

CHARGES WASTE AGAINST ROADS

Mellen Scored by Brandeis Before Interstate Commission.

DIVIDENDS EXCEED EARNINGS.

Boston and Maine and New Haven and Hartford Officials Accused of Suppressing Competition at a "Fearful Cost"—Methods and Policies Dark.

Washington, May 8.—Charges of maladministration, reckless extravagance and undue expansion, induced by a spirit of monopolization and aggrandizement, were made before the interstate commerce commission by Louis D. Brandeis of Boston against the officials of the New York, New Haven and Hartford and the Boston and Maine railroads.

The charges were made in the course of oral arguments submitted to the commission on testimony adduced at the commission's investigation of the operations of the New England railroads recently taken in Boston. Mr. Brandeis said both had suppressed competition at a "fearful cost."

Dividends Exceed Earnings.

"For five out of the last six years the New Haven has been paying in dividends more than it has earned," said he. "It has pursued a policy of concealing from the stockholders and from the public the character of its methods and policies. The Boston and Maine has outstanding \$24,500,000 of short term notes which in natural course it will have to meet during the coming year, and yet it is about to pass its dividend, and it is doubtful whether it can meet its fixed charges. The New Haven's affairs are managed in the same reckless fashion. It has notes to meet within the next eight months amounting to between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000. Such management would be condemned in a wild cat mining scheme. Its management has been characterized by reckless excess that is appalling."

Replies to Criticism.

The criticism of Mr. Brandeis was met by statements of Charles F. Choate, Jr., personal counsel of President Charles S. Mellen of the New Haven, who, while admitting that large prices had been paid for some of the properties constituting the New Haven system, declared the action of the directors already had been justified fully in some instances, and he was certain would be justified in all by time. Expensive improvements, he said, had been made by the roads to meet the demands of the public.

PEABODY FAVORS INCOME TAX

Says, However, That \$4,000 Limit is Entirely Too High.

Omaha, May 8.—Charles A. Peabody, a director of the Union Pacific railway and several large financial institutions in New York, took a stand in favor of the income tax, although he would impose it equally, in an interview he gave to the press.

Mr. Peabody has been on a trip to the Pacific coast and was met here and motored about the city by President Mohler.

"I do not object to an income tax," said Mr. Peabody. "On the other hand I believe an income tax is right and just and should be imposed. But it should be imposed on all alike. A tax imposed upon a man simply because he is rich, but which is not imposed upon another who is not so well off, is obviously unjust."

"The provisions of the income tax bill now before congress places the tax altogether upon those with an income of \$4,000 or more. That limit, necessarily, puts the tax on a very few as compared with the entire population of the country. It will be paid very largely by the people of the east. A tax which is levied upon a single section is not right. It should be levied upon the country as a whole. I believe, of course, there should be proper limit, because I would not tax the income of a laborer, nor the salary of men who receive a small wage."

SAYS STEEL COMBINE RUINED JOB PRINTER.

Washington, May 8.—Representative Stanley, chairman of the house committee which investigated the steel trust, urged President Wilson to appoint to a federal position B. S. Kaufman of Coatesville, Pa., a job printer, whom Mr. Stanley declared had been ruined because he testified against the steel interests before the committee. Kaufman at the time told the committee he feared retaliation.

Fatal Quarrel Over Baseball.

Wellington, Kan., May 8.—William Lone Wolf, a graduate of Carlisle, is in jail here, charged with having shot and mortally wounded George Cowan a neighbor. They previously had quarreled over a baseball game. Lone Wolf is wealthy. He denies the shooting.

Wilson Names Collector of Port.

Washington, May 8.—John Purroy Mitchell's selection as collector of customs for the port of New York was

WALTER L. McDERMOTT.

New Jersey Assemblyman Challenges President Wilson to Public Debate.



Photo by American Press Association.

President Wilson's path during his stump tour in the interest of jury reform was not strewn with roses. In Jersey City he experienced a strenuous heckling by his opponents, and Assemblyman McDermott threw down the gauntlet to the nation's executive and dared him to publicly debate the questions at issue.

POSTMASTERS MUST PASS EXAMINATIONS

President Orders Civil Service Test for Fifty Thousand Nabs.

Washington, May 8.—All fourth class postoffices, except those paying less than \$180 a year, were thrown open to competitive examination by an executive order issued by President Wilson.

These positions are retained in the classified service, but about 50,000 incumbents, who were "covered" into the classified service by executive orders of previous administrations will have to meet all comers in competitive examinations in order to hold their positions with civil service protection.

