WEATHER FORECAST

Nebraska—Possibly showers; not much change in temperature.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Forty is the old age of youth; fifty is the youth of old age.—Victor Hugo.

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Ruling Hits Prosecutor of Wheeler

Defense Objections to Important Testimony in Case Against Senator Sustained by Court.

Realignment Necessary

By JAMES R. NOURSE.
Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

Great Falls, Mont., April 17.—Objections by defense counsel and ruling by Judge Dietrich cut a wide swath today in the government's case against Senator Burton K. Wheeler, on trial for alleged misuse of his office to promote claims of clients pending in the land office in Washington.

Judge Dietrich refused to admit any testimony relating to the manner in which Gordon Campbell, Wheeler's client, obtained permits to prospect for oil and gas or to the history of those permits. He directed the government's attorneys to confine themselves exclusively to events which occurred after the permits were granted.

The court also barred all evidence relating to the alleged conspiracy of Wheeler, Campbell and others, upon which they were recently indicted by the grand jury in Washington.

Prosecutor Surprised.

These rulings were a complete surprise to the government and necessitated a sharp realignment of their case.

District Attorney Slattery had hoped to get into the record the entire history of the granting of the permits in an effort to show that Campbell, after taking up all the land the law entitled him to, had obtained other sections through the use of dummy applications.

Wheeler's attorneys pointed out that all such transactions antedated the employment of Wheeler by Campbell and were therefore irrelevant to the case upon which Wheeler is being tried. Judge Dietrich sustained this contention, thereby knocking a large hole in the government's case.

The rulings are important to the defense for the reason that they compel the government to begin its case with what happened after granting of the permits to Campbell.

Outline of Defense.

The defense now will contend that as the permits all were granted before Wheeler came into the case as Campbell's attorney, there was nothing Wheeler could have done in Washington to expedite the issuance of permits, as charged, because none of the permits were then pending, hence he could not have received a fee for such work.

Senator Walsh, leading defense attorney, attacked the whole indictment in an argument to the court this morning, upon the ground that certain counts of the indictment averred that Wheeler acted in relation to applications, "the exact nature of which was not known to the grand jury."

Walsh refused to cross-examine the first witness produced by the government. The witness called was W. E. Bennett, register of the local land office, who identified the permits issued to parties in the case. He was followed by James McCowan, a surveyor, who told of surveying the land for Campbell and getting permits in the name of himself and two brothers, Philip and Dan.

"Mystery" Witness.

It looks as if the "mystery" witness whom Slattery promised in his opening statement to the jury, would testify that Wheeler besought him to take up pending cases in the Interior department for Campbell and "split" fees with Wheeler on a 50-50 basis, will not materialize. All guesses as to whom this witness might be were narrowed down to Peter Nyce, law partner of former Senator Chamberlain in Washington. But Chamberlain wired to Walsh today that Nyce would not give such testimony, so the mystery as to the identity of the witness remains unsolved.

Slattery refused to give any additional information concerning the witness, and some of his assistants privately stated they were sorry such a statement had been made to the jury.

French Ambassador Sure U. S. Bankers Will Aid Again

New York, April 17.—Ambassador Daeschner of France told members of the Bond club that he was sure American bankers would show the same readiness to help France as they have evinced in the past. General Pershing expressed the conviction that France would never default on its obligations and paid tribute to the French ambassador.

Chicago "Ponzi" Sentenced.

Chicago, April 17.—Raymond J. Bischoff, a Chicago "Ponzi" convicting of swindling hundreds of poor persons in stock manipulation and promotional schemes, was sentenced to prison for from one to 10 years.

We Have With Us Today

Rev. James A. Crain, Executive Secretary Council of Churches, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rev. Mr. Crain arrived in Omaha Friday morning to take over the executive secretary duties of the Omaha Council of Churches. He was formerly pastor of the Wilkinsburg (Pa.) Christian church and executive secretary of the Norfolk (Va.) Council of Churches. His new office is at the Y. M. C. A.

