

# LOREE GOT \$450,000

EX-HEAD OF ROCK ISLAND AND FRISCO COMMITTEES TELLS OF DUAL PAY AND BONUS.

## "FIRED" AND GIVEN CASH

Purchaser of Line Upholds "Million Dollar" Salaries, But Wouldn't Own Road Now—Others Tell of Gifts—Less Legislation Needed.

Washington, March 1.—An annual salary of \$37,500 as chairman of the executive committee of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, the same amount for serving simultaneously as chairman of the executive committee of the Frisco system and a guarantee of \$500,000 additional constituted the compensation pledged to L. F. Loree when he left the presidency of the Baltimore & Ohio road to join the Rock Island forces. He held the new places ten months in 1904 and then was asked by Daniel G. Reid to resign.

Complying, he received in settlement of his agreement with Mr. Leeds \$450,000 in Rock Island railway bonds. Mr. Loree testified to this effect on Friday at the interstate commerce commission's investigation of the Rock Island's financial affairs during the Reid-Leeds-Moore control from 1901 to 1914.

Criticizing payment to C. H. Verner of \$250,000, J. W. Folk, counsel for the commission, brought out the fact that Rock Island people did not like this transaction. R. A. Jackson, then general counsel for the Rock Island, sent this telegram to Robert Mather, president:

"United States circuit court at Springfield, Ill., has just committed Verner to jail for six months and fined him \$1,000."

Mr. Mather sent this answer to Jackson: "Message received. Couldn't we intervene and ask the court to send Jim Ham with him?"

James Hamilton Lewis, now United States senator for Illinois, was counsel for Verner in his suit against the Rock Island.

Another witness was Mr. Reid himself, who defended the "big salaries" paid to Rock Island officials, declared that he would not now accept as a gift the control of any western or southwestern railroad and that when he and his associates took over the Rock Island it had a "surplus" of \$8,000,000, "but no railroad," being merely a "streak of rust." He said also a man capable of operating an 8,000-mile railway was worth \$1,000,000 a year.

The commerce commission itself was held responsible for the financial troubles of the Rock Island railroad by Mr. Reid, who contended the trouble was not caused by the taking over of bad securities or by payment of heavy salaries and bills, but by the rulings of the commission, which prevented advances in rates to meet higher wages and costs of improvements.

R. A. Jackson, general counsel for the Rock Island from 1902 to 1910, also told the commission he had been asked to resign by Mr. Reid and had no knowledge of why. While he had no agreement, he had received \$100,000.

C. H. Warren, assistant to President Leeds in 1902-4, said he had been induced to go to the Rock Island under an agreement that he receive stock worth a minimum of \$150,000 at the end of two years. When he left the company "because the situation became unsatisfactory" he was given \$50,000 cash and New Jersey holding company stock having a face value of \$205,000.

Mr. Reid said what the railroads needed was "more rates, more tariffs and less legislation."

## 3 SLAYERS ARE EXECUTED

Murderers of Women Die in the Electric Chair at Ossining, N. Y.

Ossining, N. Y., March 1.—In a triple execution in Sing Sing prison three slayers of women were put to death in the electric chair on Friday. The three men who paid the penalty for murder were Robert Kane, Oscar Vogt and Vincenza Campanelli. Only 25 minutes and 10 seconds were consumed in putting the three men to death. All marched in to the death chamber with heads erect and without faltering.

## Becker Denied New Trial.

New York, March 1.—Supreme Court Justice Weeks on Friday denied the application for a new trial for former Lieutenant of Police Charles Becker, who is under sentence of death for the murder of Herman Rosenthal. The application was based on an alleged affidavit by James Marshall, a negro.

## \$215,000,000 More for War.

London, March 1.—The government has requested \$215,000,000 additional for the war expenses of the year 1914-15, bringing the total for the year to \$1,800,000,000. The total for England alone is \$3,060,000,000.

## May End Bread Cost Inquiry.

New York, March 1.—A return to the wholesale price of four cents a loaf for bread will result, Deputy Attorney-General Becker indicated in a discontinuance of the inquiry he is conducting.

# 280 LIVES ARE LOST

WRECKAGE OF BRITISH ARMED MERCHANT VESSEL FOUND.

Boat Said to Have Been Wrecked During Storm, but It May Have Been Torpedoed.

London, Feb. 26.—The German submarine blockade about the British isles has been drawn closer. The government is preparing to take the most drastic measures against the Teutons, and in furtherance of this scheme Lord Charles Beresford will propose to Premier Asquith in parliament that all Germans caught sinking undefended vessels without an attempt at rescue be publicly hanged as pirates if they are captured.

