

RECEIVER NAMED FOR ROCK ISLAND

Operating Company is Unable to Meet Bills and Court Appoints Mudge and Dickinson.

STOCK DROPS TEN POINTS

CHICAGO, April 20.—The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway company was placed in the hands of receivers in Judge Carpenter's branch of the United States district court here today.

The company admitted its inability to meet more than \$5,000,000 in short-term notes and other obligations due between now and May 1, and the court appointed H. U. Mudge, president of the company, and Jacob M. Dickinson, former secretary of war, receivers.

Application for the receivership was made by the American Steel Foundries company, which has a claim of \$17,000 against the defendant. A. C. Ridgeway, vice president of the company, and W. F. Dickinson, its general attorney, appeared in court.

The railway company was the basic property for the formation of the Rock Island company, which is said practically to have disappeared from the financial map, and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad company.

Rock Island Company Disappears. Inquiry of the legal department of the road as to the present status of the Rock Island company which in turn owned all of the stock of the railroad company, elicited the reply:

"It seems to have disappeared. Its only asset was the railroad company, the stock of which dropped to 81 or so, and its fate can be imagined with such assets. The bill filed by the minority stockholders seeking an injunction, alleged that the railway's debts aggregated \$25,000,000. It was stated further that the stock of the company which sold in 1902 at \$20 has sold as low as 19 a share.

Blockholders of the railway company held their annual meeting here April 13 last after a federal court had declined to enjoin the meeting on petition of counsel for minority stockholders.

With reference to the financial management of the property considerable testimony was introduced two months ago in the course of the arbitration of the wage demands of the firemen and engineers of western railroads.

BRITONS CLAIM VICTORY IN FIGHT FOR HILL NO. 60

considerable on both sides. The Germans declare that the British made use of shells containing asphyxiating gases to this the British reply continues to be that the Germans first resorted to this means of warfare, so if the British are now using it they are following the example of their opponents.

Russian Position Firm. The Russians continue to hold their firm grip on the main chain of the Carpathians, but news of any decisive action from this arena of the fighting is lacking.

The British press today is speculating as to the whereabouts of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, the German commander on the eastern front. Some newspapers publish the suggestion that he may attempt a diversion in Poland as well as from Cracow, although the idea is advanced that the soggy nature of the land would seem to prevent any large movement except at a great cost of men and material.

T. R. TESTIFIES OF RELATIONS WITH "BOSSSES"

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a perfect right to give testimony regarding campaign expenses, and asked if that was what Mr. Bowers was getting at. Mr. Bowers said it was. The witness then replied that he did have conversations with Mr. Barnes about the franchise tax act. Said Colonel Roosevelt: "I cannot give the exact dates. They began in the spring of 1909, however, and continued until the fall. I do not remember that any other person was ever present."

Mr. Barnes also told me, said Colonel Roosevelt, "that if we didn't treat big business right and if the republican party became socialist the democrats would get all the contributions and the republican party none. I assured Mr. Barnes I did not want to injure any big business interest."

"Later I expressed astonishment to Mr. Barnes that a special message I had sent to the legislature had been torn up. In reply Mr. Barnes said I was foolish to believe that the legislature would do anything so important a matter until orders had been received from the organization."

Mr. Barnes' counsel placed only one witness upon the stand. He was John McGrath, Colonel Roosevelt's private secretary. He testified that he gave out the statement complained of to newspaper reporters at Oyster Bay. A partial list of sixty-eight newspapers in which the statement appeared was then read and counsel for the defendant conceded that the statement had appeared in them.

After counsel for both sides had delivered their opening addresses to the jury and one witness heard, Mr. Ivins, for Mr. Barnes, pictured the former president as having been the nation's greatest arbiter of morals and said that he was now in court with an opportunity to prove the alleged libelous things he had said about Mr. Barnes on various occasions.

William H. Van Benschoten, for the defense, described the colonel as the champion of good and honest government and said that he had been prompted to make the statement by the belief that there was corruption and rottenness in the administration of the government of the state of New York. He reiterated the statement made yesterday that Colonel Roosevelt meant nothing personal to Mr. Barnes or to Charles F. Murphy of Tammany Hall, who was also mentioned in the statement and that those names were simply "algebraic terms."

ASHLAND SUPERINTENDENT IS ELECTED FOR FAIRBURY

FAIRBURY, Neb., April 20.—(Special.)—The Fairbury Board of Education elected W. L. Morton of Ashland, Neb., superintendent of the Fairbury schools to succeed A. L. Caviness, resigned. The board was confronted with thirty-five applications for the superintendency of the Fairbury schools and finally offered the position to Superintendent Morton of the Ashland schools. Mr. Morton has accepted the position, notwithstanding the fact that the Ashland schools offered him an increase in salary. Superintendent Morton is a former Jefferson county man. He is a graduate of the State university and has been superintendent of the Ashland schools for four years. A. L. Caviness, the retiring superintendent, has not announced his future plans. He has held the superintendency at Fairbury since September, 1909.

NEW CONCRETE BRIDGE BUILT AT SUPERIOR

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 20.—(Special.)—State Engineer Johnson is in Superior inspecting the beginning of work on the new state bridge over the Republican river. The bridge is being built by the Ward & Weighton company of Sioux City at a cost of about \$12,000. It is to have five concrete spans of from fifty to sixty feet each in length.

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BIG TOWNS ARE GOING WET

South Dakota Cities Hold Their Annual Wet and Dry Elections.

PIERRE WET BY NINE MAJORITY

PIERRE, S. D., April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—At the annual election here today this city went wet by nine majority. William Horst was elected mayor; G. D. Meade, member of the city commission; Z. E. Drew, superintendent of the Board of Education.

