WEATHER FORECAST

Nebraska and Iowa: Fair and continued cold Sunday.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The worst sorrows in life are not in its losses and misfortunes, but its fears.—A. C. Benson.

CAFE CAR PLUNGES OFF TRESTLE

Tram Case Hearing Set for Jan. 13

Rail Commission Will Meet Meet in Omaha After Engineers Complete Survey of Property.

And It Is Called Useless

The State Railway commission will meet in Omaha on Tuesday, January 13, to begin its hearing on the application of the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company for increased revenue.

Thorne A. Browne, chairman of the commission, announced at Lincoln on Saturday that the traction company will provide quarters for the hearing, the city council chamber not being available on account of the probable length of the hearing.

Engineers of the commission will be in Omaha about January 2 to prepare preliminary reports and statements for the commission. The commission completed an extensive physical valuation of the street railway company's properties during 1922. It will be necessary to revise this report by bringing it up to date. The commission reported that the street railway company's Nebraska properties were worth $14,100,000 as of December 1, 1919. The work of that physical valuation cost approximately $50,000 and it was accompanied by extensive statistical information. Copies of the physical valuation report and accompanying testimony and exhibits are on file in the office of the corporation counsel in the city hall.

Since the railway commission granted the street railway company a temporary rate of seven cents for cash fares and tokens at the rate of four for 25 cents, beginning in August, 1919, the commission has required the traction company to file each month a financial report according to a standardized accounting system.

Audit Unnecessary.

During city council meeting last Tuesday, President Ralph G. Coad of United Improvement clubs requested that the city make an independent audit of the books of the street railway company in connection with the forthcoming hearing. Accordingly, the mayor named Commissioners D. B. Butler, John Hopkins and Dean Noyes to confer with the corporation counsel and then to recommend whatever in their judgment was necessary. On Saturday morning these commissioners visited Mr. Lambert at the hospital and were informed that, in view of the extensive information in the possession of the state railway commission, it would not be necessary for the city to make another audit, which would cost from $12,000 to $15,000 and would not yield information other than the railway commission already has obtained.

When Mr. Lambert leaves the hospital, within two weeks, the city commissioners and representatives of the improvement clubs will discuss the audit phase of the case.

Clubs Will Be Present.

The street railway officials have indicated a willingness to co-operate with the city in any effort to obtain information of the operations of the traction company. It is understood between the city officials, members of the State Railway commission and the street railway company, that the forthcoming hearing will be "wide open," and that representation of improvement clubs, Chamber of Commerce, Real Estate board and other organizations will be permitted.

Mayor Dahlman has announced that at the hearing he will make an effort to have left undisturbed the present schedule of special rates for children and school attendants.

One of the prospective features at the hearing will be an effort to obtain a clean-cut presentation of the relations between the affairs of the Nebraska and the Iowa properties of the traction company and also the river bridge operations. It has been the contention of the street railway company, in statements to city council and to the railway commission, that its deficit for this year will be about $365,000, based on 7 per cent return on the valuation as approved by the railway commission. The company claims it has fallen short nearly $2,000,000 during the last five years of a fair return according to the 7 per cent basis on $14,100,000.

REV. R. E. BAILEY CLUB'S CHAPLAIN

Rev. Ralph E. Bailey, minister at First Unitarian church, has been named as chaplain of the Optimist club.

Members of the club will attend Christmas services this morning at the Unitarian church.

Red Oak High School Issues First Paper

Red Oak, Ia., Dec. 20.—The first issue of the Acorn, edited and published by the English classes of Red Oak High school, is now in circulation. Frank Lunsford, the editor-in-chief, has a staff of 20 students. The first issue has 20 pages in mimeograph, bound between red and green covers. Art work is by Keith Rapp.

VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR PASSES HOME

Maynard M. [illegible] civil war veteran, died Fri[illegible] following a long illness. Funeral services will be held at 2 Monday afternoon in the Grace Methodist church. Mr. Mabery arrived in South Omaha in 1899 and has lived there ever since. He was associated with his brother, the late William H. Mabery, in the hardware business at Twenty-fifth and N streets.

