SHOWS OPPOSITION

COMMISSION OBJECTS TO FEDERAL CONTROL

ROSTER OF THE LEGISLATURE

Items of General Interest Gathered From Reliable Sources Around the State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Some exhaustive information regarding railroad rate legislation, orders and litigation in Nebraska during the past ten years has been compiled by the state railway commission and forwarded to Washington, where it will comprise a part of the showing to be made by representatives of the national association of railway commissioners in the hearings before committees of congress.

The facts shown are intended to meet the railroad arguments in favor of putting themselves under exclusive federal jurisdiction and taking away the power of the states to regulate transportation charges. The commission shows in a general way what laws are on the statute books of Nebraska, what authority it possesses over rates and service, how this authority has been exercised, and the number of complaints and applications filed and disposed of, investigations made by the commission on its own initiative, and specific instances where relief asked for the carriers has been allowed.

Will Ask Their Abolishment

The office of state land commissioner has become superfluous, through the creation of the board of control for public institutions and hence should be abolished and what work this office does do given over to the state auditor, according to the recommendations of state Auditor Smith, in his biennial report to the governor. The board of control has taken over the management of fifteen institutions formerly under the land commissioner, Smith recommends that the abolition be made by constitutional amendment, which, it is said, would take four years. Auditor Smith further recommends that the state printing bureau be abolished and its work done in the state auditor's office or the office of the secrectary of state.

Governor Issues Proclamation

The proclamation declaring the prohibition amendments to be a part of the state constitution from this date on has been formally presented to the public by Governor Morehead. The document gives the form of the amendment and the vote and certifies that it was regularly voted upon and adopted. Another proclamation of the same kind carries the tale that the pure food amendment was defeated.

Nebraska's state law, requiring railroads to transport live stock in shipment at an average rate of 18 miles per hour on main lines and 14 miles per hour on branch lines less than 125 miles in length has been knocked out by the state supreme court.

LEGISLATIVE ROSTER

District, Name, Residence and Political Affiliation of Members

Complete official roster of the coming Nebraska legislature:

Senate.

Dist.	Name and Res.	Politics.
1	Richard P. Neal, Auburn	Rep.
2	John Mattes, Nebraska City	Dem.
3	J. M. Gates, Fort Crook	Dem.
4	John M. Tanner, Omaha	Dem.
	John P. Morlarty, Omaha	Dem.
	R. C. Strehlow, Omaha	Dem.
	Edward P. Howell, Omaha	Dem.
	J. H. Bennett, Omaha	Dem.
5	W. H. Wilson, Fremont	Dem.
6	Frank F. Haase, Emerson	Rep.
7	P. H. Kohl, Wayne	Dem.
8	W. Scott, Magnet	Dem.
9	W. L. McAllister, Neligh	Rep.
10	John B. Henry, Howells	Dem.
11	I. L. Albert, Columbus	Dem.
12	C. W. Doty, Beaver Crossing	Dem.
13	A. J. Sawyer, Lincoln	Dem.
	L. C. Oberlies, Lincoln	Dem.
14	Adam McMullen, Wymore	Rep.
15	T. Lahners, Belvidere	Rep.
16	E. J. Spirk, Wilber	Rep.
17	C. E. Sandall, York	Rep.
18	J. H. Buhrman, St. Libory	Dem.
19	Walter E. Hager, Hastings	Dem.
20	C. E. Samuelson, Hildreth	Dem.
21	J. W. Hammond, Cambridge	Rep.
22	C. A. Chappell, Minden	Dem.
23	C. W. Beal, Broken Bow	Dem.
24	John A. Robertson, Joy	Dem.
25	D. M. Douthett, Overton	Rep.
26	Willis Wilson, Curtis	Dem.
27	B. K. Bushee, Kimball	Rep.
28	George M. Adams, Crawford	Dem.

House.