Sunday Rev. Mr. Crain will occupy the pulpit of Rev. Frank Smith at the First Central Congregational church.

Taft's Daughter to Be Dean at Bryn Mawr

Mrs. Helen Taft Manning will return to Bryn Mawr college as dean in September, thus becoming collegedom's first young mother-dean. She left the college to marry and do postgraduate work. Now she has two daughters—Helen, 3, and Caroline, 2 months. Her husband, Frederick, is a professor in Swarthmore college.

Complete Plans for Decorations at Legion Meet

George Brandeis Confers With St. Paul Business Men on Work Done for 1924 Convention.

By a Staff Correspondent.

St. Paul, April 17.—George Brandeis of Omaha, accompanied by William Larson, Phil Armour and Morris E. Jacobs, came to St. Paul today to find out how St. Paul business men handled the national convention of the American Legion last year and to ascertain what plans had to be carried out in decorating the city.

Following a series of conferences, Mr. Brandeis said: "I am more than ever enthused over the coming legion convention. Omaha people have no idea what great pleasure and honor is in store for them. I was glad to hear from hotel owners and leading business men and officials of St. Paul what great care to avoid damage was exercised by the more than 40,000 legion boys who attended the convention here last year. It was a great tribute to the legion."

Will Give Up Vacation.

Mr. Brandeis, who is chairman of the Omaha convention decorations committee, conferred for several hours with the local committee which handled the decorations. Following the conference he declared that Omaha will outdo St. Paul in decorating the downtown section of the city. Last year legion officials said that St. Paul decorations were the finest ever had at a convention city.

"I now realize I will have no time for a vacation this summer," he said. "Omaha was sincere when it made a bid for the legion convention, for we want the opportunity and the honor to act as hosts to the boys who sacrificed everything for us. It is the least we can do.

Seek Civic Club Co-operation.

"When I get back to Omaha I am going to appeal to every civic club in the city to get behind the decorations committee and make every spot in our city blaze forth with color and light to greet the former soldiers, the women's auxiliary, their relatives and friends."

The St. Paul committee turned over to Mr. Brandeis plans and reports of the decorations committee and Claire Weikert, one of the leaders in arranging for the convention, said he would be glad to appear before the Omaha convention committee and relate his experiences in arranging the decorations for the convention last year.

Mr. Brandeis and party will return to Omaha this morning.

200 Guests Attend Red Oak W. R. C. Banquet

Red Oak, April 17.—The Woman's Relief Corps held its annual banquet in observance of Grand Army day, Friday, April 10 at the Masonic hall. There were 200 guests. The tables werebeautifully decorated for the occasion.

While "Marching Through Georgia" was being played the veterans of the civil war took their places at the table. Mrs. W. R. Kerrihard and her orchestra gave selections. A quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stephenson, Mrs. Harry Petty and M. B. Harris sang patriotic songs. Mrs. R. E. Foster accompanied them at the piano.

M. H. Wambough gave an interesting talk on "Why We Were Here."

300 Couples at Ball.

Shenandoah, Ia., April 17. — The fireman's ball Wednesday night at which Merritt's Serenaders of St. Joseph played, was attended by 300 couples. The funds will go for uniforms. The ball was held in the new memorial armory.

Workers' Bureau Meets.

Philadelphia, April 17.—The fourth national convention of the Workers' Education Bureau of America opened a three days' session here.

Married in Council Bluffs.

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Arthur W. Weyant, Lincoln, Neb.	28
Tillie Lantz, Lincoln, Neb.	25
William E. Saxton, Omaha	29
Ruby Thompson, Blair, Neb.	21
F. F. Joseph, Marysville, Mo.	25
Ruth Beeson, Beatrice, Neb.	22

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Former Arkansas Episcopal Leader, Ousted for Heresy, Inhibited From Speaking in Eastern Diocese.

