

FINANCIERS TESTIFY

ANDREW CARNEGIE AND JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, SR., DEFEND CHARITIES.

BOTH READ FROM BOOKS

Ironmaster Tells Industrial Commission He Raised Tollers' Pay and Is Their Friend—Oil King Discusses His Foundation Fund.

New York, Feb. 8.—Both Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller, Sr., the world's two richest men, testified on Friday before the federal commission which is inquiring into the causes for industrial unrest.

Carnegie testified that up to the close of 1914 his gifts aggregated \$324,657,399.

"The work still goes bravely on," said the ironmaster. "I am, indeed, a most fortunate man and think myself in nothing else so happy as in a soul remembering my dear friends, to whom I owe so much."

Mr. Carnegie was asked what his business was.

"My business," he replied, "is to do all the good in the world that I can."

He read a statement which was, in part, as follows:

"I never bought or sold shares on the exchange; all my earnings were from manufacturing. If it were necessary for me to return to that calling, I should not consider the problem of labor as at all difficult. On the contrary, I enjoyed conferences with our men."

Mr. Carnegie said that he had had only "one serious disaster with labor." This was at the time of the riot at Homestead, Pa. Mr. Carnegie was abroad at the time and when he heard of it, he wanted to return home, but his partners requested him not to do so.

"Some of the men at the works," Mr. Carnegie said, "cabled me: 'Kind master, tell us what you want us to do and we will do it for you.'"

Wages were advanced 30 per cent. Mr. Carnegie said, after that incident, "Labor and capital," he said, "will some day rank as one."

Only once, Mr. Carnegie said, had he had experience with a determined effort to commit wrong on the part of labor. This was when men at the Edgar Thompson blast furnaces sent in a written demand for an immediate advance in wages with the alternative of leaving the furnaces unworked.

"You have signed that treaty," Mr. Carnegie said he told the leader of the men, "and you break it, but the grass will grow over these works before we will have such men in our employ. It will be heralded through the world as a disgrace to labor. You have your answer; go."

"There was no strike. That is the best service I ever rendered to American labor."

At the conclusion of Carnegie's testimony John D. Rockefeller entered the room and demanded to be heard as a witness. He was placed on the stand.

Mr. Rockefeller began reading a statement, which he had prepared.

"The sole motive underlying the various foundations which I have established has been the desire to devote a portion of my fortune to the service of my fellow men," he read.

"I regard the right to amend or rescind the respective charters of the several foundations which inheres in the legislative bodies which granted them as an entirely sufficient guaranty against serious abuse of the funds," he said.

As for educational institutions altering their policies or form in order to get donations from the general education board, Mr. Rockefeller said he had "never heard of it."

"As to our foundation," he said, "I don't think such things have ever happened. As to others, I do not know."

Regarding the responsibility of stockholders and directors for labor conditions he said:

"I think the stockholders are responsible for the choice of the best men as directors. A large stockholder ordinarily would have more influence with a board of directors than a smaller one."

VOLIVA'S WIFE DIES IN ZION

Spouse of Head of Church Succumbs to Gastritis After a Long Illness.

Zion City, Feb. 8.—Mrs. Jolly Steel-Voliva, wife of Rev. William Glenn Voliva, general overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic church in Zion and successor of John Alexander Dowle, passed away here on Friday. For 16 months she suffered with a complaint known as lymphangitis, an affection of the lymphatic glands. Mrs. Voliva died firm in her faith of divine healing and refused to see a physician.

Bids Called for Airboats.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Bids were called for by the navy department on the construction of six armored hydro-aeroplanes, each to carry a rapid-fire gun and ammunition and to be manned by a pilot and an observer.

New York Rest Law Upheld.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 8.—The constitutionality of the state law securing to employees in factories and mercantile establishments 24 consecutive hours of rest every week was upheld by the court of appeals on Friday.

DYNAMITER IS JAILED

VAN HORN, SENTENCED FOR DEFACING VANCEBORO BUILDING.

Canada to Have Representative Present at Hearing on Bridge Wrecking Charge.

Vanceboro, Me., Feb. 6.—Werner Van Horn, who attempted to blow up the international bridge over the St. Croix river, was Thursday sentenced to 30 days in jail. He was arrested on a warrant issued by a local trial justice and tried on the charge of defacing and injuring buildings in Vanceboro. The injury to the buildings was caused by the shock of the explosion when Van Horn exploded a charge of dynamite under the bridge.

