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ANNEXATION LAW DOES NOT APPLY TO CITY OF FLORENCE

Governor Discovers Clause in Act Regarding Gas Service that He Holds Excludes Omaha's Oldest Suburb.

HE ISSUES NEW PROCLAMATION

Executive Recalls Former Order to Election and Issues New One for Same Date.

QUOTES SENTENCE IN STATUTE

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Neb., April 27.—(Special Telegram.)—On account of a misunderstanding of the provisions of the Omaha annexation bill, which provides that only the cities can come under the annexation provisions which receive gas service from Omaha, the governor has revoked his former proclamation and has issued the following, leaving out Florence, which it was supposed was affected by the bill.

"Whereas, The city of South Omaha, a city of the first class, and the village of Dundee adjoin the metropolitan city of Omaha, and said city of South Omaha and village of Dundee and their inhabitants are supplied with water and with gas and electric light and street car service in the manner described in the law of this state passed as senate file No. 1 and approved at the 1915 session of its legislature; and

"Whereas, Though the city of Florence does adjoin the metropolitan city of Omaha, yet neither it nor its inhabitants are supplied with gas, although from such information as had been furnished him April 24, 1915, when the undermentioned, as governor, issued a proclamation calling a special election for June 1, 1915, in all the said cities and in said village to vote upon the question of their consolidation, it was erroneously considered and assumed that the gas from the gas plant within the said city of Omaha and thus came within the provisions of said law.

"Now therefore, I, John H. Morehead, governor of the state of Nebraska, hereby revoke and cancel my said proclamation of April 24, 1915, do now and hereby proclaim and call, by virtue of the authority in me vested and in accordance with the said law of this state, a special election, to be held on the first day of June, 1915, in the said metropolitan city of Omaha and in the said city of South Omaha and village of Dundee, at which election there shall be submitted to the electors of said city of Omaha, South Omaha and village of Dundee, the question of their consolidation in the following form, to-wit: 'Shall the city of South Omaha and village of Dundee be consolidated with the metropolitan city of Omaha?'

"The ballot to be used at such election to provide, in the usual manner, for a 'yes' and 'no' vote on said question, and the election commissioner of the county, (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

Says Rates on Meats are Higher Than on Other Commodities

CHICAGO, April 27.—The general contention that the western railroads are now receiving adequate returns on transportation of packing house products and fresh meats was advanced today at the western freight rate hearing, before W. M. Daniels, interstate commerce commissioner, by W. W. Manker, assistant traffic manager of Armour & Co.

"Present earnings on the traffic in packing house products and fresh meats from South Omaha and Chicago are now paying a much greater revenue per ton mile than the average of all commodities," said Mr. Manker. "The present rate is 11 mills per ton mile and the proposed rate is 11 mills per ton mile.

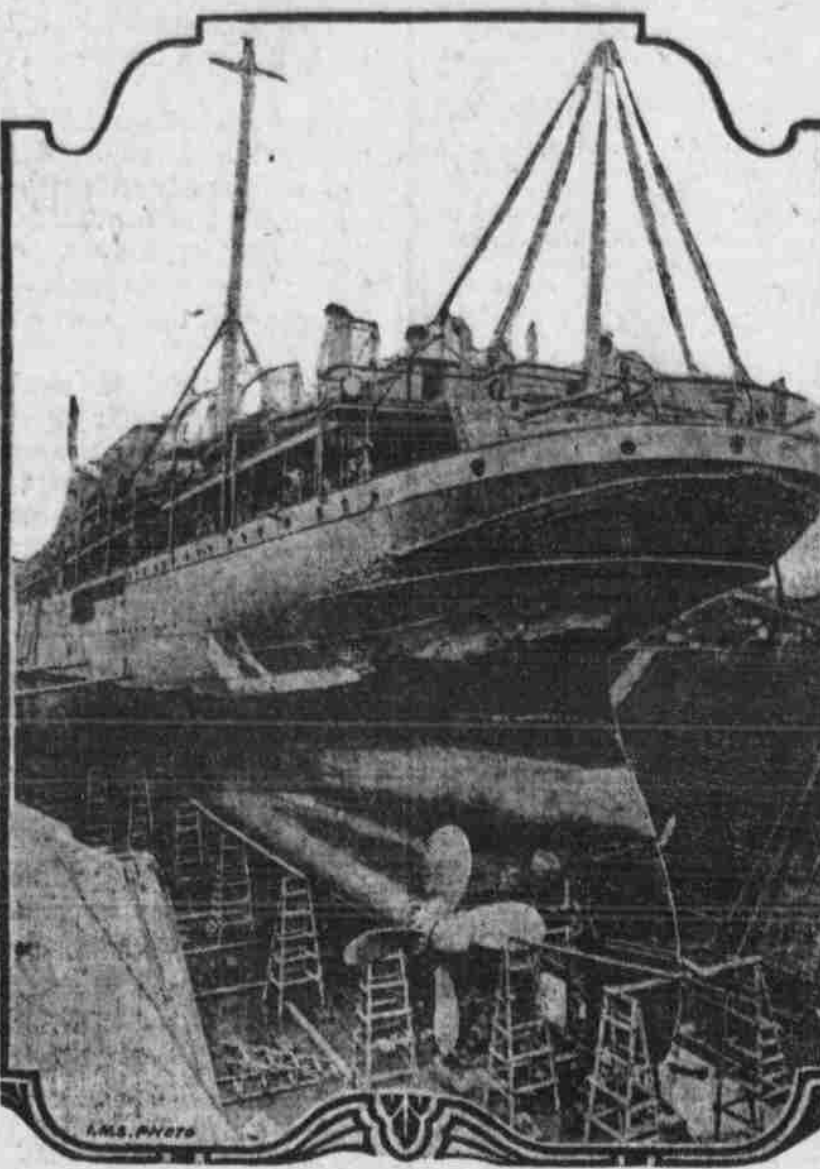
Grief-Crazed Woman Throws Baby from Fast Moving Train