For the last several years Mr. Mabery had been a district court bailiff, serving under Judges Estelle, Kennedy, English and Wakley. Surviving him are his widow, a son, O. D. Mabery; a granddchild, Mrs. Mildred Mabery Upton, and a brother, F. A. Mabery. Burial will be in Forest Lawn cemetery.

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Gompers 2d Will Slices Wife Share

Labor Leader Leaves Spouse Only Minimum Provided by Law; Rest Goes to Relatives.

Earlier Will Canceled

By Universal Service.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Samuel Gompers, wife of the late labor leader, is to receive of his estate the minimum provided by law, according to Gompers' will, filed for probate here today.

The residue of the estate is to be divided, share and share alike, among his two sons and his granddaughter. The document was dated November 9, 1924, and with it was filed another will, drawn up by Gompers in 1921 in which he named his wife as beneficiary. Over its face were scrawled the words, "I cancel and revoke this will" and signed Samuel Gompers.

The testator makes the following disposition about his wife's share:

"After the minimum amount has been set aside and paid to my wife, Gertrude A. Gompers, the minimum amount being that which the law provides, providing said Gertrude A. Gompers, is my lawful, wedded wife at the time of my demise, but if said Gertrude A. Gompers shall not be my lawful, wedded wife at the time of my demise, she shall not receive any part of my estate whether real, personal or mixed, and the whole amount of my estate shall be divided between my heirs, whose names appear in this will."

The American Federation of Labor, several trade unions and like organizations are bequeathed $100 each to be used in the purchase of American flags.

MEMBERSHIPS IN QUIVERA OFFERED

The knights of Ak-Sar-Ben are appealing to business firms of the city to give their employes memberships in the Ak-Sar-Ben for Christmas gifts.

Charles Gardner, secretary of the Ak-Sar-Ben, said that two concerns, one employing five men and the other 15, have given all employes memberships.

Russia Torn by Civil War; Many Dead

Strife Between Trotzky and Rykoff Factions Breaks Out in Open Fighting.

Red Army Backs Its Chief

By International News Service.

Bucharest, Rumania, Dec. 20.—Meager dispatches filtering through from Odessa all day indicate that a condition bordering on civil war exists in Moscow tonight over the issue of "Trotzkyism."

Terrific fighting between opposing factions is reported to have resulted in many dead and injured.

Leon Trotzky, commissioner of war in Russia, is reported to be backed by the red army. A climax to Trotzky's difficulties with his soviet compatriots came when his soldiers arrested Stalin, general secretary of the communist party. Stalin was placed in jail charged with having falsely accused Trotzky of being a traitor.

Rykoff, president of the council of soviet commissioners, went personally to the jail and sought to have Stalin released. The soldiers on guard defied him.

This, according to reports, brought a clash between the Trotzky and Rykoff factions. Government troops were reported to have stormed and wrecked the barracks of the Trotzky followers.

In the fierce street fighting which has been going on all day, according to reports, it was said that many soldiers and civilians had been killed.

Trotzky's followers were said to have captured various public buildings. Strenuous fighting was reported at Kazan and Nichni-Novgord.

Rancher Arrested as Slayer Suspect

Moonshine Party Alleged to Have Resulted in Stabbing in Lonely Cabin.

By International News Service.

Klamath Falls, Oregon, Dec. 20.—James Uolan, 50, itinerant laborer, is dead and James Howard, 61, Tule Lake rancher, was arrested at his home at Canbys Crossing by authorities following a moonshine party in Nolan's cabin on the isolated shores of Tule Lake, in Modoc county, California, which culminated in a stabbing affray Thursday night.

Howard notified a passerby that Nolan needed a doctor late Friday afternoon. Nolan was dead when a doctor reached the cabin.

Howard is said to have served time in Portland for moonshining. He denied stabbing Nolan.

Farley Back Monday.