In a statement making this order public, Postmaster General Burleson announced that it was the purpose of President Wilson and himself to extend the classified service to include presidential postmasters of the second and third class, probably within a year. This may require legislation by congress, he said.

His plan, which will be laid before the president soon, will provide for qualification test for incumbents and applicants "in keeping with the importance of the offices."

EXEMPT LABOR AND FARMER

Senate Votes They Cannot Be Prosecuted With Trust Law Funds.

Washington, May 8.—By a vote of 41 to 32 the senate refused to accept an amendment to the sundry bill by Senator Gallinger, striking out a clause exempting labor and farmers' organizations from prosecution under the anti-trust law with funds appropriated by the bill. Three Republican senators, Jones, La Follette and Norris, voted with the Democrats against the Gallinger amendment and two Democrats, Pomerene and Thomas, joined the Republicans in supporting it.

The bill itself, carrying about \$117,000,000, finally was passed by a viva voce vote with only one minor committee amendment. It will be sent to conference tomorrow and should be ready for President Wilson's consideration next week. Friends of the president believe he will sign it.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Closing Quotations on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Chicago, May 8.—Closing prices: Wheat—May, 88½-89¢; July, 89½-90¢. Corn—May, 54½¢; July, 55½¢. Oats—May, 35½¢; July, 34½¢. Pork—May, \$19.22½; July, \$19.30. Lard—May, \$10.90; July, \$10.77½. Ribs—May, \$11.37½; July, \$10.97½. Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, 90½¢; No. 2 corn, 55½¢; No. 2 white oats, 36½¢.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, May 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 21,000; weak, 10¢ lower; beef steers, \$7.50@8.50; western steers, \$6.25@8.25@9.00; stockers and feeders, \$6.00@8.10; cows and heifers, \$3.90@8.15; calves, \$6.50@9.00. Hogs—Receipts, 28,000; mostly 5c lower; bulk, \$8.35@8.45; light, \$8.25@8.50; heavy, \$7.90@8.45; rough, \$7.90@8.10; pigs, \$6.50@8.40. Sheep—Receipts, 22,000; 10c lower; westerns, \$5.90@7.00; yearlings, \$6.30@7.70; lambs, \$6.35@8.45.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, May 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,400; 10c lower; beef steers, \$7.50@8.50; cows and heifers, \$5.35@8.25; stockers and feeders, \$6.25@8.25; bulls, \$5.75@7.60; calves, \$9.00@10.00. Hogs—Receipts, 11,000; 10c lower; bulk of sales, \$8.10@8.20, and tops brought \$8.25. Sheep—Receipts, 3,000; 10c higher; lambs, \$7.40@8.55; wethers, \$6.35@6.90; ewes, \$6.90@6.50.

PICKING LIVE STOCK BOARD

Many Applications for Appointment to Places.

INCREASE IN WHEAT ACREAGE

Model School House Erected in Boone County—Interest in Boys' School Encampment—Crowded Conditions at State Capitol—Interstate Auto Road.

Lincoln, May 8.—Selection of five members of the live stock sanitary board, under the provisions of a bill passed at the late legislative session, is giving Governor Morehead a hard tussle at the present time. A hundred or more men have been endorsed to him for the places, but as yet he has determined upon no one who will be made the recipient of the honors.

Under the provisions of the measure one of the members must be a horse breeder, one a cattle breeder, one a swine breeder, another a representative of the South Omaha stock yards and the last a veterinarian of at least three years' practice in the state. The term of each will be five years after the first men have served out their respective terms. Under the arrangement, one man will be appointed every year for the coming five years.

The board will have the power to establish quarantine restrictions, except where the federal government has jurisdiction, and will be empowered to do anything it sees fit that is calculated to promote the live stock industry and interests in Nebraska. Offices of the new department are to be at the state house. The members will receive no compensation, but will draw their expenses whenever they are attending to business of the board.

The state veterinarian, who is appointed by the board, will be its active official and will carry out the mandates of the board and enforce its rules. He will also report to it such matters as he deems necessary to be acted upon by the board.

In the establishment of the board the stockmen believe that they have accomplished the first step toward the better regulation of their industry and toward the ultimate goal of keeping Nebraska stock free from contact with diseased stock which unscrupulous dealers attempt to dump into this territory.

Crowded Conditions at Capitol.

Crowded conditions at the state capitol building are being manifested to the utmost at the present time and the new board of control, which is seeking to find a vacant corner to drop into, is having a most unheard of time in the effort.

It was practically settled that the military department would be moved out to the military stores building, which is soon to be erected at the state fair grounds. This plan, however, fell through and the location of the new board's rooms is as much unsettled as it was weeks ago.

