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ANNEXATION LAW DOES NOT I PPLY TO CITY OF FLORENCE

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

THE 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 servce as and in the manner described in the law of this state passed as senate file No. 2 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 sas, although from such information as had been furnished him April 24, 1916, when the undersigned, as governor, issued a proclamation calling s. apecial election for June 1, 1915, in all the said cities and in said village to vote NOT SURE WHEATLY upon the question of their consolidation, it was erroneously considered and assumed that the said city of Florence was supplied with 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, heapby revoking and cancelling my said proclamation of April 24, 1915, do now and hereby proclaim and call, by virue HEARING GOES OVER TO FRIDAY 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

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

Says Rates on Meats are Higher Than on

CHICAGO, April E.-The general con- giving publicity to the arrest. tention that the western railroads are now receiving returns amply adequate

11 mills per ton mile."

commodities in which the packers are interested is 31/2 cents a hundred pounds. Armour & Co. \$13,891.96 a year on the such bunglesome detective work. traffic from South Omaha to Chicago posed advances would cost the company Grief-Crazed Woman \$415,784.78 yearly.

The Weather

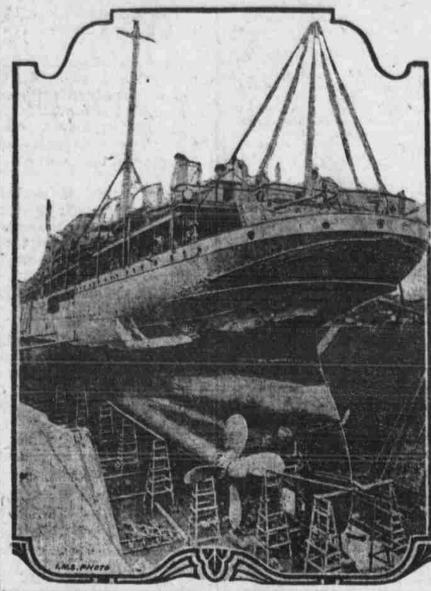


Comparative Local Record.

Normal temperature...... Excess for the day Total excess since March 1 Normal precipitation...
Deficiency for the day
Total rainfall since March 1.
Deficiency since March 1.
Excess for cor. period, 1914.
Excess for cor. period, 1912... Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State of Weather Cheyenne, clear... Davenport, clear... Temp. High- Rain

"Th Germans also are using effect-

LATEST SEA ROVERGIOLOGI (SOLATORIS) PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O ----Kron Pring Wilhelm in dry dock at Newport News, showing condition of its propeller and rudder.



IS MAN WANTED

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

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., April 27 .- (Special)-W. A. Hamilton, a Chicago real estate metropolitan city of Omaha and in the man, who arrived here last night for the metropentan 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 South Omaha and village of Dundee, the question of their consolidation in the following form, towit: Shall shall said though he did not care to the city of South Omaha and village of the city of the city of South Omaha and village of the city of witnesses will arrive from Americus. Wheatley insists that at the time was alleged to be in Americus was in London making records for the Columbia Phonograph company and has asked Commissioner Whitmore to liston to the records.

Easily Cleared. Walter Wheatley, music leacher of this city and Lincoln, arrested Sunday at the tate capital on a government charge, alleging embezziement at Americaus, Ga., declared that the government made a very Other Commodities bunglesome job of this case, in that the officers did not make sume of the man they were after before arresting him and

Mr. Wheatley makes this statement: "To prove that I am the wrong man is on transportation of packing house pro- an easy matter, but to offset the unjust duots and fresh meats was advanced to- publicity is another matter. At the time day at the western freight rate hearing, of the alleged embegglement by a man before W. M. Daniels, interstate com- said to be George D. Wheatley at Amermerce commissioner, by W. W. Manker, icus I was leading tenor at the Century assistant traffic manager of Armour & opera house, New York City and the books of that theater will confirm that 'Present earnings on the traffic in assertion. I never saw the town of packing house products and fresh meats Americus in my life. My surprise is that from South Omaha and Chicago are now the government should cause the arrest paying a much greater revenue per ton of a man before they know he is the mile than the average of all commodi- man wanted. It is an injustice. I inties," said Mr. Manker. "The present rate tend to take the matter to the officials yields 957 mills and the proposed rate at Washington and intend to have the Omaha federal officer who caused my The proposed freight advance on the arrest give an explanation of his procedure. I realize that the last name of the man wanted is the same as mine and Mr. Manker testified that the proposed in some respects the alleged embezzier stivance in freight rates would cost resembles me, but that does not excuse

