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## PRESIDENT HEARS SPEAKERS FOR AND AGAINST ABC TEST

Wilson Listens for More Than Three  
Hours to Appeals to Veto  
and Sign the Alien  
Measure.

DOES NOT GIVE HIS DECISION  
If He Does Not Act by Midnight  
Thursday Measure Will Become  
Law Anyway.

### EXECUTIVE "CALLS" TALKER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—For more than three hours today President Wilson listened to appeals that he sign the immigration bill and veto it, voiced by the spokesmen of 200 men and women who packed the historic East room of the White House.

The speakers were labor leaders, publicists, social workers, students and others, representing many interests in life, most of them contending for or against the literacy test which the bill proposes shall be applied to determine the fitness of immigrants to become citizens of the United States.

**Plea of Each Side.**  
Those opposed to the bill contended that the literacy test and other restrictive features are not true tests of the fitness of an immigrant; those contending for the bill argued such restrictions are needed to preserve the standards of life of American workmen.

At the conclusion of the arguments President Wilson thanked the men and women for their views and said he would act upon the bill soon. Unless he signs or vetoes it by midnight next Thursday it will become law without his signature. The president has indicated strongly, however, that he will veto the measure because he does not approve of the literacy test.

There is a good deal of discussion in congressional circles over the possibility of repealing the bill over the president's veto.

### Will Veto Heat Bill?

When President Wilson vetoed an immigration bill during the last session, the senate promptly re-passed it over his veto, but a few votes of the necessary two-thirds was lacking in the house. Some of the champions of the bill think both houses could now re-pass it. Its opponents are sure it is impossible.

The president sharply called to order the speaker during today's hearing, who discussed the motives of the opposing side, but freely allowed applause which followed the close of virtually every address.

## Farmers' Congress Defines Its Position on Warehouse Law

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The legislative committee of the Farmer's congress, in session at the Lincoln hotel, Friday afternoon adopted five resolutions to form the nucleus of a line of action to be backed up by the congress in regard to the public warehouse bill.

After consideration of Senate Bill Nos. 1 and 20, the following resolutions were adopted:

- Resolved, That a warehouse law should be optional as to any elevator company, individual or corporation under its provision.
- Resolved, That the act should recognize farm co-operative companies and give the same equal rights under the law.
- Resolved, That public warehouses should be used exclusively for the purposes defined; that is to say, warehouses under the provisions of this law should be prohibited from using public warehouses for commercial dealing in grain or other stored products on their own account.
- Resolved, That enforcement of the law, including inspection and all details of administration, to be under the control of the railway commission.
- Resolved, That sufficient bonds should be required of public warehouses.
- Resolved, That the farmers will stand on these resolutions as stated by the committee that urged the senate committee on agriculture to recommend to congress that a federal law be given immediate consideration to accomplish the inspection of grain at terminal markets. This they declared to be essential to the success of the warehouse system.
- Resolved, That the matter next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Saturday:  
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity  
—Fair, colder.

