

# OWEN DEFIES THE SUPREME COURT

### Senator Owen Defies Judiciary to Question His Remarks About its Authority.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Declaring he would start a row that would shake the continent, Senator Owen of Oklahoma tonight defied the supreme court of the United States to summon him for contempt of court for his utterance before the national popular government league, that it was "unparalleled impudence" for the court to declare unconstitutional any act of congress.

"Let them dare to summon me," Senator Owen declared to a United Press representative, "and I will start a row that will shake this continent to its very foundation."

"The supreme court," Owen said, "is usurping the power it now arrogates to itself in overruling enactments of congress—the chosen representatives of the people. These nine men were never given this power under the constitution."

Owen will introduce a bill in the senate "soon" shearing the court of its power to overrule acts of congress, he said.

Urging that the court be short of its power to overrule the action of congress, Owen declared that at such action the courts should "ipso facto cease to exist."

Urging a "gateway amendment to the constitution to facilitate its popular amendment, Justice R. M. Wainwright of the supreme court of Ohio, denounced "our traditional worship of the constitution."

"We have long worshipped at the shrine of the constitution. What is, is right—this is the creed of the obstructionists and reactionaries; what is all wrong—that is the creed of the revolutionists; whatever is, is right—or wrong, according as it squares with reason—this is the policy of the true progressive—with a call 'p' if you please."

Wainwright declared also in favor of releasing several judges from their benches three months in every year. "That they may keep in touch with the pulse of the common people."

The "gateway amendment" proposal would provide for an amendment of the constitution on a favorable vote of a majority of the electorate in a majority of the congressional districts. The amendment could be initiated by either house of congress, or any ten state legislatures.

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### Teuton Advance in Rumania Forces Russ Out of Galatz and Focsani.

London, Jan. 7.—Galatz and Focsani appeared tonight to be doomed to imminent occupation by Germany's forces from the south and west. The Rumanian Galatz apparently was under bombardment by Teutonic cannon. Focsani is menaced by strong forces from the south and west. The Russian official statement gave some hint of the prodigious massing of men and desperate attacks which the Germans are executing here.

Despite the German success on the front and Galatz and Focsani, it was pointed out by military experts that the official statement from both sides apparently indicated a successful resistance by the Russians to what is probably the most serious German menace to the allies' forces in Rumania—the attempt to flank the Russian-Rumanian armies by a thrust eastward from the Stenika Cituz and Traus valleys.

The Russian statement detailed a slight withdrawal, but a later stoppage of the enemy advance.

Some idea of the ferocity of the fighting over all this Rumanian and Dobrudjan territory is hinted at in the use twice in the Petrograd statement of the descriptive phrase, "bayoneted and prisonered."

**Bloody Fighting.**  
Previous Berlin statements have been profuse in such terms as "storming in hand to hand battles."

The Petrograd statement declared the Russian forces, voluntarily abandoned Braila. The Berlin statement asserted that Russians destroyed "a majority of the Rumanian factory establishments" in that city—indicating that the Germans found the town of scant value to them.

Along the northern frontier of Dobrudja the advantage in the fighting will be distinctly with the Russian defenders. The terrain is broke into numberless rivers, ponds, lakes and swamps, capable of easy defense and offering the hardest sort of obstacles to the attackers. Presumably the Russian retirement from Braila was to long prepared defensive positions along this line—and this line, it was pointed out tonight, will probably be along Russian soil.

Apparently there has been fierce fighting along the northwestern front south of Riga. Here the Russians appear from the official statements to have achieved a considerable measure of success.

## A BIG WOLF HUNT.

The residents of the territory in the vicinity of Eight Mile Grove held a wolf hunt this morning and were quite lucky in their efforts, as five of the animals were bagged by the boys. The attendance was not large, but the members of the party did some good work in rounding up the wolves. On Monday, January 15th, Jack Philpot has arranged to hold another hunt, and this will be held five miles south of the Eight Mile Grove precinct line. All the farmers are invited to get into the big hunt.