"Better give us a tent and let us camp on the state house lawn," said Henry Gerdes, dejectedly, as he sat down in the governor's office, hung his hat on his foot and began writing on a paper laid on the back of his hand. It was Mr. Gerdes' twelfth journey up and down the three floors of the capitol building, and he was exhausted.

Interest in Boys' Encampment.

Much interest is being shown in the plans for the boys' school encampment, to be held at the state fair grounds, Aug. 30 to Sept. 6. A commission, with Governor Morehead as ex officio head, will have the matter in charge. A delegate will be selected from the rural section of each county and one from the incorporated towns. Boys over sixteen and under twenty-one are eligible. Delegates will be selected by the county superintendent, the chairman of the county board of commissioners or supervisors, the members of the state board of agriculture, the president of the county agricultural society and the county farm demonstrator.

Model School House in Boone.

The boxcar type of school houses do not find favor with the educational men of Nebraska. Miss Hannah Johnson of Albion has forwarded pictures of a new school house just erected in district 8, Boone county, and the photographs look good to State Superintendent Delzell. This structure is modern in every way as regards cloak rooms, light and ventilation. It is finished in weathered oak, has a cement block foundation and the size is 24x32. The cost was \$1,000 exclusive of the ground.

Big Increase in Wheat Acreage.

A large increase in the acreage of spring and winter wheat is reported from western and southwestern Nebraska. In Cheyenne county spring wheat of the macaroni variety is being planted and the seeding will last for another week. Fall wheat is in excellent condition and the acreage shows a substantial increase over last year, according to reports received by the state board of agriculture.

Plan Interstate Auto Road.

Efforts are being made to establish an interstate auto road from Omaha and Sioux City, via Knox, Boyd and Gregory counties. Business men of Butte, Neb., and Winner, S. D., have planned meetings to form plans to cooperate with good roads boosters of Omaha and Sioux City.

WINNERS AT LINCOLN

Zehring Has Only Three Majority Over Representative Mockett.

Lincoln, May 8.—Dry and wet leaders of the local campaign have regained their normal composure and after elucidating at length over reasons for the victory of the moist brigade, settled down to an accounting on the probable effectiveness of the commission form of government under the men chosen for the five places.

Those elevated to the new legislative and executive departments are T. J. Hensley, William Schroeder, Frank Zehring, George Dayton and O. J. King. J. H. Mockett, Jr., Republican leader of the late legislative house, is within three votes of Zehring on the basis of unofficial returns and a canvass of the vote may elevate him to the place.

Those selected for the charter convention are: A. W. Field, Ernest Hoppe, W. A. Sells, Fred Cornell, J. C. Harpham, J. E. Miller, A. S. Tibbets, F. M. Hall, Edwin Jeary, C. C. Quiggle, I. H. Hatfield, W. M. Folsom, V. C. Van Stekie, M. I. Aitkin and F. E. Edgerton.

Harry Porter, Will H. Love and Nicholas Ress were named as members of the excise board.

BIRTHS DOUBLE TOTAL OF DEATHS

Nebraska Vital Statistics for First Quarter of Year.

Lincoln, May 8.—A total of 3,249 persons died in the state during the first quarter of the present year, according to a report handed out by the state board of health. In the same time there were nearly twice as many births recorded, the total being 6,478.

Of the number of packages brought by the stork, there were sixty-three sets of twins—an unusually prolific return in comparison with the past birth records.

Four hundred and twenty-nine deaths were caused by pneumonia, 372 diseases of the heart, 158 to cerebral diseases of the heart, 158 to cerebral apoplexy, 208 to senility, 146 to Bright's disease and 116 were the victims of the Easter day tornado which swept the eastern part of the state, including Omaha, Yutan and Berlin.

Contagious diseases claimed the following toll: Measles, 9; scarlet fever, 22; whooping cough, 8; diphtheria, 40, and typhoid fever, 11.

Douglas county led in the birth record, the total added to the population of that county being 997. Lancaster county was next, with 425. Wheeler county had only one birth in the entire three months. Slouss county had four and Thomas county a like number.

Of the entire number of tots to come to live in Nebraska during the period, 3,391 were boys, 3,087 were girls, and 6,440 of the entire number were white. A total of 5,426 were from American parentage, 365 from German, 32 from Scandinavian, 77 from British and 112 from Bohemian.

ASKS SMALL TOWNS TO JOIN

Association of Commercial Clubs Takes Action at Fremont.

Fremont, Neb., May 8.—The Nebraska Association of Commercial clubs decided to extend a membership invitation to clubs from towns of 1,500 population and under. Half the usual membership fee of \$10 was specified in these cases.

