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## U. S. SPEEDS SHIPS 3 WARSHIPS SUNK

WAR SECRETARY DISPATCHES DESTROYERS TO SAN JUAN— TO HOLD ODENWALD.

### FEAR CRAFT WILL ESCAPE

Warning of Teuton Vessel's Plan to Bolt Harbor in Darkness Arouses President to Action—Believe Castle Guns Will Not Stop Night Getaway.

Washington, Attorney Gen. Gregory late Tuesday instructed the United States district attorney of Porto Rico to institute libel proceedings against the German steamship Odenwald, which attempted Sunday to leave San Juan harbor without clearance papers.

Under these proceedings the vessel may be held in the custody of a marshal pending settlement of the question whether she shall be forfeited to the United States under the recent joint resolution of congress prescribing penalties in such cases.

While the department of justice was considering the legal phases of the Odenwald case treasury officials had before them a report from San Juan that fear was felt that both the Odenwald and another Hamburg-American liner, the President, might under cover of darkness slip past the guns of Morro Castle and dash for the sea.

### HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN FELL.

Late Report Says 120,000 Were in Przemysl.

London—The size of the garrison at Przemysl and the number of men who surrendered to the Russians greatly exceeded all estimates. According to dispatches received from Petrograd the garrison originally consisted of 170,000 men, of whom 40,000 were killed. Just under 120,000 surrendered when the fortress capitulated.

### Merchant Slain in Store.

St. Louis—Richard Randolph, president of the Trenchon Lacey company and the Central Merchandise company and candidate at the recent primary for the Republican nomination for congress from the Twelfth Missouri district, was assassinated in the office of the company here Tuesday. His wife, Mrs. Della Randolph, who recently was sued for divorce by her husband, was arrested. She denied any knowledge of the shooting. The police also issued a general order for the arrest of a man named by Randolph in his petition for a divorce.

### Send Warship for Crop.

Washington, D. C.—An American warship will take to Yucatan money to finance the movement of Mexico's sisal hemp crop, needed to make twine for binding the enormous wheat crop made by farmers of the United States this year. The money—\$625,000 in currency, which manufacturers propose to advance to the hemp growers—is in bank vaults at Galveston, Tex., but until now no safe means of getting it to Mexico had been found.

### President Frees Dying Convict.

Washington, D. C.—Touched by word that George Savage, a prisoner in the Minnesota prison, was dying, President Wilson signed a pardon and orders immediately were telegraphed to the warden to release the man. Savage was serving a sentence of five years, imposed by the federal court at St. Paul, for violation of the Mann "white slave" law. His sentence began in April, 1914.

### Modern Bluebeard Held.

London—Charged with the murder of three women, George Joseph Smith, in the Bow Street court, heard Public Prosecutor Bodkin charge him with making away with three of his wives. Each woman, it was charged, had been murdered shortly after Smith had married her. Each woman was found dead in her bath. The case has come to be known as the "brides in bath" case.

### Millions in Gold Paid U. S.

London—The large sale of gold, £1,495,000, announced by the Bank of England Tuesday, is confidently believed on the money market to have been for America for purchases of war materials made by the allies.

### Bans Whisky Posters.

Chicago—The Poster Advertising company of the United States and Canada has placed a ban on the advertisement of whisky and other spirituous liquors. It was learned here. Beer and wines are not included.

## SOME OF THE LARGEST BATTLESHIPS IN FRANCO-BRITISH FLEET LOST.

630 DIE ON FRENCH SHIP

### British Admiralty Admits Heaviest Blow of Naval War in Sinking of Dreadnaught Irresistible, Ocean and Bouvet by Mines.

London, March 22.—The greatest blow suffered by the allies on the sea since the war began was administered by the Turks Thursday, when drifting mines in the narrows of the Dardanelles blew up and sank three of the largest battleships in the Franco-Turkish fleet while the ships were bombarding eight of the Turkish forts.

The ships destroyed are the 15,000-ton British second line battleship Irresistible, the 12,500-ton British battleship Ocean and the 12,205-ton French battleship Bouvet. In addition, the British dreadnaught cruiser Inflexible and the French battleship Gaulois were damaged by the gunfire from the forts.

Nearly every man of the 630 in the crew of the Bouvet was lost with the ship, but almost the entire crews of the Irresistible and the Ocean were saved.