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# EXPECT ALLIES TO TELL PRECISE STATUS OF PEACE

### Washington Hopes for Information as to Whether Door Yet Remains Open.

### Reply to Wilson Note Scheduled This Week, Numerous Reports Indicate.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—Indications increased in allied diplomatic circles here today that the allied reply to President Wilson's peace note, while following in the main the reply to the central powers, will have some additional features calculated to make it more clear whether a continuance of the negotiations is desired.

If the allied governments are determined to press the war to a military solution, it is expected that they will leave no doubt that further exchanges at this time will not be welcomed; if not, the reply is expected to leave the door open for additional correspondence.

The meeting of the allied premiers in Rome today was regarded here as of great importance because the entente governments were expected to take the opportunity to discuss their whole fundamental attitude toward peace and particularly America's part in securing peace.

The decision reached is expected to be final so long as the military situation remains unchanged.

Whether the entente reply to the American note will be forwarded to the central powers is an open question still.

It is said such action would be entirely permissible diplomatically. The reply is expected by the end of next week, reports to both the state department and the allied embassies being indefinite as to the exact time, but indicating its imminence.

There has been no indication whether Spain's unfavorable reply to the president's note favoring the present movement is deemed inopportune for peace efforts would be made public by the state department. It was received here shortly after its publication in Madrid. Officials say the text is substantially the same as that contained in cabled reports.

## REWARD FOR POISONER.

Some person or persons in the south part of the city has in the past few days been busy distributing poison around in that section of the city, with the result that several valuable dogs, including the one belonging to Ed Mason, and the latest victim is the fine thoroughbred spaniel of Dr. Sandin, which was poisoned last night. The animal was a very valuable one and Dr. Sandin is offering a reward of \$10 for the arrest and conviction of the person administering the poison. This is a very grave offense in the eyes of the law and makes one liable to imprisonment and in addition, is just about as contemptible a piece of work as human being can possibly carry out.

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# NEWS OF NEBRASKA

## Interesting Happenings Printed In Condensed Form.

## TOLD IN A FEW WORDS.

### News of All Kinds Gathered From Points In the State and So Reduced In Size That It Will Appeal to All Classes of Readers.

Cord wood is now taking the place of coal in Nemaha county.

George Jackson of Nelson was chosen speaker of the house and John Mattes president pro tem of the senate.

James W. Sloan, father of Congressman Sloan, died at Geneva after more than a year's illness, aged eighty-two.

Growth of the divorce evil in Omaha is directly traceable to childless marriages, according to data gathered by Judge Day.

The location of the proposed Douglass-Saunders county bridge across the Platte river has been left to the state board to decide.

Peter Wyman, aged sixty, pioneer hardware man of Omaha, was found dead in bed in his home, a victim of gas asphyxiation.

The Fourth regiment, Nebraska national guard, arrived in Omaha Sunday from the Mexican border and de trained at Fort Crook.

The Nebraska State Poultry association has selected Kearney for its thirty-fourth annual exhibit, which will be held Jan. 15 to 29.

Professor George E. Howard of the University of Nebraska was elected president of the American Sociological society, succeeding G. E. Vincent.

The funeral of C. P. Senke was held at the Methodist church in Superior. He was Superior's oldest citizen, being ninety-seven years of age.

Rev. Irving P. Johnson, former rector of St. Martin's Episcopal church South Omaha, was consecrated bishop of the diocese of Colorado at Denver.

Nebraska will be a "bone dry" state if the law, drafted at Lincoln by the executive committee of the Nebraska Dry Federation is passed by the present legislature.

Omaha is the fastest growing city in the United States, according to estimates of the population of heating cities made by the census bureau for Jan. 1, 1917.

Bascom H. Robison, founder and president of the Bankers' Reserve Life Insurance company, died unexpectedly at his home in Omaha, aged sixty-three years.

Nebraska received two distinct recommendations when the government designated Omaha as the central location for a land bank, and for the distribution of money to be used in good roads.

Lars J. Kaas, said to have been the oldest jeweler in the United States, died at his home in Omaha, aged eighty-seven. He worked continuously at the jeweler's bench for seventy one years.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Omaha Horse and Mule Commission company, Perry W. Simpson, formerly president of Hilliker-Simpson company of Grand Island, was elected general manager and treasurer.