News comes from Amsterdam that the Dutch government has seized the merchant ship Hanna following discovery of 3,000 pounds of copper hidden in her hold, which, it was charged, was to be smuggled into Germany. The Dutch also are considering calling to arms the men of the 1915 class to combat any possible attempt to violate Holland's neutrality.

Several more vessels have fallen victim to the German raiders—one of them an armed merchantman, the Clan MacNaughton, with which 280 men went down.

The British admiralty announced on Wednesday that the Clan MacNaughton, an armed cruiser, has been missing since February 3, and it is feared has been lost. The vessel was under the command of Robert Jeffries. The Clan MacNaughton carried 20 officers and a crew of 261 men. Wreckage believed to be part of the missing vessel has been found.

The admiralty states that the Clan MacNaughton is believed to have been lost as the result of a storm that raged on February 3, but it is possible that she was sunk by a German submarine.

The steamship Rio Parana, laden with coal, was sunk seven miles east of the pier at Eastbourne, England. There is little doubt that the loss was due to a German submarine. The Rio Parana's crew of 31 men were rescued by another steamer and taken into New Haven.

The other vessels reported lost are British transport No. 192, sunk in English channel, according to official announcement in Berlin.

British steamer Oakby, sunk by submarine in channel.

British collier Branksome Chase, torpedoed in channel.

Swedish steamer Specta, sunk in North sea.

Holland-American liner Noorderdijk, ashore near Poortershaven, supposed to have struck mine.

## SPARKS FROM THE WIRE

East St. Louis, Ill., Feb. 26.—John H. Stutzman, a grocer, his two daughters and a son were burned to death when their home was destroyed by fire on Wednesday. Another son, Dean, seventeen years old, escaped by jumping from a second-story window.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The California eight-hour law for women providing that no woman shall be employed more than eight hours a day or more than 48 hours a week in any mercantile establishment, factory, hotel, hospital or apartment house, was held constitutional by the United States Supreme court on Tuesday.

Ringside, Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 27.—There was no doubt about who was the second of the White-Welsh series of fox trots Thursday night, Champion Freddie outdanced the Chicagoan from start to finish, and piled up a lead that was indisputable, after 30 minutes of stalling, clinching, holding and tapping. Eight of the rounds were won by Welsh.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 24.—The engineer was killed, a mail clerk fatally injured, the fireman lost his life and eight passengers were injured on Monday when Chicago Great Western passenger train No. 1, bound from Des Moines to Kansas City, was wrecked at Talmage, Ia. The engineer was James Maxwell of Des Moines.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Daviimar Theodore has abdicated his office of president of Haiti and taken refuge on the Dutch steamer Frederick Hendrik in the harbor at Port au Prince. After touching at one of the southern Haitian ports the steamer will proceed to Curacao. Local officials have taken charge of the capital, official dispatches say, and are maintaining order awaiting General Guillaume, leader of the revolutionist army, which is outside the city. The United States will carry out its purpose to send a commission to the republic in an effort to put its finances in condition to satisfy foreign creditors and restore order.

700,000 Prisoners.

Berlin, March 1.—The German minister at Bern, Switzerland, declares there are 58,627 German prisoners of war interned in France, Great Britain and Russia. In Germany there are now about 700,000 prisoners of war.

Wade Named for Judge.

Washington, March 1.—Martin J. Wade, Democratic national committee man from Iowa, was nominated by President Wilson to be United States judge for the southern district of Iowa. Wade lives in Iowa City.

Dies Making War Speech.

Milan, Italy, March 1.—Sig. Mosti-Trotti, radical deputy, died while delivering a speech in favor of the intervention of Italy in the war. One person was killed and many wounded in riots in favor of neutrality.

British Warships Damaged.

Berlin, March 1 (by wireless).—The Cologne Gazette publishes a letter from Montevideo which says an Argentine steamer reported seven British cruisers lying severely damaged at the Falkland islands.

# TURK FORTS RUINED

MANY DARDANELLES FORTS FALL BEFORE HUGE GUNS.

## SHELLED BY FORTY SHIPS

Russian Troops Prepare to Attack Constantinople—Transports With a Large Army Sent to Take Sultan's Capital From the Land Side.

London, Feb. 27.—The forts at the entrance of the Dardanelles have been reduced after an all-day bombardment by the Franco-British fleet, according to an announcement made on Thursday by the admiralty.

The announcement states: "The weather moderating, the bombardment of the outer forts of the Dardanelles was renewed on Thursday morning. After a period of long range firing, close range firing was adopted. 'All the forts at the entrance to the straits were successfully reduced. The operations are continuing.'"