Throws Baby from Fast Moving Train

ABERDEEN, S. D., April 17,-(Special Telegram.)-Crazed because of worry over her husband, who is fighting in the European war, Mrs. Stratedtio Lugia, a Swiss woman, who was traveling from Elk River, Idaho., to her native country, threw her 2-year-old child from a car window on a Milwaukee train near Bow dle, 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 .- Tpres is in flames, the Germana having throw a hall of in cendiary bombs into the town, thus telegraphs the Morning Post's correspondent in northern France. 'The fighting continues hotly along

this front," the correspondent adds. "The Germans show extraordinary daring in aringing up heavy artillery close to their front line, the guns used being mostly thirteen-inch Austrian howltzers on movable curringes.

ively armored trains, carrying 4.7 guns. For the use of these armored trains, the Germans have consolidated and strengthened the system of light railways, unit ing a number of small towns in the neighborhood of Ypres, to which they have added strategical branch lines."

Reed Brings Suit Against National Fidelity Company

Attorney General Willis E. Reed yeswhich dissolution of the National Fidelity added and Casualty company of Omaha is

An impairment of capital which was recently aired during a legal contest participated in by warring camps of stockthe suit in the petition.

China Will Submit Answer to Demands Of Japan in Week

PEKING, April 27.-President Yuan Shi ence today concerning the demands prosented to the republic by Japan. No information yet is obtainable concerning the decision reached by them.

The reply of the Chinese government to the lutest Japanese communication will ploy these poisonous methods to prevail be given within a week, the Chinese when their attack, according to the rules wishing to give Japan no excuse for a repetition of the charge that they are procrastinating.

There are no indication of Japan withdrawing from its attitude as already

Grimsby Trawler Recolo is Blown Up

BRITISH PRISONERS INSULTED AND SHOT, KITCHENER CHARGES

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 house on this subject, in which he said:

"I have been forced with relucttance to accept as indisputably true the maltreatment by the German army of British prisoners. The Harue convention has been flagrantly disregarded by German officers. Our prisoners have been stripped and maltreated in various ways and in some cases the evidence insulted and frequently struck."

Says Can't Be Doubted. Earl Kitchener said that as a soldier hitherto had always held officers of gram "too late." the German army in respect, but "con-

claby, is beyond doubt." and asserted that they had been disreterday began a suit in district court in garded flagrantly by German officers. He

"I think it only fair and right to say tween cepted in any charges of deliberate in-

'Germany has for many years posed beholders, which it is asserted has not been fore the civilized world as a great miliremedied, is assigned as the reason for tary nation. It has abundantly proved its military skill and courage

> its military history and which wo with the barbarous savagery of the

> derevishes of sudan. "I do not think there can be a soldie of any nationality, even amongst the Germans themselves, who is not heartfly ashamed of the slur which has been thus brought upon the profession of arms. The usages of war have not only been outraged by the infliction of crueities on British prisoners, but by a contrivance, which must have arrested your lordships' attention, the Germans have in the last week introduced a method of placing their opponents hors de combat by the use of asphyxlating gases, and they em-

of war, might otherwise have failed.

Won't Forget Record. "It is a horrible story from every particular-one of the blackest spots on even German methods of war. My object in rising is to say with all emphasis and all deliberation that we shall not forget and we ought not to forget this horrible recford of calculated cruelty and crime. "We shall at the end of this war hold it to be our duty to exact such repara-LONDON, April 27.-The Grimsby tion against those who are proved to be trawler Recolo has been blown up in the the guilty agents in this matter as it North Sea, Seven survivors, some of them may be possible for us to inflict. I de terribly mutilated, were picked up out of not think we would be doing our duty a crew of nine. The engineer went down; either to those brave, unfortunate men with the ship. One of the injured men or to the honor of gur country, or to the died. Opinion differs whether the Recolo plain dictates of humanity, if we should was destroyed by a mine or a torpedo, be content with anything less than that."

"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 elemency for Leo M. Frank. Read what the New York World says about it:

Frank's Plea for Life.

naturally seeks liberty and vindica- ined the record. tion. In his case, however, the iscourse left to him.

Commission and the governor with- New York World.