### Temperatures in Omaha Yesterday.

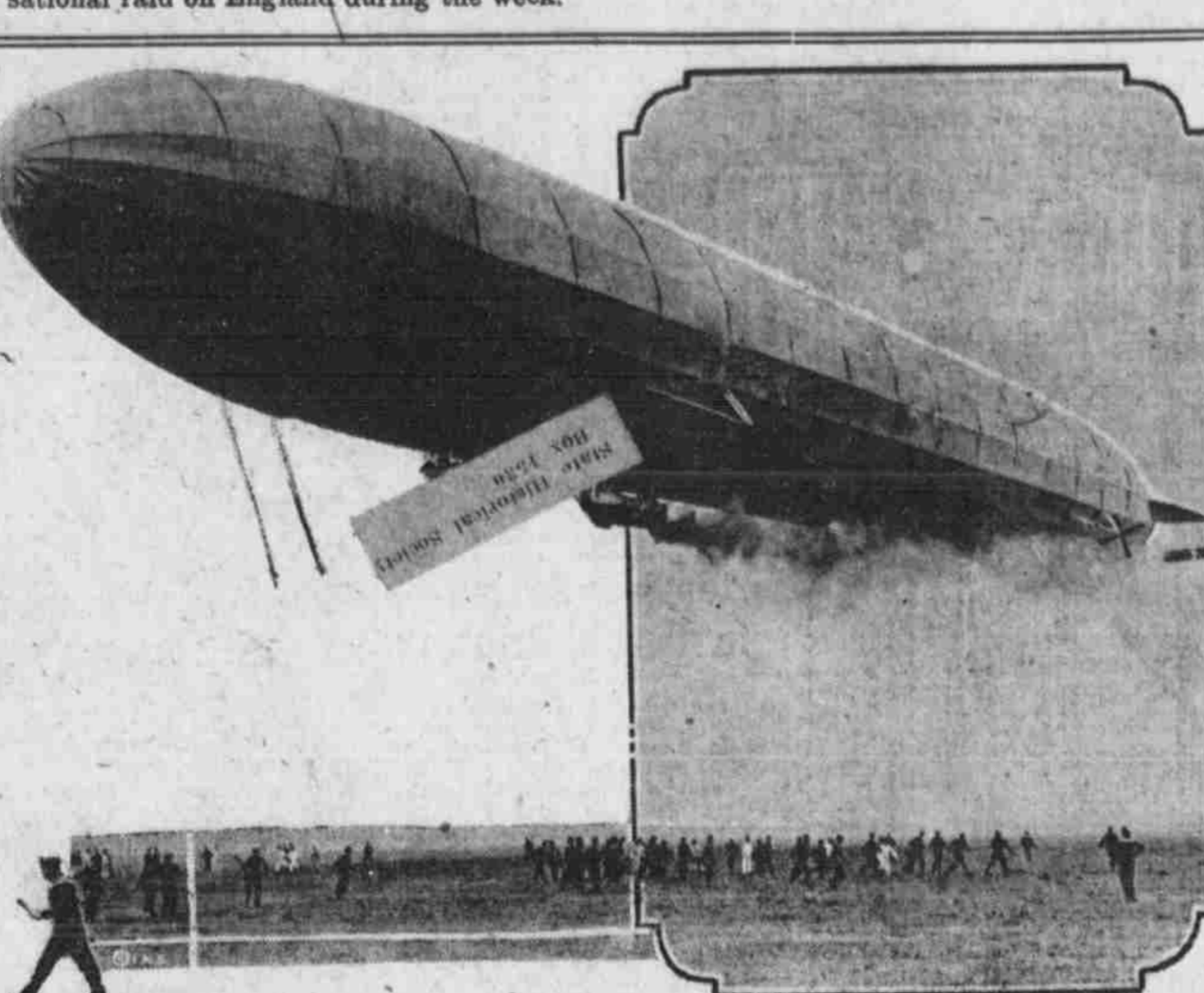
Hour	Temp.	Wind
6 a. m.	34	W 1-2
7 a. m.	34	W 1-2
8 a. m.	34	W 1-2
9 a. m.	34	W 1-2
10 a. m.	34	W 1-2
11 a. m.	34	W 1-2
12 m.	34	W 1-2
1 p. m.	34	W 1-2
2 p. m.	34	W 1-2
3 p. m.	34	W 1-2
4 p. m.	34	W 1-2
5 p. m.	34	W 1-2
6 p. m.	34	W 1-2
7 p. m.	34	W 1-2
8 p. m.	34	W 1-2

### Comparative Local Record.

Year	High	Low	Precipitation
1914	43	23	4.25
1913	43	23	4.25
1912	43	23	4.25
1911	43	23	4.25
1910	43	23	4.25
1909	43	23	4.25
1908	43	23	4.25
1907	43	23	4.25
1906	43	23	4.25
1905	43	23	4.25
1904	43	23	4.25
1903	43	23	4.25
1902	43	23	4.25
1901	43	23	4.25
1900	43	23	4.25

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.  
Station and State Temp. High—Rain—  
Wind.

## ONE OF GERMANY'S AIR FLEET—Zeppelin airship L-2 of the type that made the sensational raid on England during the week.



## NEW RAIL LINE TO HELP OMAHA

Burlington to Shorten Its Route  
Into Wyoming Oil Fields and  
Cattle Country.