This tremendous loss was admitted in an official statement given out by the admiralty. Official dispatches telling of the sinking of the Bouvet from Constantinople via Berlin, besides telling of the sinking of the Irresistible and saying the Irresistible was "put out of action," also claim that a British torpedo boat was sunk, but the British admiralty has not confirmed this fact.

The admiralty's statement is as follows: "Mine sweeping has been in progress for ten days inside the straits. A general attack by the British and French fleets was opened on the morning of the 18th against the fortresses in the narrows.

At 10:45 a. m. the superdreadnaught Queen Elizabeth and the battleships Inflexible, Agamemnon and Lord Nelson bombarded forts J., L., T., U. and V., and the battleships Triumph and Prince George bombarded batteries F., E. and H. A heavy fire was opened on the ships by the enemy howitzers and field guns.

At 12:22 p. m. the French squadron, consisting of the battleships Suffren, Gaulois, Charlemagne and Bouvet, advanced into the Dardanelles and engaged the forts at closer range. Forts J., U., F. and E. replied strongly. Their fire was silenced by ten battleships inside the straits. All the ships were hit several times during this part of the action.

At 1:25 p. m. all the forts ceased firing. The battleships Vengeance, Irresistible, Albion, Ocean, Swiftsure and Majestic then advanced to relieve the six old battleships, which were inside the straits.

As the French squadron, which had engaged the forts in most brilliant fashion, was passing out, the Bouvet was blown up by a drifting mine and sank in 36 fathoms of water north of the village of Aren Kios in less than three minutes.

At 2:36 p. m. the relief battleships renewed the attack on the forts, which again opened fire.

At 4:09 p. m. the battleship Irresistible quit the line, listing heavily, and at 5:50 p. m. sank, having probably struck a drifting mine. At 6:05 p. m. the battleship Ocean also was struck by a mine. Both vessels sank in deep water and practically the whole of their crews were removed to safety under a hot fire.

The French battleship Gaulois was damaged by gunfire. The British battleship Inflexible was hit by a heavy shell, damaging her forward control position, which requires repair.

"The damage to the forts effected by the prolonged direct fire of the very powerful forces employed cannot yet be estimated. The losses in ships was caused by mines drifting with the current, which was encountered in areas hitherto swept clear.

"The British casualties in personnel were not heavy considering the scale of the operation, but practically the whole of the crew of the Bouvet was lost with the ship, an internal explosion having apparently supervened the explosion of the mine.

"The battleships Queen and Implacable, which were dispatched from England to replace ships damaged and casualties suffered in anticipation of this operation, are due to arrive immediately, bringing the British fleet again to its original strength.

"The operations are continuing as ample naval forces are available.

"On the 16th Vice-Admiral Carden, who had been incapacitated by illness, was succeeded as chief in command by Rear Admiral John Michael Deroeck, acting with the rank of vice-admiral."

### Doorman Wins Rich Girl.

New York, March 23.—Isabel Bernheimer, eighteen years old, daughter of C. D. Bernheimer, eloped with James Murray, a doorman. Word of the marriage was telephoned to Mr. Bernheimer by his daughter.

### 100 Bars to Shut Doors.

Kansas City, Mo., March 23.—Approximately 100 of the 411 saloons in Kansas City will close "for the moral good of the community" as a result of action taken by the board of police commissioners.

## BRITAIN LOSES FIGHT

GENERAL HAWLEY AND 2,000 MEN KILLED BY DERVISHES.

### All Prisoners Are Decapitated—Railroads and Telegraph Wires Destroyed in Sudan.

Berlin, Germany (by wireless to Sayville, L. I.), March 20.—A German merchant who has returned from Egypt is authority for the declaration that the whole of the Sudan, including Khartoum and also parts of Nubia, is in possession of the dervishes.

The statements of this traveler are published in the Vossische Zeitung. He describes also an engagement near Fashoda last December, in which General Hawley of the British army and a number of other officers, with nearly 2,000 men, lost their lives.

The merchant relates a story of the alleged uprising of the Senusit tribesmen in November. He declares that they destroyed an Australian camp near the pyramids November 19, killing 200 Australians and capturing guns and provisions.

Later, in large force not fewer than 80,000, they overflew the entire province of Fayum and destroyed all railroads, including the Cairo-Assuan line. December 1 they destroyed the Alexandria-Cairo railroad near Danlaur.