St. Mark Rector Scored

New York, April 17.—Bishop William T. Manning tonight forbade Dr. William Montgomery Brown, former Protestant Episcopal bishop of Arkansas, from officiating or speaking in any parish or mission of the New York diocese.

In another letter to Dr. W. N. Guthrie, rector of St. Mark-in-the-Bouwerie, Bishop Manning said that Dr. Guthrie's invitation to Bishop Brown to speak in St. Mark next Sunday was in "open contempt and defiance of the authority and law of the church."

Bishop Brown was found guilty of heresy last year by a trial court of the Protestant Episcopal church. Late ra court of review affirmed this judgment and ordered him "deposed from the ministry of this church."

Quotes Authority.

Bishop Manning, as bishop of the New York diocese, announced that Bishop Brown was "inhibited from officiating or speaking in St. Mark parish or any other parish or mission in this diocese."

Bishop Manning said such right was granted him by a canon of the church allowing the bishop to inhibit a minister coming into the diocese "under the imputation of having elsewhere been guilty of any of the offenses" within the heresy code.

In his letter to Dr. Guthrie, Bishop Manning reminded him that St. Mark had been deprived of Episcopal visitation or ministration on March 26, 1924, because of the eurythmical dancing rites performed there, and that under the canons of the church no bishop could exercise his office at St. Mark without Bishop Manning's consent.

"Open Contempt of Church."

"Your action, therefore, in inviting Bishop Brown to officiate in your parish," Bishop Manning wrote, "is in open contempt and defiance of the authority and law of the church of which you are a minister; and therefore, acting under the law of the church and by the authority vested in me as bishop of this diocese, I hereby forbid you to allow Bishop Brown to officiate or speak in St. Mark church next Sunday or at any time without my permission."

Bishop Manning warned Dr. Guthrie that if the latter proceeded "in defiance" to allow Bishop Brown to speak such action would be a "direct violation of the constitution and canons of the church and will be regarded as conduct unbecoming a clergyman."

R. E. LEE ORGANIZES INVESTMENT FIRM

Organization of the firm of Rufus E. Lee & company, to do a general business in investment securities, with offices at 325 Bankers Reserve Life building, was announced yesterday by Rufus E. Lee, president of the new company.

The company was organized by Mr. Lee, who recently resigned as president of the Continental Gas & Electric corporation after selling his holdings in that company, and by Foy W. Porter, formerly with Burns, Brinker and company, a local investment house.

The new firm will engage in a general investment business, handling high grade securities of all types, and expect to participate in the major syndicate offerings, as well as being correspondents of Otis and company, Cleveland, O., one of the large underwriting and distribution investment houses of the country.

KINGSLEY MADE HEAD OF ROTARY

Ray C. Kingsley will serve as president of the Rotary club during the coming year, Mr. Kingsley was elected by the board of directors at a meeting held yesterday afternoon.

Other officers elected are W. W. Carmichael, first vice president; Walter L. Pierpoint, second vice president; Walter G. Silver, secretary, and Bert A. Wilcox, treasurer.

Red Oak Couple Joined in Wedlock in Missouri

Red Oak, April 17.—Wayne Hastings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lindsey, and Henry Newberg, both of Red Oak, were married Wednesday morning at Rockport, Mo. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Mason at the Methodist parsonage, in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lindsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Newberg left for a visit at points in Missouri and Nebraska. They will reside on the Newberg farm at Red Oak.

Wife Gets $5, 'Friend' $200,000, by Odd Will

Los Angeles, April 17.—Five dollars to his wife, Frieda, and more than $200,000 to James A. Watt, described simply as "a friend," are among the bequests noted in the will, filed for probate today, of Henry G. Voeckell, eccentric drug store proprietor, who was murdered in his shop here last month. One-third of Voeckell's $350,000 estate goes to his son, Charles B. Voeckell.

Voeckell was found beaten to death behind a counter in the shop. The players are still being sought.