C. J. Farley, president of the M. E. Smith company, who has been visiting his business interests at Grand Rapids, Mich., is expected in Omaha Monday.

New Governor Named at Panama Canal Zone

COL. M. L. WALKER

Col. H. L. Walker, of the engineer corps, United States army, has been appointed governor of the Panama canal zone by President Coolidge. Colonel Walker served in the world war and made an enviable reputation.

Tree Hits Coach; 4 Persons Killed

High Wind Topples Trunk From Edge of Bluff to Road Below.

By International News Service.

Chehalis, Wash., Dec. 20.—Four persons were killed near here late today when a tree, blown off a bluff, crashed on top of the Chehalis-Morton stage.

The dead:

Dan Shuler and 7-year-old son.

Buck Belcher.

W. S. Kaiser.

All the dead were residents of the Klickitat prairie section. Several other passengers and W. I. Collins, bus driver, were slightly hurt.

The accident occurred about 21 miles east of here at a turnout in the road. As it drew alongside of a truck, a large tree was tumbled off a bluff by a strong wind and crushed the stage.

GARY WARNS OF JINGOIST MENACE

New York, Dec. 20.—Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of the United States Steel corporation, said in a statement published here today that only irresponsible jingoists envisioned war between the United States and Japan.

This country is fortunate in having such men as President Coolidge and Secretary of State Hughes to direct its foreign relations, said Gary. Secretary Hughes' statement declaring that bonds of friendship linked Japan and the United States was timely as well as accurate, and Japan is faithfully carrying out its disarmament pledges.

"The activities of individuals in private or in public life in this country or Japan to fan the fires of trouble do not accurately represent the general attitude of the large majority of the people of the two countries," said Gary.

"I believe from what I hear through many sources that Japan has faithfully, conscientiously and promptly carried out its arms limitation promises.

"Of course there is danger that agitation by unscrupulous persons, if long continued, may have bad effect. Still, the large majority is too sensible to take any step that would be against the best interests of the people of the two nations."

Conviction of I. W. W. Officer Is Set Aside

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 20.—The conviction of Tom Connors of San Francisco, secretary in California of the general defense committee of the Industrial Workers of the World, in the superior court of Sacramento county on a charge of corruptly attempting to influence a juror in the trial of alleged I. W. W. members, was reversed today by the third circuit court of appeals.

The appellate court set aside the conviction on the ground an instruction given the jury was "prejudicially erroneous."

Connors was charged with having sent I. W. W. literature attacking the criminal syndicalism act to a juror who tried the case of Joe Wagner and R. C. Russell on a charge of violating the act. The literature also attacked prosecution witnesses.

Radio Station Established at Clarinda by Students

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Clarinda, Ia., Dec. 20.—Clarinda now has an amateur radio station, operated by Merrill Shum and Nathan Wilcox of the high school class of 1923. Their official call is 9-BOS. These lads were among the first radio enthusiasts in the community; have assembled dozens of outfits, and built as many more, during their work with the high school radio club. They are now students in the local Junior college.

Underwood Bill Facing Sure Defeat

Administration Senators Withdraw Support From Plan to Lease Muscle Shoals.

U.S. Commission Favored

By WILLIAM K. HUTCHINSON.
International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Coolidge administration tonight virtually withdrew its support from the Underwood bill for disposing of the government's $100,000,000 Muscle Shoals project.

This action, coming as a climax to three weeks of sensational debate, presaged certain defeat of the Underwood plan although the Christmas recess will delay a final decision until the new year.

A drift of administration leaders, almost reaching the proportions of a bolt was recorded in favor of the Jones bill for creating a federal commission to study the project and to recommend its disposition in a report to congress before December 1, 1925.

The drift became pronounced during the day when nearly every republican spokesman in the senate announced his preference for the Jones bill over the Underwood measure. Previously, they were as one in supporting the Alabama senators plan. The result reduced the Underwood supporters from a one-sided majority to a mere handful of southern senators.

Smoot Leads Bolt.