Dist.	Name and Res.	Politics.
1	W. F. Riesick, Falls City	Dem.
2	E. E. Good, Peru	Rep.
3	G. W. Renecker, Falls City	Rep.
4	W. T. Parkinson, Pawnee City	Rep.
5	A. N. Dafoe, Tecumseh	Dem.
6	G. W. Lledigh, Nebraska City	Dem.
7	John Murtey, Alvo	Dem.
8	L. G. Todd, Union	Dem.
9	Jacob Sass, Chalco	Dem.
10	James H. Craddock, Omaha	Dem.
	Jens Nielson, Omaha	Dem.
	Jerry Howard, Omaha	Dem.
	J. H. Bulla, Omaha	Dem.
	John H. Hopkins, Omaha	Dem.
	Francis Goodall, Omaha	Dem.
	Jerry Jelen, Omaha	Dem.
	H. C. Richmond, Omaha	Dem.
	John J. Shannon, Omaha	Dem.
	Frank E. Keegan, Omaha	Dem.
	Joseph M. Lovely, Omaha	Dem.
	R. A. Schneider, Omaha	Dem.
11	Albert H. Miller, Kennard	Rep.
12	John F. Nesbit, Tekamah	Rep.
13	J. J. McAllister, Dakota City	Dem.
14	L. T. Fleetwood, Wakefield	Dem.
15	Franz C. Radke, Wynot	Dem.
16	P. B. Neff, Bloomfield	Dem.
17	J. H. Reifenrath, Crofton	Dem.
18	J. T. Lindberg, Elgin	Rep.
19	C. E. Manger, Pierce	Rep.
20	Grant S. Mears, Wayne	Rep.
21	F. Koch, West Point	Dem.
22	Henry Behrens, Beemer	Rep.
23	James Auten, Albion	Dem.
24	J. J. Hughes, Battle Creek	Dem.
25	C. F. Segelke, Columbus	Dem.
26	R. C. Regan, Platte Center	Dem.
27	J. B. Cindelar, Howells	Dem.
28	Norman E. Shaffer, Hooper	Dem.
	William G. J. Dau, Hooper	Dem.
29	C. M. Lemar, Wahoo	Dem.
	J. M. Lambert, Wahoo	Rep.
30	George G. Waite, Lincoln	Dem.
	Frank Mills, Lincoln	Dem.
	C. P. Peterson, Lincoln	Rep.
	Ralph S. Moseley, Lincoln	Rep.
	Leonard Flansburg, Lincoln	Rep.
	A. H. Hutton, Lincoln	Rep.
31	D. S. Dalbey, Beatrice	Rep.
	C. W. Burrows, Adams	Dem.
32	J. A. Axtell, Fairbury	Rep.
33	C. F. Knutzen, Bruning	Dem.
34	T. E. Conley, Fairbury	Rep.
35	George A. Hunt, Crete	Dem.
36	George Ligget, Utica	Rep.
37	N. Meysenburg, David City	Dem.
38	G. W. Fuller, Seward	Dem.
39	J. N. Norton, Polk	Dem.
40	M. B. Stream, York	Rep.
41	James Foulon, Fairmont	Rep.
42	H. A. Swanson, Clay Center	Dem.
43	John M. Ward, Geneva	Rep.
44	Perry Reed, Henderson	Rep.
45	George Jackson, Nelson	Dem.
46	M. F. Rickard, Guide Rock	Rep.
47	Fred C. Johnson, Hastings	Rep.
	Erick Johnson, Hastings	Rep.
48	Leo Stuhr, Grand Island	Rep.
	A. L. Scudder, Grand Island	Rep.
49	T. M. Osterman, Central City	Dem.
50	H. J. Ainley, Belgrade	Rep.
51	Soren Friez, Dannebrog	Dem.
52	J. C. Harris, Greeley	Dem.
53	D. H. Cronin, O'Neill	Rep.
54	Christ Anderson, Bristow	Dem.
55	H. J. White, Ainsworth	Rep.
56	J. A. Ollis, Ord	Dem.
57	C. W. Trumble, Hazard	Dem.
58	W. J. Taylor, Merna	Dem.
	G. Greenwalt, Broken Bow	Dem.
59	M. A. Hostetler, Shelton	Rep.
	J. E. Harris, Amherst	Rep.
60	W. Gormley, Lowell	Dem.
61	W. C. Dorsey, Bloomington	Rep.
62	L. Olson, Carter	Dem.
63	O. T. Anderson, Holdrege	Rep.
64	J. F. Fults, Beaver City	Rep.
65	D. F. Schwab, Lebanon	Dem.
66	Albert Labounty, Moorefield	Dem.
67	J. E. Jacobson, Lexington	Dem.
68	Scott Reynolds, North Platte	Rep.
69	S. M. Ewing, Benkelman	Dem.
70	Fred Hoffmeister, Imperial	Dem.
71	F. A. Reisner, Thedford	Rep.
72	George Tracewell, Valentine	Rep.
73	Lloyd C. Thomas, Alliance	Dem.
74	Charles Naylor, Chadron	Dem.
75	F. E. Stearns, Scottsbluff	Rep.
76	W. L. Bates, Lodge Pole	Rep.
77	Eugene Beal, Ogallala	Dem.

