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THE WEATHER
Fair

NEBRASKA EXPERT PUT UPON GRILL AT RAIL RATE HEARING

U. G. Powell's Figures to Show Roads Are Generally Prosperous Are Subjected to Attack.

ALWAYS ON OPPOSITE SIDE

Witness Says Instructed by Commission to Get Facts, but Always Against Carriers.

BASIS OF HIS STATISTICS

CHICAGO, April 1.—U. G. Powell, rate expert of the Nebraska Railroad commission, was subjected to a prolonged cross-examination at the Interstate Commerce commission hearing of the forty-one western roads' petition for increased freight rates on certain commodities. These increases, the railroads say, are necessary to equalize rates and to increase their revenues in order to maintain their properties.

Generally Prosperous. Mr. Powell presented figures intended to show the roads were generally prosperous and that they averaged in earnings more than 6 per cent. Certain of the roads which would participate in the increases, if granted, he said, were accumulating surpluses.

"As an expert of the Nebraska commission haven't you always appeared in cases in freight rates asked C. C. Wright, general counsel for the railroads. "I can't say that I have always opposed them. The commission instructed me to get the facts," said Mr. Powell. "You have always been on the opposite side, haven't you?"

"Yes."

Takes Representative List.

The witness said, in arriving at his figures he had not had time to consider all the railroads involved, but he had taken a representative list composed equally, he thought, of the strong and the weak ones. Among the strong ones he included the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, the Sunset Lines of the Southern Pacific, the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul. He included the Kansas City Southern among the weaker ones.

Not Paying Dividends.

"That's because of its obligations. It is not paying dividends," Mr. Powell stated he had not included roads in receivership. "Do you mean a road in the hands of receivers should have no consideration in reference to adequate rates?" "If their location is representative they ought to be considered." The witness said he thought it would have been more fair had he had time to include all the roads in. In the list, he said, he gave the capitalization of the Kansas City Southern \$200,000,000 more than it should have been. It was due to a clerical error. In reply to questions from Dr. M. O. Lorenz, statistician of the Interstate Commerce commission, Mr. Powell said in determining his values he had deducted from investment in property whatever had come out of surplus, but in years when the roads paid no dividends he had not added any percentage to the property investment figure.

Joint Revival at Ida Grove.

IDA GROVE, Ia., April 1.—(Special.)—Three churches of Ida Grove, the Methodist, Presbyterian and Church of God, will have a joint revival meeting on a small grove from May 10 to June 20. They plan to erect a large wooden tabernacle on a prominent corner, close to the business center of the city, and have contracted with the Newlin-Maitland party of Winona Lake, Ind., to hold the services.

The Weather

Forecast till 1 p. m. For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity.—Fair; not much change in temperature. Temperature at Omaha, yesterday:

5 a. m.	27
8 a. m.	28
11 a. m.	29
2 p. m.	30
5 p. m.	31
8 p. m.	32
11 p. m.	33
12 m.	34
1 p. m.	35
4 p. m.	36
7 p. m.	37
10 p. m.	38

Comparative Local Record.

Highest yesterday	1914	1913	1912
Lowest yesterday	25	22	21
Mean yesterday	28	26	25
Precipitation	.00	.00	.00
Temperature above normal	10	8	7
Normal precipitation	.44	.44	.44
Deficiency for the day	.44	.44	.44
Total deficiency since March 1	1.98	1.98	1.98
Normal precipitation	.44	.44	.44
Deficiency for the day	.44	.44	.44
Total rainfall since March 1	1.00	1.00	1.00
Excess since March 1	.56	.56	.56
Excess for year period, 1914	1.54	1.54	1.54

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	High.	Low.
Chicago, Ill.	42	48	32
Denver, Colo.	40	46	30
Des Moines, Ia.	38	44	28
North Platte, Neb.	36	42	26
Omaha, Neb.	34	40	24
Rapid City, S. D.	32	38	22
Sheridan, Wyo.	30	36	20
Sioux City, Ia.	28	34	18
Valentine, Neb.	26	32	16

T indicates trace of precipitation.
L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

MORE ROYALTY E ARMY—Prince Henry, third son of the emperor, needed the officers' training corps (arrow and color by photo).



LAWMAKERS TO BE GUESTS OF OMAHA

Both Houses of Nebraska Legislature Accept Invitations to Banquet Here Saturday Night.

TO COME ON SPECIAL TRAIN

The entire Nebraska legislature, Governor Morehead and the state officials are to be entertained by the business men of Omaha at a banquet at the Fontenelle hotel Saturday evening at 6:30. Plans have just been made and the invitation has been accepted by both houses of the legislature.