Solicitor Cone Johnson of the state department at Washington said that the British ambassador's application for the extradition of Van Horn had been found to be correct in form, and that the ambassador had been advised that the Canadian government would be allowed to send its legal representatives to Vanceboro to present their case against Van Horn when the hearing begins.

NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Paris, Feb. 5.—The Socialists in the chamber of deputies have decided to support the bill prohibiting the sale of absinthe, the discussion of which was postponed pending a settlement of the question of reimbursing dealers in the liquor who will be affected by the law.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—Duke Kahanamoku, champion swimmer of the world, has lost his title. That is the news that the Australian papers bring to hand and incidentally they tell of the feats of a hitherto unknown swimmer named Tommy Adrian, the boy who defeated Kahanamoku over 440 yards in the good time of five minutes, 38 seconds.

Pretoria, Feb. 6.—A sharp fight between English and German patrols occurred near Sandfontein. Three Germans and a British sergeant were killed.

London, England, Feb. 4.—The Italian reservists living in England have been warned to prepare to respond to a call to the colors. Advices from Berlin are to the effect that the German government has abandoned all hope of keeping Italy and Roumania out of the war.

LAKE SHIP CRUSHED BY ICE

Steamer Iowa Sinks Off Chicago—Seventy-One Persons Walk Over Ice to Shore.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—A great hole stove in her bow by a jagged mass of ice, the steamer Iowa of the Goodrich Transit company sank three miles off the Chicago harbor.

The crew of seventy-sixty-nine officers and men and one woman—and a lone passenger climbed over the side to the ice and walked to shore.

The escape of the seventy-one persons on the doomed boat was miraculous. The ship sank just after they had abandoned her—less than thirty minutes after the ice rammed through her hull. They walked six miles to land.

The Iowa was built in 1869 at Manitowoc, Wis., at a cost of \$150,000, and carried a miscellaneous cargo from Milwaukee valued at between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

BRITAIN TO PAY FOR CARGO

Ambassador Page Tells Washington That Food on the Steamer Wilhelmina Will Be Seized.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Walter Hines Page, the American ambassador at London, cabled the state department on Tuesday that Great Britain will seize and pay for the foodstuffs cargo of the steamship Wilhelmina, which is on her way from New York to Bremen. Ambassador Page explains that Great Britain will pay for the cargo solely for the reason that the Wilhelmina departed before she had knowledge of the German decree which took over the acquisition of foodstuffs in the empire.

NINE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Blast in Pennsylvania Town Wrecks Boarding House—Due to Leaking Gas.

Kane, Pa., Feb. 5.—Nine persons were killed and at least twenty-five injured, six fatally, in an explosion that completely wrecked a tenement boarding house at Myburg, Pa., near Kane, on Wednesday. Several other persons were injured. Explosion caused by gas.

Colonel Roosevelt Is Ill

New York, Feb. 8.—It became known that Col. Theodore Roosevelt had an attack of African fever on Saturday night, which manifested itself in a chill, and that on Tuesday his leg gave him trouble.

American Steamer Damaged.

Copenhagen, Feb. 8.—The American cotton steamer Navahoe was towed into Esbjerg last night seriously damaged. She struck on the bar outside Esbjerg and was unable to get off for several hours.

VETO IS APPROVED

HOUSE SUSTAINS PRESIDENT WILSON ON IMMIGRATION BILL.

MEASURE LOST BY 3 VOTES

Party Lines Ignored During Debate and the Voting—Consideration of Bill Consumed More Than Five Hours—Scores of Speeches Made.

Washington, Feb. 6.—By the narrowest of margins, following a debate in which the floor leader urged all Democrats to override the objection of the president, the house of representatives voted on Thursday to sustain the veto of the immigration bill.

The final count showed that the opponents of the bill, who numbered 261, lacked six votes of the two-thirds necessary to overcome the veto. Opponents numbered 136 with Representatives Kahn of California and Steenerson of Minnesota present but paired. A change of just three votes in favor of the bill would have overthrown the veto.

The consideration of the bill consumed more than five hours, during which time were heard a score of speakers under the generalship of Representative Burnett of Alabama, chairman of the immigration committee, and Representative Gardner of Massachusetts against the veto, and Representatives Moore of Pennsylvania and Sabath of Illinois supporting the president. Party lines were disregarded in the debate and the voting.

LOSS OF LIFE IN STORM

Entire Northwest Swept by Blizzard—Ohio and Indiana Face Flood.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—The storm-delayed sections of the Northern Pacific's North Coast limited reached Chicago Tuesday, hours late, and their passengers told a thrilling story of the fight against a blizzard and numbing cold throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin. The entire Northwest was in the grip of a blizzard again Tuesday that tore down telegraph wires and blocked many trains.

