COMMERCE BODY NOT LARGE ENOUGH

Interstate Commission Says It Needs More Members and Power to Act in Subdivisions.

RAIL VALUATION PROCEEDING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 .- Early enlargement of the membership of the Interstate Commerce commission, with statutory power to act through subdivisions, and "appropriate and adequate" legislation for | nal to stop. control over railway capitalization were among the important recommendations made to congress today In the commission's annual report.

should have express authority of law to have access to the letter files of carriers; that the use of steel cars in passenger trains be required and that the use in passenger trains of wooden cars between or in front of steel cars be prohibited. It was recommended that the minimum penalty for violations of the hours of service act be fixed at a fine of \$100 and that provision be made that all actions relating to transportation charges should be brought within three years.

Expenses ATout FGur Millions. For the fiscal year which ended June 30. last the commission spent \$3,933,965, including \$2,131,925 for physical valuation Its estimates for the year, which begins July 1 next, already have been submitted to congress.

The report is largely devoted to presenting the commission's work for the year. Under physical valuation work it reports that since June there have been twelve roadway and track parties in the field in each of the five districts into which the country has been divided, and that their total average has been about 4,000 miles per month. By January 1, the report says, surveys of nearly 50,000 miles of railroad will virtually be completed. The total railroad mileage of the country is put at 20,000, and the report says that the 200,000 miles left at the beginning of the year should be surveyed in the four following years under the present arrangement.

"It is doubtful," it adds, "If under the present organization, work can be prosecuted more rapidly than it is now pro-

Actual Cost vs. New Prices. --7,600 miles of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific will be completed by January cost to roads, however, the report de-clares that much more information must M: application of prices and the final

the final completion of the work, since as soon as the application of prices

lisions, but says that individual instances tion of rules "are still too numerous. It suggests a standardization of operat- terly contested. ing rules to assure safety of railway travel, to be obtained through federa legislation. It shows that derailments have been on the increase and that in 1915 there were 3,538 collisions and 6,849 derailments, compared with 5.042 collistons and 2,633 derailments in 1902.

Many Tracks Are Unsafe. Track conditions which are unsafe for the operations of trains at the rate of speed permitted are too common," says the report. "In several of the derailments investigated the track conditions were mon practice for trains to be operate at unsafe speed over such track."

erties of wheels, rails and other materials used in track and equipment and the Lake Michigan." strains and stresses they are required to sustain in service. Derailments caused by switches are reported to be on the increase and present a problem difficult to solve, better policing of tracks and a rigid enforcement of trespans laws being suggested as remedies.

Up to June m plans for 418 automatic train centrel devices had been presented Ottawa Cabinet to the commission for examination, which 343 had been examined and 251 found improcticable and crude and twenty-five found possessed of mertorious features, but required further development before being entitled to serious consideration. The block system of operation is declared to have proven its superiority over any other.

The report contains a report of the important court decisions affecting findings

Cotton Takes a Further Drop

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.-Cotton fell approximately 22 a bale today under a re-newal of excited general liquidation. The market experienced nervousness over international policies

Cotton for May delivery fell off to M.E. or 42 points under Saturday's closing, and nearly \$5 a bale below the high

level of last week Cotton underwent a 22 drop last week

Kills His Wife, Self and Mother-in-Law

MADISON, Ind., Dec. 12.-Earnest Ash bury, & living near here, shot and killed his wife, Ethel P. Ashbury; his motherin-law, Mrs. William Tague, and then killed himself. He was thought to be

MAN AND HORSE DROWN **NEAR BELLE FOURCHE**

Captain of Carolina Tells of Seizure of Steward by Cruiser

NEW YORK, Dec. 15-Officers and assengers of the American steamship Carolina that arrived here today from Porto Rico brought first hand details of the stopping of that ship and the removal of its chief steward, Karl ENTENTE ABANDONS GIEVGELI Schnaade, by the French cruiser Des-

cartes on December 5. The Carolina, according to Captain J. O. Foss, was hailed by the Descartes just as it had passed out of the threemile limit, a blank shot being fired by the cruiser to call attention to the sig-

A life boat with six men and a lieutenant from the cruiser came alongside. and the ship was detained for about two hours. Several passengers, among them Charles T. Pfalts, an importer of The commission suggested that it this city, were questioned by the officer, but only the steward. Schaade, was taken.

