

### End of Packing House Workers' Strike in Sight

Packers and Workers Both Admit Walkout Nearing Close, But Each Side Claims Victory.

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### Spectre of Retirement Confronts Mary Pickford



Mrs. and Mrs. Douglas Fairbanks

By WINIFRED VAN DUZER. New York, Dec. 14.—She sat on the tufted edge of a chair, like a wistful bit of a girl, with a little round hat pushed down over her shining hair and the heels of her little round-toed boots hooked over the rug.

All about was the rattle of moving baggage, the continued thud of many a trunk striking temporary resting places.

But she looked steadily ahead, and there was sadness in the long-lashed blue eyes; those eyes which have smiled their way into the hearts of the world.

For Mary Pickford was telling me of the time when she no longer would be America's sweetheart; the dainty and delectable little queen regent of the silver screen.

She denied that her appearance as a turning point. "There always is a turning point, a drop in popularity. I have been waiting for it. Every time I sign a contract I say 'perhaps that is the last'."

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### Nebraskans Win Objectives in Deficiency Bill

\$600,000 Appropriated for Prevention of Tuberculosis in Cattle and \$175,000 for Air Mail Service.

By E. C. SNYDER, Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee. Washington, Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The conference report on the first deficiency bill under the new budget system was agreed to by the house today.

The bill carries an appropriation of \$600,000 for the prevention of tuberculosis in cattle and the indemnification of owners of condemned cattle. And also \$175,000 for the transcontinental air mail service.

Representatives Jeffers, McLaughlin and Reavis have made life miserable for Chairman Madden and members of the appropriations committee of the house to include this item in the deficiency bill. They not only labored with Chairman Madden, but with the secretary of agriculture, director of the budget, General Dawes, and the chairman of the senate appropriations committee.

Senator Warren, Congressman Jeffers, who, notwithstanding he represents a city district, has a very lively understanding of the needs of the farmers of Nebraska with special reference to the prevention of disease in both cattle and swine, having been raised on a farm himself, labored earnestly to have this amount included in the bill, believing that enormous good would come out of the appropriation.

He found that some members of the appropriations committee of the house objected to the item on the ground that some cattle in New York state were bringing up high an indemnity, but on investigating the agricultural conditions in New York state the Omaha congressman found that this particular objection was due to a New York state law and in no sense a fault of the federal government.

Figures from the agricultural department show that the law is being strictly enforced in Nebraska and the conference of both the senate and the house expressed themselves as being more than satisfied with the fact.

H. R. Grumann, a son of Prof. Paul H. Grumann of the University of Nebraska, who has been for the past two years connected with the nonmagnetic ship, Carnegie, which has been charging the seven seas under the auspices of the Carnegie institution, has been granted a 60-days leave of absence and starts for his home in Nebraska Friday.

The following nominations for postoffices in Nebraska were made today: J. Miles Robinson, North Bend; Julius C. Moore, Waterloo; Clarence L. McEntaffer, Emerson; Charles C. Wake, Seward; Luther A. Howard, Hyannis; Charles A. Smith, Shubert.

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### Ulster to Stay Out of Irish Free State

(Continued From Page One.) The treaty should not have been signed without its having been referred to Dublin.

One of the tenet moments of the debate was when Michael Collins declared emotionally: "I have been called a traitor. Let the Irish people decide whether I am or not."

The only sign of hostility in the vicinity of University college, where today's meeting was held, was a Sinn Fein flag, draped with crepe, which some one had hoisted on a telephone pole in front of the college.

London, Dec. 14.—(By A. P.)—Opening the special session of parliament today to consider the Irish peace settlement, King George said in his speech from the throne today: "It is my earnest hope that by the articles of agreement now submitted to you, the strife of centuries may be ended."

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While ratification of the peace treaty between Great Britain and Ireland was being urged by speakers in the House of Commons this afternoon, Prime Minister Lloyd George entered the house and was received with a storm of cheers.

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### City Manager at Alliance Keeps Cash in Treasury

Expenditures Below Estimate and Improvements Made at Minimum Cost to Taxpayers.

Alliance, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—With reports from many towns of depleted city treasuries, Alliance is congratulating itself that it is not in this class and gives credit for the sound financial status to the city manager plan of government, which was inaugurated last April.

Under the new system, which is in charge of City Manager N. A. Kemmish, the city has used in the first six months of the fiscal year only 42 per cent of the money appropriated for expenditures for the year.

There is a balance of \$5,000 in the general fund at the present time, and in addition the city has used \$47,000 of this fund to pay paving costs on property which will eventually be paid back to the city in taxes, with interest. It has also spent \$5,700 out of the general fund for water mains, which, it is estimated, would have cost \$10,000 if the work had been let out by contract by an out-of-town engineer.

The electric light plant, city pumping station and other city institutions have been made largely self-sustaining and are operated on a much more economical basis than under the old system of a mayor and council.