The loss of life has been considerable, according to the meager reports coming in over the crippled wires. Ohio and Indiana faced floods. Scores of men were put to work at Dayton, O., dynamiting ice jams to prevent a repetition of the flood disaster of 1913. Near Quincy, Ill., the South Bear Creek levee went out, flooding the lowlands.

With the Ohio past the 30-foot mark, the flood stage of 35 feet is expected at Evansville, Ind. Farmers in the bottoms are moving out their stock and grain.

BLOCKADE ON BRITISH ISLES

Neutrals Warned by Germany That Waters Around England Are Not Safe for Ships.

Berlin, Feb. 6 (by wireless).—The German admiralty issued the following communication on Thursday: "The waters around Great Britain and Ireland, including the whole English channel, are declared a war zone from and after February 18, 1915."

"Every enemy ship found in this war zone will be destroyed, even if it is impossible to avert dangers which threaten the crew and passengers. "Also neutral ships in the war zone are in danger, as, in consequence of the misuse of neutral flags ordered by the British government January 31, and in view of the hazards of naval warfare, it cannot always be avoided that attacks meant for enemy ships endanger neutral ships."

"Shipping northward, around the Shetland islands in the eastern basin of the North sea, and in a strip of at least thirty nautical miles in breadth along the Dutch coast is endangered in the same way."

27 TO FACE TRIAL MARCH 8

Judge Anderson Overrules Motion to Quash Indictments Against Terre Haute Men.

Indianapolis, Feb. 3.—Judge Anderson on Monday overruled motions to quash indictments against 27 accused vote traffickers and ordered them to trial on March 8. Congressman A. O. Stanley of Henderson, Ky., chief counsel for the defense, asked that the trial be set after the adjournment of congress.

Moroccans Rout French.

Berlin, Feb. 6.—A defeat of French troops in Morocco is reported in a dispatch from Madrid. The French were compelled to evacuate several camps near Fez. The Moroccans captured large supplies.

Equal Rights for Illegitimate.

London, Feb. 6.—The Odelsting, the legislative section of the Norwegian storting, has passed a law giving illegitimate children equal rights of inheritance with those who are legitimate.

Miss Braddon, Writer, Dies.

London, England, Feb. 6.—Mary Elizabeth Braddon, the English novelist, died on Thursday at her residence at Richmond-on-Thames after a fortnight's illness. She was born in London in 1837.

WILSON WARNS U. S.

PRESIDENT SAYS THERE IS A FOOD SHORTAGE.

Urges More Grain Be Planted and Yield Per Acre Also Be Increased.

Washington, Feb. 5.—"There is a shortage of food in the world now. That shortage will be more serious a few months from now than it is now. "It is necessary that we should plant a great deal more. It is necessary that our land should yield more per acre than it does now."

"It is necessary that there should not be a plow or a spade idle in this country if the world is to be fed."

In these words President Wilson addressed the people of the nation on Wednesday night through several hundred representative business men attending the annual convention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

The president declared that "we must all pool our interests" in order to discover the best means of handling public problems.

The creation in the United States in time of peace of the same kind of united spirit which moves nations during war was advocated by the president, who remarked that "when peace is as handsome as war there will be no wars," and "when men engage in the pursuits of peace in the same spirit of self-sacrifice as they engage in war, wars will disappear."

Speaking of the foreign trade of the United States the president asked that business men devise some way of allowing exporters in the United States to combine to secure common selling agencies to give long-time credits in such a way that these co-operative devices may be open to the use of all.

RUSS WIN IN CARPATHIANS

Wounded Officer Asserts Czar's Troops Seized Pass—Germans Capture Town.

Lemberg, Galicia (via Petrograd), Feb. 5.—The snow-covered slopes of Dukla pass in the Carpathians were drenched in blood in the hand-to-hand fighting when the Russians for two days drove the Austro-German forces up the slippery paths and seized the pass, according to a Russian officer wounded in the battle, who arrived here on Wednesday.

Capture of the village of Humin, east of Bollmow, and the taking of 4,000 prisoners mark the latest successes of General von Mackensen's new advance upon Warsaw.

TEUTONS TO INVADE ENGLAND

German Emperor Arrives at Wilhelmshaven to Inspect Warships and Transports.

Copenhagen, Feb. 5.—The visit of Emperor William to Wilhelmshaven to inspect the German fleet, announced from Berlin on Wednesday, is thought to mean that the long-awaited naval battle in the North sea and a serious attempt to land a great army on the shores of England are at hand.