Springfield is without fire protection, and the only drinking water available is that obtained from private wells, as the result of the bursting of the village water tank. The flood of water demolished several barns.

The Hart and Megann revival meetings, in session at Fairbury for five weeks, have closed. Forty converts were secured. A free will offering aggregating nearly \$1,000 was raised for Mrs. Hart and Megann the closing day of the meetings.

The total receipts of live stock at the Omaha yards for the year 1916 was the greatest in its history. Its actual figures 7,564,295 head of stock reached the yards. This is almost a million head more than was received there the previous year.

Reservation of sub-surface rights in the leasing of school lands is advocated by the new land commissioner G. L. Shumway. He believes that he discovered in Nebraska and he believes that the state should reserve its rights.

According to the budget prepared by Governor Morehead from reports from the departments of the state and from an estimate of the probable in some of the state, there will be an income for the coming biennium of \$11,318,978, as against \$10,381,377 for the last biennium.

In an application to the state rail way commission for permission to cut its freight service 50 per cent on the Talmage branch, the Missouri Pacific railroad denies that the commission has any authority over train schedules. The road admits that the commission has authority over service.

On a street crowded with theater goers near the center of the business district of Lincoln, John Stearns, a restaurant man, shot and instantly killed Mrs. Nora Nelson, a dressmaker and then shot himself, dying in a few minutes. Both man and woman were about thirty years old. Stearns was being to Omaha with another, as he claimed, and receiving no satisfactory explanation, shot her.

The hotel commission, through the business management of Colonel Phil Ackerman, saved \$2,986 from the appropriation of \$11,800 made by the legislature.

The Nebraska state music teachers concluded their sessions at Lincoln by selecting the following officers in addition to President Willard Kimball: Vice president, John Rees of Hastings; secretary, John Gilbert Jones of Omaha, and treasurer, Miss Hazel Caman of Beatrice.

The body of a young man about twenty-four years of age was discovered in a room of an Oxford hotel with his throat cut. He had registered at the hotel as Henry Wood, Overton. There was a note in his pocket showing the act was premeditated and indicated an unbalanced mind.

The Nebraska supreme court has upheld the constitutionality of the legislative enactment of 1909 requiring all railroad companies, express and telegraph companies to install telephone instruments in their stations and public offices for the convenience of the public when so ordered by the state railway commission.

There is a movement on foot to split the Nebraska State Teachers' association into two organizations. According to the proposed plan the state association would be divided into eastern and western associations. It is argued that the programs are too extensive and could be well cut in half as far as the benefit derived is concerned.

Frank Havir, seven-year-old son of Mrs. Joseph Havir of Plattsmouth, was probably fatally burned when he tried to "play plumber" and make a flow torch by forcing air on a pan filled with burning kerosene. In manipulating the torch, the boy threw kerosene over his body. He was burned from his knees to the crown of his head. His ears were burned off.

The following officers were elected by the Nebraska Bar association at the concluding session of its seveneenth annual convention at Omaha: President, Frank M. Hall, Lincoln; vice presidents, B. E. Hendricks, Waterloo; L. H. Cheney, Stockville; A. A. Welch, Valhoo; secretary, A. G. Elliff, Omaha; treasurer, Raymond Crossman, Omaha.

The case in county court at West Point, wherein it was sought to probate the will of the late Francis Gatzemeyer, a pioneer settler, was still keenly fought on both sides, the estate being very valuable, and some of the heirs objecting because of the alleged incompetency of the testator. At the conclusion Judge Dewald admitted the will to probate.

Director Page of the bureau of good roads, department of agriculture, announced that Omaha has been selected as headquarters for the fifth good roads division, comprising Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri. Quarters will be in the Douglas county court house. The offer of office quarters decided the contest between Omaha and Kansas City in favor of Omaha.