Three Mexicans Are Held For Hemingford Robbery. Alliance, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Three Mexicans, giving the names of Carlos Rodriguez, Jose Montez and Enrique Fovaro, are held in the county jail in connection with the theft of several bolts of silk, valued at \$300, from the Lockwood general merchandise store at Hemingford.

Fire Destroys Buildings On Farm Near Randolph. Randolph, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—All buildings, with the exception of a hog shed, on the William Siems place, five miles northeast of town, burned to the ground, Siems, who is unmarried, was away from the farm and had left a pile of cobs burning in the hog pen.

Bank Sues Plattsmouth Capitalist for \$82,388. Suit for \$82,388 was brought in district court yesterday by the Merchants National bank of Omaha against Charles C. Parmele, capitalist, and others, of Plattsmouth, Neb., to recover money due on several promissory notes.

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### Farmers Hear Lively Debate on Grain Body

(Continued From Page One.) sible to start such a big organization without them.

The country was so flooded with fake stock companies the United States Grain Growers would not employ high-powered salesmen that would say anything to get the money," he said.

Waterway Described. In his speech on the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence, Tidewater association Charles P. Craig, Duluth, Minn., vice president at large for the association, described the proposed waterway and what it would accomplish for the Nebraska farmers.

Mr. Craig declared that all western railroads were in favor of the waterway that would make all the Great Lakes cities actual seaport towns and increase the value of grain 10 cents a bushel to mid-west farmers.

### Offering for Thursday

- 4 Dozen Georgette Blouses. All colors. It's just a closet of odd numbers.
- 150 New Cotton Taffeta Petticoats. Beautiful patterns. Fancy and plain. You'll surely want more than one.
- 100 Outsize Black Sateen Petticoats. Splendidly made. An extra quality of sateen.

### Haas Brothers

"THE SHOP FOR WOMEN" Second Floor, Brown Block 16th and Douglas

### Announcement

### DRUG STORE NAME CONTEST

We wish to announce the name, HAINES DRUG CO. (Main Store), was selected by the committee in charge for our new drug store to be located on the N. E. Cor. 16th and Howard Sts.

### - DISAPPEARED -

Several of our customers have disappeared, leaving instruments that were not fully paid for.

### Player Pianos—Pianos—Phonographs

These instruments will be sold at once for the balance due us. Some of them are nearly new, some are nearly paid for. Balance can be paid on very easy weekly or monthly payments.

### THATCHER PIANO CO.

Baldwin Line of Pianos 1824 Douglas Street Phone Jackson 3066 Masonic Temple Bldg.

## Thompson, Belden & Co.

### The Richest of Gifts

On Christmas day, when the joy of giving is experienced by one and all, let your gift be the useful one, selected with the greatest care and forethought. For the richest gift is the useful gift, supplying with the heart what the purse may lack. Be assured that our gifts may be depended upon to be the utmost in usefulness and value.

#### Greeting Cards

Christmas cards and mottoes of all descriptions. So varied a selection that you will surely find one that expresses just the sentiment you are looking for.

#### Novelty Lamp Shades

That you may buy already made or learn to fashion for yourself. In every shape and color imaginable with all the newest trimmings.

Lessons are offered free of charge when materials are purchased in this department.

#### Gift Hosiery

This year the vogue of both silk and woolen hosiery assures us that either will be most delightfully received. The abundant supply of Thompson-Belden hosiery allows a wide range of selections for prices that are within the reach of all.

#### Christmas Gifts for Gentlemen

--The Men's Shop

Of the best of taste and selected with a thought of comfort and usefulness.

A timely reduction of all our Christmas Neckwear. Ties of finest qualities reduced to 75c on up to \$3.35.

#### Linen Handkerchiefs from Thompson-Belden

are smarter this year than ever before. Some are initialed and others add a touch of color by means of a hand-drawn thread. All are most attractive.

To the Left as You Enter

#### A Turkish Bath Mat for \$2.75

Home gifts as well as all the others should bear the keynote of usefulness. That they may be attractive, too, is evidenced by this pleasing array of bath mats. Oriental and Egyptian designs and plain white, pink and blue mats. The choice of any mat Thursday for \$2.75 each.

#### Decorate

Your Christmas packages attractively. Denison's cards, seals, red and white jeweler's tissue paper, gold and silver cord are displayed here.

#### Hand Bags--A Year Round Gift

That is always fashionable, always useful and is altogether delightful. Velvet and Duvetyn are the favored fabrics of the bags, and various kinds of fine leathers fashion the smartly tailored purses. In the colors—black, brown and beaver, with all the clever appointments that go to make up an ultra smart bag. Priced from \$6.75 on upward.

#### Sale of Xmas Handkerchiefs

—Can you imagine anything quite so opportune as a sale of fine handkerchiefs in time for Christmas giving.

—All pure linen ones in white and colors with colored embroideries, \$1.25 qualities for 89c.

—A very fine handkerchief in novelty colors and white with colored embroideries. 20c qualities for 15c.