Mr. Pfaltz said he believes, judging by the actions of the French officer, that he was the man sought, notwithstanding that he is an American citizen, having been naturalized for about twenty years. "I was asked for as soon as the French lieutenant came on the Carolina," Mr. Pfaltz said. "I showed him my pass port and he told me that as it did not show the date of my naturalization he would have to go back to the cruiser for further instructions from the commander. He was gone for about twenty minutes, then I was told that it was all right, but that only my age, 50 years,

saved me from being taken off. "Why they were after me I do not know. With my wife I went to Porto Rico two weeks ago on business. I did call on the German consul, an old friend of mine, but I also visited the French consul at San Juan."

Other passengers on the Carolina said that on the morning of the day the Caroina salled a tug, said to have French officials on board, put out to sea from San Juan, and was seen returning after the ship had been stopped by the cruiser

Mrs. Lund Sues for Divorce and Thirty

IDA GROVE, Ia., Dec. 13.-(Special.)-Herman A. Lund, one of three legatees in an estate said to be worth \$200,000, which was left by his father, the late city councilman, Peter Lund, was made defendant Saturday in a divorce suit filed The report states that the survey of here. The plaintiff is Mary M. Walah Lund, formerly a head millinery buyer in a Sloux City department store. She I with the exception of a few hundred has obtained through Judge E. G. Albert miles in the south. Surveys of the Bos- an order in attachment tying up \$15,000 ton & Maine will also be completed this worth of property held by Mr. Lund, year. Before applying the test of acual including his new six-cylinder automo

Mrs. Lund, who is a pretty little woman be obtained, and has determined to defer of about 20, claims that she was comstatement in dollars of the cost of re-production anew. - time of their marriage until he left her in Los Angeles to come back to Iowa to "It should be noted," explains the re- attend his father's funeral in July, 1914. "that this will not involve delay with the exception of the first few months of their married life.

Mrs. Lund avers that her husband is can be properly begun, the work can be really worth \$79,000 and she asks tempo-The commission expresses gratification attorney's fees of \$500 while the divorce at the decrease in the number of col- proceedings are pending and permanent alimony of \$30,000 and ultimate attorney's of unsafe operating methods and viola- | gees of \$2,500. The suit, which has

Mrs. G. W. Streeter is Charged With

CHICAGO, Dec. 13 .- Mrs. George Wellington Streeter was indicted in criminal court today on a charge of assault with intent to kill.

She is sileged to have shot Sergeant found to be so bad as to be actually un- George Cudmore in the arm when he lecture. safe for the passage of trains even at and another policeman recutly raided the their spokesman, who made the request moderate speed, yet no special speed re-strictions were in force, and it was com-was being sold there in violation of the Sunday closing law.

Mrs. Streeter is the wife of Captain The commission suggests the need of definite information as to physical prop- gained national fame through his fight to retain possession of the "District of

In 1886 a small steamer owned by England Places "Cap" Streeter stranded on the beach malicious tampering with track and off Lake Shore drive. Land formed shoreward which Streeter claims by right of squatter sovereignity, saying it is in federal and not municipal jurisdiction.

Commutes Death

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 13.-It was reported here today that at a meeting the cabinet decided to commute the death penalty passed upon Mrs. Elizabeth Coward of Fort George, B. C., to life im-

Mrs. Coward, formerly of Chicago, murdered a man in the wilds of northern British Columbia. The order in council has yet to receive the algusture of the duke of Connaught, as has also the order in of \$2 Per Bale council of last Friday, commuting the death sentence in the case of Mrs. Hawkes of Wetaskiwan to ten years' imprison-

> In both cases petitions of elemency. signed by tens of thousands of people, were sent to the minister of justice

Anti-Suffragists Meet at Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.-The National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage met in annual convention here today, with delegates in attendance representing twenty-three anti-suffrage associations.

Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge of New York, esident of the organisation, presided at the opening session, at which was read a letter by Mrs. Robert Lansing, wife of the secretary of state, from her father. John W. Foster, a former secretary of state, opposing woman suffrage. President Wilson will receive the delerates at the White House tomorrow.