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Excellent Character and Quality and Quantity of Food Unchanged, However, by Schedule Fixing Proper Percentages of Food Consumed by 40,000 Men.

By The Associated Press.

San Francisco, April 17.—The great fortified city of tremendous striking power that is moving steadily tonight over the Pacific to test the defenses of the Hawaiian islands is putting into effect many new developments in the operation of the United States navy by the tremendous concentration of 127 vessels of all classes under battle conditions.

One of the vital problems of operation involves the old axion that the navy, like the army, "moves upon its stomach."

Logistics, one of the most formidable words that loom before commanders in chief in time of action, either ashore or afloat, is meeting one of the most interesting tests in the history of the navy. Three times a day approximately 40,000 men aboard the grand fleet sit down to the best food afforded any navy in the world.

Test Balanced Ration.

Mobility, plus, sea endurance, is logistics. Mobility and sea endurance depend upon the elements of fuel, food, water and consumable supplies. The American fleet, as it steams onward to the island territory for a massive attack, is testing what many officers believe will prove one of the greatest steps toward perfecting fleet efficiency—the balanced ration.

Few of the 40,000 men aboard know that the balanced ration is in use. It has not changed the excellent character and quality and quantity of the food. It is the result of years of survey and fixes the proper percentages of all articles of food in a 30-day consumption. It obviates all the confusion of ordering supplies of individual commodities, and the ship commissary officer, when port is reached, merely sends a brief radio message asking for so many rations.

Between the battle drills, general quarters, fire drills and the perfecting of turret guns' crews, the mess call sounds—the most welcome of all to the gobs. The 40,000 men consume approximately 100 tons of fresh and dry food components daily.

Ration Kept Secret.

While each ship of the fleet is stocked to the gunwales with its provisions of rations, the great supply ships of the train are in the heart of the convoy. Details concerning supplies are guarded zealously by the fleet officers, for this phase of naval operations, they say, is as vitally important as the munitions supply and is one in which the naval powers of the world all are striving to perfect their knowledge.

From the dreadnaughts, with their 1,200 crew members aboard, down to the submarines with their crews of 43 men each, fare almost equally well in the matter of food, and as the great fleet moves on toward its objective, the mess men, the cooks and the stewards declared that their part in the engagement during mess duty is just as vital as the part they play in the gunnery fire when the ships go into action.

Bandit Suspects Jailed in Iowa

Two Threaten to Kill Motorist, Are Captured, Following Car Crash.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., April 17.—Robert O'Shaugnessy, 30, and Donald Willard, 16, who say they are on their way to Lincoln, Neb., to visit relatives, are in jail here tonight, as the result of a sensational encounter near Mechanicsville, this afternoon, with Gail Frink of Tipton.

The men are believed by police to be bandits who had started on a holdup tour of the west.

O'Shaugnessy and Willard, driving a high-powered car, ran into Frink's car on the Lincoln highway. He demanded payment for the damage, and they refused. Frink hopped into the rear seat of the sedan and said he would stay there until they paid him. One of the men drew a gun, Frink says, and threatened to kill him. He grabbed a wrench and declared he would brain the first man to turn his head.

The men drove to this city and at the limits again threatened to kill Frink if he did not leave the car. He refused, and they drove into town, stopping at a garage, where they tried to sell a spare tire to pay Frink, but the garage man turned them down. Frink called the police, who arrested O'Shaugnessy and Willard.

They admitted they had stolen the car at Minneapolis last Monday and were trying to reach Lincoln in it. O'Shaugnessy admitted he had served a term in prison, but would not say where. Both say they live in Chicago. Minneapolis police have been notified.

J. W. WORTHINGTON REPORTED MISSING

Los Angeles, April 17.—John W. Worthington, Chicago's "Wolf of La Salle street," convicted of swindling operations in a Chicago federal court, and sentenced to serve three years in Atlanta (Ga.) federal prison, has mysteriously disappeared from his home here, where he was living under a 60-day stay of execution because of illness, it was learned today.

