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THE WEATHER  
Unsettled

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## WATER RATES CUT AGAIN AFTER FIGHT MADE BY THE BEE

### Water Board Finally Decides to Make Reduction Below That Asked by This Paper.

RATE NOW IS 23 1-3 CENTS

Second Reduction Which Has Been  
Forced Upon the Board.

MINIMUM CHARGE REDUCED

Small Consumers Need Pay but 40  
Cents a Month.

### BIG SAVING MADE ON TAXES

Total Reduction Since The Bee Be-  
gan the Fight is from 35 to  
23 1-3 Cents Per Thousand  
Gallons.

The Bee's campaign for lower water  
rates has again brought results.

After eighteen months of delays, marked  
by two concessions, the board of direc-  
tors of the Metropolitan Water district,  
at a meeting yesterday yielded to The  
Bee's demand for substantial reduction of  
water rates. A clean cut of 18 2/3 per cent  
was ordered, to become effective January  
1 of this year.

The Bee's fight for lower water rates  
has forced the price down to 23 1/3 cents  
per 1,000 gallons, a decrease of 25 per  
cent in eighteen months. The first reduc-  
tion, after six months of municipal owner-  
ship, was 10 per cent. The price was  
then 33 cents per 1,000 gallons. The  
second reduction of 10 per cent was later  
secured. The total of the cuts is now  
from 35 to 23 1/3 cents per 1,000 gallons.

### Balance on Hand.

Treasurer W. G. Ure's report of water  
plant's operations to the first of this  
year shows a balance of \$1,102,748.55 on  
hand, including the bond and the water  
funds. Under the board's plan of com-  
pelling property owners to pay for ex-  
tensions the expenses of the plant were  
materially reduced, which, with \$100,000  
received annually from the city and the  
savings of all taxes previously paid on  
the water works property, helped to  
boost the board's surplus and make rate  
reduction inevitable.

General Manager R. Beecher Howell  
says the reduction will affect 97 per cent  
of the consumers. The large consumers  
will not be affected to any extent, he  
says.

The minimum monthly metered charge  
is reduced 5 per cent, making it now 49  
cents a month.

### Board's Resolution.

Following is the resolution ordering the  
reduction:

"Whereas, It is the purpose of the  
Board of Directors of the Metropolitan  
Water district to conduct the water  
plant for the benefit of the people through  
the reduction of water rates as rapidly  
as justified by experience and the actual  
results of operation;

"Whereas, Such policy has heretofore  
resulted in a reduction of ten (10) per  
cent from the maximum water rate fol-  
lowing the close of the first six months  
of public ownership of the water plant,  
and also in a reduction of an additional  
ten (10) per cent at the close of the  
second six months of public ownership,  
or a total of twenty (20) per cent for the  
year, and

"Whereas, The third six months of  
public ownership of the water plant  
closed on the 31st day of December, 1913,  
and the facts before the board of di-  
rectors in its judgment justify a further  
reduction in water rates; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the general manager  
be and is hereby ordered to put in effect  
a third similar reduction of thirteen and  
one-third (13 1/3) per cent to apply to water  
consumed within the Metropolitan water  
district during January, 1914, and there-  
after, or a total reduction of thirty-three  
and one-third (33 1/3) per cent as a result  
of the first eighteen months of public  
ownership of Omaha's water plant, thus  
making the maximum net rate for water  
heretofore, as provided, twenty-three and  
one-third cents (23 1/3) per 1,000 gallons;  
be it further:

"Resolved, That the general manager  
also be and is hereby directed to put in  
effect a twenty (20) per cent reduction in  
the minimum monthly metered water  
charge effective in connection with water  
consumed in January, 1914, and there-  
after."

## The Weather

Forecast till 1 p. m. Friday:  
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity  
—Cloudy and unsettled Friday; slightly  
colder.

Hour	Temp.
5 a. m.	34
6 a. m.	34
7 a. m.	34
8 a. m.	34
9 a. m.	34
10 a. m.	34
11 a. m.	34
12 m.	34
1 p. m.	34
2 p. m.	34
3 p. m.	34
4 p. m.	34
5 p. m.	34
6 p. m.	34
7 p. m.	34
8 p. m.	34
9 p. m.	34
10 p. m.	34
11 p. m.	34
12 m.	34

Comparative Local Record.