### WILL REQUIRE TWO TUNNELS

It was with considerable satisfaction that Omaha business men Friday morning in The Bee read the announcement of President Hale Holden of the Burlington, made in Denver before the commercial bodies, that the company of which he is the head will immediately commence the completion of the Guernsey line of the road in Wyoming.

Omaha business men assert that with this line completed it will open practically all of Wyoming to the markets of this city.

Some time before the Burlington built the Powder River extension into Orin Junction, on a ninety-nine-year lease it acquired that portion of the Colorado & Southern from the last named place south to Hartsville Junction. Connecting the Plateau river branch of the Burlington up with the Wyoming line at Hartsville Junction resulted in opening up a vast territory west of the Wyoming line and placing it in touch with the Omaha markets. However, the line was not practical, owing to the grades west of Guernsey.

**Water Grade Road.**  
Now President Holden announces that \$1,000,000 will be spent in the completion of the Guernsey branch, which, assert officials at headquarters here, means that from Guernsey, a new line will be built across country about ten miles, tapping the Colorado & Southern at Wendover. This line will follow up the valley of the North Platte and will require the boring of two or three tunnels. With this done, however, it is asserted that through the mountain in the eastern part of Wyoming the Burlington will have almost a water grade into the level country beyond.

With the cutoff completed it is asserted that the Burlington will have another short line into the oil fields of Wyoming, the cattle and sheep ranges of the state, as well as to the Pacific coast country, and that probably most of this business will be routed by way of Omaha.

It is thought that it will require steady work and with all the men who can be worked to advantage fully a year will be required to build the ten miles of road between Guernsey and Wendover and have it ready for operation.

## Judge Sullivan May Be Chief Justice if He Will Take It

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge J. J. Sullivan, of the firm of Sullivan & Rait of Omaha, may have the position of chief justice of the supreme court of Nebraska if he will take it. While Governor Morehead will not make an announcement of the appointment until after the funeral of Judge Hollenbeck, it is known that Judge Sullivan had a conference with him yesterday and the governor said this morning that he had decided to offer the position to Judge Sullivan.

## SENATORS PUSH BILLS IN COMMITTEE OF WHOLE

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Senators in committee of the whole acted favorably upon bills as follows:  
H. R. 91—Appropriating \$50,000 for printing of the legislative expense bills.  
S. F. 26, Grace of Harlan—Provides that railroads give return passage to stock shippers.  
S. F. 24 and 25, Wink of Buffalo—Raising the amount of compensation of their pay from \$1 to \$2 a week, with a maximum of \$50, whereas the present law provides for \$3 to \$10 a week.  
S. F. 23, Highland of Lancaster—Making the robbery of a telephone booth burglary.  
S. F. 22, Byland of Boone—Authorizing county agricultural societies to acquire land.  
S. F. 21, Gates of Sarpy—Providing for refund of small special assessments brought up at tax sales where the law should later be declared bad.

## War Pictures From the Front Full Page in The Sunday Bee

See the good bargains in the "Live Stock" column today. Here's a sample:  
FOR SALE—Nice dapple gray team, 4 and 5 years old, weight 2,500 lbs., cheap for ready cash. Private residence.  
For further information about this opportunity, see the Want Ad section of today's Bee.

## ZEPPELIN FLEET IS OVER ENGLAND, PASSING INLAND

Unknown Number of German Airships Fly Above Cromer Headed for Interior with Searchlights Flashing.

### THEY ARE DROPPING NO BOMBS

Noise of Engines First Heard by Coast Guardsmen and Then by Military Patrol.

### TRAVELING TO THE SOUTHEAST

CROMER, England, Jan. 22.—(Via London.)—Zeppelin airships of a number unknown passed over Cromer at 10:30 o'clock tonight from the sea and proceeded inland in a southeasterly direction.

The noise of the engines of the airships was first heard by the coast guardsmen and then by the military on patrol duty.

The electric light circuits were immediately cut and troops proceeded through the town extinguishing all other lights.

All the evidence tends to show that more than one aircraft passed over the town. As they proceeded they flashed searchlights.

### Moving Inland.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Zeppelin airships are tonight over Cromer, Norfolk county, proceeding inland. They dropped no bombs on Cromer.

A telephone message from Norwich, about twenty-five miles south of Cromer, said that at midnight nothing had been seen of any Zeppelins from there.