This movement was led by Senator Reed Smoot, republican of Utah, who announced his opposition to the Underwood bill following a conference with President Coolidge. His attitude was endorsed later by such spokesmen for the administration as Senators Watson, republican of Indiana; Reed, republican of Pennsylvania, and Butler, republican of Massachusetts.

The attitude of President Coolidge was explained tonight by an administration spokesman as follows:

"The president is not wedded to the Underwood bill and never has been. He simply wishes to have the senate provide alternatives of both private and public operation so the government can make the most advantageous disposition of Muscle Shoals. As this dual provision was in the Underwood bill he did not oppose it. He would prefer, however, that a commission be created, with cabinet officers as members, to recommend final disposition of the project."

These recommendations have been carried out in the bill of Senator Jones, republican, of Washington. He provided for a commission, comprising the secretaries of war and agriculture and a third member to be named by the president. This commission would recommend sale or lease of the project but its decision would be subject to the approval of congress.

Would Lease Power.

The power generated at Muscle Shoals, meanwhile, would be leased by the secretary of war subject to the terms imposed by the president. Final word on the projects future, however, would rest with congress.

The progressive groups, favoring the government ownership plan of Senator Norris, republican, of Nebraska, also declared the Underwood bill was certain of defeat. They contended however, that the Norris plan still had a "chance to win." This was the view expressed by Senators McNary, republican, of Oregon and McKellar, democrat, of Tennessee, who have assisted Norris in his fight.

FIRE THREATENS TOWN IN IOWA

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Dec. 19.—A fire which broke out in the George Bibner cigar store at Marion shortly before noon today threatened to wipe out the entire business section of the town.

Latest reports said that the Commercial Savings bank was ablaze and that a garage and two frame buildings near the Milwaukee railroad station had been destroyed. The fire was spreading rapidly and was beyond control of the local fire fighters.

Married in Council Bluffs.

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Henry T. Yetter, University Place, Neb.	21
Ruth Riley, Omaha	21
John H. Barnes, Omaha	24
Elizabeth Kudrna, Wahoo, Neb.	21
Albert Yancy, Omaha	24
Elizabeth Turner, Omaha	33
Clarence W. Favinger, Minden, Neb.	30
Lena Smith, Minden, Neb.	27
Calvin Warreck, Clarinda, Ia.	32
Helen Alberry, Omaha	18
Joseph Manasek, Omaha	26
Florence Newton, Omaha	24
W. S. Brown, Omaha	36
Bess Lucille Tibbetts, Omaha	26
Arthur F. Jensen, Badger, S. D.	30
Lillie Anderson, Shelby, Ia.	29
M. L. Quinn, Wymore, Neb.	21
Louise Graham, Raymond, Neb.	26
A. W. Miller, Lincoln, Neb.	25
Eva Haskell, Lincoln, Neb.	21
Sidney D. Huff, Chicago	28
Ruth E. Jones, Omaha	18
Frank Sorrenti, Omaha	25
Lucy Fadlout, Omaha	22
Clarence Arnold Smith, Council Bluffs	21
Roslin Lucile Rowland, Council Bluffs	18
Harold H. Gannon, Lincoln, Neb.	26
Mary Ellen O'Donnell, Lincoln, Neb.	24
William Binder, Omaha	27
Bessie Alexander, Omaha	18
Evan S. Pierce, Council Bluffs	25
Fern Walline, Council Bluffs	21
Louis Fraley, Laramie, Wyo.	24
Julia Gulwick, Sioux City, Ia.	36
Joseph F. Brown, Omaha	21
Goldie May Outy, Omaha	18

Tony Ciarletta, Omaha Slayer, to Get Freedom Tuesday as Christmas Gift

Music Changes Nature of "Lifer" Who Entered Prison as Youth of 18.

Tony Ciarletta

Lincoln, Dec. 20.—Here is the man who is to receive the best Christmas present in the state, something for which men have fought and died—freedom.

He is Tony Ciarletta, lifer at the state penitentiary, whose sentence was commuted by the state board of pardons and paroles at its last meeting. Tony will be released Tuesday in time to reach his home at Joliet for Christmas. On Tuesday he will have spent 10 years, eight months and 12 days behind penitentiary walls.