District Judges.

Dist.	Judge
1	John B. Raper.
2	James T. Begley.
3	P. James Cosgrave.
	Willard E. Stewart.
	Fred Shepherd.
4	George E. Day.
	Lee S. Estelle.
	Alexander C. Troup.
	Charles Leslie.
	Willis G. Sears.
	William E. Redick.
	Arthur C. Wakeley.
5	George F. Corcoran.
	E. E. Good.
6	Frederick W. Button.
	George H. Thomas.
7	Ralph D. Brown.
8	Guy T. Graves.
9	Anson A. Welch.
	William V. Allen.
10	Harry S. Dungan.
11	James R. Hanna.
	Bayard H. Paine.
12	Bruno O. Hostetler.
13	H. M. Grimes.
14	Ernest B. Perry.
15	Robert R. Dickson.
16	William H. Westover.
17	Ralph W. Hobart.
18	L. M. Pemberton.

General Miles Will Speak

General Nelson A. Miles of Washington, D. C., lieutenant general of the United States army, retired, who as a young officer just after the civil war, spent many seasons in Nebraska and the west fighting the Indians, has been secured as the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Nebraska state historical society in Lincoln the second week in January. The meeting this year of the three big historical societies—the one meeting mentioned, along with the Nebraska territorial pioneers' association, and the Nebraska memorial association—will be one of unusual interest, on account of the celebration of the semi-centennial of admission of Nebraska to the union.

Says It Would Work Hardships

Railway Commissioner Hall will dissent from the railway commission order granting the Omaha, Lincoln & Beatrice interurban road permission to issue $5,000,000 in stocks and bonds for the completion of the line. Mr. Hall says that between Omaha and Lincoln two railroads are located and that both of them generally "have a hard time" making both ends meet. He says construction of an electric line would duplicate the transportation means and would work a distinct hardship upon all the lines.

Asks Co-operation of Owners

State Veterinarian J. S. Anderson announces that he does not deem it necessary to establish a quarantine against the disease known as stomatitis that attacks both horses and cattle and produce a sloughing off of the membrane of the mouth. Instead he has asked the co-operation of stock owners in isolating cases of the disease and in treating the infected animals with an ordinary antiseptic wash. Where co-operation is not given he will quarantine premises.

Governor Calls for Budget

Under the law passed by the last legislature, establishing a budget system and making the governor chief budget officer, Governor Morehead has sent letters to each of the state department heads calling for an estimate of expenses for the coming biennium. The reports will include all expenditures and revenues for the last biennium, and estimates of expenditures and revenues for the coming biennium. Upon their reports the governor will base his appropriation recommendations to the legislature.

Part of Act Unconstitutional

The supreme court of Nebraska has upheld the act of the last legislature providing for the appointment of a court commission comprising three members, but declares void that part of the act which limits the court in its choice of commissioners to nominees proposed by the governor. The court says the legislature and the governor cannot thus interfere with a co-ordinate branch of the state government any more than the court could appoint officers or employes for the house or senate.

The Washburn-Crosby Milling company of Minnesota, which pleaded guilty at Omaha to selling misbranded flour and paid a fine of $50 and costs, has nearly 3,000 sacks of flour on hand at Omaha which will have to be rebranded to conform with the Nebraska law, before it can be disposed of to dealers in the state. Under the law of Nebraska, flour manufacturers must brand each sack with the name of the maker and the place where the floor is milled. The Minnesota company has mills at several different places.

ADVANCE AT VERDUN

PARIS REPORTS CAPTURE OF 7,500 GERMANS NORTH OF FORT DOUAU ONT.

LOSS ADIMTTED BY BERLIN

General Nivelle Delivers First Stroke Against Kaiser's Forces Since His Appointment to Supreme Command—Troops Advance in Waves.