The Burlington is to run a special train, leaving Lincoln at 5 o'clock and arriving in Omaha at 5:30. The visitors are to repair at once to the Fontenelle, where the banquet will begin.

The business men of Omaha feel that the legislature has been giving a great deal of attention during the session to matters that concern largely Omaha, and it is out of appreciation of this fact and with a view to introducing the legislators all to Omaha's new \$1,000,000 hotel and the metropolis in general, that the dinner is planned by the business men.

All Omaha Invited. It is expected there will be not less than 150 guests, as there are to be 135 from the two houses of the legislature, and between fifteen and twenty state officials. No lines are drawn in Omaha as to who shall attend. The business men are even taking interest in the occasion and tickets are selling at \$3. The tickets are on sale at the Commercial club rooms.

Informal toasts will probably be given following the dinner. The legislators and state officials are to have their own way about going back to the capital, as the special train is not to carry them back. The Douglas county delegation will, of course, remain over, and perhaps many others will remain over Sunday, getting back to Lincoln in time to take up their work Monday morning.

Dodge Interurban Railway Measure Killed by Senate

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., April 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Senate file No. 180, the Dodge bill to encourage interurban railway building in Nebraska, was killed in the senate this morning. As a general thing republicans voted for the bill except Kiechel, Lahners, Malley, Riden and Shumway, while democrats voted against it except Bedford, Howell, Kohl, Mattes and Quinby.

Mumford Observes Fifty-Second Birthday

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 1.—(Special.)—E. P. Mumford, private secretary to the governor, is celebrating his fifty-second birthday today. His desk is overflowing with the floral tributes of his friends, including some beautiful flowers from Dalbey and Steinhart, two members of the Gage county delegation in the house. Mr. Mumford's home is at Beatrice.

HOUSE MEMBERS AGREE TO TORRENS AMENDMENTS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 1.—(Special.)—The house agreed today to accept the senator's amendments to H. R. 222, the bill providing for the Torrens system of registering land titles. As the bill will go to the governor, it is not to become operative in any county unless 10 per cent of the freeholders petition for it. Whenever it is made operative the matter of registering titles by the Torrens system will be optional with each owner.

GERMANS TORPEDO 2 MERCHANTMEN, THIRTY MEN LOST

British Steamer Seven Seas, Bound from London for Liverpool, Sunk with Nine Off Beachy Head.

FRENCH SHIP SENT TO BOTTOM

Freighter Emma Destroyed by German Submarine and Nineteen of Crew Drowned.

DUTCH CARGO BOAT ARRESTED

NEW HAVEN, England, April 1.—The British steamer Seven Seas, of 632 tons, was torpedoed by a German submarine off Beachy Head this afternoon. The attack was without warning and eleven of its crew of eighteen, including all the officers except the second engineer, were drowned. The steamer was bound from London for Liverpool.

Such was the force of the explosion that the hatches were blown off and a big hole was torn in the steamer's side, causing it to sink within three minutes.

The survivors, three of whom were injured, were landed here this evening by a destroyer.

French Steamer Sunk.

LONDON, April 1.—The French steamer Emma, bound to Bordeaux, was torpedoed Wednesday in the British channel off Beachy Head by a German submarine. Nineteen members of its crew were drowned, only two being saved.

The periscope of the submarine had hardly been sighted from the Emma when the torpedo from the undersea boat struck the Emma in the engine room. No warning of any kind was given. The ship drowned within three minutes.

A British destroyer subsequently picked up two men who had been in the water for a couple of hours, and at the same time recovered two bodies. The Emma had a crew of twenty-one men.

Arrest Dutch Cargo Boat.

LONDON, April 1.—A dispatch to the exchange Telegraph company from New Haven, a port in English channel in Hays, says a large Dutch cargo boat, the Lodewijk Van Nassau, has been brought into New Haven by two British torpedo boats under the suspicion that it had been supplying German submarines with fuel oil. The torpedo boats gave chase to the Lodewijk and captured it near Brighton.

It is said the members of its crew appear to be Germans. The name of the vessel is painted on each side in huge letters. It has a cargo of oil on board and this is now being examined. When seized by the British torpedo boats the Dutch steamer refused to stop, but it eventually was brought to a halt.

Subsues Sighted.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Three German submarines were sighted off the Hook of Holland by the Holland-American liner Potsdam, which arrived here today. The periscope of the submarines were observed by the Potsdam about two miles off the Hook. The underwater craft followed the ship for a short distance without attempting to stop it, and then branched off in different directions.

