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VENNER DEFENDS NEBRASKA CENTRAL RAIL TRANSACTION

New York Banker Makes Public Letter to Interstate Commission Giving His Side of Case.

REFERS TO SHAROOD TESTIMONY Asserts Excerpts at the Rock Island Hearing Created a False Impression.

COMPANY SUFFERED NO LOSS

NEW YORK, March 2.—C. H. Venner, a New York banker, made public today a letter he sent yesterday to the Interstate Commerce commission...

Paid Quarter Million.

Mr. Venner referred to testimony by Frederick C. Sharood, an examiner for the commission, that the stock was worthless and that the late Robert Mather, then vice president of the Rock Island company, paid Mr. Venner \$250,000 for it...

Value of Charter.

Mr. Venner incorporated in his letter correspondence between himself and Mr. Mather as proof of the value of the bridge charter and franchises owned by the Nebraska Central.

"It does not follow," his letter continued, "that because the Rock Island never utilized them the company suffered a loss, for it may well be that their ownership enabled the company to make terms with the Union Pacific, the advantages of which more than equalized the cost of the Nebraska Central stock."

Austrians Execute 200 Civilians in City of Stanislaw

LEMBERG, Galicia, March 2.—(Via London.)—When the Austrians recaptured the town of Stanislaw, in Galicia, they condemned to death and executed something like 200 civilians, according to trustworthy information, which has been brought to Lemberg.

Among the men executed were two Polish restaurant proprietors and a number of railroad workers. All had been warned by the Austrian authorities to leave prior to the coming of the Austrians, but the men refused, relying on their Austrian citizenship for protection. The Austrians are said to have come into Stanislaw with prepared lists of citizens upon whom they had decided to inflict punishment for alleged offenses against the state.

Receiver Asked for the Western Pacific

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—The Equitable Trust company of New York filed a petition with Judge Van Fleet of the United States district court today asking that the Western Pacific railroad be placed in the hands of a receiver. The petition was joined in by the Western Pacific company and both asked that Warren Olney, Jr., chief counsel of the railroad, be named receiver.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity rain or snow, no important change in temperature.

Table with 2 columns: Hours and Temperature. Shows temperature at Omaha yesterday and comparative local record.

Table with 2 columns: Station and State and Temperature. Shows reports from stations at 7 P. M. Station and State.

CHAMPION CORN GROWERS CALL ON THE PRESIDENT. WASHINGTON, March 2.—President Wilson today shook hands with thirteen boys and girls, champion corn growers from Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts.

ON WATCH AGAINST THE RUSS—German Landstrum on patrol duty in wintry Poland.



MATTERS' CASE GIVEN TO JURY

Arguments Are Opened by Opposing Lawyers After Three Solid Weeks of Testimony.

DISREGARD CONSPIRACY CHARGE

Arguments in the trial of Thomas H. Matters on a charge of aiding President Luebbeck of the First National bank of Sutton, now defunct, in operations contrary to national banking laws, opened yesterday in federal court after three weeks of testimony.

Jury Retires at Five-Ten.

The jury took the case at 5:10, Judge Youmans giving permission to decide whether they wished to retire for the night to their hotel and start their deliberations in the morning or whether they wished to hold a night session. They decided to hold a night session and returned to the jury room in the post-office after having dinner at their hotel.

Two Mysterious Women Who Have Knitted During Every Hour of the Trial

The two mysterious women who have knitted during every hour of the trial were there early and stayed late. They have not missed a day nor an hour. Who are they? Nobody seems to know. They knit, knit, knit as calmly as though they were not witnessing the spectacle of a man fighting to keep out of prison.

Woolley Nominated Director of Mint

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Robert W. Woolley of Fairfax, Va., now auditor for the interior department, was nominated today by President Wilson as director of the mint to succeed George W. Roberts, resigned.

BICKNELL AND JAMES SEE KING OF BULGARIA

SOFIA, Bulgaria, March 2.—(Via London.)—The king and queen of Bulgaria today granted an audience to Ernest Bicknell, national director of the American Red Cross society, and Henry James, Jr., representative of the Rockefeller Foundation.

WHEAT DOUBLES IN VALUE WHILE ON WAY

NEW YORK, March 2.—The first shipment from the country with supplies for the Belgians has been the last to reach its destination, according to an announcement made today by the commission for relief in Belgium.

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ANNEXATION BILL OUT OF COMMITTEE

Measure Comes Before House Without Recommendation and with No Amendments. TWO MEMBERS WERE OPPOSED

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 2. (Special Telegram.)—Senate file No. 6, the Howell annexation bill to join South Omaha, Dundee and other suburbs to Omaha was reported out of the house committee on cities and towns this evening without recommendation.

Three amendments were offered all covering the subject of submitting the proposition to a vote of the people of the towns proposed to be annexed, but each prescribed a different time for holding the election. They were submitted by Snyder, Barrett and Broome.