When Tony entered the penitentiary to serve life for murder of an Omaha bank clerk in a holdup in 1914, he was a youth of 18 years, worldly through experience as a bellhop in metropolitan hotels. The holdup was Tony's first "job," but, according to his own admission, it might not have been his last if he hadn't been captured in Pueblo shortly after the crime.

"Glad I Was Caught.

"The truth is I'm glad I was caught," Tony said today in discussing his prison experiences. "The chances are I would have done something else."

The story of Tony's crime was one of the most sensational in Omaha's history. The story of his reformation which caused the board of pardons and paroles to place him in the world as a citizen again, is little known.

When Tony entered the penitentiary he was a "hard boiled customer" with an uncontrollable temper. He would work, but he resented anyone telling him how to work. He had trouble with the authorities.

Music Changes Nature.

It wasn't until Tony became interested in music that his better nature conquered his temper. From some ancestor this Italian lad had inherited a love for music. As he began to acquire a knowledge of the art he began slowly to transform into the "Tony" that he is today.

Music became Tony's passion and his pride. In a few short years he was the best musician in the penitentiary and for a number of years he has been leader of the penitentiary orchestra.

Since music has entered Tony's life he has been a model prisoner. In the last two years he has acted as prison librarian and photographer. He hasn't betrayed a trust and it was this record, together with circumstances of the crime and the fact that Tony was led into the crime by older men, who have since died in prison, that the board grandted him clemency.

"I wonder how it will all seem when I get out," Tony said. "You see, I'm a man 28 years old now."

Lieut. Wood Plans Second Marriage

Son of Army General to Wed Suzanne Pierson After Divorce.

By C. F. BERTILLI.
Staff Correspondent of The Omaha Bee.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Lieut. Osborne Wood, son of Gen. Leonard Wood, will marry Suzanne (Suki) Pierson after he is divorced from his present wife, according to reports from persons close to Wood today.

Miss Pierson, now in New York, is a sister of Betty Pierson who figured in the Elwell case, afterward marrying Schuyler Parsons and divorcing him early this year.

When Suki was in Paris recently Wood was seen with her frequently and motored to Cherzourg with her when she sailed. Wood will probably sail for New York in January as soon as his divorce is established. He will probably marry in New York city, but intends to settle in France.

His recent enormous losses at gambling in the Bachelor club have been replaced, according to the best information, by unexpected luck in the London stock market where last week he is understood to have made $125,000 in one speculation.

According to intimates of the Woods, Mrs. Wood is demanding a "baccarat divorce" claiming that her husband's devotion to cards and other speculative ventures took all his time, and utterly came between them.

PAROLE PLEAS FORGED, CLAIM

Washington, Dec. 20.—An investigation of the government pardon and parole system, as proposed by Attorney General Stone, may disclose that forged letters from federal judges and United States attorneys have been employed by prison officials to obtain the release of prisoners, Dr. E. E. Dudding, president of the Prisoners' Relief society, declared today.

Dudding said that information to this effect had reached him from ex-convicts who have been confined at Atlanta prison and other federal institutions.

Forgery, ex-convicts told Dudding, was employed in some instances to get paroles or pardons for prisoners who have paid for their release.

Gas Well "Blows;" Workmen Helpless

Fumes Foil Efforts to Clamp Control Head on Casing.

By International News Service.

Chickasha, Okla., Dec. 20.—One of the largest gas wells in the southwest—45,000,000 cubic feet—is going wild here tonight while 100 workmen stand helplessly by.

With derricks weighted down by snow and ice and zero weather prevailing in one of the largest gas fields in the world, fears are entertained of a disaster that would shut off gas from Dallas, Fort Worth, Oklahoma City and other towns in the southwest. Workmen are unable to keep up the pressure to supply the lines.

Fumes from the "runaway well" are so strong that workers can not get near the leak.