This means that the bombardment and possible capture of Constantinople by the allied fleet, which has been reported to include 40 warships, is imminent, and that the fleet is at present smashing its way through the straits.

The Dardanelles forts, for years considered among the strongest military barriers in the world, have been subjected to almost incessant battering by the shells of the battleships' guns since last Friday, when the supreme effort to force the straits was commenced. Before that there had been several attacks on the fortifications.

The bombardment was continued all day Saturday and Sunday, and more than two thousand shells were dropped on the forts in that time. Bad weather for the time compelled the cessation of the efforts of the fleet to reduce the forts, but the bombardment was resumed Monday afternoon, again to be ended by bad weather until Thursday.

Constantinople reported that the bombardment had been almost without effect, but the official announcement of the British admiralty said that the forts were unable to reply because the ships were out of range, and that five of them were reduced by Saturday night.

The attack on Constantinople will be simultaneous, it is believed here, with an effort on the part of the Russian army to take the Turkish capital from the land side. It was announced last week that Russian transports had been sent with a large army to the Turkish port of Mudi, 60 miles north-west of Constantinople, for an overland march against the gates of the capital.

## SWEITZER BEATS HARRISON

Chicago Mayor Loses Nomination for Re-election—W. H. Thompson, Republican, Wins.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Robert M. Sweitzer on Tuesday defeated Carter H. Harrison for the Democratic mayoralty nomination by a plurality of approximately 75,000.

Chicago's five-time mayor met the most crushing defeat ever recorded in a mayoralty fight since the enactment of the direct primary law.

The vote was the largest ever cast in a Democratic primary in Chicago. The total was approximately 300,000.

William Hale Thompson won the Republican nomination for mayor by a plurality placed at approximately 1,000 over Judge Harry Olson, fusion candidate.

## IDAHO TO BE 'DRY' NEXT YEAR

Bill for State-Wide Prohibition is Passed by Senate—Now Goes to Governor.

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 27.—The senate of the Idaho legislature on Thursday passed the state-wide prohibition bill, which makes the manufacture, sale and transportation for sale of intoxicating liquors unlawful after January 1, 1916. The vote in the senate was 23 to 6, in favor of the bill. The bill now goes to the governor, who has announced that he will sign it.

## BERNHARDT'S LEG CUT OFF

Great Acrea Undergoes Successful Operation at Bordeaux, France.

Bordeaux, France, Feb. 24.—Mme. Sarah Bernhardt has been successfully operated upon. Her right leg was amputated at the knee as the result of an injury suffered several years ago while playing "Joan of Arc." It was stated that the operation had been a complete success.

## Favors Purchase of Monticello.

Washington, Feb. 27.—President Wilson Thursday sent a letter to Representative Underwood and Senator Kern, endorsing the resolution to purchase by the government of Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson.

## Plum for Detroit Man.

Washington, Feb. 27.—President Wilson Thursday sent to the senate the nomination of Richard I. Lawson of Detroit, Mich., to be collector of customs for customs collection district No. 38.

# PRICE IS NOT FIXED

HEAD OF CHICAGO BOARD APPEARS AT PRICE INQUIRY.

C. H. Canby Tells United States Investigators There is No Danger of Wheat Shortage.

New York, Feb. 25.—At the resumption of the attorney general's investigation of the increased cost of wheat bread and flour, C. H. Canby, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, the first of several witnesses of national reputation on the subject under inquiry, gave his views on price advances.

Mr. Canby denied speculation was responsible for the high price of wheat. He asserted that the law of supply and demand has caused a steady rise in the price of grain and that the present quotations are induced by the European demand.

Mr. Canby said that the United States still has 75,000,000 bushels to export.

"There is no shortage and no danger of one," he continued.

"The rate of exportation has slowed down and indications are for continued diminution until the new crop is harvested. The high cost of ocean freights—practically double what they were at the outset of the war—is one cause for this lessening of the outward tide. That has discouraged exports and has resulted in a gradual lowering of prices. There will be less buying for future delivery from now on."

Mr. Canby announced himself as opposed to an embargo on the exportation of wheat.

"That would be tampering with the laws of supply and demand," he said. "The farmer is really selling wheat for less than it is worth, in a world sense, at the present time. Just think what Germany would pay for 500,000,000 bushels if she could get it."

## 15,000 RUSSIANS ARE TAKEN

Germans Capture Przasnysz and 10,000 of the Czar's Troops—Russ Reinstate Bukovina.

Berlin, Feb. 27.—The capture of 10,000 Russians, twenty cannon, machine guns and a great quantity of war materials at Przasnysz, as well as the city itself, was announced by the German war office Thursday.