The district attorney's office here recently reported Worthington as "missing."

BEATRICE MAY BUY LIGHT PLANT

Beatrice, Neb., April 17.—Twenty petitions were in circulation here today asking a special election to vote bonds for $120,000 for the purchase of the Nebraska Gas and Electric company's plant here by the city. The city has maintained a lighting plant for some time, and is seeking to control the entire system here.

Sailstad Released.

Green Bay, Wis., April 17.—Edward Sailstad, former Eau Claire phonograph manufacturer, in company with H. F. Murphy, state parole agent, was on his way for a town in the southern part of Wisconsin, where he will be employed in a machine shop. He was paroled from Green Bay reformatory, where he had served 15 months of a four-year sentence on a charge of arson.

Dawes Arrives in Boston.

Boston, April 17.—Vice President Dawes arrived here to attend the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the battle of Lexington and Concord.

Marconi Director Dies.

London, April 17.—Godfrey Isaacs, for many years managing director of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph company, died.

Noted Lawyer Dies.

Washington, April 17.—Thomas S. Hopkins, 80, international lawyer, died.

Alienist Called Into Will Suit

Attempt to Show Wilbur O. Ayer Was Paranoia Victim When Deed Was Done.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Nelson, Neb., April 17.—Alienists were brought into the suit over the will of Wilbur O. Ayer here today to support the contention of the plaintiffs, Ayer's wife and son, that he was mentally incompetent when he made a will leaving his fortune to the state university.

Dr. J. M. Mayhew of Lincoln took the stand this morning and discussed the symptoms of paranoia, pointing out several incidents in Mr. Ayer's behavior which might have indicated paranoia.

Following his testimony the disinherited son, Marshall Ayer, was again placed on the stand and gave other accounts of his father's acts to sustain the claim that he was mentally incompetent. He declared that his father had often accused him of "being in league with his mother" against the father.

Fred Easterday, associate secretary of the First Trust company of Lincoln, which is the trustee for Ayer's estate, read a number of letters from Ayer, in which the father expressed deep concern over his son's failure to prepare himself for a useful life.

A large number of witnesses are still to be called, and the case will probably continue into next week.

RUNAWAY BLIMP SAFE IN HANGAR

St. Louis, Mo., April 17.—The army's big blimp, the TC-3, was safely tucked away in its hangar at Scott field today, its damage slight after its four-hour clash with the elements late yesterday. The big air cruiser was helpless when the rudder controls became tangled and failed to respond. The heaviest damage was the loss of the expensive helium gas, which was permitted to escape in order to bring the ship down at Black Walnut, Mo.

Airplanes and automobiles escorted the TC-3 during its entire jaunt. Seven men were aboard engaged in a training flight when the blimp became unmanageable.

Boy Exploring Sewer Scalded With Steam

Denison, Ia., April 17.—Arvid Galland, 10-year-old son of L. E. Galland, 10-year-old son of L. E. Galland, died from scalds received when he was scalded to death by steam while exploring in a storm sewer. The sewer ends on the bank of the East Boyer river, south of the city, and is the outlet for steam from the city lighting plant. When the boilers were blown off the boy was scalded on the face, neck and hands. One eye is severely burned. He rushed out, took off his coat and plunged into the river for relief. Companions gave the alarm and he was soon under medical care.

Cleveland Invites Coolidge.

Washington, April 17.—President Coolidge took under advisement an invitation to address the convention of postmasters and postal workers in Cleveland the last week in August.

Man With Longest Name May Be Deported

Washington, April 17.—Lleleusszuieuszesszes Willihiminizzisstezzii Hurrizzissteizzii is a Siamese cook and musician and San Francisco immigration authorities today asked the Labor department to deport him on the ground that he does not meet immigration law requirements.

Since entering the country he has simplified his name to Leo W. Hurst, to shorten what officials believe to be the longest name in the world.