ABERDEEN, S. D., April 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Crazed because of worry over her husband, who is fighting in the European war, Mrs. Stratford Luga, a Swiss woman, who was traveling from Elk River, Idaho, to her native country, threw her 3-year-old child from a car window on a Milwaukee train near Howland, west of here. Though the train was going at the rate of forty-five miles an hour, the child escaped with slight bruises on its face. The woman was taken into custody here, and will be held for an examination as to her sanity.

Incendiary Bombs Set Fire to Ypres

LONDON, April 27.—Ypres is in flames. The Germans having thrown a hall of incendiary bombs into the town, thus telegraphed the Morning Post's correspondent in northern France.

LATEST SEA ROVER Kron Prinz Wilhelm in dry dock at Newport News, showing condition of its propeller and rudder.



NOT SURE WHEATLY IS MAN WANTED

Chicago Witness Who Goes to Lincoln to Look Over Alleged Defaulter Fails to Identify.

HEARING GOES OVER TO FRIDAY
(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Neb., April 27.—(Special Telegram.)—W. A. Hamilton, a Chicago real estate man, who arrived here last night for the purpose of identifying Walter C. Wheatly, in connection with the defalcation of a bank at America, Ga., believes that Wheatly is the George A. Wheatly wanted, although he did not care to swear to that fact. The hearing has been put off until Friday, when the witnesses will arrive from America. Wheatly insists that at the time he was alleged to be in America that he was in London making records for the Columbia Phonograph company and has asked Commissioner Whitmore to listen to the records.

Walter Wheatly, music teacher of this city and Lincoln, arrested Sunday at the state capital on a government charge, alleging embezzlement at America, Ga., declared that the government made a very bunglesome job of this case, in that the officers did not make sure of the man they were after before arresting him and giving publicity to the arrest.

Mr. Wheatly makes this statement: "To prove that I am the wrong man is an easy matter, but to offset the unjust publicity is another matter. At the time of the alleged embezzlement by a man said to be George D. Wheatly at America, I was leading tenor at the Century opera house, New York City, and the books of that theater will confirm that assertion. I never saw the town of America in my life. My surprise is that the government should cause the arrest of a man before they know he is the man wanted. It is an injustice. I intend to take the matter to the officials at Washington and intend to have the Omaha federal officer who caused my arrest give an explanation of his procedure. I realize that the last name of the man wanted is the same as mine and in some respects the alleged embezzler resembles me, but that does not excuse such bunglesome detective work."

Grimsby Trawler Recolo is Blown Up

LONDON, April 27.—The Grimsby trawler Recolo has been blown up in the North sea. The vessel was out of the harbor with a crew of nine. The trawler was destroyed by a mine or a torpedo.

"Frank's Appeal is Based on Something More Than Doubt of the Justice of the Verdict."

—New York World.
Let no one otherwise sympathetic permit his heart to be hardened by the suggestion that the court's decisions leave no ground for an appeal for executive clemency for Leo M. Frank. Read what the New York World says about it:

Frank's Plea for Life.
"The unwillingness until now of Leo M. Frank, under sentence of death in Georgia for murder, to ask for anything less than acquittal harmonizes with his unflinching plea of innocence. A man falsely condemned naturally seeks liberty and vindication. In his case, however, the issue has at last become one of life or death, and if, as thousands believe, he is the victim of a remarkable combination of circumstances, his decision to ask for a commutation of sentence is practically the only course left to him.

BRITISH PRISONERS INSULTED AND SHOT, KITCHENER CHARGES

Commander of England's Armies Says Germans Have Stripped and Maltreated Their Captives of War.