The unwillingness until now of and be fully justified by the doctrine Leo M. Frank, under sentence of of reasonable doubt. That there is death in Georgia for murder, to ask room for something more than doubt ficit for the quarter \$5,389,861. for anything less than acquittal har- of the justice of the trial jury's vermonizes with his unfailing plea of in- who presided and by hundreds of dict has been admitted by the judge nocence. A man falsely condemned competent persons who have exam-

"The whole theory of executive sue has at last become one of life or clemency rests upon the knowledge death, and if, as thousands believe, that there may be technical guilt for he is the victim of a remarkable com- which extenuation may be offered bination of circumstances, his de- and that even by perfectly lawful cision to ask for a commutation of processes errors may be committed sentence is practically the only especially by juries, that cannot otherwise be corrected. Asking for "The plea should have weight with life, Frank's appeal is now to his felmany people who are not yet pre- low-citizens of Georgia, who, in juspared to hold Frank guiltless. It tice to themselves no less than to may be granted in fact by the Pardon him, can hardly let it go unheeded.

Anyone still desiring to sign The Bee's petition for Frank or circulate one may apply for blanks at our office.

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

Commander of England's Armies It was timed to explode at an hour when sanithst the Young Turks and the Gerthe council would be in section. The mans, meetings of this body are attended by Members of the committee of Union Landing of Troops on Peninsula Limen Von Sanders.

PLATT WRITES TO ROOSEVELT OFTEN

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

captors. He made a statement to the RAILROAD BILL NOTE TOO LATE OIL KING OMITS SOME FACTS

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 27 .-- A here on this, the sixth day, Colonel and Iron case: goes on to prove that they have been Roosevelt has been on the witness "I note that Mr. Rockefeller, jr., shot in cold blood. Our officers even stand in the \$50,000 libel suit denounced me as a liar. The pubwhen wounded, have been wantonly brought against him by William lished letters which arouse Mr. Barnes.

Platt that he had received the tero- rectly quoted, so that his voluminous

stant testimony than has come in, not tion pending at Albany were read. In a press by me. Mr. Rickefeller's only from our own escaped prisoners, but note to Senator Platt, the colonel sugfrom French, Russian, Belgian and gested that he should "communicate with American sources, has brought it home Mr. Odell on this subject at once. In his to all who have sifted the evidence that reply Senator Platt said he would "tele- my duties. I was not appointed to the inhumanity displayed by the German graph Odell at once and urge him to line authorities, toward British prisoners cape- up the republican forces unitedly in favor of the bill."

secretary quoted articles from the In the next letter, Colonel Roosevelt conventions adopted at The Hague relat- discussed the commission which was ap- the world." ing to the treatment of prisoners of war, pointed to revise the New York city

These messages were part of the additional correspondence that passed be-Colonel Roosevelt and Senator that the German hospitals should be ex- Platt, which was presented in court to-

A series of private letters that passed between Mr. Barnes and Colonel Roosevelt were introduced into the records These covered a period between 1904 and 1916. They were to be read at the after-noon session. The reading of the cor-respondence between Colonel Rosseveit and former United States Senutor Platt, in which the colonel freely discussed all manner of legislative, political and ad-

Italian Ambassadors at War Capitals are Called for Conference

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

In Rome this action is regarded as reliminary to the announcement of a grave and important decision on the part of the Italian government. Signor Tittoni, the ambassador to

Marchesi Carlotti, the ambassador to a messenger has been sent him with in-

Ship With Women Peace Delegates

He way to Rotterdam.

The Noordam has on board the Ameri-Nomen's Peace congress at The Hague, trolled by the Rockefeller interests, 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 out nullifying a single judicial act on the common stock dividend. The total earnings of the corporation for the first quarter of 1916 were \$12,457,809, the net income for the quarter was \$6.684,578; the de-

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As a music center, Omaha has achieved a reputation far and wide. Our local musical organizations maintain the highest standards and the readiness of our music lovers to recognize their art and respond liberally with support brings to us all the leading musical attractions of the country.

PARIS, April E .- A powerful clock- Several minor officials connected with work bomb was found hidden resterday the ministry of war have been arrested in the ministry of war at Constantinopie, on suspicion of being his accomileces according to a dispatch from Saloniki. The police believe the plot was directed

Enver Pasha, minister of war; Field and Progress are said to have decided at Marshal Von Der Golts and General a meeting to which no Germans were admitted to adhere "to a waiting policy. An investigation is said to have dis- but to favor the conclusion of a separate closed that the bomb was placed in the peace with the allies if Germany failed room by a sweep who had come to clean to provide assistance sufficient to repulse the chimney and who then disappeared, an attack on the Dardanelles.

WALSH ANSWERS ROCKEFELLER, JR. GERMANS ADVANCING IN FRANCE

He Says Women Were Suffocated in Cave While Bullets from Mine Guards Whistled Over It.