Twenty-two clubs were represented at the meeting.

Grand Island was chosen for the place of meeting next year.

Ross Hammond of Fremont was chosen president and W. F. Bailey of Kearney, secretary; vice presidents, H. A. Schneider of Plattsmouth, First district; F. I. Ellick of Omaha, Second district; J. B. Henderson of Central City, Third district; Dr. E. O. Weber of Wahoo, Fourth district; H. B. Howell of Hastings, Fifth district; C. O. Wertz of Crawford, Sixth district.

EPISCOPALIANS MEET

Hold Convocation for Kearney District at Hastings.

Hastings, Neb., May 8.—Over 100 ministers and laymen are here attending the twenty-third annual convocation of the Episcopal church for the district of Kearney.

Addressing the convocation, Rt. Rev. George A. Beecher, bishop of Kearney, told of his plans to establish a boys' farm in the district. Although there has been no canvass for funds, Bishop Beecher has received a number of voluntary pledges of financial aid for the farm.

The bishop's report showed an addition of eighteen missions during the year. Several new churches were built.

Colored Woman Lives to Be 113.

Hastings, Neb., May 8.—Sound in mind and body, Mrs. Clara Dawson Briley, thought to be the oldest colored person living west of the Mississippi river, celebrated her 113th birthday. Four meals a day and plenty of tobacco to smoke, is her prescription for long life. The records show that she was born in Culpeper, Va., May 7, 1800.

Hector Re-elected Mayor.

Omaha, May 8.—Complete returns from the election in South Omaha and Gregory counties. Business men of Butte, Neb., and Winner, S. D., have planned meetings to form plans to cooperate with good roads boosters of Omaha and Sioux City.

GEORGE R. CARTER.

Ex-Governor of Hawaii Says Free Sugar Will Kill That Country.



Mr. Carter in a pessimistic address to the merchants of Honolulu declared that the free sugar provision in the new tariff bill, if carried into effect, will prove the death blow of Hawaii within three years. He said that sugar provides 86 per cent of the money expended by the local government and educates 7,000 children.

REPUBLICANS HOLD UP TARIFF MEASURE

Final Vote Delayed for Day by Parliamentary Maneuver.

Washington, May 8.—After all of the fireworks, preparatory to the passage of the Underwood bill in the house, had been set off, a Republican parliamentary maneuver blocked progress by the Democratic majority and the house was forced to adjourn with the bill still pending.

When the valedictory speeches of the bill had been delivered and crowd of floor and galleries were prepared for the final action, Republican Leader Mann replied to Majority Leader Underwood's opposition to a roll call on the Republican amendment proposing a tariff commission, by declaring he would demand the reading of the "enrolled bill."

It was impossible for the enrolling clerk to complete the enrollment of the bill before this afternoon and amid the dissatisfied mutterings of the members, who had waited through the evening in the expectation of a final vote, Representative Underwood moved that the house adjourn until afternoon, when the vote will be taken.

In the closing hours of the session the ways and means committee amended the income tax section of the bill so as to exempt from its provisions the citizens of Porto Rico and the Philippines.

Party leaders primed for a final political thrust of the tariff debate hurled their defiance across the chamber on belated amendments, with alternating currents of applause reverberating through the house, the packed galleries frequently joining in the demonstration.

BASEBALL SCORES

American League.

At Detroit: R.H.E. New York.....111120000-6 8 1
Detroit.....000000000-0 2 1
Keating-Sweeney; Mullin-Stange.
At St. Louis: R.H.E. Philadelphia.....200100000-3 6 4
St. Louis.....000200000-2 5 4
Brown-Lapp; Mitchell-Alexander.
At Chicago: R.H.E. Washington.....021000000-3 8 3
Chicago.....100100000-2 6 1
Hughes-Ainsmith; Cleotte-Schalk.
At Cleveland: R.H.E. Cleveland.....020000111*-4 9 4
Boston.....000100000-1 4 1
Falkenburg-Carisch; Leonard-Carrig.
National League.

At Boston: R.H.E. Boston.....000010000-2 9 1

Pittsburgh: R.H.E. Pittsburgh.....010000000-1 8 1

Tyler-Whaling; O'Toole-Kelly.

At Brooklyn: R.H.E. Chicago.....100002100-4 8 1

Brooklyn.....020010000-3 8 1

Toney-Brenahan; Allen-Miller.

At New York: R.H.E. Cincinnati.....010011010-4 9 1

New York.....033000000*-6 6 1

Benton-Clarke; Ames-Meyers.

At Philadelphia: R.H.E. St. Louis.....030000000-3 8 2

Philadelphia.....001002000-1 4 10

Griner-McLean; Seaton-Doolin.