Justice Holenbeck Memorial Services To Be Held Monday

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 1.—(Special.)—Memorial services will be held in the supreme court Monday in memory of the late Chief Justice Holenbeck, who died early in January, a few days after his inauguration into office.

The services will be held with the supreme court sitting en banc in the presence of the bar. A committee on resolutions will report.

Thresher Officially Is Reported Missing

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Reports that an American life had been lost in the war zone around the British Isles were brought officially to the attention of the Washington government late today when Ambassador Page and Consul General Skinner at London cabled that Leon C. Thresher, an American mining man, was supposed to have been drowned in the destruction of the British liner Falaba by a German submarine.

The reports merely transmitted unofficial statements, and instructions were sent immediately to both officials to begin an investigation and report promptly. No action will be taken by the government until the official version of Thresher's death has been received and all the facts surrounding the destruction of the Falaba have been carefully scrutinized.

Want a Bird House?



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Japan Warned Demands on China Violate United States Treaty

TOKIO, Japan, March 31.—(Delayed in Transmission.)—The American government note recently forwarded to Tokio concerning negotiations now in progress between the Japanese and Chinese governments, dwelt in particular, according to reliable information, on three points in the demands made by Japan on China. Of these three points, the first concerned the selection of foreign advisers by China; the second was in regard to the purchase of munitions of war by the Chinese government; and the third dealt with the question of foreign loans.

The Washington government, it is understood, submitted that if Japan insisted on the right to be consulted by China in the selection of foreign advisers it might be a violation of the sovereignty of China.

It is further contended that if Japan insisted on the purchase by China of munitions of war in Japan and insisted that it be consulted with regard to certain foreign loans in the province of Fukien in South Manchuria and in East-Ansongho, this course might be a violation of the principle of equal opportunity stipulated in the agreement reached between Baron Takahira when he was minister to the United States and Elihu Root, at that time secretary of state. That agreement provides for maintaining the independence and integrity of China and the equality of commercial opportunity in that country.

MEXICANS MURDER 2 MORE AMERICANS

Carranza Bandits Kill Yankees for Their Cattle and Villa Executes Syrians.

BLOODY DETAILS REACH BORDER

EL PASO, Tex., April 1.—The killing of two Americans by Carranza soldiers and the execution of two Syrians by Villa officials became known here today.

Baron Smith of Houston, Tex., and Roseco T. Billings were killed by Carranza soldiers a few miles north of Mexico City two months ago, according to R. H. Aitkin, who arrived here today after two months' flight to the border. The soldiers murdered the Americans to secure their cattle, according to Aitkin.

Salamon Nigri and Rafael Perez, Syrians, were executed Tuesday at Torreon in accordance with General Villa's recent decree inflicting the death penalty upon those convicted of implication in the circulation of counterfeit Mexican money. The men were merchants of Torreon.

Details of the execution reached Luis Nigri, brother of Salamon, here today. According to the information received today by Luis Nigri, the merchants had shown their money to Villa officials, who had declared it genuine. Shortly after a squad of soldiers arrested and executed the merchants.

Refuses to Raise Sectararian School Inspection Bill

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 1.—(Special.)—Representatives spent two hours today in the endeavor to place each member of the lower house on record on H. R. 257, known as the bill for the inspection of all schools of a private character and which would provide for state inquiry into religious schools.

Finally mustering only thirty-five votes in favor of raising the bill over the heads of the sitting committee, which had not reported it for consideration, the advocates of the measure gave it up. Members were routed out of cloak rooms, committee rooms and corridors and made to go on record.

The vote cannot be taken as indicative of the vote had the bill been up for passage, for many voted against the measure because they were opposed to raising any bill over the heads of the committee. Others voted for the bill because they were not satisfied with the work of the committee because they had bills which had not been lifted out and took this way of "getting even."

Following are those who favored advancing the measure: Anderson (Philip), Brant, Burgess, Crinklaw, Day, Leussow, Evans, Harris, Hornby, Howard, Hutton, Jarry, Larsen, Lindsay, Linderson, Matteson, Meredith, Miner, Mockett, Moseley, Norton, Orr, Peterson, Reuter, Reynolds (Lipson), Rudisill, Sasa, Scott, Stevers, Smith, Sorenson, Stearns, Stebbins, Ward, Woodhurst.

