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RAIL COMMISSION OPPOSES NEW RATE

Still Chafing Under Restraint of Government Control Goes Into Courts to Enforce Intra State Rates.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 16.—Suit has been begun in the district court of Platte county by the state railway commission to enjoin the Burlington railroad from enforcing a collection charge of \$15 for hauling clay from Bellwood to Columbus to a brick works there. The railroad company, in charging \$15 instead of the \$4.50 on its tariff, says it is following on order of Director General McAdoo. The commission holds that the director general has no control over intrastate rates, and asks the court to so hold. It asks that the railroad be restrained from attempting to collect the excessive rate, and for an order directing it to charge only the legal rate of \$4.50 and to furnish sufficient cars and to dispatch the same for the purpose of the business. The change in rate has been occasioned by the order of Mr. McAdoo that no road hauls of a carload of freight be made any distance for less than \$15.

OAKLAND, NEB., FARMER WAS A PRO-GERMAN

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 16.—Tom Kerl, wealthy farmer of Oakland and rancher of Coeur d'Alene, Id., was found guilty of seditious remarks after but 10 minutes' consideration by a jury in federal court. There were three counts in the indictment, and Kerl was found guilty on each.

STATE VETERINARIAN AFTER VACCINE COMPANY

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 16.—State Veterinarian Anderson has been asked by the county attorney of Boone county to assist him in a prosecution he proposes instituting against the Great Western Chemical Company of Grand Island, in an effort to hold it responsible for the loss of a number of hogs its agents treated with cholera vaccine. Dr. Anderson's investigation showed that the company is selling stock foods and remedies, and that its representations to farmers that it will vaccinate free of charge when any cholera appears tends to increase cholera in the herd, because it makes farmers careless. He says the company is making an excessive profit on its vaccine.

OSMOND, NEB., MAYOR, IS INFLUENZA VICTIM

Osmond, Neb., Dec. 16.—The mayor of Osmond, Harry J. Kruezfeldt, died here Thursday of influenza. He was 32 years old and leaves a wife and two children. He was sick 10 days. This is the second death from influenza here this week. Mrs. Mae Reed-Brueggeman died Sunday. She leaves a husband and two children.

PHONE COMPANY OWNER GIVEN MANDATORY ORDER

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 16.—Dr. Wilcox, owner of the telephone company at Hubbell, did not respond to the summons of the state railway commission to show why he refused to give telephone service to his estranged wife, and it is presumed he took the other alternative in the order, and furnished the service. Mrs. Wilcox said that when her husband left he took the telephone instrument with him. Not only did he refuse to give her service, but threatened to cut off the service of anybody who allowed her to talk over his phone. The commission says that such power does not exist in any telephone company. Mrs. Wilcox complained. Her husband was once a member of the state senate.

BURLINGTON TRAIN INTO OPEN SWITCH

Alliance, Neb., Dec. 14.—Burlington passenger train No. 43, St. Louis to the coast, narrowly escaped plunging down a deep embankment near the city limits of Alliance. The engine left the track 50 feet from the bridge over the embankment, finally falling on its side near the edge of the hollow. The engineer and fireman escaped with slight injuries. No one else was hurt. Blame for the accident has not been definitely fixed, although it is generally attributed to an open switch.

CHILD DIES FROM INJURIES TO HEAD

Laurel, Neb., Dec. 14.—The 3-year-old son of County Commissioner and Mrs. H. A. Harper, who lives near Laurel, was buried here Thursday. A week ago the little fellow fell from a stairway several feet to the cement floor of the basement and sustained injuries to the head and spine which caused his death.

BLOOMFIELD DOES WELL FOR BELGIAN BABIES

Bloomfield, Neb., Dec. 14.—Saturday was "Belgian Baby Day" in Bloomfield and over \$1,000 was raised. The amount asked from Bloomfield district was less than \$200 and up to date the community has raised about \$1,100—almost six times its quota. Mrs. P. A. Tolleys had charge of the local drive.

TWO RELATIVES DIE IN SERVICE IN FRANCE

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Harry Larson received a telegram yesterday notifying her of the death of her brother, Arvid Holmberg, from pneumonia, in France. A week ago today Mrs. Larson's husband, Water Commissioner Larson, was notified of the death of his brother Ernest from wounds, in France.

BLUE SKY LAW IS TO BE REMODELED

Nebraska Legislature Will Be Asked to Put Statute Into Enforceable Condition.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14.—The Nebraska legislature will be asked to adopt a standard and uniform blue sky law, along with other western legislatures where such laws have been enacted in past years. The present law is a jumble that the lawyers say will not stand up in court against a determined attack on its constitutionality, and that its only effectiveness comes from the attitude of the commission which makes it a rule to give publicity to a concern which they find to be trying to put something over on the people. The attorney general and county attorneys have refused to enforce it against those daring enough to sell stock without asking the commission's permission, and the only time the commission took the law enforcement in its own hands it was sued for \$50,000 damages.

