

SIGNAL CORPS BOOST

Burkett Introduces Bill to Increase Its Size and Importance.

HAS APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT

Puts it on the Same Footing as the Artillery and Infantry.

OMAHA TO BE CHIEF

Congressman Hepburn to Favor Similar Measure in House.

OBJECTIONS TO GRAZING BILL

Mondell of Wyoming, Chairman of House Committee on Public Lands, Antagonizes the Burkett Measure.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Following out what has become deep-seated conviction on the part of Senator Burkett and officers of the War Department that the signal corps of the army should be placed on an equal footing with the artillery and infantry the senator from Nebraska today introduced an important measure which more than doubles the present size of the present signal corps organization.

For months Senator Burkett has been in close conference with Secretary Taft and Brigadier General James Allen, chief of the signal corps, looking to the enlargement of the organization and the result of these conferences is the bill introduced by Senator Burkett. Should it pass it will make Omaha the greatest signal station in the United States.

The signal corps of the army shall consist of one brigadier general, four colonels, four lieutenant colonels, twelve majors, thirty-six captains, thirty-two first lieutenants, thirty-six second lieutenants, 100 master sergeants, 300 corporals, 200 privates, 300 privates, sixty cooks, forty-eight carriers and blacksmiths, twenty-four trumpeters, and one band as now authorized by law for the signal corps.

Provided, That the chief signal officer of the army shall be appointed as now provided by law and vacancies thus created shall be filled by the War Department.

Provided further, That the signal corps of the army shall be organized as may be directed by the War Department and its officers and enlisted men assigned to duty with troops shall, when so especially designated, constitute part of the line of the army.

Congressman Hepburn of Iowa will have charge of a similar bill in the house, the intention of which is to have the signal corps pushed as rapidly as possible, its importance warranting early consideration.

Teaching of Agriculture. Senator Burkett introduced today a bill to provide for the teaching of agriculture, home economics and manual training in normal schools of the United States.

Bar Association Goes on Record in Favor of More Judges on the Supreme Bench and Larger Pay for the Occupants of the Office.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL. Live stock markets. Grain markets.

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CLEARING HOUSE TO MEET. States of Trust Companies to Be Decided at Meeting to Be Held Monday in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The clearing house committee decided today to call a meeting of the entire association next Monday to determine whether to admit trust companies to membership in the association of banks now composing the clearing house.

ANXIETY ABOUT JACK LONDON. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—Friends of Jack London, the author, feel uneasy over his failure to appear at the Marquis over lands, which he was expected to reach early in December. London and party left Honolulu, October 28, on the steamship, for Maui, and it is believed that he is still on that island.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

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THE WEATHER. OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND PAIR AND COOLER FRIDAY. WYOMING—Fair and cooler Friday.



Secretary Taft, in reply to request from Secretary of Ohio Federation of Labor, has stated his views on the use and misuse of injunctions.

Federal circuit court has decided that former Circuit Carter is not entitled to \$400,000 in securities suspended to represent part of the money embezzled from government by means of fraudulent contracts.

One more juror was secured for the Thaw case yesterday, making seven in all. Among the men rejected was one who said he had never heard of the case.

District Attorney Heney at San Francisco denies that any of the graft cases are to be dropped.

Senator Hale introduces a bill which is expected to put an end to controversies and practically reorganizes the navy.

Trustees of Bath Soldiers' Home make a strong plea for the canteen. Fred Dennett of South Dakota has been nominated commissioner of the general land office to succeed Ballinger.

New York clearing house will meet Monday to decide upon admission of trust companies to the association.

It is rumored at Washington that the suit against H. H. Harriman involving the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific relations, will be brought at Salt Lake City within the next thirty days.

Report that insanity complaint against Mrs. Eddy had been filed by her son is denied.

Bill for a bridge across the Missouri river at or near Council Bluffs passes the house of representatives.

Militiamen have been ordered out in Kentucky to protect the tobacco barns at Lebanon, Ky.

WOMEN FOREIGN. Women automobile cab drivers in Berlin quit because they are physically unable to stand the strain of the work.

Rioters have burned Protestant mission property in China.

NEBRASKA. Burkett's enemies in Lancaster county are active.

Attorney general rules merchandise in express law means all kinds of goods and is not limited by company classification.

Formal call for republican convention is issued.

Burlington road refuses to pay for inspection of oil brought in for its use and not intended for sale.

LOCAL. The jury in the land fraud cases brings in verdict of guilty against Yeast and not guilty against Sutton.

Directors of the Commercial club meet and select officers for the ensuing year.

Bar association goes on record in favor of more judges on the supreme bench and larger pay for the occupants of the office.

Omaha boy at the Kearney Industrial school writes his mother that it has been a good place for him and that he is learning the printers' trade.

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SCHMITZ CASE IS REVERSED

Court of Appeals Sets Aside Judgment in French Restaurant Case.

EXTORTING FEES IS NOT CRIME

Liquor License Not Property and Threat to Withhold it or Take Money for Not Doing So Not Violation of Law.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—The district court of appeals today handed down a decision setting aside the judgment in the case of former Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, convicted of extortion in the French restaurant case.

According to the appellate judges the compelling of French restaurateurs to pay "fees" to Abe Ruef was not a crime, even though Ruef divided the "fees" with the mayor.

After discussing the point the court reversed the judgment against Schmitz on the ground that no acts constituting a crime had been proved against him.

"Many of the facts against Fulton come out in the trial of Hall and that Mr. Heney will learn more than he may wish."

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NO GRAFT CASE TO BE DROPPED

Francis J. Heney Serves Notice that All Must Face a Trial Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—Francis J. Heney, who as assistant district attorney has had charge of the San Francisco bribery and graft cases, arrived here today from Washington, where he went to confer with President Roosevelt.

"I have never dropped the prosecution of a case in my life, as those who are under indictment in the bribery graft cases will learn when I return," said Mr. Heney when told of the reports that Tierney L. Ford, general counsel for the United Railroads, would not be brought to trial on the other indictments against him and that the prosecution of Patrick Calhoun would be dropped.

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BURKETT'S ENEMIES HUSTLE

Lancaster Opponents of Senator Get to Work Early.

Lincoln State Committeeman Gets Himself on Record After the Roll Call Had Disclosed Feeling of Other Members.

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