Date	High	Low	Precip.
1911-1912-1913-1914	34	27	0
1911-1912-1913-1914	34	27	0
1911-1912-1913-1914	34	27	0
1911-1912-1913-1914	34	27	0
1911-1912-1913-1914	34	27	0
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1911-1912-1913-1914	34	27	0
1911-1912-1913-1914	34	27	0

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	High	Rain
at Weather <td>34</td> <td>34</td> <td>0</td>	34	34	0
Cheyenne, Wyo. <td>34</td> <td>34</td> <td>0</td>	34	34	0
Denver, Colo. <td>34</td> <td>34</td> <td>0</td>	34	34	0
Idaho Falls, Idaho <td>34</td> <td>34</td> <td>0</td>	34	34	0
North Platte, Neb. <td>34</td> <td>34</td> <td>0</td>	34	34	0
Omaha, Neb. <td>34</td> <td>34</td> <td>0</td>	34	34	0
Rapid City, S. D. <td>34</td> <td>34</td> <td>0</td>	34	34	0
Sheridan, Wyo. <td>34</td> <td>34</td> <td>0</td>	34	34	0
Sioux Falls, S. D. <td>34</td> <td>34</td> <td>0</td>	34	34	0
Valerius, Wyo. <td>34</td> <td>34</td> <td>0</td>	34	34	0
White Sulphur Springs, S. D. <td>34</td> <td>34</td> <td>0</td>	34	34	0

## Mr. Hensley Will Push the Proposal for Naval Holiday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Diplomats in  
Washington may be rounded soon by  
congressional advocates of a naval hol-  
iday with a view to getting expressions  
from foreign governments in support of  
the project. Since the passage by the  
house of Hensley's naval holiday reso-  
lution and the introduction of a similar  
resolution by Senator Thomas of Colo-  
rado, the advocates of suspension of  
naval construction for a year have been  
planning a campaign to bring the pro-  
posal to a definite conclusion.

Representative Hensley of Missouri,  
author of the house resolution, although  
not fighting the two battleship naval  
program for this year, has conferred  
with many of the members of the house  
in the last few days as to the course to  
be followed.

He will talk with Secretary Bryan at  
the State Department on Mr. Bryan's re-  
turn from Lincoln, Neb., next week, and  
later with President Wilson. Mr. Hensley  
proposes to lay before Mr. Bryan his  
idea as to informally getting into com-  
munication with the representatives of  
the naval powers in Washington to as-  
certain the views of their governments  
and will be aided largely by the secre-  
tary's advice. His idea is to write letters  
in his capacity as an individual member  
of congress to the various ambassadors,  
asking them the sentiment of their home  
governments.

The Hensley resolution, framed in sym-  
pathy with the recent declaration of  
Winston Churchill, first lord of the ad-  
miralty of Great Britain, requested the  
president, "so far as he can do so, to use  
his influence to consummate" an agree-  
ment among nations to suspend naval  
construction programs for a year to  
lessen the people's burdens and avoid waste  
of investment in war materials.

## McAdoo Says He Has Not Formed Opinion on Bank Locations

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Secretary of the  
Treasury McAdoo, who left New York  
for Boston today after concluding a hear-  
ing in the matter of regional reserve dis-  
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tricts as provided under the new cur-  
rency law, issued the following state-  
ment:

"Neither Secretary Houston nor I have  
expressed, directly or indirectly, any  
opinion or formed any conclusions on the  
banking questions, now the subject of  
investigation by the organization com-  
mittee under the federal reserve act, nor  
shall we do so until all the facts have  
been submitted. We are impressed with  
the great responsibility resting on the  
United States and with the necessity for  
impartial consideration of the views of  
all sections of the country before a de-  
cision is rendered. To avoid the possi-  
bility of misunderstanding, we desire to  
say that all inferences and statements to  
the contrary may be accepted as un-  
authorized."