Thousands of tribesmen responded to the appeal of the dervishes and December 13, 40,000 of them marched in the direction of Fashoda, on the White Nile, where General Hawley opposed them with 6,000 troops. Of the men under Hawley all the native soldiers deserted to the dervishes, leaving them only 2,000 men.

Most of this contingent was killed and General Hawley and all his officers fell. Nabur-El-Ast, commanding the dervishes, had all his prisoners decapitated.

As a result of this victory all the native chiefs joined the dervishes, who, January 1, took possession of the important military post at Nasser, in the district of Sennar.

The merchant also declares that the dervishes destroyed all the telegraph lines in lower Egypt. No word of the conquest of the Sudan has been allowed to leak out.

## DIGGS AND CAMINETTI LOSE

Both Men Must Go to Prison in the California White Slave Case—Were Convicted in 1913.

San Francisco, March 20.—The convictions of F. Drew Caminetti, son of Anthony Caminetti, United States commissioner general of immigration, and Maurice I. Diggs, former state architect, under the Mann white slave act, were affirmed on Thursday by the United States circuit court of appeals. Diggs and Caminetti were tried and convicted before District Judge William C. Van Fleet in 1913 for the transportation of Iola Norris and Marsha Warrington from Sacramento, Cal., to Reno, Nev., for immoral purposes.

Diggs was sentenced to imprisonment on McNeil island for two years and fined \$2,000. Caminetti was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment and a fine of \$1,500. The case was taken to the higher court on a writ of error.

## ENVOYS ASKS CURB ON VILLA

British Embassy Wants U. S. to Prevent Levy From Foreigners at Monterrey.

Washington, March 20.—The British embassy after receiving advices from Monterrey, asked the state department on Thursday to protest against Villa's special levy of 1,000,000 pesos upon foreigners at Monterrey. The light and power company there owned by British capital was taxed \$35,000.

Washington, March 20.—A protest was sent to the United States on Thursday evening to General Villa against the collection from Americans or other foreigners of part of a special tax of 1,000,000 pesos levied at Monterrey.

## SHIP SEIZED IN BLOCKADE

Swedish Steamer Carrying Provisions to Germany Is Taken Into British Port.

London, March 20.—The first seizure made by Great Britain under the provisions of its recently announced blockade of the German coast was made on Thursday when the Swedish steamer Geheland Dacon, carrying a cargo of provisions intended for a German port, was held up and brought into Lee in the custody of a British patrol boat.

## Gives \$125,000 for Y. M. C. A.

Anderson, Ind., March 22.—James A. B. Hunt, a banker, announced a gift of \$125,000 towards the establishment of a Y. M. C. A. building here.

## British Out 5,081 Officers.

London, March 23.—British army on the continent has lost 1,543 officers killed and 2,833 wounded, while 705 have been reported missing. This gives a total officers' casualty list of 5,081 men.

## German War Loan Closed.

Berlin, via London, March 23.—Competent financial authorities estimate that subscriptions to the war loan, which closed at one o'clock Saturday, will aggregate at least \$1,500,000,000.

## PARIS IS SHELLED

TWO GERMAN AIRSHIPS DROP SEVENTEEN BOMBS ON THE CAPITAL.

### EIGHT HURT BY EXPLOSIVES

Compeigne, Bibecourt and Dreslin-court Shelled; Aeroplanes Drive Off Craft—Berlin Says Raid Was Revenge for Attack on Town.

Paris, March 23.—The first Zeppelin raid on Paris was carried out early Sunday. Four bombs were dropped in the city and 13 in the suburbs. Seven or eight persons were injured, one seriously, but none fatally. The material damage was slight.

The raiders were driven off by French aeroplane patrols and the fire of anti-airship guns. One of the raiders appeared to have been hit.

In their retreat the raiders dropped bombs on Compeigne, Bibecourt and Dreslin-court. Some were explosive and some of incendiary character. No damage was suffered at these places. Probably the most remarkable feature of the raid was the department of the population.

Warned of the coming of the Zeppelins, men and women clad in night attire flocked in gay and jocular processions from their sleeping apartments to the streets, or in the case of the more discreet, to the cellars of their homes. The discipline of the city's residents was marvelous. There was a complete absence of panic.

When the Zeppelins approached whistles were blown and the sleeping residents aroused, all lights were extinguished and when the raiders arrived over the city the capital was completely obscured.