WAR FUND SLACKERS MADE TO SEE LIGHT

Bloomfield, Neb., Dec. 14.—Charles Stein and C. O. Thompson, two farmers who had failed to pay their quotas in the recent United War Work drive, were brought before a mass meeting in the opera house Wednesday night by a committee from the home guards going out and bringing them in. The committee recommended that each be required to pay his quota and that they be fined \$100 and \$25, respectively, the fines to go to the Red Cross. The committee's recommendation was given the unanimous support of the meeting and both gentlemen made immediate settlement. The German language question was given a thorough discussion and it was decided that the use of this tongue must be stopped in this vicinity.

PREMIER DECLARES ARMY AND WAR MATERIAL MUST BE KEPT INTACT—SEEK REPARATION.

Rome, Saturday, Dec. 15.—During the war the Italian army lost 15,000 officers killed, the minister of war declared in the Senate today. More than 20,000 officers were wounded seriously. Italy, Minister Zupelli continued, had more men under arms proportionately to population than any other nation. The war, he said, had cost Italy 54,000,000,000 lire. The public debt at the end of October was 64,000,000,000 lire.

MONEY AND ENERGY WASTED ON ELECTION

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14.—Soldier votes cost the taxpayers of Nebraska an average of over \$4 each. The secretary of state reports that he expended \$11,511 and got 2,534 ballots, of which 307 were received too late to be included in the canvass. Of this sum \$2,500 was spent for extra help in mailing them, \$3,995 was the printing bill and \$5,000 for postage. It cost 15 cents to send out each ballot, with its instructions. The secretary of state also wasted \$5,011 in postage in notifying the voters that they were to pass upon the referendum taken by the anti in the partial suffrage law. The anti insisted on this compliance with the law, in spite of the fact that the courts had decided the case before election.

WOUNDED LAUREL BOY BACK IN AMERICA

Laurel, Neb., Dec. 14.—Leslie Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Phillips, of South Sioux City, who was wounded in France in July, has arrived in this country and is in General Hospital No. 28, Richmond, Va. He was gassed and his leg was injured, and he writes his parents that he will never be the man he once was, but he is mighty glad to be in the good U. S. A. once more.

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Wilson Smile Sweeps Paris; Echo Greeting

Had Pictured President Phegmatic, and as Image of Christ—Just Human Leader.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Paris has discovered the Wilson smile. Special writers are dwelling at great length upon it. One said: "Each time he wrote his messages were grave. Each time he talked to the people his words were full of wisdom. Now appears in Paris the living man, smiling, smiling and alert. Wilson has discovered Paris and Paris has discovered Wilson."

"We pictured him as akin to Christ, a Christ not consenting to a 'Golgotha.' (The hill where Christ was crucified.) He is not at all that. Wilson is a man. He is correct but not austere. And if he drinks nothing save water it is perhaps well. But after all he is worthy of the love and wine of France because he knows how to smile. We thought him phlegmatic but he is not."

ITALY NOT READY TO DISCHARGE MEN

Premier Orlando told the Senate that Italy was not in a position to demobilize a single man and that all war material should be kept intact. The immediate difficulties to be surmounted, he said, had not diminished, but had increased.

GENERAL SMUTS TO QUIT

British Leader Will Leave the War Cabinet.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 17.—Gen. Jan Christian Smuts has resigned as member of the war cabinet on the ground that the end of the war has terminated the need of his services, according to the Express.

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DUTCH REQUEST BILL TO LEAVE

Kaiser Refuses to Quit Holland—Present German Government Will Not Recognize the Reichstag to Meet Today.

Amsterdam, Dec. 17.—William Hohenzollern, the former German emperor, the Telegraaf says, it understands has refused to leave Holland, after official representations have been made that his continued presence in Holland was likely to involve the country in serious difficulties.

HAS NO STANDING.

Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—Dr. Hugo Haase in an interview with the Berle correspondent of the Politiken, declared that the present German government will refuse to recognize the reichstag called by President Fehrenbach.

WILD RUMORS ARE AFLOAT CONCERNING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF FEHRENBACH'S MOVE.

It is reported that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg will send troops to protect the meeting.

SAFEGUARD REVOLUTION.

Amsterdam, Dec. 17.—The Spartacus group, according to a Berlin telegram to the Handelsblad, has drawn up the following program of immediate steps for safeguarding the revolution:

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