Five Employes of Powder Mill Dead

ALTON, Ill., April 1.—Five employes of the Equitable Powder company, including James A. Colburn, superintendent, were killed today when an explosion wrecked the press mill at the plant five miles from here. Five thousand pounds of black powder were in the building. The shock was felt here.

SENTENCE OF LIEUTENANT J. P. MARKOE IS CONFIRMED

WASHINGTON, April 1.—President Wilson has confirmed the sentence of dismissal imposed by general court-martial at Naze, Ariz., upon Second Lieutenant John P. Markoe, Tenth Cavalry, who was found guilty of "having become violently drunk." Lieutenant Markoe was appointed to the military academy from St. Paul, Minn., and was graduated last year.

WAR ON ALCOHOL HAS PRECEDENCE OVER RECRUITING

Great Britain Must Solve Problem of Ammunition Supply Before the Spring Advance Can Be Pushed.

DRASTIC STEPS ARE EXPECTED

King's Letter Supposed to Be Pre-lude to Measure that Will Equal Absolute Prohibition.

MORE FIGHTING IN MOUNTAINS

The Day's War News

A FRENCH SHIP was torpedoed in the English channel, and so far as is known only two members of its crew of twenty-one were saved.

A DUTCH CARGO BOAT suspected of having supplied fuel oil to the submarines has been captured by British torpedo boats.

TURKEY EXPECTS other Balkan nations to enter the war on the side of the allies.

RUSSIAN AND AUSTRIAN reports concerning the great struggle in the Carpathians are completely at variance, although they agree that heavy fighting is continuing.

RUSSIAN BLACK SEA FLEET has bombarded Turkish towns in Asia Minor.

GERMAN WAR OFFICE announced today that 25,000 Russians were captured in March.

TUR HOLY WAR has resulted in a further massacre of Christians in Persia. In one village the bodies of 730 Christians were found by the Russians.

HOSTILITIES BETWEEN Russian and Turkish armies in northwestern Persia have been resumed. In a battle last week 12,000 Turks were killed, wounded or captured.

LONDON, April 1.—The war on alcohol, an outcome of the labor situation in Great Britain, has definitely taken precedence over the much-talked-of "spring advance of the allies in the west," the reason being that the problem of ammunition has become more pressing than that of recruiting.

To Sound Public Sentiment. The announcements of cabinet leaders and the letter of King George on the question of temperance are intended to pave the way and sound public sentiment preparatory to either shutting off absolutely the sale of drink throughout the country, except on physicians' prescriptions, or the adoption of some measure which, while perhaps not called absolute prohibition, will have almost as drastic an effect.

War Secretary Kitchener has announced that no alcoholic beverages shall be served in his household for the duration of the war.

The battlefields in the east and west afford little news today and, although the allies are reported as having resumed operations in the Dardanelles, nothing official is forthcoming. Today being the centenary of the birth of Bismarck, the newspapers reviewed editorially the career of this German statesman, ending in the break with the present emperor, and speculation what might have been the outcome of the war to date had Bismarck been at the helm.

Austria would seem to be strengthening its forces in Bukovina with the idea of thwarting a formidable Russian advance in the Carpathians, and this, according to the British view, explains the Austrian incursion into Russia over the Dniester river at a point near Cernowitz.

President of Pueblo Bank is Unable to Procure Bondsmen

PUEBLO, Colo., April 1.—W. B. Slaughter of Dallas, Tex., president of the defunct Mercantile National bank, was arraigned here today, charged with the embezzlement of \$30,000 county funds which were on deposit in the bank. He pleaded not guilty and was held in bonds of \$40,000. Preliminary examination was set for Saturday, April 10.

Counsel for Slaughter claimed that preliminary examination might be waived and pleaded that the \$30,000 bond was excessive. The court declined to reduce the amount of bail. Slaughter remained in the custody of the police.

Scott Believes Putes Accused of Murder Innocent

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Brigadier General Scott, chief of staff of the army, returned from his successful expedition bringing in the recalcitrant Putes, impressed with the belief that the charges against their leader, is innocent of the charge of murder, or that at least the evidence is purely circumstantial and possibly furnished by unfriendly Utahs.

The general believes the Putes thought the marshal's posse, which they resisted, a lynch party of cow men. General Scott found officials responsible to his representations for leniency and thinks the others of the party may be turned loose to join their tribes.

Work for 10,000 in Steel Mills

CHICAGO, April 1.—Ten thousand men who have been idle since the first of the year, today returned to work in the steel mills and factories of Chicago Heights, a suburban town. The plants resumed operations after a three months' shutdown, caused by shortage of material and business depression.

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