London, Dec. 18.—General Nivelle, France's man of action, has delivered his first stroke against the central powers since his appointment to supreme command. Dispatches from the Paris war office on Friday report an energetfc offensive on the Verdun front, with impressive results. Berlin admits that in the new offensive the French have gained advantage on both sides of the River Meuse.

Paris, Dec. 18, via London.—French troops in an advance north of Douaumont and between the Meuse and Woevre rivers captured more than 7,500 prisoners and several heavy guns, according to the French official communication issued here on Friday. The advance was over a front of ten kilometers and to a depth of three kilometers.

Berlin, Dec. 18, by wireless.—French attacks delivered on the east bank of the Meuse in the Verdun region resulted in a gain of ground for them toward Louvremont and Hardaumont, the war office announced on Friday in a supplementary statement. The engagement has not yet been concluded.

The official statement reads:

"On the east bank of the Meuse strong attacks by the French have been in progress, in which the enemy obtained advantage in the direction of Louvremont and Hardaumont. The fighting has not yet been terminated."

An earlier statement reads:

"Western front, army group of the German crown prince—On the west bank of the Meuse the French tried three times in vain to regain by attacks the trenches on Hill 304, southeast of Malancourt, captured by us a short time ago.

"East of the river, after strong artillery preparations extending far into the terrain behind the lines, they repeatedly launched attacks. The advance of the storming waves failed on Pepper Ridge under our defensive fire. The attack on the south slopes before Fort Hardaumont was unable to be developed under our destructive fire."

GREECE GRANTS ALL DEMANDS

Athens Dispatch Says Constantine Will Withdraw Troops From Thessaly.

London, Dec. 18.—The Greek government has accepted the ultimatum presented by the entente allies, says a dispatch from Athens to the Central News agency.

Athens (via London), Dec. 18.—The demands of the entente allies presented to the Greek government were in the nature of an ultimatum. All Greek troops are to be withdrawn from Thessaly, according to the demands, and only a certain number of soldiers are to be concentrated in Poloponnesus.

The demands for reparation for the events of December 1 and 2, when fighting took place between entente landing forces and Greek troops, are to be formulated later.

BUZEU CAPTURED BY TEUTONS

Official Statement Says 4,000 More Prisoners Have Been Taken in Roumania.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Field Marshal von Mackensen's army has captured the great railway center of Buzeu, in northeastern Roumania, the German war office announced on Friday. Buzeu lies about sixty miles northeast of Bucharest and is considered one of the main gateways to the Roumanian province of Moldavia. Three railroads converge there.

The capture of 4,000 additional Russo-Roumanian prisoners by the Ninth army is reported in the official statement.

TORPEDO BOAT GRILSE SAFE

Canadian Craft, Believed Lost at Sea, Arrives at Northern Port Under Own Power.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 18.—The Canadian torpedo boat Grilse, formerly the American yacht Winchester, which was believed to have been lost with all hands off the coast in the storm Tuesday night, came into the harbor at Shelburne, 160 miles southeast of here, under its own power. Six members of its crew perished in the storm and a number of others were injured. The remainder, including all the officers, were reported safe.

White Claims Re-Election.

Indianapolis, Dec. 16.—President John P. White of the United Mine Workers stated that unofficial returns of the election held December 12 indicate his re-election over John H. Walker of Illinois.

Waco Women Start Boycott.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 18.—Boycotting eggs, butter and turkeys, 300 Waco women at a mass meeting here laid plans for active and immediate steps toward trying to obtain a reduction in prices of the three articles.

THE NEW MASTER

EXCLUSION BILL WINS

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED IN THE SENATE.

Geographical Areas Prescribed From Which Immigrants Will Be Barred—Shuts Out Hindus.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The senate adopted the committee amendment to the immigration bill which would bar Hindus and certain other Asiatics without mentioning them by name, with an added provision stipulating that nothing in the act shall be construed to repeal any existing law, treaty or agreement which serves to prohibit or restrict immigration.

This added stipulation, proposed by Senator Phelan of California, is designed to replace the direct reference to the so-called "gentleman's agreement" with Japan, which was stricken out of the house bill by the senate committee at the request of the state department.

The committee amendment prescribes certain geographical areas from which immigrants shall not be admitted instead of naming races or nationalities as was done in the bill as it passed the house.

During the debate Senator Lodge and Senator Phelan engaged in a lively colloquy, the former insisting that it was needless to insert in the bill any reference to agreements because they would not strengthen the position of the United States.