MADE TO SUFFER INDIGNITIES

House of Lords Told Wounded Officers Wantonly Struck by Teuton Conquerors.

NOTHING LIKE IT IN SUDAN

LONDON, April 27.—War Secretary Kitchener told the House of Lords today that British prisoners had been insulted, maltreated and even shot down by their German captors. He made a statement to the house on this subject, in which he said:

"I have been forced with reluctance to accept as indisputably true the maltreatment by the German army of British prisoners. The Hargreaves convention has been flagrantly disregarded by German officers. Our prisoners have been stripped and maltreated in various ways and in some cases the evidence goes on to prove that they have been shot in cold blood. Our officers when wounded, have been wantonly insulted and frequently struck."

Says Can't Be Doubted.
Earl Kitchener said that as a soldier he hit back at always held officers of the German army in respect, but "constant testimony thus has come in, not only from our own escaped prisoners, but from French, Russian, Belgian and American sources, has brought it home to all who have sifted the evidence that the indignities displayed by the German authorities toward British prisoners especially, is beyond doubt."

The secretary quoted articles from the conventions adopted at The Hague relating to the treatment of prisoners of war, and asserted that they had been disregarded flagrantly by German officers. He added:

"I think it only fair and right to say that the German hospitals should be accepted in any charges of deliberate inhumanity. Germany has for many years posed before the civilized world as a great military nation. It has abundantly proved its military skill and courage.

Should Set Standard.
"But surely it was for it to set up a standard of military honor and conduct which would be respected by the friends of nations. Instead, it has accepted its military history and which would yield to the barbarous savagery of the derelicts of Sudan.

China Will Submit
Answer to Demands
Of Japan in Week

PEKING, April 27.—President Yuan Shi Kai and his councilors were in conference today concerning the demands presented to the republic by Japan. No information yet is obtainable concerning the decision reached by them.

The reply of the Chinese government to the latest Japanese communication will be given within a week, the Chinese wishing to give Japan no excuse for a repetition of the charge that they are procrastinating.

There are no indications of Japan withdrawing from its attitude as already made known.

Ship With Women
Peace Delegates
is Given Release

LONDON, April 27.—An admiralty order issued today released the steamer Noordam, whereupon the vessel proceeded on its way to Rotterdam.

The Noordam has on board the American women delegates to the International Women's Peace congress at The Hague. It left New York April 13, but was held up in English waters on account of the embargo of the British government on traffic in the North Sea.

U. S. STEEL AGAIN PASSES
DIVIDEND ON COMMON STOCK

NEW YORK, April 27.—The United States Steel corporation today declared its regular quarterly dividend of 1% per cent on the preferred stock. As in the case of the previous quarter no action was taken on the common stock dividend. The total earnings of the corporation for the first quarter of 1915 were \$11,477,990, the net income for the quarter was \$5,584,674; the deficit for the quarter \$5,893,316.

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Clockwork Bomb in Turkish War Office is Set for the Council Hour

PARIS, April 27.—A powerful clockwork bomb was found hidden yesterday in the ministry of war at Constantinople, according to a dispatch from Saloniki. It was timed to explode at an hour when the council would be in session. The meetings of this body are attended by Enver Pasha, minister of war; Field Marshal Von Der Goltz and General Liman Von Sanders.

An investigation is said to have disclosed that the bomb was placed in the room by a sweep who had come to clean the chimney and who then disappeared.

PLATT WRITES TO ROOSEVELT OFTEN

More Correspondence Between Late Republican Boss and Defendant Placed in Evidence.

RAILROAD BILL NOTE TOO LATE

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 27.—A telegram, in which former United States Senator Platt urged Theodore Roosevelt to sign a bill exempting from the franchise tax bill grace crossings of steam railroads and said that "our friends of the New York Central and Senator Dewey were anxious," was read in the supreme court here on this, the sixth day, Colonel Roosevelt has been on the witness stand in the \$50,000 libel suit brought against him by William Barnes.

In reply the colonel wrote Senator Platt that he had received the telegram "too late."

Two other letters bearing on legislation pending at Albany were read. In a note to Senator Platt, the colonel suggested that he should "communicate with Mr. Odell on this subject at once. In his reply Senator Platt said he would "telegraph Odell at once and urge him to line up the republican forces unitedly in favor of the bill."

In the next letter, Colonel Roosevelt discussed the commission which was appointed to revise the New York city charter.

These messages were part of the additional correspondence that passed between Colonel Roosevelt and Senator Platt, which the colonel had discussed all manner of legislative, political and administrative affairs, was completed today.

Italian Ambassadors at War Capitals are Called for Conference

ROME, April 27.—(Via Paris.)—The Italian ambassadors at Paris, London, Vienna and Berlin, have been summoned to Rome to confer with Foreign Minister Sonnino.

In Rome this action is regarded as preliminary to the announcement of a grave and important decision on the part of the Italian government.