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—The movement for a  
regional reserve bank in New England  
has given added impetus today by the  
assembling here of several hundred  
bankers, all of whom will be present to-  
morrow at the hearing before Secretary  
McAdoo and Secretary Houston, when  
Boston's claims for such an institution  
will be advanced.

## Directors of Union Pacific Approve of Stock Distribution

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The directors of  
the Union Pacific railroad today ap-  
proved the plan recommended by the  
road's executive committee on Tuesday  
for the distribution to the common stock-  
holders of its \$22,000,000 (par value) Bal-  
timore & Ohio stock, together with \$3  
per share in cash, and the reduction of  
the Union Pacific common dividend  
from 10 to 8 per cent. The distribution  
will be made April 1 to stockholders of  
record March 2.

## Pittsburgh Exchange Will Use Men for Night Operators

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 8.—Seventy-five  
young men today entered the school of  
instruction of the Pittsburgh and Al-  
legheny Telephone company and within  
a few days will begin work as telephone  
operators, manning the switchboards  
after 9 o'clock at night. They will dis-  
place girls who are prohibited under the  
new child labor law from working as  
operators after the hour named.

## Millionaire Held on White Slave Charge

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 8.—J. M. Foster,  
who, according to federal officials, is  
the millionaire son of a prominent resi-  
dent of Scranton, Pa., was arrested here  
yesterday while with his stenographer,  
Miss Della Bradley, charged with viola-  
tion of the Mann white slave law. It  
is alleged that Foster left his home in  
Browne Hill, N. J., on December 15 with  
Miss Bradley. The couple have been  
stopped at a local hotel since Decem-  
ber 23.

## French Aviator Descends on Roof

PARIS, Jan. 8.—Eugene Gilbert, the  
French aviator, narrowly escaped death  
or serious injury while flying over Paris  
today, when he descended on a roof,  
through which his aeroplane broke and  
was wrecked. Gilbert was making a trial  
trip in a new army monoplane. He had  
circled the Eiffel tower at a height of  
1,000 feet, when in a glide to the earth,  
he lost control of the craft.

## CORN FROM SOUTH PRESSES PRICE DOWN

Nearly Three Hundred Thousand  
Bushels Unloaded at New  
York in Day

### ARRIVING FROM ARGENTINA

More than 100,000 bushels Imported Since  
Tariff Duty Gone.

### FORCES CASH VALUE DECLINE

### What's Come Little Alongside the Amount Under Contract.

### JUST WAIT TILL THE HARVEST

### Thirteen Ships Either on the Way or Filling Their Holds with Product to Compete with American Make.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Nearly 300,000  
bushels of Argentine corn were being  
unloaded at this port today and millions  
more from the South American republic  
are under contract. The importations are  
the direct results of the removal of the  
duty on the staple under the recent tariff  
act.

More than 1,000,000 bushels have been  
received in the United States since the  
tariff went into effect, the first from the  
Argentine ever brought here, and already  
the competition with American corn has  
forced a decline in cash value.

Thirteen ships are either enroute here  
or loading with corn from the Argentine,  
and one American manufacturing con-  
cern, which uses corn in the manufacture  
of syrup and kindred products, has  
5,000,000 bushels from that country under  
contract for delivery.

When the new Argentine corn crop is  
harvested the importations will increase,  
according to trade authorities. The corn  
already here found the railroads unpre-  
pared to handle it and the port without  
adequate docking facilities. Arrangements  
to remedy the deficiencies are being made  
by the transportation bureau of the  
Produce exchange.

The fact that hitherto practically no  
corn has ever moved west has also con-  
fronted the railroads with a new rate  
problem, as there is a movement on foot  
among the importers to have the present  
nominal rate for western shipment re-  
duced.

### Chicago Prices Lower.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—The present sharp  
decline in corn prices here went a penny  
further today, due to the removal of the  
tariff duty from the cereal, accentuated by  
a decline in the Buenos Ayres market  
today.

Argentine corn in New York is at pre-  
sent selling at 5 cents under the price  
at which Chicago shipments can be sold  
in that market, according to James A.  
Fatten, who for many years has been  
recognized as the foremost corn dealer  
in the American market.