Senator Reed's amendment to exclude African blacks from the United States was defeated by a vote of 32 to 37. When the senate adjourned there was pending another amendment by Senator Reed to exclude all persons who came to the United States for temporary employment as laborers, intending to return to their native land.

46 HURT IN BOAT CRASH

Steamer Powhatan and Unidentified Vessel Collide in Chesapeake Bay.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 15.—The Merchant and Miners' steamer Powhatan, bound from Norfolk for Providence, R. I., reported by wireless on Wednesday that 46 of her passengers and crew had been injured when the boat was in collision with an unidentified vessel off Thimble shoals, Chesapeake bay, and that the ship had been beached to prevent it from sinking. Later wireless messages reported that the Old Dominion liner Jamestown had arrived and taken on board the injured and all the Powhatan's passengers.

20 MINERS KILLED BY BLAST

Explosion Wrecks Shaft at Stone City, Kan.—Thirty-Nine Men Trapped in Drifts.

Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 15.—Twenty men lost their lives on Wednesday in an explosion which wrecked the Reedy & Ryan coal mine at Stone City. Mine officials declared 39 men were trapped in the drift.

Cut Wires in Phone Strike.

Toledo, O., Dec. 15.—The Ohio State Telephone company announced that since the strike of its operators and linemen began three weeks ago, 4,000 wires have ben cut by rioters, rendering that number of telephones useless.

Mischa Elman Hurt in Taxi.

New York, Dec. 16.—Mischa Elman, the violinist, was injured, although not seriously, when a taxicab in which he was riding collided with a street car. His scalp was cut in two places by flying glass.

Allies Lose Many Vessels.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The destruction of the French cruiser Suffren brings the naval losses of the allies up to 192 vessels since the beginning of the war, it was announced through the Overseas News agency.

BRIAND WARNS FRANCE

PREMIER COMMENTS ON PEACE PROPOSAL BY GERMANY.

Makes Address at Night Session of the Chamber of Deputies—Opposes Hasty Action.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Premier Briand during Wednesday night's session of the chamber of deputies delivered a speech on the German imperial chancellor's peace prosposal, in which he warned the country to beware of France's enemies. He added that France would not do less in the premises than the other members of the allied conference. The chamber passed a vote of confidence in the new government, 314 to 165.

"I have the duty to place my country on guard against possible poisoning," said M. Briand amid applause. "When a country arms itself to the teeth, when it seizes men everywhere in violation of the laws of nations and enforces labor upon them, I should be guilty if I did not cry out to my country, 'Look out; take care.'

"I have the right, in the first place, to say to our enemies for the hundredth time, 'The blood is on your hands, not upon ours.' Not that I doubt the clear-sightedness of my country, but in the face of these attempts to spread dissension among the allies I exclaim, 'The French republic will not do less than the convention.'"

"No one can say that I have ever been unduly optimistic," said M. Briand. "But today, however, more than ever, we must have the conviction that victory is certain.

"It is true that valorous Roumania has been forced to yield, and it is a sad event; but its army, supported by that of Russia, will come into its own. As to the question in the East, it is far from being settled, and tomorrow there will be a new front which will neutralize the enemies' forces."

U. S. WHEAT 639,886,000 BU.

Crop Report Shows Decrease in Wheat and Increase in Corn—Figures on Other Grains.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Final estimates of this year's production of the country's principal farm crops, announced by the department of agriculture, are:

Corn, 2,583,241,000 bushels, compared with 2,732,457,000, the 1910-14 average.

Wheat 639,886,000 bushels, compared with 728,225,000, the five-year average.

Oats 1,251,992,000 bushels, compared with 1,157,961,000, the 1910-14 average.

Barley 180,927,000, against 186,208,000.

Rye, 4,383,000, against 37,568,000.

WILSON APPROVES SENTENCE

President O. K.'s Punishment Given New Mexico Militiamen for Failure to Serve on Border.

Washington, Dec. 15. -- President Wilson approved the action of army court-martial in sentencing Lewis O. Gardner of New Mexico militia to dishonorable discharge and a year in prison at hard labor, for failure to obey the federal call for border duty, but remitted the prison sentence because the case had ben pressed as a test.

Pershing to Be Promoted.

Washington, Dec. 18.—In acknowledgement of his service in Mexico, President Wilson on Friday afternoon recommended the promotion of Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing to be a major general.