The capture of 5,000 Russians in battles north of the Weichsel (Vistula river) is also reported.

London, England, Feb. 27.—Russian troops have reinvaded Bukovina and re-occupied Sadagora, on the railroad four miles north of Czernowitz, according to a dispatch received on Thursday by the Evening News.

## MANY PLUMBERS ARE GUILTY

Convicted of Trade Restraint by Jury in Federal Court in Des Moines—Sentences Later.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 26.—All 36 master plumbers who have been on trial here since February 10 on charges of violating the Sherman antitrust law, were convicted by a jury in the federal district court on Wednesday. Judge John C. Pollock will pass sentence later.

The men are residents of Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota. They are members and officials of the National Association of Master Plumbers and of the state organizations of that body.

## PLAN TO POSTPONE BIG FIGHT

Promoter Curley Decides to Delay Heavyweight Bout at Juarez Two Weeks—Johnson Delayed.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 26.—Official announcement made on Wednesday by Promoter Jack Curley that the fight between Jack Johnson and Jess Willard for the world's heavyweight championship will not be held until at least two weeks later than March 6 settles the question that has been the big topic of discussion here since Johnson began to lag in his journey from Barbadoes to Juarez.

## WILSON NAMES TRADE BODY

President Sends to Senate His Nominations for the New Interstate Commission.

Washington, Feb. 24.—President Wilson on Monday nominated the members of the Interstate trade commission. He sent to the senate the names of Joseph E. Davies, at present commissioner of corporations; Edward Nash Hurley of Chicago; William J. Harris of Georgia, at present director of the census; William H. Parry of Seattle, Wash., and George Rublee of Cornish, N. H.

## Report 1,800 Soldiers Drowned.

Berlin.—A story by the Over Seas News agency is that the Corriere Della Sera, a newspaper of Milan, declares that Lloyd's agency has received a telegram from Eastbourne, in Sussex, to the effect a British transport has gone down with 1,800 men.

## Refuse Peace Proposals.

Berlin.—The Berlin Mittag Zeitung states that it learns from special authorities in Vienna that Russian unofficial negotiators offered favorable peace terms and Austria declined.

# PLAN SECOND ARMY

RESERVES, KNOWN AS AMERICAN LEGION, TO BE FORMED.

## ENDORSED BY GENERAL WOOD

Roosevelt Asserts He and His Four Sons Will Become Members of the Legion.

New York.—Formal announcement has been made here of the formation of an organization of first reserves, to be known as the American Legion, to be composed of former army, navy and militiamen, which will better insure the nation's preparedness in case of war.

Captain Gordon Johnston aide-de-camp to Major General Leonard Wood, commanding the Department of the East, made the announcement on behalf of a group of army and navy men who, in an unofficial capacity, are acting with civilians in promoting the movement. Captain Johnston said that it is planned to establish within a short time a first reserve of between 250,000 and 300,000 former army and navy militiamen for instant call in case of emergency.

Major General Wood has already given the plan his unofficial endorsement, and former President Roosevelt has written a letter approving the proposal. Numerous other public men have endorsed the project, and a statement by the promoters says that former secretaries of war and of the navy have indicated their willingness to act in an advisory capacity.

Asserting that he and his four sons will become members of the legion, Colonel Roosevelt, in a letter to the organizers, says that in the event of war he intends to ask congress for permission to raise a division of cavalry.

## Important Discoveries.

Washington.—Two discoveries, both of vast importance to American industries and one regarded also as a priceless military asset, were announced by Secretary Lane of the interior department.

They are chemical processes, developed after years of research by Dr. Walter F. Rittman, chemical engineer of the bureau of mines. One is expected to enable oil refiners to increase their output of gasoline by 200 per cent; the other makes possible the production from crude petroleum of toluol, and benzol, bases for dyes and high explosives, for which in the past, the United States and the rest of the world have depended almost exclusively upon Germany.

## Chinese Boycott Spreading.

San Francisco.—Representatives of the Six Companies, the powerful Chinese organization, which has instituted a boycott against Japanese on the Pacific coast, owing to the demands made on China by Japan, said the movement would be in full swing by the end of this week throughout the west and in parts of Canada and Mexico. They said the boycott would be continued in the expectation that ultimately the Japanese affected would bring pressure to bear on their home government to modify the terms of Japanese demands.

"This movement is purely patriotic," said a prominent Chinese merchant of this city. "And we shall endeavor by every available means of publicity and communication to reach every Chinese in this country and to induce him to join in the campaign."