Mr. Patton said in due course of time  
he looked for the appearance of foreign  
corn in western markets and predicted  
that in two or three years the cheaper  
feed would increase production of beef.

## Alleged Jobbers Are Charged With Misuse of Mails

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—On a charge  
of having used the mails to defraud  
wholesale merchandise dealers and man-  
ufacturers out of many thousands of dol-  
lars, Charles L. Greenfield, Samuel Brown  
and Myer Rotman of this city were today  
held in heavy bail by a United States  
commissioner for a further hearing on  
January 15.

According to the postal inspectors the  
accused men established the Great West-  
ern Jobbing house in St. Louis and also  
established a store in East St. Louis.  
Then they had many thousands of dol-  
lars worth of goods shipped to them  
from wholesalers and manufacturers.

The goods were secretly shipped away,  
according to the postal authorities, and  
the men failed to pay for them, with  
the result that they were forced into  
bankruptcy.

## Holders of Preferred Shares of Union Pacific Have Kick

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Action to restrain  
the directors of the Union Pacific Rail-  
road company from distributing its hold-  
ings of Baltimore & Ohio stock, par  
value \$22,000,000, to the road's common  
stockholders, was begun in the supreme  
court today by a group of preferred  
stockholders headed by James T. McCad-  
doo. Summons and complaint in the  
case were served on Otto H. Kahn of the  
Union Pacific's executive committee.

## Contract Scandal in British Army

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Summonses against  
sixteen British army officers and civilians  
were granted by the police magistrate  
at the Bow Street court. The men are  
called to appear on January 17 to answer  
charges in connection with the manage-  
ment of the canteens in army barracks.  
It is hinted that a scandal of tremen-  
dous proportions will be revealed in the  
inquiry, which will be begun on that date.

No names or particulars of the charges  
were given out for publication today, but  
it is known generally that the army of-  
ficers concerned belong to the quar-  
termaster's department and that all of them  
have risen from the ranks. The civilians  
summoned are clerks employed by con-  
tractors.

Systematic bribery is alleged to have  
been prevalent for some time. A secret  
army inquiry showed such widespread  
corruption that the War office decided  
to turn its evidence over to the regularly  
constituted legal authorities.

## Giving Dan Cupid a Hot Chase



Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

## WANT TO KEEP GOOSMAN Implement Dealers Desire to Retain Him as Secretary.

### PARRISH TALKS ADVERTISING

Advises Dealers to Let Customers  
Know What They Have for  
Sale—Craig Urges Co-  
Operation.

Secretary M. L. Goosman of the Mid-  
west Retail Implement Dealers' associa-  
tion is likely to be retained another year  
by the association, in spite of the fact  
that he has presented a formal resig-  
nation, preparatory to entering another  
line of work. Secretary Goosman's resig-  
nation has been formally presented to the  
association now in session in Omaha, but  
has not yet been accepted. Mr. Goos-  
man has been with the association four  
years.

Owing to the fact that he is to be-  
come secretary of a newly incorporated  
company for the manufacture of a  
patented apparatus for the shipment of  
eggs by parcel post, he presented his  
resignation at the opening of the con-  
vention this year. Sentiment is strong  
for his retention. It has been suggested  
by many of the implement dealers, and  
members of the board of directors, that  
if it is determined to handle the work  
of the new company, arrangements may  
be made so that he can be re-  
tained as secretary of the implement  
dealers' association also. The matter  
will probably be decided by the directors  
Friday before the close of the conven-  
tion.

### Parrish Talks Advertising.

E. V. Parrish of the publicity bureau of  
Omaha gave the implement men a talk  
during the forenoon session on the value  
of advertising of the right kind. He  
talked to them on the importance of let-  
ting the customers know what they have  
for sale.

J. A. Craig of Janesville, Wis., presi-  
dent of the National Implement Vehicle  
association, addressed the association on  
the value of local clubs.

He said the majority of the men had  
not yet learned the value of organization  
and co-operation. "You must come to  
know the organization as 'We' instead of  
'They,'" he said, "before you can be  
said to have the right spirit."