Enormous forces of troops are said to have been massed at Wilhelmshaven and scores of liners—idle since the war started—are lying in the harbor with steam up ready to act as transports.

ACCEPT WAGE REDUCTION

Iron Workers Agree to Cut of From 6 to 11.2 Per Cent Subject to Approval by Vote.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 6.—The two weeks' deadlock between representatives of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers and the Independent Sheet and Tin Plate Manufacturers over the acceptance of a reduction in wages by the men was broken here. The workmen agreed to accept a cut in wages of from 6 to 11.2 per cent, subject to its approval by a referendum vote of the amalgamated association.

INJURED IN TRAIN CRASH

Trainmen Chop Victims of Wreck Out of Coach Overturned in Four Feet of Water.

Beardstown, Ill., Feb. 6.—Fourteen passengers on train No. 122 of the Baltimore & Ohio were injured, some seriously, when their coach jumped the track and turned on its side in four feet of water. Trainmen chopped the passengers out of the coaches with axes.

Flood Carries Away Bridge.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 6.—Flood and ice gorge carried away the bridge of the Vandalla railroad, south of here and all traffic is tied up until temporary structure can be erected.

Must Surrender Licenses.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 6.—Sheriff N. P. Bush of Hamilton county has ordered every saloon and establishment in Chattanooga to surrender the federal liquor license which is necessary to dispense alcoholic beverages.

Wilson to Visit Chicago.

Washington, Feb. 6.—A visit to Chicago to address the recently naturalized citizens there will be made by President Wilson, either during February or March, according to a promise made to Judge Goodwin.

EMPERORS JOIN MEN

KAISER AND CZAR WATCH BATTLE FOR POLE CAPITAL.

RELIEF IN SIGHT FOR POLES

Germany and the United States Are Joining Hands to Help That Country.

London.—With the German and Russian emperors as eyewitnesses, the armies of Russia and Germany are still contending for the position which protects the Polish capital of Warsaw from the invaders. The Russian emperor has been at Russian headquarters for several days and the German report says that the German emperor has joined his generals and has actually visited some of the troops in their trenches.

Nothing has been disclosed as to the progress of the battle which, when the last reports were received, was raging with unabated fury.

In east Prussia another big battle is developed, the Germans having reinforcements apparently from their Buzza front, to that region. In the Carpathians, while their right is advancing, the Russians are only able to report that their left has checked the Austro-German offensive.

The Italian report of the return of Baron Burián, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister from his visit to the German emperor, says that the Austrian cabinet found the results satisfactory, but were not inclined to give Trentino to Italy and part of Transylvania to Rumania as the price of continued neutrality on the part of those countries.

Turkey has at last given Italy satisfaction for the Hodcda incident. The British consul has been released and the Italian flag saluted.

English refugees from Constantinople declare that the former German cruiser Goeben, now owned by Turkey, was so badly damaged by striking a Turkish mine that it will be impossible to repair her at Constantinople. This virtual loss of the service of the Goeben reduces the Turkish fleet to a state of inferiority as compared with the Russian Black sea fleet, which is about to be strengthened by a new dreadnought constructed at Sebastopol. It is believed that when this ship joins the fleet Russia will attack the Bosphorus and the Black sea while the allied fleets attempt to force the Dardanelles.

Pope Benedict's prayer for peace has been read in all the Catholic churches of England and France.

To Relieve the Poles.

The Hague.—America and Germany are joining hands for the relief of war devastated districts in Poland.

Representatives of the American Red Cross and the Rockefeller foundation have pronounced this work as essential as relief for Belgium, and a German committee has raised 340,000 marks (\$185,000), as a first contribution to the fund for relief of a people officially Germany's enemies. Herbert C. Hoover, the Californian, who is chairman of the American commission for the relief of Belgium, is conducting negotiations with the German authorities to obtain assurances not only that requisitions of food shall cease both in the region of occupation and the region of operations in Belgium, but that financial levies on towns and provinces shall be abandoned. The German government pledges hitherto have extended to the non-requisition of food supplies imported by the commission or such supplies as must be replaced by imports from America.

Serious Water Shortage.

Mexico City.—General Obregon has established relief stations throughout the city at which money and supplies are being distributed among the poor. Nullification of bills issued by General Villa has caused wide distress among the lower classes.

The shortage of water has become serious and General Obregon has dispatched artillery to reinforce his infantry in an effort to drive Zapata's men out of Xochimilco, the source of the city's water supply.

Carranza's minister of education has announced that 100 teachers will be sent to Boston to study the public school system and that all schools here will be closed until their return.