BELLE FOURCHE, S. D., Duc. 13.—
(Special 1—A young man named Lee rods his horse into a pond near White Butts and was drowned before he cauld get out. The horse, was also drowned in the struggle and the two bodies, frozen fast in the ice, were found by searchers.

Department Orders.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—A civil service examination will be held January 22 for rural letter or at Glicad, Neb.

Marker Stella Ge sier, appointed post-master at Lund. Cherry county. Nebraska, vice S. M. Harris, resigned walter W. Rice appointed rural letter carrier at Kearney, Neb., and J. E. Mut-calf at Mount Firesunt. Is.

BULGARIANS NEAR GREEK FRONTIER

Saloniki Dispatch Says Grecian Force is Moving Toward Border to Meet Them.

SALONIKI, Greece, Dec. 13, (Via London.) -The newspaper L'-Opinion asserts that Bulgarian troops are preparing to cross the Greek frontier and that Greek troops are moving toward the threatened point, apparently with the object of disputing a Bulgarian invasion.

Entente Abandons Glevgell. LONDON, Dec. 13.-The Saloniki correspondent of Reuter's Telegram company, in a dispatch dated Sunday, relative to the fighting in southeastern Serbia, says: The evacuation of Doiran and Gievgel! was completed today and the Bulgarians are reported to be within five miles of the Greek frontier, following very slowly in the wake of the allies."

Bulgaria Proposes Neutral Zone. BERLIN, Dec. 12 .- (By Wireless to Sayville) .- A dispatch to the Tageblatt from Sofia says that the proposal of the Bulgarian government to Greece for a neutral zone of two and one-half kilo meters on each side of the Greco-Serbian border is designed to counteract "all the efforts of the entente at Athens to create distrust of Bulgaria's policy, as to the establishment of the zone of neutrality would make impossible any conflict between Greece and Bulgaria.

"This arrangement, adds the dispatch would not affect the attitude of the Germans and Austrians regarding pursuit of Anglo-French forces across the Greek frontier.

A neutral zone of this sort has existed on the Greco-Bulgar frontier since the Bulgarian mobilisation began and the present proposal, according to the Tageblatt advices, is for its extension to the line dividing Greece and Serbia. zone would remain unoccupied by either

Greek or Bulgarian troops.

German Official Report. BERLIN, Dec. 13 .- (By Wireless to Sayville.)-Aside from a few small engagements and the capture of several hun-Thousand Alimony dred more Serblans, Sunday passed quietly on the Vargorman fronts.

The report from the war office today says that at Ipek. Montenegro, twelve cannon, which had been buried by the Serbians, were discovered. The army of General Von Koevess took 500 prisoners During the last few days more than 1.000 Serbians, whose retreat was cut off, were taken.

On the eastern front the Russians took an important position. There were skirmishes among advanced posts at several A Russian attack near Vulka, south of Vygonovsoye lake, i-fled. The attackers lost about 100 men.

Trials Growing Out of Black Murder Case Transferred L

MARSHALL, Tex., Dec. 13 .- The cases against three Marshall men charged with the murder of William Black, an antichange of venue.

to have begun tomorrow. Judge H. T. Lyttleton ordered the change of venue on his own motion, saying the defendants could not get a fair

trial in this section. William Black was shot and killed in his hotel room February 2. The previous quite an honor to come to so young Assault to Kill his hotel room February 2. The previous shall entitled "Romanism: a Menace to Civilization." He was to have lectured

again that night. The three defendants in the transferred cases admitted in the examining trial that they went to Black's room to ask him not to deliver his second night's and who was shot and killed in the fight that followed the request,

Two men indicted of complicity in the Black murder already have been acquitted. They are Frank O'Leary and Harry

Order for Twenty Million Bottles

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 13 .- An order for 140,000 gross of glass bottles has been given by the British government to the Hazel-Atlas Glass company of this city and the Williamstown Glass company of Williamstown, N. J., delivery to be made as quickly as possible. The bottles are to Sentence of Woman as quickly as possible. The bottles are to be used in sending liquid food, such as soups, milk, etc., to the soldiers in the

Demand for American bottles has been so pronounced during the past few weeks that trade authorities predict an export of fully 1,000,000 gross during the coming year. There is a pronounced scarcity of workmen in the factories, which were never as busy as they are at present.