It was a beautiful starlit night. There was a light westerly breeze blowing. The approach of the raiders was signalled from at least twenty places.

Half a dozen aeroplanes were wheeling upward to beat them off and high-angle guns were blazing from several different points.

It was the rapid appearance of an aeroplane squadron, each machine flashing a small, but powerful, searchlight—that prevented the raiders from attacking the center of the city, with its historic monuments.

Everywhere the department of the people was remarkable. The "qui vive" lasted for three hours, the bugles rallying the people to bed again shortly after four o'clock. The danger was over.

Berlin, March 23.—The war office gave out on Sunday the following official statement on the bombardment of Paris by Zeppelins:

"To render more impressive our reply to the misdeeds of two French aviators in attacking the open Alsatian town of Schlettstadt, German airships dropped several heavy bombs on the fortress of Paris and on the railroad junction at Compeigne."

## NEGRO ARRESTED AS 'AXMAN'

Police of Monmouth, Ill., Believe Score of Crimes Will Be Solved With Arrest of Black.

Monmouth, Ill., March 23.—The police of this city hope that the mystery surrounding more than a score of "axman" murders, in which entire families have been slain in the last four years, will be solved by the arrest of a negro giving his name as Loving Mitchell, who was captured on Sunday in a squalid shanty at 1625 Chestnut street, St. Louis, Mo. The negro, a giant in size, was arrested on the specific charge of having slain William E. Dawson, his wife and three-year-old daughter, Georgia, as they slept in their home in Monmouth, September 30, 1911. The similarity of the other crimes has led authorities to believe all were committed by the same man. The long list of victims of the "axman's" mania includes 29 persons, and his slayings cover Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Colorado.

## SCOTT TAKES PIUTE CHIEFS

Chief of Staff Brings Old Polk, Tee-Ne-Gat and Others of Gang Prisoners to Bluff, Utah.

Bluff, Utah, March 23.—The Piute Indian uprising in Utah is over. Brigadier General Scott, chief of staff of United States army, returned here on Sunday with Old Polk, Tee-Ne-Gat, and other members of his gang as his prisoners. General Scott took the Indians single handed. The Indians surrendered to Scott single handed on assurances that they would receive fair play from the "Great White Father" at Washington. Six men were killed and many wounded in early fighting between the Indians and members from the posse headed by United States Marshal Nebeker.

## Woman Plunges to Death.

New York, March 23.—Mrs. Ellen Heney, editor of the Woman's Magazine, published in Detroit, and writer of short stories, plunged five stories from her room to her death at her home here. She had typhoid fever.

## Will Reopen Express Case.

Washington, March 23.—Formal orders reopening the express rate case, requested in the petition filed a few days ago by four of the principal express companies, were issued by the interstate commerce commission.

## Daring Mail Robbery in Italy.

Rome, March 23.—A daring train robbery was reported here. Two hundred and twenty-five bags of United States mail, most of which was consigned to Germany, Austria and the Balkan states, had been seized.

## AMERICAN GOODS SAFE

ALLIES LIMIT BLOCKADE OF GERMAN Y TO WAR ZONE.

### Won't Confiscate Cargoes—State Department at Washington Makes Public Answers to Notes.

Washington, March 19.—In notes of similar tenor made public on Wednesday by the state department, Great Britain and France make the definite assertion to the United States that they have established and are enforcing a blockade of the ports of Germany, but that the allied governments will "refrain from enforcing the usual penalties of a blockade."

It is further explained that neutral vessels are subject to seizure only when presumed to be carrying contraband, and in the words of the French note, "the discharged cargo shall not be confiscated. Merchandise belonging to neutrals shall be held at the disposal of its owner to be returned to the port of departure. In case the owner of the goods is a German, they shall simply be sequestered during the war."

These notes were in answer to the American representations made to the allies recently asking an explanation of the method to be adopted in enforcing the blockade, and pointing out that some of the provisions in this blockade plan were paradoxical. The American note was made public by Secretary Bryan simultaneously.

The reply of Great Britain to the recent American note, proposing a method of agreement between Great Britain and Germany for the protection of neutral ships in the sea war zone, and suggesting that Great Britain permit the shipment of foodstuffs to German civilians in return for the abandonment of mine and submarine warfare, also was made public. As has already been announced in the newspapers, the British reply is a complete rejection of the proposal. Germany's conciliatory reply already has been published.

## IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS

Washington, March 22.—Brig. Gen. Charles Francis Adams, attorney, historian and head of the great Adams family of Massachusetts, which gave two presidents to the United States, died suddenly at his residence here today.

New York, March 20.—Lenora Cohn, five years old, was killed by a "jack-the-ripper." Her body, mutilated with a knife, was found in the hallway of her home. In the fingers of her left hand were clutched several strands of short gray hair.

Boston, March 19.—Federal Judge Putnam handed down a decision dismissing the government's suit to dissolve the United Shoe Machinery company as an unlawful monopoly under the Sherman act.

## OLDFIELD WINS AUTO RACE

Veteran Victor in 301-Mile Grand Prix Over Venice Speedway at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 19.—Out of one of the most dramatic and thrilling finishes ever witnessed in southern California motor racing, Barney Oldfield came to victory without a stop in the 301-mile Grand Prix in his Maxwell over the new Venice speedway on Wednesday.

Oldfield's time was 4 hours, 24 minutes, 9 seconds, an average of 67 miles an hour. Half a minute behind Oldfield was William Carlson in a duplicate Maxwell. Then came G. E. Ruckstell in his Mercer for third honor.

## KILBANE DEFEATS WILLIAMS

Featherweight Champion Outfought Bantamweight Titleholder of the World at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 19.—Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion of the world, outfought and outfought Kid Williams, world's bantamweight titleholder, in a furious six-round contest on Wednesday night. It was Kilbane's contest from start to finish although his younger opponent made a plucky battle.

## 50,000 FRENCH ARE SLAIN

Unofficial Report Received in Berlin Says Enemy Lost Heavily in Champagne Fighting.

Berlin, March 19.—More than 50,000 French soldiers have been killed since early February and 25,000 new lie unburied between the firing lines in the five-mile strip between Pertuis and Hild in the Champagne district, according to unofficial reports received here.

## Adventists' Leader Is Ill.

Battle Creek, Mich., March 22.—Mrs. Ellen G. White, founder, prophetess and present leader of the Seventh Day Adventists, is seriously ill at her home in St. Helena, Cal. Mrs. White recently fell, fracturing her hip.

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## BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Odell will vote on the liquor question this spring. Kearney will have a place in the state baseball league. W. B. Truman is the caucus nominee for mayor of Auburn.

Sunday, May 9, will be observed over the state as Mother's day. Edward Barnard, nine years old, was killed by a jitney bus at Omaha. Retail clothing of the state are organizing a branch of the national association.

Max Umbright, a former Lyons boy, met his death in a battle in the European war.

William Trope, of Nebraska, was stricken blind while attending a moving picture show at Omaha. A jitney bus company of local citizens has been organized at Grand Island with a capital of \$10,000.

A special Nebraska train to the San Francisco exposition is a possibility being developed over the state. Automobile races will be the special feature of the state fair this fall, the races continuing over Saturday.

Dr. Kigin, acting state veterinarian, destroyed a number of glandered horses in Polk county last week. Fremont's new Empress theater, costing \$75,000, has been completed, and was formally opened last week.

Six towns—Beatrice, Kearney, West Point, Fremont, Tekamah and Wahoo—are now in the state racing circuit. Frank N. Hawlings, a pioneer of the state and a resident of Lincoln for nearly forty years, is dead at his home there.

The saloon question will be put to a vote at the spring election at North Bend. The town has been dry for several years. To stimulate the interest of local growers, York county is contemplating an independent corn contest the coming fall.

Races between an automobile and an aeroplane will be daily features at the Nebraska state fair September 6 to 10.

Ed Paris, a Tecumseh telephone lineman, sustained serious injuries when he fell from the top of a pole when it broke.

The twenty-second annual session of the Southeastern Nebraska Educational association is being held at Lincoln this week. A pin prick several weeks ago necessitated the amputation of a portion of the right hand of Mrs. F. E. Fixen of inland.

Joseph E. Alexis of the state university has been tendered the associate professorship of languages in the University of Utah. G. A. Gregory, an inspector in State Superintendent Thomas' office, has been tendered the superintendency of the Crete city schools.

The Omaha Auto club will issue a magazine devoted to the boosting of good roads and the general advancement of Nebraska's resources. Leslie Pine, a rural mail carrier at York, was stricken with "snow blindness" while on his route and for a while was in a critical condition.