Reuter then moved the tall amendments be tabled and this carried by a vote of 5 to 6. Reuter, Smith, Druesedow, Burgess, Hutton and Smith voting to table, while Broome, Snyder, Barrett, LaBounty and Richmond voted no.

On motion of Reuter the bill was then reported out with no recommendation, Snyder and Smith voting no, the vote standing 9 for and 2 against.

Americans Who Sail As Horse Tenders on British Ships Adrift

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) LONDON, Monday, Feb. 22.—Many Americans have been induced to ship on British steamers as horse tenders with promises of good pay and a return ticket to America, only to be turned adrift penniless in England or France.

OMAHA MARKET IS BIGGEST IN WORLD

Receipts in Sheep, Hogs and Cattle Larger Than at Any Other Market Today.

PRICES HERE ARE HIGHER, TOO

The South Omaha live stock market was the biggest in the world yesterday. In receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep South Omaha surpassed other points, in sheep even registering more than Chicago, Kansas City and St. Joseph put together. Prices at South Omaha were also considerably higher, even taking into consideration the differential, than other markets. The run of cattle was 5,100, hogs 18,700, and sheep 17,500.

Description of Area Barred to Navigation Given to Washington

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Minute description of the area prohibited for navigation in the North channel and the Irish Sea has been forwarded to the State department by the consul general at London in the following telegram:

"Mariners warned navigation entirely forbidden to all ships of area in Irish channel bounded on northwest by line joining latitude 55 degrees 23 minutes, longitude 6 degrees 17 minutes and latitude 55 degrees 21 minutes, longitude 6 degrees 2 minutes; bounded on southeast by line from first described to fourth described point; bounded on northeast by line from second described to third described point."

Trustees Accept Offer of Brandeis To Buy Church Site

Trustees of the First Presbyterian church have voted unanimously to accept the \$50,000 offer by Arthur D. Brandeis for the purchase of the old church property at the northwest corner of Seventeenth and Dodge streets. Mr. Brandeis, who is the head of the extensive Brandeis interests in this city, desires possession June 1, and intends to use the property for a garage for the Brandeis stores delivery autos.

Bakers Are Said to Have Attempted to Boycott Retailers

NEW YORK, March 2.—At the resumption today of the state's inquiry into the wheat and bread market, Alfred L. Becker, deputy attorney general, has announced that from J. S. Taylor of this city and Louis J. Cobi of Philadelphia, representatives of large baking companies, he would seek facts concerning an alleged combination of various baking concerns and interests.

Wilson Abandons Extra Session Idea

WASHINGTON, March 2.—President Wilson stated definitely today that he had abandoned plans for an extra session of the senate immediately after March 4, and up to the present had not seriously considered the suggestion of a special session of congress in October.

ANARCHIST PLOT TO LOOT NEW YORK CITY FRUSTRATED

Man Who Threw Bomb at Foot of Altar in St. Patrick's Cathedral Arrested by Detective at His Side.

DETAILS OF THE CONSPIRACY Bombs Were to Have Been Thrown Into Homes of Carnegie, Rockefellers and Vanderbilts.

INTENDED TO LOOT BIG BANKS

NEW YORK, March 2.—An attempt to blow up St. Patrick's cathedral with a bomb today and the arrest of two men by detectives, who had been informed for months of their activities, was followed by an announcement made at police headquarters that the arrests had balked an anarchist plot to kill with bombs Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and other wealthy men. Thereafter the anarchists, according to the police, were to inaugurate in New York City a reign of terror comparable to the days of the French revolution.

It was part of the plot, the police assert, for gangs of men armed with rifles and revolvers to appear simultaneously in various parts of the city to shoot and to pillage. The biggest banks of New York City were to be blown up, and many wealthy men were to be slain.

The wrecking of the cathedral was to be the signal for the opening of the elaborate campaign of murder and looting. The next move, according to the police, was to place bombs in the homes of Andrew Carnegie, the Rockefellers and Cornelius Vanderbilt. So far has the plot progressed toward this end that the manufacture of bombs, the police say, had already started.

With these and other capitalists disposed of, the anarchists planned, according to the police, to invade the financial district and lay their bombs in the city's biggest banks. General looting was to follow.

Detective Helps Make Bomb

For months a central office detective had worked in the inner circles of the anarchists, according to the police story, and had kept the detective bureau advised of all their plans. This detective, Frank Baldo, assisted in the manufacture of the bomb with which the attempt was made today to blow up the cathedral. The detective accompanied the bomb thrower, to the office and sat with him while he lighted the bomb and hurled it at the altar.

Only Two Rescued From Mine Where 160 Are Entombed

HINTON, W. Va., March 2.—Attempts to reach 160 men reported entombed in two coal mines near here met with little success.