Open Gulf to Border Sky Mail Route

First Plane, With $3,000,000 in Registered Mail, Flies Over New Course in About 11 Hours.

Trip Complete Success

By The Associated Press.

Chicago, April 17.—The first air mail flight from the gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes was successfully completed here at 4:20 this afternoon when the 500 horsepower De Haviland plane which started from New Orleans at 5:39 in the morning, landed here with registered mail valued at more than $3,000,000.

Postoffice authorities and air mail officials who observed each stage of the flight said that it was a complete success and that if such a service were made permanent it would mean a saving of from one to two days in bank clearings to the west.

Good Connections Made.

The mail matter brought in the plane reached here in time to make connections with the regular transcontinental air mail service westward tonight and mail matter which left New Orleans this morning was being rushed through the night toward the Pacific coast. The mail matter eastward bound reached here in time to make connections with fast express trains leaving Chicago for the east tonight and also may be placed aboard the eastbound mail plane arriving here in the morning.

The trip, according to the pilots arriving here, was almost uneventful as far as the last leg of the journey was concerned, they were ahead of schedule most of the way and landed at the Maywood field here ahead of time by 10 minutes. Six mail bags containing bank clearings for the most part, were brought here. The plane on arrival was met by city and postoffice officials.

Sky Mail Schedule.

The sky mail left New Orleans at 5:39 for Mobile with Lieut. R. D. Knapp piloting, passed over Mobile at 7 a. m., arriving at Montgomery, Ala., at 8:30, where the mail was transferred to a machine piloted by Capt. Asa N. Duncan. Captain Duncan reached Birmingham at 9:30, departing 25 minutes later for Nashville.

Nashville saw the air mail drop from the clouds at 11:37 a. m., and at 12:01 in a drizzling rain Lieutenant Meloy and Captain Fox hopped off for Louisville. The stop at Louisville consumed 15 minutes and the fliers were again in the air at 1:49, Chicago bound. A plan to stop at Indianapolis was abandoned.

WHEAT BOUNDS UP 7 CENTS

Chicago, April 17.— Somersaulting of prices in the wheat market nearly outdid itself today with a rebound of 7 cents a bushel as compared with yesterday's close. May delivery of wheat whirled upward to $1.51¾ as compared with $1.44 at yesterday's finish.

One of the chief reasons for the soaring of prices today was a report from a leading crop exporter indicating that the condition of domestic winter wheat has retrograded six points since the last week in March and estimating abandoned fields as amounting to 8,450,000 acres, about 20 per cent of the total crop. He figured the probable yield of winter wheat in the United States this season as 110,000,000 bushels less than was the case last year.

Other factors which took the wheat trade here by surprise today were unexpected strength in foreign markets. Some improvement of export demand, together with predictions of greatly reduced world shipments and a probable decided curtailment of the United States visible supply total on Monday next.

Closing prices today in the wheat market here were boyant, 1¾ cents to 7 cents net higher, May, $1.51½ to $1.51¾, and July $1.41¾ to $1.42.

Soil Erosion Prevention Methods Demonstrated

Clarinda, Ia., April 17.—H. H. Sunderlin, specialist in agricultural engineering, conducted demonstrations in Page county for prevention of soil erosion last week. The terracing system on the Byrl Strong farm near Shambaugh was checked up as to progress and extended and ditch demonstration was given on the Harry Strickland farm, Douglas township.

Mr. Strong states he would like to have all his rolling pasture terraced.

Omahans Wed at Red Oak.

Red Oak, Ia., April 17.—Mr. Bill V. Meligonis and Miss Faunda Swendt, both of Omaha, were married in the clerk's office at the court house Wednesday, April 15, by Rev. Carl A. Glover, of the Congregational church. The affidavit for marriage license for them was signed by John N. Robates. Another marriage license was issued to William L. Ray, Omaha and Louise Holmes, Council Bluffs, on affidavit of Edward Robinovitz.