CHICAGO, April 27,-Frank P. telegram, in which former United Walsh, chairman of the United States Senator Platt urged Theo- State Commission on Industrial Redore Roosevelt to sign a bill exempt- lations, returning to Chicago today ing from the franchise tax bill grade from Kansas City, issued the followcrossings of steam railroads and said ing statement in reply to the answer that "our friends of the New York of John D. Rockefeller, jr., to Mr. Central and Senator Depew were anx- Waish's comments accompanying the ious," was read in the supreme court correspondence in the Colorado Fuel

Rockefeller's ire are all admitted by In reply the colonel wrote Senator bim to have been written and cornewspaper assertion is in no sense Two other letters bearing on legisla- a denial of anything given to the anger and resentment obviously grow out of a misconception as to 'allay' or smother the causes of industrial unrest, but to investigate them and make them manifest to Defenders Contradict Themselves.

"It is interesting and amusing to note that Jesse F. Welborn, president of the Rockefeller companies in Colorado, gives a labored interview attempting to show that no such letters were ever written; while I. M. Bowers, chairman of the executive committee of the Rockefeller in-terests in Colorado, now at Birmingham, furnishes his somewhat lame contribution to the Rockefeller defense by confessing the authenticity of the correspondence, but declaring that it did not amount to anything and besides it had been uncovered by the congressional committee.
"I must confess a certain degree of dismanner of legislative, political and ad- appointment, however, with Mr. Rocks- have occupied the Turkish fortress ministrative affairs, was completed to- feller's statement. He falls to explain on the Asiatic side of the entrance in any way the amazing contessants.

Mr. Bowers that the Colorado Fuel and Iron company leads in fixing prices and conditions of labor. He falls to set forth the memorandum which he declared in his letter of July 2, 1914, with which he was not entirely satisfied, but to which he was to make certain amendments for overnor Ammons.

"Also the explanation of Mr. Rockefeller was fragementary, to say the least, in that it did not contain the names and locations of the 'friendly papers' to which the Ludlow massacre was to be given as suggested in the telegram from Mr. Bowers on the morning after that

Tells Part of Truth "I am glad to note that the Rockefeller France, reached Rome this morning. He defense to the Ludlow massacre is that left this city only a fortnight ago for the two women and eleven children who met their deaths upon that awful occasion were not shot, but merely amothered Petrograd, will not come back because ir a pit, while the bullets from the mine of the distance and the difficulties of guards of their companies were fixing travel under the present conditions, but over the mouth of the pit. Entire candor however, should have moved Mr. Modkefeller 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 Indiis Given Release Rockefeller policy of crushing any Individual who opposes him in any way. I meet it with composure, however, teeling LONDON, April 27.-An admiralty order sure that this very publicity will create seued today released the steames Noor- a sentiment among the American people dam, whereupon the vessel proceeded on which will prevent a recurrence of the Ludlow horror, perhaps go a long way toward re-establishing a republican form can women delegates to the International of government in those communities con

"On account of pressing duties with the ommission on industrial relations I am unable to answer Mr. Rockefeller's attack in detail at this time. I shall, 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 21 .- (Via London)-The steamer Centric on its way from Stockholm to Helsingbork, Sweden, has been sunk by a mine off the Aland Islands. The members of the vessel's rew were saved.

The steamer Centric was of 990 tone ne and 260 feet long. It was built at Port Giasgow in 1908. It left Savannah March for Kirkwall, where it arrived March M. sailing subsequently to Gothenburg.

Russians Begin Another Strong Offensive Move

GENEVA, Switzerland (Via Paris), pril 27.-The Russians have begun another strong offensive movement around the heights of Uzsok pass, in the Car pathian mountains, according to a tele gram received by the Tribune of Geneva The Austro-German casualties there in the last two days, the dispatch says, nu 30,000 mep

BRITISH PUBLIC **LOOKING TOWARD** DARDANELLES

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.

The Day's War News

GERMAN RUSH IN FLANDERS has halted, at least for the moment. Official communications from the German, French, British and Belgium 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 disputches any the Russians have begun another attack on the Austrians in the Ussok region. Austrian and German ensualties 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 Finaders. Announcement is made that the town of Lizerne, a storm center in the battle, has been ugain taken from the Germans.

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

IT IS ASSUMED that land fighting in in 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 Gallipeli penin-

BULLETIN. PARIS, April 27. French troops have occupied the Turkish fortress 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

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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