St. Pierre is wet by twenty-two and Highmore dry by thirty-three. Phillip went dry by twenty-five.

St. Pierre Falls One-Sided.

St. Pierre Falls, S. D., April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The wetts carried St. Pierre by a majority of about 50. Water works extension bonds of \$150,000 were voted.

Yankton is Wet.

YANKTON, S. D., April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The city election for mayor resulted in no choice. Wyman and Ellerman led and will enter the second election next Tuesday to decide. The city voted wet by 216 majority.

Mitchell Votes Wet.

MITCHELL, S. D., April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—At the city election today, the days won by a majority of ninety-seven. The vote was dry, 97; wet, 30. The street railway franchise carried.

Sturgis, S. D., April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—In the city election held today, Charles Lohmann, George Hiesman, Andrew Helms were re-elected aldermen.

The wetts won by forty-nine majority, an increase over last year. The municipal election proposition lost by eighteen votes.

WILSON DEFINES NEUTRALITY IN TALK TO EDITORS

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not indifference; it is not self-interest. The basis of neutrality is sympathy for mankind. It is fairness; it is good will at bottom. It is impartiality of spirit and judgment. I wish that all of our fellow citizens could realize that. There is some quarter a disposition to create distempers in this body politic. Men are even uttering slanders against the United States as if to excite it. Men are saying that if we should go to war upon either side there will be a divided America. Abominable libel of ignorance; America is not all of it vocal just now. It is vocal in spots, but I for one have a complete and abiding faith in that great silent body of Americans, who are not standing up and shouting and expressing their opinions just now, but are waiting to find out and support the duty of America. I am just as sure of their solidity and of their loyalty and of their unanimity, if we act justly, as I am that the history of this country has at every crisis and turning point illustrated this great lesson.

Mediating Nation of World.

"We are the mediating nation of the world. I do not mean that we undertake not to mind our own business and to mediate where other people are quarreling. I mean the word in a broader sense. We are compounded of the nations of the world. We mediate their blood; we mediate their traditions; we mediate their sentiments, their tastes, their passions; we are ourselves compounded of those things. We are, therefore, able to understand all nations; we are able to understand them in the compound, not separately, as partisans, but unitedly as knowing and comprehending and embodying them all. It is in that sense that I mean that America is a mediating nation. The opinion of America, the action of America is ready to turn and free to turn in any direction.

Brings Suit for Damages.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Gus Johnson brought suit in the district court today to collect \$20,000 from the Burlington railway for damages resulting from falling from a car in the company's yards here.

TWO DAY'S BATTLE IN EAST AFRICA

Berlin Report Says British Expedition that Invaded German Possession Was Badly Defeated.

SEVEN HUNDRED BRITONS DEAD

BERLIN, April 20.—(By Wireless to Sayville, N. Y., April 20.)—Among the items given out for publication today by the Overseas News Agency were the following:

"Special mail reports from East Africa state that in a two days' battle German troops near Panami routed a strong force landed from British cruisers and transports. The British lost 700 men, among them four companies captured, besides many rifles and large stores of ammunition. The German casualties were 7 officers and 13 men killed, 14 officers and 22 men wounded.

"The National Tidende of Copenhagen again asserts that German officers in Belgium are discouraged by the results of their administration. It is officially stated, however, that the contrary is true. The military government is supplying Belgian farmers with seed potatoes and oats with the understanding that the same quantities shall be returned in the fall after the harvest.

"Eight victims of the last French aeroplane raid on Freiburg were buried at the city's expense, the entire population participating in the services. Berlin school children sent a telegram of condolence to the relatives of the school children killed at Freiburg."

German Loss Keenly Felt.

CAPE TOWN, Union of South Africa, April 20.—Forces of the Union of South Africa have occupied Keetmanshoop, the most important town in German Southwest Africa next to Windhoek, the capital. It is an important railroad junction and gives General Botha, the Boer leader, command of the railroad to Windhoek.

URGING SENATOR ALLEN FOR DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, April 20.—(Special.)—A delegation of three called on Governor Moberg today to urge the appointment of W. V. Allen to the new judgeship in the Ninth judicial district created by the 1915 legislature. Mr. Allen was formerly United States senator from Nebraska. The delegation that was boosting him consisted of Burt Mages of Norfolk, M. E. Foster of Madison and Mr. Chase of Stanton county. M. S. McDuffee of Madison, county judge, has been urged upon the governor for the judgeship.



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place, as also Douglas Coombs of Pierce, who served as district judge by appointment several years ago. Another possibility is Andrew Oleson, a Wisner attorney.

Stanton and Cumings counties were taken out of the Eighth district and added

to the Ninth, making seven counties in the latter as follows: Stanton, Cumings, Madison, Antelope, Pierce, Wayne and Knox. Judge Walsh is the old judge in the Ninth. Judge Graves occupies the bench in the Eighth district.

Rent room quick with a Bee Want Ad.

Condition of National Banks. WASHINGTON, April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The abstract of the condition of the national banks of Nebraska, exclusive of reserve cities, at the close of business on March 4, as reported to the comptroller of the currency, shows the reserve held at 77.15 per cent; loans and discounts, \$24,334,520; gold coin, \$1,043,271; lawful money reserve, \$2,766,322; deposits, \$22,990,424.

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This is a genuine piano sale, as the prices below will indicate, so if you are contemplating the purchase of a piano, now is the opportune time. This list of prices includes both new and used instruments.

Table listing piano models and prices: Kimball \$90, Boardman \$100, McCammon \$75, Schaeffer \$150, Lyon & Healy \$65, Wellington \$150, Briggs \$65, Vose & Sons \$150, Emerson \$100, Weiler \$140, Miller \$125, Cable \$175, Swick & Kelso \$125, Raddison \$175.

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