## Vessel Leaves New York With a Cargo for a German Port

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Carrying a cargo of food supplies shipped by an American firm and consigned to an American citizen in Germany, the American owned steamer *Wilhelmina* was given clearance today from this port and for Hamburg, and sailed tonight. Shippers assert that the food is meant only for consumption by civilians.

This is the first food carrying American vessel to leave an American port for Germany since the war began in Europe. It is seized by warships of the allies its consignees, the W. L. Green Commission company of St. Louis will file a protest with the American state department, according to local attorneys of the company, claiming that the allies are not within their rights under international law in preventing the shipment of conditional contraband to non-combatants in a country at war with the allies.

In order to controvert in advance a possible claim by Great Britain or any other of the allies that the *Wilhelmina's* cargo is intended for use by the German government or its naval or military forces, the cargo is consigned to an American citizen, who will be in Hamburg on the date which the vessel will arrive if it escapes seizure. Furthermore, both the consignors and the German government guarantee, according to the attorneys, that the cargo is intended for consumption by non-combatants only.

## Starving Refugees Hunted by Wolves

LONDON, Jan. 22.—A dispatch from Kiev, Russia, to Reuter's Telegram company says:

"Hiding from the Austrians who are retreating from Bukovina the population of the Carpathians have left their homes and are living in pits dug in the deep snow, where many are perishing from cold and starvation. Their plight is rendered more dangerous by the hungry wolves that are hunting them."

## Committee Will Recount Ballots in Furnas Contest

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The committee on privileges and elections in the house has set itself the job of recounting the ballots in the Kelly-Pulte contest from Furnas county. It will begin the work next Monday night.

## BATTLESHIP NEBRASKA MAKES HIGHEST SCORE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The battleship *Nebraska*, with a score of 7,541, was first in the engineering competitions among vessels of the battleship class for the six months ended January 1. The West Virginia was at the foot of the list with a rating of 5,965.

## Tomorrow the Best Colored Comics

—with—  
The Sunday Bee

## SUBMARINE SINKS A BRITISH VESSEL

Crew of Merchantman Off Coast of Holland Ordered Into Small Boats by Germans.

### TORPEDOES ARE FIRED INTO IT

THE HAGUE, Jan. 22.—(Via London.)—It is stated here tonight that the British ship *Durward* had on board forty tons of provisions belonging to the American Relief commission when it was sunk by a German submarine.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—The British steamer *Durward*, says a Rotterdam dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company, has been torpedoed by a German submarine. The crew was saved.

The *Durward* was bound from Leith to Rotterdam and was struck by the torpedo, according to the Reuter correspondent, which sank two miles off the coast of the Netherlands. The crew took to the boats and reached the lightship, from which a Dutch pilot boat conveyed them to Rotterdam.

**Begins New Naval Policy.**  
It was the German submarine U-19, according to advices from Amsterdam, which torpedoed the *Durward* and the London newspapers interpret the sinking of the *Durward* as the beginning of a German naval policy alleged to have been urged by Admiral von Tirpitz, the German minister of the navy, against British merchant vessels.

The Evening Standard today prints a special article on the subject pointing out that two small English merchant ships were recently sunk off Cherbourg, which together with the present episode tends to show up the policy now being enforced "in an endeavor to starve England."

The *Durward* was a vessel of 1,200 tons and was built at Glasgow in 1904. It was owned by G. Gibson & Co. of Leith Scotland.

**Crew is Taken Off.**  
AMSTERDAM, Jan. 22.—(Via London, 2 p. m.)—Members of the crew of the *Durward* say that they first sighted the German submarine in mid-afternoon and stopped the vessel in response to a signal. German officers boarded the *Durward*, covering the crew and captain with revolvers, they ordered all on board to quit the vessel immediately. Boats were lowered, and after all hands had left the vessel, the submarine towed the boats to a safe distance. There they were ordered to wait. The submarine returned to the *Durward* and sent three torpedoes into it. It was twenty or thirty minutes before the *Durward* sank.

The submarine then picked up the small boats and towed them for six hours until they reached the Maas lightship. Then the Germans cast them adrift and went off at full speed.