Mr. Craig scathed the fellow who wants  
to get along without being on friendly  
terms with his competitor. He said the  
day was past when one should regard a  
competitor as an enemy. "The man who  
wants to get along without noticing his  
competitor at all," he said, "simply  
doesn't belong to this age. Nature  
has just made a mistake and placed him  
in an age where he does not belong. He  
belongs way back, just a little this side  
of the Indiana."

## Offices of Alleged Grain Firm Raided

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 8.—Postoffice  
Inspector Birdsey and Deputy United  
States Marshal Gaucet today raided the  
offices of the Central Stock and Grain  
company, 132 Engineers' building, seized  
books and papers of the company and ar-  
rested Robert Howard Parker, manager,  
on a charge of using the mails to defraud.  
According to the postal authorities,  
Parker did business all over the United  
States in what he termed in his news-  
paper advertisements "spread auction in  
grain," obtaining sums ranging from \$2  
to \$50 from investors.

## EX-SPEAKER CANNON IS ABLE TO BE OUT

DANVILLE, Ill., Jan. 8.—Joseph G.  
Gannon, former speaker of the national  
house of representatives, appeared on the  
streets this afternoon for the first time  
since he was taken ill with a cold. He  
said staving in the house was the worst  
punishment he could imagine.

## Senator Lea Says Wilson Is Antidote for Socialism

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 8.—"It is the duty  
and the greatest of wisdom for every  
one who reverences the traditions of the  
past, who boasts of the glory of this great  
republic," said Senator Luke Lea of Ten-  
nessee, in an address before the City  
club here this afternoon, "to do his part  
in making the republic against socialis-  
m secure. This can be done only by each  
contributing his part toward the success  
of the radicalism of today, in which lies  
our safety for tomorrow."

"Discontent and unrest have walked  
abroad, for the last ten years signs have  
been evident that foretold a period of  
conflict. Such a period of conflict can  
be postponed only by some leader coming  
into power with the knowledge of the  
investments of capital, with sympathy  
with the requirements of labor, with  
courage to deal frankly and even harshly  
with the people of his environment and  
with the confidence of those who are  
seeking a correction of the evils that  
made them restless and discontented."

"Viewed from a nonpartisan point and  
measured by the patriotic needs of the  
hour our present president is such a man.  
There can be no real prosperity when  
a nation is divided by law into two  
classes, those who spend their time in  
planning how to spend their swollen for-  
tunes in enjoying tomorrow, and those  
who plan how to earn sufficient to live  
tomorrow. There can be no genuine pros-  
perity so long as poorhouses and asyl-  
ums exist, except as the result of sloth  
and crime and disease."

## Three Millions Sent Hundreds of Miles by Messenger

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 8.—Three million  
dollars in coin and currency was taken  
through St. Louis last night by R. S.  
Davison, chief of police of Houston, Tex.  
He was taking the money from a Hous-  
ton bank to use in Chicago. By employ-  
ing him the Houston bank saved nearly  
\$20,000, which an express company had  
asked to transport the money. Davison  
locked himself with the money in a state  
room when he left Houston and did not  
leave the room until he changed cars  
here.

## Black Hand Artist Arrested as He Picks Up Decoy Package

WASHINGTON, Pa., Jan. 8.—As he  
reached behind a mail box in a rolling  
mill here this morning and grasped a  
decoy package placed there by county  
officers, Dominick Lombardo, a young  
Italian workman, was arrested and hur-  
ried before a magistrate, who held him  
in \$5,000 bail for sending black-hand let-  
ters to James Greco, a wealthy Italian  
merchant. Many persons in Washington  
county have paid toll to the black-hand  
during the last few years.

## ATTEMPT MADE TO MURDER PROSECUTOR

GILLETTE, Wyo., Jan. 8.—(Special  
Telegram)—Last night at 9 o'clock an  
attempt was made to assassinate Elwood  
Anderson, prosecuting attorney of Camp-  
bell county. The would-be murderer fired  
at Mr. Anderson through the glass win-  
dow of the latter's office door, the bullet  
shattered the glass and struck Mr. An-  
derson on the little finger of his left  
hand. Mr. Anderson was sitting in his  
office with his feet on his desk and his  
hands clasped behind his head talking  
to Alonzo M. Clark, county clerk, when  
the shot was fired. Several Gillette peo-  
ple got a glimpse of the murderer and  
it is believed that he will be apprehended.