The big well came in a day earlier than expected without the control head on the casing.

Two men have already been overcome by the gas fumes and are in a critical condition. Others are making desperate efforts to reach the gas.

RUTH CHATTERTON TO MARRY FORBES

New York, Dec. 20.—Ruth Chatterton, actress, and Ralph Forbes, an English actor now appearing with her in a Broadway musical comedy, today obtained a marriage license. They said they would be married today in the Church of the Beloved Disciple here.

Forbes is leading man of the musical production in which Miss Chatterton is starring.

YOUTH GETS BOND ON GIRL'S CHARGE

Missouri Valley, Ia., Dec. 20.—Wayne Jones, 19, was released on bond on a statutory charge, sworn out by Lon Richardson, father of 15-year-old Nettie Richardson. Jones is said to have declared his intention of eloping with the girl and marrying her. Jones was acquitted by a jury last June in district court on a charge of an offense against another girl.

MONOXIDE GAS IS FATAL TO 3

Flint, Mich., Dec. 20.—Three men were found dead in a garage between here and Holly today, the result of carbon monoxide gas, according to physicians who were summoned.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. Dec. 20:

Temperature.

7 a. m., dry bulb, —3; wet bulb, —8. Noon, dry bulb, 10; wet bulb, 8. 7 p. m., dry bulb, 12; wet bulb, 10. Highest, 16. Lowest, —6. Mean, —8. Normal, 25.

Total deficiency since January 1, 299.

Relative humidity, percentage: 7 a. m., 88. Noon, 83. 7 p. m., 68.

Precipitation, inches and hundredths: Total, 0. Total since January 1, 26.58; deficiency, 3.19.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	—4	1 p. m.	13
6 a. m.	—6	2 p. m.	14
7 a. m.	—3	3 p. m.	16
8 a. m.	—3	4 p. m.	16
9 a. m.	—4	5 p. m.	15
10 a. m.	0	6 p. m.	14
11 a. m.	4	7 p. m.	12
12 noon	10		

10 Killed, 9 Hurt, in Soo Wreck

Death List May Reach 20; Sub-Zero Weather Intensifies Suffering of Victims Fished From Stream.

Broken Switch Is Blamed

By International News Service.

Fond Du Lac, Wis., Dec. 20.—The death toll from the Soo Line passenger train wreck at Chippewa Falls, Wis., this afternoon was increased to 10 tonight when three additional victims died at hospitals.

Nine other injured were still alive at 6 o'clock but of these at least three were reported in critical condition.

Several were reported to have been rescued from the icy waters of the Chippewa river and these were in a serious condition from exposure.

By International News Service.

Fond Du Lac, Wis., Dec. 20.—With 10 known dead and nine injured in the wreck of a cafe car of a fast Soo Line passenger train at Chippewa Falls, Wis., this afternoon, meager reports reaching this city gave rise to fears that the death list may total from 13 to 20.

Identified dead:

Mrs. Harry Jones of Sioux City, Ia.

John Dunn, New York city.

Plymouth Henderson, Minneapolis, Minn.

A 6-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. L. Spencer of Seattle, Wash.

Two women and a man of about 65 are among the unidentified dead.

Two men are missing, believed to have floated down the river.

Among the injured are:

Marion Lawson, Menasha, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. L. Spencer of Washington, D. C.; Harry Jones, Sioux City, Ia.; Sam Curtis and Don Lewis, both colored, of St. Paul, Minn.

The train had just pulled out of Chippewa Falls and had slowed down to cross a bridge. Three cars had passed over a switch near the bridge when a bolt broke, closing the switch on the cafe car, which left the rails.

The engineer made desperate efforts to halt the train before the disabled car reached the bridge but the train could not be stopped. The car toppled half off the bridge and half off the bank, crashing through the ice and lying on its side half in the river.

Most of the passengers in the cafe car were women and children.

By Associated Press.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 20.—Matthew Lyle Spencer, dean of journalism of the University of Washington here, and his wife, were among the injured in a railroad wreck today at Chippewa Falls, Wis., and their baby was one of the nine killed, he stated in a telegram to the university.