## Peace Federation Meets.

Chicago, Ill.—Resolutions asking President Wilson to call a conference of neutral nations to attempt to end the European war, were adopted by the Emergency Peace Federation, at a meeting here. Miss Jane Addams was named permanent president of the newly organized society, and Louis F. Lochner, secretary of the Chicago Peace society, was chosen secretary.

## Allied Flags Over Dardanelles.

London.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Athens says: "The allies have disembarked detachments of artillery near the destroyed Dardanelles forts and British and French flags are now flying over them. The fleet had reached as far as the lighthouse near Fort Kild Bahr. The forts on the European side have been reduced to silence. Mine sweeping operations continue. There are 50,000 Turks on the European side and 15,000 on the Asiatic side."

## Assessments Paid into the State Bank.

Assessments paid into the state bank guaranty fund may be deducted by Nebraska banks from their statements of income under income tax law, according to a ruling announced by the treasury department at Washington.

## Fear is Expressed in some sections of the state that sleet may have injured wheat and alfalfa.

F. A. Kimbrough of Grand Island, chartered a special train to go to Hastings when he learned his daughter, there in school, was ill with appendicitis.

# CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

The Otoe county jail is empty. The jitney buss fever has hit Grand Island.

The first Has jitney the first day made \$10.50.

A new business block will soon be erected at Scribner.

The price of electricity has been reduced in Beatrice.

Hastings is figuring on a municipally-owned heating plant.

Jay Palmer heads the jitney bus service in Grand Island.

Omaha's new million dollar hotel is now open to the public.

Sarah Wright, 105 years old, died at her home at Hyannis.

Dr. H. L. Wells has been appointed physician of Cuming county.

Dean C. Bessey of the University of Nebraska died at Lincoln.

A commercial club has been formed in Wood Lake, Cherry county.

A move is on foot at Fremont to establish a jitney buss line.

Henry Staats of near Fremont got \$9,000 for his 1914 wheat crop.

Nebraska retailers selected Lincoln for its meeting place next year.

Germantown is organizing a Farmers' Grain and Elevator company.

Ice gorges in Blue river did great damage to bridges in Seward county.

The baseball club of Grand Island got \$1,000 from a fair held in that city.

The merchandise firm of Killian & Stuehrk of Cedar Bluffs has been dissolved.

A stock company is being formed at Greenwood for building a telephone system.

Hastings high school students are preparing to manage a lecture course next year.

Dr. C. A. Phillips is president of the newly organized Adams County Dentist society.

Henry Krueger, a farmer living southwest of Weeping Water, is still husking corn.

G. A. Geil recommended in Washington for appointment as postmaster of Grand Island.

An eagle, measuring eight feet and two inches from tip to tip, was killed near Kearney.

John G. Kyl of Wisner has been adjudged a dipsomaniac by the insanity board at West Point.

Nearly \$3,000 have already been subscribed for the 1915 State league baseball team at Hastings.

Nebraska is twenty-fifth in point of school efficiency, according to figures in superintendent's office.

The North Platte Valley Teachers' association will hold their annual meeting at Alliance March 25 to 27.

After Guy Martin of Hastings was operated on for appendicitis it was discovered he had smallpox instead.

Five hundred women of Hastings Methodist church have pledged themselves to raise \$5,000 for a new building.

William Eck, sentenced to Adams county jail for ten days, can't get out because of a quarantine of the jail for smallpox.

A two-year-old son of Charles Hranac of Geneva was severely scalded when he overturned a basin containing boiling water.

Hastings citizens are planning a mass meeting to select a candidate for mayor to oppose present incumbent and three others.

The forty-first carload of relief supplies for Belgian war sufferers has been sent by the Nebraska commission for Belgian relief.

The re-appointment of Clarence Harman as deputy commissioner of the food, drug and oil bureau, has been announced by Governor John R. Morehead.

State Treasurer Hall has purchased \$19,662.89 worth of the bonds of drainage district No. 1, of Johnson county; also \$5,500 worth of the water bonds of the village of Springview.

Two tons of dynamite were used in blasting a hill of lime rock in Superior. Pieces of stone were thrown half a mile high. The Portland Cement company is to use the rock.

Nine Hastings cigar factories have a total output of three and half million cigars, annually, according to inventories completed and turned over to G. N. R. Browne, internal revenue collector.

Breakers of the law in Grand Island are sent to the "coal pile," according to a Grand Island newspaper. "Seven dollars and seven days on the coal pile," reads one police court sentence.

One person is dead, and thirty were made seriously ill as a result of eating rolls sold as a church festival at Alma. Rat poison is believed to have been accidentally mixed with the flour.

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