Compliance of the failed Ulysses Grain company with the provisions of the public warehouse law would have prevented a loss to the farmers thereabouts, according to the conclusions reached by Attorney Fiehart, special investigator for the state railway commission. Attorney General Reed will be asked by the commission to prosecute the defunct company for operating a public warehouse without a license.

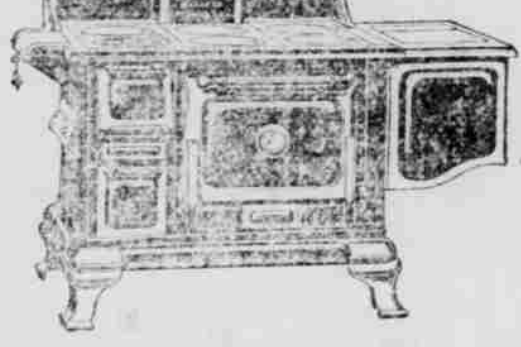
Nine of the defendants in the famous Arizona "wild horse" case on trial in the federal court at Omaha, were found guilty of conspiracy to defraud through use of the government mails. They are: J. Sidney Smith, president of the United States Live Stock company; C. M. Thompson, treasurer; Clyde Smith, John Boicey, all of Omaha; Albert A. Hastings, Silver Creek, Neb.; C. W. West, Lincoln; B. F. Burvinkle, Elston, Ia.; William Hinkley, Brayton, S. D.

Dick Rutherford, "Nebraska's greatest athlete," and now assistant all-year coach at the state university, will probably be head coach at Grinnell college, Iowa, next year. Dick is being considered for the position and is the favorite, according to word received from the Hawkeye state. Rutherford is receiving a salary of \$2,000 a year as assistant coach at Nebraska. No friction has arisen between Mr. Stewart, Nebraska's head coach, and his assistant.

While the family of Oliver Kuker was seated about a table in the living room of their farm house, near Shubert, an unknown person shot at them from a distance of about eighty yards. The load of shot smashed the glass of the window and embedded itself in the opposite wall of the room just over the heads of the family. Bloodhounds were put on the trail and three times the dogs went to the home of a neighbor. The man was found in possession of a shotgun which had been recently fired. He explained that he had been hunting rabbits. There has been considerable trouble in the neighborhood.

Government food inspectors and deputies from the United States marshal's office are wondering what became of 725 cases of baked beans consigned by the United Packing company of Omaha to a Kansas City wholesale grocery house and ordered confiscated under the pure food act. A deputy marshal went to the grocery house to seize the beans. The firm denied all knowledge of the food in question's act and said they had been sold to different retail dealers. The beans were not ordered confiscated because of being unfit to eat. The government inspectors say the beans were branded baked when they were prepared in a different way.

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New York, Jan. 7.—Leaders of the socialist party and the socialist labor party failed tonight for the third time to restore unity between the two parties.

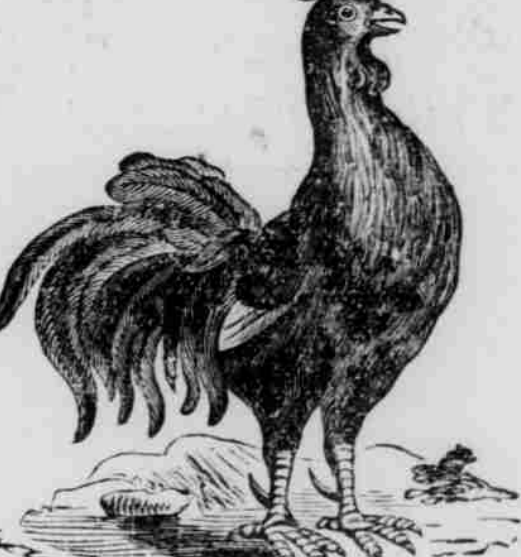
A deadlock arose over the question of industrial unionism and how it should be treated by the united party. The socialist labor party delegates were strongly in favor of having the united party support industrial unionism, but they desired condemnation of craft unionism.

The socialist delegates, while not opposed to industrial unionism, contended that the socialist party ought not to interfere with labor unions. The split between the two parties occurred about sixteen years ago.

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