Would Reduce "Oleo" Tax.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Another high-cost-of-living measure—one to reduce the tax on oleomargarine from 10 cents a pound to 1 cent and to repeal the license tax on oleomargarine manufacturers—was introduced in the house.

U. S. DIVER WRECKED

TWENTY-SIX SAILORS RESCUED FROM THE H-3 NEAR HUMBOLDT BAY, CAL.

GOES AGROUND IN DENSE FOG

Men Face Death by Suffocation Before Breeches-Buoy Line Is Made Fast—Disabled Engines Believed to Have Caused Accident.

Eureka, Cal., Dec. 16.—Five of the crew of the United States submarine H-3, which had been pounding in the surf north of here since dawn Thursday, with 26 men imprisoned in it, were brought ashore on a breeches-buoy. A short time after the remaining 21, including the two officers, were rescued by the same means.

In a dense fog the H-3 struck a sand pit 300 yards off shore, just outside the entrance to Humboldt bay, while cruising down the coast from Puget sound on its way to the Mare island navy yard in San Francisco bay. It was accompanied by the U. S. S. Cheyenne and the submarines H-1 and H-2. Officers of the Cheyenne said they believed that the accident was caused by the engines of the H-3 becoming disabled.

All day long, until the sea swept the frail little craft farther beachward to a steadier position, the men of the H-3, bottled up in the hull, were rattled around like nuts in a barrel. One lonely figure stuck to the bridge, as if he were lashed to the diver's superstructure, until the beating of the great breakers began heeling the submarine over and back, its conning tower pounding the sandy bottom. Then he disappeared; the hatches were battened down, and crew and officers—26 in all—were prisoners in their bottle-boat.

Watchers ashore could hear faintly above the grind and roar of the breakers the short "Toot, toot, toot" of the diver's air whistle, dying away as the air supply was exhausted. A telegraph operator thought he detected the start of a message in Morse by the diver's whistle.

A line was finally made fast to the H-3 when one of the crew crept out on deck, snatching the line as it fell across the bow. A breeches buoy was rigged to take ashore the half-suffocated men packed in the conning tower for breath.

The H-3 wigwagged that two of the crew were injured, but packed in the tower to escape chlorine gas, generated when water leaked to the batteries.

RUSS SMASH TEUTONIC LEFT

Capture Two Ridges in Belbor Region of Falkenhayn's Wing—Germans Take Mizil.

London, Dec. 14.—Russia's smash on Falkenhayn's left on the Moldavian front resulted on Tuesday of the capture of two heights in the Belbor region, says an official announcement from Petrograd. The troops of the czar are here engaged in an effort to turn the German Transylvanian flank before the Teutonic advance in Roumania reaches the Buzeu river.

Mizil, on the Ploechti-Buzeu line, has been captured by the Austro-Germans, says an official statement. This post is about half way between Ploechti and the Buzeu, a distance of about forty-five miles.

Russian losses in the wooded Carpathians for the last week are estimated by Vienna at 30,000 soldiers.

German divisions are being shifted from Roumania to other fronts, according to Petrograd, which dispatch is taken as meaning that the Teutons have gone as far as they can in King Ferdinand's domain.

SENATE HONORS SAULSBURY

Delaware Man Is Elected President Pro Tem. of the Upper Branch of Congress.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Senator Willard Saulsbury (Dem.) of Delaware was elected president pro tempore of the senate on Thursday, receiving 41 votes to 22 for Senator Gallinger (Rep.) and 5 for Senator Clapp of Minnesota, the candidate of the Progressive-Republicans.

THREE DIE IN MICHIGAN MINE

Frozen Cross-Head Causes Elevator Bucket to Fall With Occupants.

Marquette, Mich., Dec. 16.—An elevator bucket plunged 70 feet to the bottom of the shaft in the Holmes mine at Ishpeming on Thursday, killing three of its occupants and fatally injuring six others. A frozen cross-head was responsible for the accident.

Railway Earnings Increase.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Net earnings of 187 principal railroads of the United States during September were $107,910,814, the interstate commerce commission announced. During September, 1915, they were $97,597,783.

Author of "Hot Time" Is Dead.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Dec. 18.—Joseph T. Miles, author of the song famous as a Spanish war chant, "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," died here on Friday. He was nearly seventy years old.