After repeated efforts one rescue party penetrated the main drift at mine No. 3 about 100 feet and there found an unidentified miner still living, but unconscious. His legs had been broken. Doctors said he would probably die.

The mine where the explosion occurred is a drift high up on Quinimont mountain. As the day wore on additional volunteers entered mine No. 3 to clear away fallen coal and rocks in the main entry. Half mile from the opening they came across another miner, badly hurt and unable to talk or say anything about the explosion. Here they encountered a mass of debris and it was said that two or three hours must elapse before it could be removed and the working beyond penetrated.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 2.—George S. Rice, chief mining engineer of the Pittsburgh station of the bureau of mines, upon receipt of the news that an explosion had occurred near Thurmond, W. Va., ordered rescue car No. 3 at Glenisland, W. Va., to proceed at once to the place.

Germany Repeats U. S. Ships Lost by Neglecting Warning

WASHINGTON, March 2.—A statement issued by the German embassy heretoday announced that the American steamers Evelyn and Carib, recently sunk by mines in the North Sea, were lost because they failed to heed "advice contained in notices to mariners."

The American ships Evelyn and Carib were lost in the North Sea because, in opposition to the advice contained in the notice to mariners, they took their course along the East Prussian coast. According to statements made by the captain of the Evelyn, this course was followed upon advice by a British man-of-war.

Detective Denies Report McManigal is in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 2.—Reports that Ortie E. McManigal, the dynamite conspirator, whose revelations built up the prosecution against the McNamara brothers, was in Los Angeles today, ready to testify in the forthcoming trials of Matthew Schmidt and David Kaplan, alleged confederates in the plot which resulted in the destruction of the Los Angeles Times' building in 1910, met with prompt denial from Malcolm McLaren, former chief of detectives. Other than John D. Fredericks, former district attorney, McLaren is said to be the only man who knows exactly where McManigal is.

PLAN MADE TO OUST SALOONS FROM CHICAGO

CHICAGO, March 2.—Plans for a campaign to oust saloons from Chicago in 1916 were discussed today at the opening of temperance headquarters here. More than 20 churches have agreed to support the movement and twenty-four temperance and kindred organizations have pledged their aid in the effort to drive out 1,112 saloons now open in the city.

WILL ASK ALLIES TO EXPLAIN NOTE CLOSING PORTS

Uncle Sam Wants to Know What Means Will Be Used to Stop Noncontraband Traffic with Teutons.

WILL STAND BY ITS POSITION President Will Continue His Efforts to Get Belligerents to Respect American Shipping.

NO RIGHT TO ALTER WAR RULES

The Day's War News WASHINGTON, in considering now what steps shall be taken by this country following the announcement by the British and French governments that they would attempt to cut off trade to and from Germany.

ANGLO-FRENCH fleet's attack on the Dardanelles has been interrupted by unfavorable weather, but a dispatch from Athens states that before the operations were suspended the two Turkish forts at the narrowest part of the straits had been silenced.

LAND OPERATIONS are under way along the East Prussian frontier, in northern Poland, and in Champagne, on the western front. Concerning the latter engagement French and Berlin reports disagree sharply.

While Paris claims that the French have repulsed strong German counter attacks and gained more ground, in Poland the Russians are on the offensive along the entire front.

FRENCH AND GERMAN official communications both agree that violent fighting is under way in the Champagne region, where the allies began an attack several days ago, and that the losses have been unusually heavy.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The United States will send a note to Great Britain and France in answer to the one received yesterday inquiring what means will be taken in carrying out the policy of holding up supplies being carried to and from Germany. President Wilson told callers today that the British-French note outlined in very general terms a policy, but did not define the means of carrying it into effect.

President Wilson refused to discuss the subject in detail, but said that no nation has the right to change the rules of warfare because the methods of war have changed. He changed his previously announced position, but will continue to make efforts to have the belligerents respect American shipping of a non-contraband character.

Note of Allies Not Clear

The president said it was not clear in his own mind whether the new action of the British and French governments establishing a blockade of Germany, although that would be the general effect of the blockade, had been established, though a real blockade were established, no questions affecting the neutrality of the United States would be precipitated by the continued voyages of American ships to Germany. The president added he had not had opportunity to thoroughly digest the contents of the communication from Great Britain and France, but that the question was under serious consideration.

He reiterated that he was still uncertain whether he would be able to follow out his plan of going to the San Francisco exposition this month and that was taken as another indication that the European situation was considered of such importance as to keep the president in Washington.

Senator Simmons of North Carolina, a White House caller today, said that the British-French action would affect southern cotton growers, but would have more serious effects on cotton mills. That, he said, was due to the fact that most mills use German dyes and the supply on hand in this country was very small.

The president made it clear, however, that for American ships to sail for Germany would involve no violation of neutrality, but merely the usual risk of the sea.

Fair Warning

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