## SOUTH DAKOTA WANTS LINE

### Business Men of Mitchell Urge Mil- waukee to Build Cut-Off.

### EARLING SAYS NOT AT ONCE

President of the Milwaukee Says  
that Building of the Road  
Must Wait Changed Fi-  
nancial Conditions.

Business men of Mitchell, S. D., and  
those above and below in the Jim river  
valley are appealing to the executive of-  
ficers of the Milwaukee road to con-  
struct the long-talked-of cutoff between  
Omaha and Yankton. They are talking  
of sending a delegation to Chicago to lay  
the matter before President Earling and  
urge the building of the line.

In Omaha the action of the South Da-  
kota business men is being watched with  
great interest, but the opinion prevails  
that they will be unable to get even a  
promise.

Omaha and Omaha business men have  
talked the Omaha-Yankton cut-off for  
years and until three months ago felt  
certain that it was one of the lines the  
Milwaukee would build in the near fu-  
ture. Three months ago, however, their  
hopes were dashed to the ground by an  
interview given out by the president of  
the road. He, accompanied by other  
company officials, arrived in the city and  
while here they met a committee of the  
jobbers. Positive information was de-  
manded as to what the Milwaukee sys-  
temed to do and after the conference,  
President Earling, over his signature,  
furnished a statement to the papers,  
saying that while the company officials  
had given the Omaha-Yankton line some  
consideration its construction was not  
contemplated in the near future.

To President Earling it was shown that  
the failure to build the cut-off from  
Omaha to Yankton was shutting this city  
out of a large territory in northern Ne-  
braska and South Dakota that by right  
belonged to it. The argument, it was  
conceded, was true, but the president of  
the road answered that the company did  
not feel justified in constructing any new  
lines until financial conditions changed.

Local officials deny the report that the  
heads of the Milwaukee road have a feel-  
ing toward Sioux City more friendly than  
toward Omaha. In proof of their denial  
they point to the millions of dollars that  
is being spent in the construction of the  
second track across Iowa in order to  
improve the road and consequently the  
service between here and Chicago.

## George J. Weber, Inventor, is Dead

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Jan. 8.—George J.  
Weber, inventor of a number of engine  
appliances and formerly president of a  
large manufacturing company, is dead at  
his home here of injuries received four  
months ago while at work in his labora-  
tory on a new type of gas engine. Mr.  
Weber's left arm was shattered by an  
explosion last September. A silver plate  
was substituted for a part of one of the  
bones of the forearm and the wound  
healed. The shock, however, undermined  
the inventor's health and finally caused  
death. Mr. Weber was 65 years old.

## FUND DISTRIBUTED AMONG FAMILIES OF DEAD SEAMEN

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 8.—At a meeting  
held here today \$200,000 was distributed  
among the relatives of the 200 great lakes'  
seamen, who lost their lives on November  
3, when the great lakes experienced the  
most severe gale known in their history.  
Eight men, four Americans and four  
Canadians, decided how to distribute the  
fund.

Vessel owners on both sides of the bor-  
der have been generous in their contribu-  
tions to the fund and the Canadian gov-  
ernment gave \$25,000. Over \$60,000 was  
raised in Cleveland, where most of the  
victims resided.

## MOYER GOES BACK TO HANCOCK TO TESTIFY BEFORE GRAND JURY

### Miners' Leader, Accompanied by Man Who Was Deported with Him, Return Quietly.

### DEPUTY SHERIFFS GUARD THEM

### Men Are in Hotel from Which They Were Abducted.

### GOVERNOR QUESTIONS OWNERS

### Attorney Says Federation Does Not Represent Employes.

### SHARP CONFLICT IN FIGURES

### Minor Magnates Offer to Show Books Giving Number Employed and Union Men Offer to Meet the Issue.