## Many Iowa Democrats Would Wear Judge McPherson's Shoes

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Already a dozen or more names are being mentioned by the democrats of the Iowa delegation as likely candidates for the place made vacant by the death of Judge Smith McPherson. Among the most prominent names mentioned are Emmett Tinley, Council Bluffs; Dan Hamilton, Sigourney, a former member of congress; John B. Craig, Keokuk; Colonel W. Hoffman, Leon, and Claude R. Porter, present United States district attorney. Judge Martin J. Wade is also spoken of, but it is not thought he will enter the race, for his ambition may run to another judgeship which may become vacant soon.

It is believed that President Wilson will finally decide who the man is to be, although the state organization of Iowa will be consulted, as will the democratic representatives.

In this connection it is interesting to know that Representative Maurice Connolly, who made the race for senator against Senator Cummins, is being strongly urged for director of the mint, vice George B. Roberts of Iowa, who resigned some months ago to take a responsible position with the City National bank of New York.

## Frank Keller, Switch Tender, Cut in Two by Passing Engine

Frank Keller, or Khiala, age 22 years, a switch tender, was struck by a switch engine at Fourteenth and Emmet streets and literally cut in two. He was dragged fully 100 feet up the track by the engine. He was found by a passing switchman and the accident reported to the police.

What engine struck him or how he was struck is not known, nor report having been made of the accident and switching crews disclaiming any knowledge of it. The police are investigating in efforts to learn the identity of the engine which struck him and the crew commanding it. Keller, or Khiala, lives with his sister at 211 North Sixteenth street. The sister is prostrate with grief. The body was taken to Swanson's, undertaking establishment.

## Want Ads for Tomorrow Should Be in The Bee Office By 7:30 Tonight to Be Sure of Proper Insertion

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## CZAR'S ADVANCE IS NEAR PRUSSIA AT TWO POINTS

Germans Are Forced to Evacuate Skempe and Another Force Occupies Positions in Vicinity of Lipno.

### KAISER PLANNING OFFENSIVE

Teutons on West Line Are Expected to Attempt to Secure Another Victory Like Soissons.

### GREAT SUFFERING IN POLAND

### The Day's War News

HEAVY FIGHTING is in progress once more along the western front. Unofficial advices from Amsterdam tell of a hard battle in Belgium between Ostend and Nieuport. At the other end of the line, near Cerisy and Thun, in Alsace, there is artillery firing of unusual violence. Another encounter, along the Lorraine frontier, is increasing in severity.

**RUSSIAN AND GERMAN** forces west of Warsaw have settled down in their entrenched positions and the battle line has become fixed almost as rigidly as in the west. In the north, however, the Russians are advancing toward the Prussian border, apparently having dispatched a large army for this movement. The campaign in Galicia and Bukovina makes slow headway on account of the heavy snow.

**ANOTHER BRITISH** vessel has been torpedoed by a German submarine. The steamer *Durward*, a small merchantman, was sent to the bottom, but its crew was saved.

**GERMANS** have halted the French advance designed to cut communications with the important fortress of Metz, in Lorraine, and isolate the German forces in the St. Mihiel region.

**ANOTHER VIOLENT** battle is in progress in Alsace, in which troops are engaged in hand-to-hand struggles. The Berlin war office asserts that the French were driven from the height near Senneham.

**A CONFERENCE** was held in Paris between representatives of England, France and Russia, who are reported to have under consideration a joint loan of three billion dollars.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—News dispatches referring to the situation in Poland set forth that north of the Vistula, in the vicinity of Lipno, Russian advance guards are within twenty miles of the German frontier, while to the northeast the Germans have evacuated Skempe, which is about twenty-five miles from the Prussian border and due southeast of Thorn.

If the Russians follow up their success at Skempe and continue their forward movement, it will give them an unbroken front, in the opinion of British observers, dangerously near German territory.

The western allies are watching this

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## Steamship Dacia to Leave Port Today

GALVESTON, Tex., Jan. 22.—Clearance papers were issued for the steamship *Dacia* by the local United States customs house this afternoon and it is expected to sail late today or early tomorrow for Rotterdam.

The *Dacia*, recently transferred from German to American registry, carries 11,000 bales of cotton. The oath of the *Dacia's* agents attached to the manifest declares that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the ship carries no contraband and that its cargo is for transshipment from Rotterdam to Bremen.