Jay Crew Saved.

Tokio.—An official report received in Tokio on the loss of the Japanese cruiser Asama off the western coast of Lower California, says that all the officers and members were saved.

Many Surgeons at Front.

Paris.—Prof. Trauffer, in an address before the Surgical society stated that of the 14,000 surgeons in the army 6,300 were at the front. At the end of December 93 had been killed, 360 wounded and 440 were among the missing.

England Building Zeppelins.

New York.—Five Zeppelin airships constructed along new lines are under construction near London for protection against threatened air raids according to a report.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

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Fire damaged the new \$53,000 school building at University Place.

A wet and dry fight will probably be waged at the spring election in Fremont.

A new paper called the Nebraska Suffrage Messenger is being published at Lincoln.

The Gem bakery at Alnsworth has been sold by C. C. Lochmiller to L. Lindquist.

Twenty professionals participated in the state checker tournament at Hastings.

Judge Joseph P. Wood, 76, well-known Nebraska, was killed by a train at Louisville.

Edward Bachler, a baker of Nebraska City died as the result of a fall on a slippery sidewalk.

The state board of educational land and funds have bought \$20,000 of school bonds of the city of Madison.

A mass meeting was held at Franklin to complete arrangements for the establishment of a public library.

The first mothers' pension in Cass county has just been awarded to Mrs. Stella Persinger, who has five young children.

The receipts of the Chadron post office were over \$10,000 the last year, thus entitling the city to free delivery of mails.

The Havlock city council is considering the advisability of installing cluster lights along the main street of that city.

Dr. Marie More of Wisner, who sustained a fractured skull when she slipped and fell at Fremont is expected to recover.

Almost \$1,200 has been subscribed by farmers and business men of Box Butte county to retain the services of a farm demonstrator.

Herman German, 18 years old, son of George German of Lexington, accidentally shot and killed himself while returning from a coyote hunt.

Hartington suffered most in the recent blizzard. Ten feet of snow was piled up in the streets, and all business was suspended for several days.

Joseph Peshek, assistant cashier of the Devesee bank, was shot and killed by Will Hedrick, who later committed suicide. Robbery it is believed led to the shooting.

Dr. Marie Morie Morse, wife of Dr. R. H. Morse of Wisner, was seriously injured when she fell sixteen feet down a stairway in the First National bank at Fremont.

Arthur Richeson of Hastings lost the third and fifth fingers of the left hand while employed on a die cutting machine of the Haney & Co. harness factory.

The Otoe County Farmers' Institute held at Dunbar February 3 and 4, was attended by a number of prominent speakers from over the state and a large number of premiums were offered.

In spite of severe weather the two days' session of the farmers' institute held at Peru, was a decided success.

Box Butte county has a farm demonstrator, it making the third in the western part of the state.

The delinquent taxes in Custer county since 1879 to present date total between half a million and a million dollars, according to Assessor W. D. Gardner and D. V. James, who are revising the delinquent tax list.

Subscriptions totaling \$33,650 received in two hours' solicitation following an appeal by Dr. Hiff of Denver, assured the Methodist church board of Hastings of the success of the move to erect the new church.

Companies A, B, C and D of the Fourth Infantry, Nebraska National guard, and the regimental band—all located at Omaha—will be subjected to federal inspection on March 2, 3, 4 and 5. Orders to that effect have been issued by General Hall.

State Treasurer Hall has purchased the bonds of two Nebraska school districts in the total sum of \$40,000. The bonds bear 5 per cent. The districts selling the bonds were No. 33 of Platte county (Creston), and No. 26 of Fillmore (Exeter). Each district sold \$20,000 worth.

A three-inch strip of shin bone was cut from the left leg of Peter Hemple at the Lanning hospital at Hastings by surgeons, who grafted it to the right thigh bone. If the operation proves successful, as physicians say it will, Mr. Hemple will be restored to the normal use of both limbs.

A special farmers' institute for the Indians of Thurston county was held recently under the auspices of the Thurston county farm management association and the extension service of the college of agriculture. The speeches of the lecturers were interpreted to the Indians and are reported to have been enthusiastically received.

The Burlington railroad has decided to follow the advice of the State Railway commission and install a local train service between Lincoln and Oxford. This makes up in a way for the loss of Nos. 1 and 10, taken off several months ago.

Jess Cochran, who recently shot and fatally injured John Jump, jr., at his preliminary hearing at Pender was bound over to the district court without bail on a first degree murder charge. Cochran shot Jump for alleged attention to the former's wife. Jump lived eight days and died from the effect of the shot wound.