Signor Tittoni, the ambassador to France, reached Rome this morning. He left this city only a fortnight ago for Paris.

Marchese Carloti, the ambassador to Petrograd, will not come back because of the distance and the difficulties of travel under the present conditions, but a messenger has been sent him with instructions.

"We shall at the end of this war hold it to be our duty to exact such reparation against those who are proved to be the guilty agents in this matter as it may be possible for us to inflict. I do not think we would be doing our duty either to these brave, unfortunate men, or to the honor of our country, or to the plain dictates of humanity, if we should be content with anything less than that."

Tells Part of Truth.
"I am glad to note that the Rockefeller defense to the Ludlow massacre is that the two women and eleven children who met their deaths upon that awful occasion were not shot, but merely smothered in a pit, while the bullets from the mine guards of their companies were flying over the mouth of the pit. Entire accord, however, should have moved Mr. Rockefeller to add the additional detail that his mine guards, in the guise of state militiamen, burned down the tents and looted the victims before and after the deaths."

Mr. Rockefeller's personal abuse of myself is in line with the customary Rockefeller policy of crushing any individual who opposes him in any way. I meet it with composure, however, feeling sure that this very publicity will create a sentiment among the American people which will prevent a recurrence of the Ludlow horror, perhaps go a long way toward re-establishing a republican form of government in those communities controlled by the Rockefeller interests.

"On account of pressing duties with the commission on industrial relations I am unable to answer Mr. Rockefeller's attack in detail at this time, but I will, however, make full reply on the occasion of my next public speech, which will probably be at Cincinnati, O., next Sunday."

Steamship Centric is Sunk in Baltic Off Aland Islands

STOCKHOLM, April 27.—(Via London.)—The steamer Centric on its way from Stockholm to Helsingborg, Sweden, has been sunk by a mine off the Aland Islands. The members of the vessel's crew were saved.

The steamer Centric was of 900 tone net and 260 feet long. It was built at Port Glasgow in 1906. It left Savannah March 2 for Kirsewall, where it arrived March 27, sailing subsequently to Gothenburg.

Russians Begin Another Strong Offensive Move

GENEVA, Switzerland (Via Paris), April 27.—The Russians have begun another strong offensive movement around the heights of Tisak pass in the Carpathian mountains, according to a telegram received by the Tribune of Geneva. The Austro-German casualties there in the last two days, the dispatch says, number 20,000 men.

BRITISH PUBLIC LOOKING TOWARD DARDANELLES

Landing of Troops on Peninsula Continues and Russian Fleet is Bombarding the Bosphorus Forts.

BATTLE IN FLANDERS RAGING

Belgian Report Tells of Repulse of Three German Attacks South of Dixmude.

GERMANS ADVANCING IN FRANCE

The Day's War News

GERMAN RUSH IN FLANDERS has halted, at least for the moment. Official communications from the German, French, British and Belgian war departments today bring out this point although it is not clear whether the allies have accomplished anything of importance further than to check the advance of their opponents.

ITALIAN AMBASSADORS at Berlin, Vienna and London have been summoned home for a conference with the Italian foreign minister. UNOFFICIAL GENEVA dispatches say the Russians have begun another attack on the Austrians in the Uskok region. Austria and German casualties in the last two days are estimated at 20,000.

THE BELGIAN ARMY, once more in the midst of a furious struggle, is reported to have repulsed three successive attacks of the Germans south of Dixmude in the great battle now under way in Flanders. Announcement is made that the town of Lizeuse, a storm center in the battle, has been again taken from the Germans.

LONDON IS SPECULATING whether the fierce German attack marks an attempt to force a way to the English channel or is in reality a feint preparatory to striking a blow at some other point on the 600-mile front.

IT IS ASSUMED that land fighting in its progress in connection with the new attempt of the allies to gain the Dardanelles and Constantinople. Nothing is known of the score of details of these operations beyond the official British announcement that an army was being landed on Gallipoli peninsula.

BULLETIN.
PARIS, April 27.—French troops have occupied the Turkish fortress on the Asiatic side of the entrance to the Dardanelles.

BULLETIN.
LONDON, April 27.—An official announcement from the war department at Constantinople today says that "the enemy attempted to land troops at four points" at the Dardanelles.

The statement adds that the troops which landed at Tekeburun were forced back and that Turkish attacks at all points were progressing.

LONDON, April 27.—The English public, hoping that the most violent phase of the German offensive along the Yser canal has been witnessed, is turning its attention again to the Dardanelles, where the landing of troops is still under way. Russia is lending earnest co-operation by bombarding the forts of the Bosphorus, where a Turkish battleship is reported to have made only a feeble reply.

No attempt is made here to minimize the importance of the German operations in Flanders, which have been declared to be at least an ample revenge for the British victory last month at Neuve Chapelle. The Bel- (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

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