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Upper Classmen at Creighton Vie for Honors in Debate

The first preliminary oratorical contest to determine who is to represent the school in the annual intercollegiate competition next March was held at the Creighton university yesterday afternoon. Every student in the college division is required to take part in the first preliminary, yesterday being the day for the seniors, juniors and special students. Nine representatives from these three classes were selected to appear in the second prilminary contest next Monday, in which twenty-five contestants will take part, the remaining sixteen being chosen from the fershmen and sopho nores, who will compete later this week The nine successful upper classmen who are to compete in the second contest

are Benjamin English, Joe English, Gerald La Violette, and Arthur O'Rourke of of the senior class; Cornellus Keyes, Joseph Ostdick and Waldo Shillington of the juniors, and Earl Burns and Robert Green from special class.

Creighton "Studes" Under Honor System in Midterm Exams

Midterm examinations began at Creighon law school last night, both and and night students taking the tests of the same hour, 6 p. m. Four hours are allowed the students for finishing their

nA innovation was adopted this year in he use of the honor system. Each student is given a printed slip along with his examination questions, bearing the statement: "I certify on my honor that I have neither received help nor given such, either directly or indirectly, in the subject with which this slip is handed in." The subject of the examination, date and student's name are then signed and th eslip handed in together with his examination paper. The tests will continue until December

22, after which Christmas vacation begins for the entrie university.

PUBLICATION OF HUNGARIAN MONTHLY IS TO START SCON

Eugene Gardos, a graduate of Creighon university and prominent in local Hungarian circles, will undertake the publication of a new Hungarian monthly nagazine, "The Golden West," together with Alex S. Yovitzs, a graduate of Budapest university and formerly pubisher of an Hungarian weekly in De troit. The Golden West will be the only Hungarian monthly published in the United States, and will be printed in Hungarian and English, containing ewa, ovels, poems, illustrations and current events.

The publishers intend to devote considerable space to agricultural work, in an endeavor to interest Hungarians in farming rather than factory and mine work. The publication will begin with an issue of 10,000 copies.

B. DAY IS CHANCELLOR OF NEBRASKA PYTHIANIS

Catholic lecturer, here last winter, were university, department of arts, and liketransferred to Galveston today on a wise an alumnus of the Creighton college change of venue. The accused are John Copeland, George mander of the Nebraska lodge No. 1. Ryan and George Tier. Their trial was Knights of Pythias, Nebraska lodge No. Knights of Pythias. Nebraska lodge No. 1 is the second largest Knights of Pythias lodge in the state and the oldest chapter in this order west of the Allegheny mountains.

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AUSTRIAN BARON IS INDICTED AT FRISCO

Attache of Consulate Crowley and Secret Agent Charged with Plotting.

COUNTS IN EACH BILL

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13 .-Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, an attache of the German consulate here; C. C. Crowley, a detective employed by the consulate, and Margaret Cornell? a secret agent in Crowley's employ, were indicted late today by the United States grand jury on two counts each. The first count charges conspiracy to interfere with and destroy commerce between the several states of the union and the United States and foreign countries: the second count charges use of the mails to incite arson, assassination

SUFFRAGISTS RAISE BIG SUM FOR NATIONAL FIGHT

WASHINTGON, Dec. 13,-More than \$41,000 was raised in fifteen minutes at a mass meeting held here today by the Congressional Union of Woman Suffrage, in connection with its annual con vention. The money will be used to finance the work of organization for a nation-wide campaign to secure the passage of the Susian B. Anthony suffrage amendment by the present congress. The largest individual contribution was that of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, who pledged \$10,000 for the New York delegation,

KENYON HAS BILL TO TAX MUNITIONS MAKERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 -- A bill to pro hibit passengers on ships with war mu nitions and a resolution to put the senate on record for raising revenues for national defense by taxing manufacturers of munitions were introduced today by Senator Kenyon. No action was taken on either.

The senator declared national defense plans were made necessary because of the irritation of foreign nations by American sales of munitions to the allies.

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