Editor Orchard to Give Address at Shenandoah

Shenandoah, Ia., April 17.—W. R. Orchard, editor of the Council Bluffs Nonpareil, will address the Shenandoah chamber of commerce Monday at noon and the Clarinda Community club Monday night.

Louis Alterie Freed.

Chicago, April 17.—Louis Alterie, friend of the late Dion O'Bannion, florist gunman, was freed of a charge of assault, to murder and two robbery charges by Superior Judge David.

U. S. Declares War on Rainmakers Who Fail

The weather bureau is conducting a campaign against so-called "rainmakers." The latest to be cited is Charles Hatfield, nationally-known as a "sky wizard," who, the bureau declares, failed to fulfill his contract to produce 1 1-2 inches of rain in Bakersfield, Cal., within one month

Government May Plan New Policy on Public Lands

35,000 Stockmen in 11 Western States Interested in Hearings Before Senate Committee.

Washington, April 17.—Establishment of a new government policy dealing with the remaining public domain is the goal of hearings opened today by the senate public lands committee.

With all acreage suitable for farming now out of federal control, the committee started an investigation of other used by which the estimated 185,000,000 acres might be put on "basis of greatest equity to the government and the citizen."

More than 35,000 stock men in 11 western states from Arizona to Washington, are directly interested in the project through possession of grazing permits. Statistics presented to the committee show that more than 4,250,000 cattle and 16,000,000 sheep are grazed under these permits, which are controlled by the department of agriculture.

"Under present conditions," Chairman Stanfield, republican, Oregon, said, "there is no law defining the rights of stock men to run their herds in the national forests, and this situation has added materially to the hazards of the livestock industry."

After a week or 10 days of hearings in Washington, the committee will spend much of the summer traveling through the west to gather first-hand knowledge of the situation. A bill to be based on these studies will be submitted to the next congress, designed to put into law regulations now governing public domain.

Representatives of the interior and agriculture departments and of the forestry service were present today at th initial meeting, when the committee outlined its program.

ANCIENT HIGHWAY TO BE "NEW" ROAD

Clarinda, Ia., April 17.—An old road west of Essex, disused for 40 years, has been selected by Page county board of supervisors as the best location for "new" road.

In similar awakening a 140-foot iron bridge that has been in storage for five or six years will span the Nishnabotna river near Essex, across a new channel of the stream. This bridge was removed from the Nodaway just outside Clarinda to the east when the Brummet memorial bridge, honoring Fred Brummet, the first Page county boy to fall in France, was erected.

Another 40-foot span which has seen service between Shambaugh and Clarinda will be placed across the old channel of the Nishnabotna three-quarters of a mile west of Essex.

Red Oak Rotary Club Elects Five Directors

Red Oak, Ia., April 17.—Rotary club directors were chosen at the regular Monday meeting as follows: M. D. Lomas, A. M. Hawkins, F. E. Billings, L. R. Replogle and R. E. Overholser. Officers will be chosen from this group and will take office May 1.

Officers who have served the club during the last year are J. R. Inman, president; William Cochrane, vice president; M. D. Lomas, secretary; H. C. Houghton, jr., treasurer; R. E. Overholser, bulletin editor; L. G. Fishback, director; Clint Cramer, sergeant-at-arms.

Radio Will Broadcast School Contest Program

Atlantic, Ia., April 17.—Contestants representing 12 state high schools arrived here this morning to participate in the annual state high school declamatory contest this evening at the Methodist church. Station KFLZ will radiocast the entire program.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., April 17, 1925.

Precipitation, inches and hundredths, total, 0; total since January 1, 5.17; deficiency, 1.16.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	34	2 p. m.	44
6 a. m.	34	3 p. m.	43
7 a. m.	34	4 p. m.	42
8 a. m.	35	5 p. m.	41
9 a. m.	37	6 p. m.	41
10 a. m.	39	7 p. m.	41
11 a. m.	41	8 p. m.	41
12 noon	44	9 p. m.	41

Rap Schwab for Work as Fleet Head

Shipping Board, in Suit for $11,000,000, Claims Steel Man Misused Powers in Own Favor.

