, 10th and D streets, in the afternoon.

Steering committee of the Chamber of Commerce will meet at 3 o'clock.

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