PROTESTS SOUGHT ON NAVAL GUNS

Washington, Dec. 20.—A direct move to obtain from Secretary of States Hughes what protests may have been made by foreign governments against elevation of guns on American battleships was made today by Congressman Britten, republican, of Illinois, through a resolution introduced in the house.

The resolution provides that the secretary be directed, "if not incompatible with the public interest" to furnish the house with such data, information or such objections which he may have from any foreign government in connection with the modernization of certain capital ships of the United States navy by increasing the elevation and range of turret guns.

War Secretary Approves Golden Gate Bridge Plan

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 20.—Secretary of War Weeks, in a telegram received today, approved with conditions a plan to bridge the golden gate, the entrance to San Francisco harbor. It is estimated the project will cost $21,000,000.

Summary of the Day in Washington

Congress recessed until December 29.

The senate continued its Muscle Shoals debate.

House and senate agreed on a $100,000 appropriation to fight poultry diseases.

A $40,000,000 forestry bill was introduced in both house and senate.

The war finance corporation filed an encouraging report on conditions in agriculture.

The census bureau reported an increase in cancer deaths and a decrease in deaths from tuberculosis.

Representative Britten, republican, Illinois, introduced a resolution to ask the State department for information on the international status of gun elevation.

Vice Chairman Plummer denied that the shipping board had voted down a resolution to carry out President Coolidge's recommendations for separation of the board and fleet corporation.

Dr. Pinto's Statements on Marriage Bring Flood of Letters In Approval

Huge stacks of letters on his desk each morning are the harvest which Dr. A. S. Pinto, health commissioner, is reaping from his recent suggestions on marriage laws.

Bitter criticism is contained in some letters, but most of them express hearty approval of his proposals or of certain phases of his program.

Writing confidentally to Health Commissioner A. S. Pinto, a business woman of South Carolina expresses her views as follows:

"Attached is a clipping from a South Carolina newspaper, in which you express an opinion on the employment of married women. I am a business woman, employed by a syndicate, holding concessions in department stores throughout the country. I have to employ salespeople, and am surrounded by saleswomen daily. I have often wondered what the outcome will be if the employment of married women increases as it has in the last 10 years.

"I have found that in the average department, nine-tenths of the discord can be positively traced to the married employe. I have had departments where the saleswomen's husbands would call for them dered what the outcome will be if noons and night in a car. When I asked them 'why so,' they said their husband's salary was not sufficient; yet they supported cars and often wonderful apartments.

Leave Children in Ward.

"Here in the south it is not uncommon to find a married woman working, with two or three children at home being cared for by an ignorant negro girl or woman. Hundreds of similar circumstances I could quote.

"When a wife goes to work the husband automatically loses his identity as the head of a family. Together they stand, or divided they fall; his identity lost, his morals weaken. I have known of happy married couples being broken by the ruthless intruder of a 'lost identity,' seeking to fill his leisure time with selfish pleasure, at the cost of the happiness of others. I write you this, because I think you are absolutely right on this point, and if you could promote a method to correct this, you would be the founder of a very good movement.

"If every business house would pledge not to employ married women (unless a serious misfortune befalls the husbands), young women would not expect to continue working after they are married. Automatically, their minds would revert to home life."

"Soulless Money-Making."

Edith Johnson, a newspaper women of Oklahoma City, writes:

"Too many married women are in industry, some of them through necessity, some of them through choice. Too many clever, intelligent, well-educated women are following the soulless occupation of making money when they would much better be rearing fine boys and girls. Where they should be patriotic, they are selfish; where they should be living for tomorrow, they are living wholly for today.

"When Dr. Pinto declares that childless marriages should be annulled after two years, he takes an extreme stand, and one that is not justified by the facts. For good and sufficient reasons, many a child whose life is valuable to the human race is not born until four, five or six years after marriage, or even longer. Moreover, a happy marriage without issue is its own justification. We do not need more children—we need better children."