



What's the Olympian "in the hole" for, Bill?

CONDUCTOR BILL can't talk about his railroad orders in wartime—even to such an old friend of the line as Monty Miller, foreman of the Angle D ranch.

It may be the famous, electrified Olympian has gone "in the hole"—which is railroadeser for waiting on a side track—because it's more important for a military train to have right of way.

Station agents, conductors, brakemen, and other railroad men don't like to appear unobliging—but they've pledged themselves for the duration to give no information to anyone about unusual train movements.

That's in the interest of national security. An idle word dropped about a troop train—or a supply train's schedule and destination—might reach enemy ears and lead to an attack on a convoy days and even weeks afterward.

For the most part, passengers realize this situation. They too, keep mum about war traffic they see on the railroad.

If the Olympian, the Hiawathas, the Pioneer Limited or other heavily traveled trains happen to be delayed, there is little complaining among passengers. For this understanding attitude, we of The Milwaukee Road are deeply grateful.