The department of botany at the state university has just received from Prof. Juan Corrig, at Santiago, a mammoth collection of Cuban ferns.

Petitions are being circulated at Lincoln asking that the question of Sunday theaters be submitted to the voters of that place at the coming election. A high school competition stock judging contest will be held April 3 at the university farm at Lincoln under auspices of the annual husbandry department.

"If you spend in Fremont the dollars you earn at Fremont there will be more dollars in Fremont for you to earn," has been adopted as a slogan by the "ad" club at that place. Miss Edith Ragsdale had her hand badly mangled when it got caught in a wringer in the laundry at College View. Only prompt action of physicians prevented her bleeding to death.

A number of habitual "dope" fiends are in the Omaha jail, almost demoralized as the result of inability to obtain drugs prohibited by the federal law now in effect.

Work has commenced on Fairbury's big tabernacle in which revival services will be held from March 25 to April 25 by the several Protestant churches of that place.

Schools, theaters and churches of Ainsworth have been ordered closed by the board of health on account of the number of scarlet fever cases. Public and private gatherings are prohibited.

The new \$20,000 school building at Stella has just been completed, and with its strictly modern equipment and seven teachers is an object of particular pride to its patrons.

W. C. Shreve, for twenty years pastor of a Beatrice school, was the recipient of a fruit shower from the pupils on his seventy-second birthday, which occurred a few days ago.

A Lincoln man paid \$12.50 for a three minute talk over the long distance telephone with a resident of San Francisco, the first conversation between those places, and he says it was worth the price.

James Carmody, a Syracuse merchant, was seriously burned when a can of gasoline was overturned and ignited, causing an explosion. Mrs. Emma Manchester, for sixteen years supreme guardian of the Woodmen Circle, was reinducted for that place at the annual convention at Columbus.

Dr. Sweeney, state university astronomer, says the legend regarding supernatural storms is pure fiction and has no foundation in reality, as the mere fact that the sun crosses the equator has nothing to do with erecting the poles.

## COUNTY TREASURERS WILL NOT REMIT

STATE TREASURER SAYS THAT SEVERAL COUNTIES ARE EVADING THE LAW

### MUST REMAIN TILL WINDUP

Speaker Jackson Has Plan for Holding Members Till End of Session

Western Newspaper Union News Service, Lincoln.—If the treasurers of Douglas and Lancaster counties would only remit the money due the state general fund warrants would not have to go to discount. The sum due from both of them amounts to \$42,000.

If they would remit this month and every month from now on—the statute plainly contemplates in delegation of certain power to the state treasurer—the state would stand a pretty good show of keeping its warrants from being discounted and from running from sixty to ninety days at 4 per cent interest.

This is the position taken now by State Treasurer Hall, who finds that these two big counties of the state and thirteen other counties are still disobeying his orders.

The battle between state and county officials who are hanging out has aroused considerable interest over the state. County treasurers without number, as well as several former holders of that office, have taken the position that the state officer is asking nothing unjust when he seeks to obtain monthly remittances.

### Consolidation Bill Goes

All three of the consolidation bills backed by the finance committee of the house were approved in committee of the whole and sent to third reading. The bill combining the station registration burpau with the live stock sanitary board went through easily enough, as this consolidation has already taken ground under the direction of Governor Morehead. The other two, however, ran up against some stiff opposition. When the bill to merge the fire commission with the liquor commissioner's office was taken up, Broome of Box Butte moved to indefinitely postpone it. Messrs. Broome, Langston, Hestetter and Mockett made speeches against the bill. They claimed that the fire commission is now on an efficient basis and that if placed under the liquor commissioner it would not receive proper attention.

### Must Stay Till Finish

There will be no exodus of members of the legislature from Lincoln after the sixty days' sitting has been completed, until the final adjournment of both branches, if Speaker Jackson and house leaders have their way. The speaker thinks he has found a method which will keep practically all the members at their desks "until the last dog is hung," instead of having them drop out by twos, threes and half dozens until only a bare handful is left at the windup, as in former sessions.

Speaker Jackson announced Saturday afternoon that he would ask for another caucus of house democrats in order to secure a pledge from every majority member to stay and see the work of the legislature finished. If such pledges are not given, the speaker will refuse to sign the warrants of members for the third and last installment of their pay, amounting to \$200, until the day of adjournment.

### Kill Railroad Bills