Western League.

At Lincoln: R.H.E. Lincoln.....001000000*-1 4 3

Omaha.....000000000-0 7 0

Dessau-Stratton; Robinson-Johnson.

At Wichita: R.H.E. St. Joseph.....0002000102-5 16 1

Wichita.....000021000-3 11 1

Boehler-Ketter; Durham-Castle.

At Denver: R.H.E. Denver.....1000210-4 8 3

Sioux City.....0001011-3 8 1

Harris-Spahr; White-Stage.

At Topeka: R.H.E. Topeka.....02000030*-5 6 1

Des Moines.....100210000-4 7 0

Cochran-McAllister; Ryan-Shaw.

WAR AEROPLANE IS MISSING

American Troops Hunt for Lost Mexican Flying Machine.

FOR USE IN GUAYMAS SIEGE.

Birdmen to Drop High Explosives on Heads of Government Soldiers, Believed to Be Rebel Scheme—Taken in Wagon From Desert Station.

Nogales, Ariz., May 8.—A war aeroplane, designed to assist the Sonora state troops investing Guaymas, is being sought by three detachments of United States cavalry and automobile parties of deputy sheriffs and federal officers. The machine was lost in transit between Tucson, Ariz., and this point, where its passage into Mexico was denied. Still another flying machine is reported smuggled over the border, arriving safely at Ortiz, the base of the state troops operating against the California gulf port.

Shipped From Los Angeles.

The missing aeroplane was shipped from Los Angeles to a desert station twenty miles south of Tucson, where it was delivered to unidentified persons and taken away in a wagon. Since then the military and deputy sheriffs have been unable to locate it.

It is reported that the intention was to fly over the border, the American aviators and mechanics having been already on the ground when the machine arrived. How the second machine was smuggled over is not known.

Planned for Dropping Shells.

It was planned to employ the aeroplanes in besieging Guaymas, where strong federal reinforcements were received last week. It is said that high explosive shells have been secured, which the birdmen could drop over the heads of the government troops. Fighting between Guaymas and Ortiz was not resumed, according to current reports. A strict censorship is being enforced by the state authorities.

BOMB FOUND IN ST. PAUL'S

Suffragettes Try to Blow Up Ancient Cathedral in London.

London, May 8.—An attempt to wreck the ancient St. Paul's cathedral by a bomb is attributed to the militant suffragettes. The verger, who conducts sightseers through the massive edifice, was making his rounds when he heard a tickling sound near the high altar. Upon investigation he found hidden a heavy parcel, done up in brown paper. He immediately placed it in water and handed it over to the police, who found a suffragette newspaper wrapped up with the bomb.

This attempt and the placing of two other bombs in other parts of the city made it appear that the militant suffragettes had entered anew on their hove-working campaign, following the defeat of the woman suffrage bill in the house of commons.

FIRE ALARM BRINGS GUESTS TO WEDDING.

Chicago, May 8.—Truckman William Werner turned in an alarm to enable members of truck company No. 19 to attend his wedding. His companions could not all be relieved of duty to become his guests, so when everything was ready for the ceremony, Werner pulled a box. When the apparatus arrived, Werner explained that the "fire was in his heart," and ushered the firemen into the home of the bride, rubber boots, mackinaws, helmets and all. Half an hour later they were back at the fire station.

Kansans Plan Sociability Tour.

Kansas City, May 8.—A "sociability" tour of motorists, under the auspices of the Kansas State Automobile association, will begin from Kansas City, Kan., tomorrow morning to encourage improvement of the roads along the new Kansas City-Omaha route, said to be one of the most picturesque highways in the Missouri valley. The motorists will stop at fifteen towns, where speeches in support of good roads will be made. They are scheduled to arrive at Omaha, Saturday afternoon.

Man Wounded in Duel Near Paris.

Paris, May 8.—A sword duel, arising out of a quarrel three years ago, was fought between H. C. Berger, son of a Paris deputy, and Georges Breittmayer, both noted fencers. They met on the lawn of the Chateau d'Orly, about seven miles south of Paris. Berger received a serious wound in the right breast.

Irish Home Rule Bill Reintroduced.

London, May 8.—The home rule for Ireland bill was reintroduced in the house of commons by Premier Asquith and read a first time under the standing order of the house, which debars debate. It will come up for second reading on June 25.

Refuses to Grant Raised Rates.

Washington, May 8.—The interstate commerce commission held that proposed advances in freight rates on flat tow and excelsior from St. Paul to Des Moines, Omaha, Kansas City and other points were not justified.