Magnate Denies Charge

New York, April 17.—Suit for $9,744,899.94 was filed here today by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation against the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet corporation, claiming the amount as balances due on account of construction of 8[illegible] vessels during and just after the war.

The filing of the complaint in this suit in the United States district court here was simultaneously with the government's filing of a suit for approximately $11,000,000 against the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation and subsidiaries in Philadelphia, in accordance with an agreement by opposing counsel. Summons in the Bethlehem company's suit had been filed in the state courts last May, but action is transferred now to the United States court.

Enters Vigorous Denial.

Both Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of directors of the Bethlehem Steel corporation and the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation, and Eugene G. Grace, president of the former concern, issued statements today in denial of the charge made in the government's suit at Philadelphia that Mr. Schwab as director general of the Emergency Fleet corporation from April 11 to December 12, 1918, misused his powers in favor of his own company.

Mr. Grace pointed out that Mr. Schwab had accepted that post at the "urgent solicitation" of President Wilson and the shipping board "at a time of serious national crisis," and that he became director general of the Emergency Fleet corporation "upon the express understanding, reduced to writing, that he would have nothing whatever to do with the relations between the fleet corporation and the Bethlehem interests."

Show Appointment Letter.

"Mr. Schwab faithfully carried out this arrangement," Mr. Grace said.

Mr. Schwab issued the following statement:

"I have nothing to add to Mr. Grace's statement beyond giving out my letter to the government's Emergency Fleet corporation stating the understanding with President Wilson under which I took office. Those connected with the shipping board and the Emergency Fleet corporation know that I sedulously observed the arrangement that I would keep hands off relations between the fleet corporation and Bethlehem. The charge now made that despite this understanding I should have affirmatively interfered in the relations with Bethlehem speaks for itself.

Says Saved U. S. Money.

Mr. Schwab also published his letter written to the president and trustees of the Emergency Fleet corporation April 30, 1918, in which he listed 13 corporations in which he was interested and requested that all business between the fleet corporation and these companies be handed "entirely by such other officers or agents of the Emergency Fleet corporation" as the trustees might designate. A later resolution of the trustees accepted this arrangement.

Mr. Grace's statement said that the Bethlehem company, in its construction of 86 ships for the government, effected savings of about $30,000,000 below estimated costs.

The shipbuilding corporation alleges that it has not been paid the full amount due on 32 contracts.

ONE MAN SLAIN IN STORE HOLDUP

Sacramento, Cal., April 17.—Balked in a spectacular attempt to hold up a downtown clothing store here today, two bandits clubbed Gus Libberg, aged proprietor of the shop, into insensibility and shot and instantly killed his son Joseph H. Libberg.

Minnesota Bank Closed.

St. Paul, Minn., April 17.—The Clarissa State Bank of Clarissa, Todd county, was ordered closed by the state banking department because of an over-abundance of bad paper, the state superintendent of banks announced. The bank was capitalized at $20,000 and had deposits of approximately $160,000.

Summary of the Day in Washington

The supreme court heard further argument in the newspaper income tax list publication cases.

President-elect Machado of Cuba, visited the tombs of George Washington and the unknown soldier.

The Nickel Plate merger hearing, was recessed until Thursday by the Interstate Commerce commission.

The shipping board filed in district supreme court a defense of its award of five president ships to the Dollar interests.

A subcommittee of the senate public lands committee prepared for an investigation this summer of administration of the public domain.

The Rumanian legation announced a settlement with the Standard Oil interests in the dispute resulting from Rumania's new mining law.

The interstate commerce commission ordered railroads to reduce rates on iron and steel articles from Pittsburgh to St. Louis and points in Illinois and Indiana.