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Girl Killed in Quarrel With Singer

Troubadour Accused of Slaying Sweetheart Caught by Lone Detective After Intense Search.

Claims She Struck Him

"Singing Mike" La Porte, tenor, who was captured yesterday afternoon by Detective William Gurnett 11 hours after he is alleged to have shot his sweetheart, Alice Rinehart, 27, to death, probably will defend himself with a plea of self-defense or complete innocence.

"She attacked me," La Porte declared a few minutes after his arrest.

"I remember we quarreled," he said later, "and I heard a shot, but after that everything seems a blank. I must have wandered through the streets all night, and I didn't know anything about the shooting until I read it in the newspapers."

Said He Did Not Shoot.

Counsel for "Singing Mike," who reached police headquarters within 15 minutes after his arrest, said the prisoner would contend that he did not fire the shot.

No pistol, despite the searching of six detectives, has been unearthed. "Singing Mike" admits he carried a weapon from the scene and threw it at some forgotten spot along the street, but did not admit it had been fired.

"Why would I shoot her," he asked. "I loved her. She was jealous of me without cause, but there was no other trouble between us."

Inquest Monday.

Charles Van Deusen, chief of detectives, said that when an inquest is held over the body of Mrs. Rinehart at 2:30 Monday afternoon in the N. P. Swanson undertaking parlor at Seventeenth and Cuming streets, he will produce a witness who saw "Singing Mike" run from the house with a pistol in his hand.

"I'm glad they caught him," declared Ina Rumbaugh, 23, Ak-Sar-Ben field, friend of the slain woman. "I'll tell all I know for Alice was afraid of him and had begged me to stay at her side. 'Singing Mike' swore he would not harm her, so I left. He violated his oath to me."

The shooting of Mrs. Rinehart took place at 2:40 Saturday morning in 15, Lincoln apartments, Twenty-first and Chicago streets, while she is supposed to have been alone in the room with "Singing Mike." "Singing Mike," Mrs. Rinehart, Ina Rumbaugh and Frank Stuart, truck driver, had been on a drinking party that ended at midnight.

Found in Bed.

Detectives found the girl stretched across a bed and in a dying condition.

"A brutal murder," declared Bennie Danbaum, detective sergeant, who made an early investigation. "The weapon was deliberately pressed against the woman's abdomen and fired."

"Singing Mike" has played with and operated musical troupes, and once, he said, played at the Empress theater. He also has played at roadhouses and is alleged by police to have conducted a rum oasis at 1117 South Seventh street.

Sung Over Radio.

Laporte, according to his attorney, Joe Lovely, has sung over radio sev-

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"Singing Mike" in Jail Charged With Murder

This is the way "Singing Mike" Adamo, alias Vincezino, alias La Porte, accused as the slayer of his sweetheart, Alice Rinehart, looked when he was captured in "Little Italy" by Detective William Gurnett, 10 hours after the girl was found dead in the bedroom of her apartment in The Lincoln, Twenty-second and Chicago streets.

Girl Threatens to Avenge Death of Companion

"I'll Silence 'Singing Mike' Forever," Says Chum of Girl Shot to Death.

"I'll silence 'Singing Mike' La Porte forever if I get the opportunity," declared Ina Rumbaugh, been companion of Alice Rinehart, who, it is alleged, was slain by the road house entertainer.

"He'll be 'Silent Mike' if I ever get a gun pointed at him," she said.

She was on her way to the police station from the girl's apartment when she vowed to avenge the death

Ina Rumbaugh.

of her friend. And as she spoke her eyes were swelled with tears, her teeth were clenched with determination, and her right hand was raised upward.

"I am a good shot, and I can kill a man for that," she said. "Alice was the best friend I had in the world and I am willing to sit in royal dignity in the electric chair to avenge her death."

The Rumbaugh girl said that she and Alice worked and roomed together in Nebraska City after Alice had left her home in Tarkio, Mo.

"We wanted to see the bright lights of the city, so we came, and now dear Alice is dead. The man who killed her will pay the price for it."

Miss Rumbaugh said she met Miss Rhinehart in Nebraska City four years ago. She was born in Auburn and lived in Nebraska City most of her life except when she was in the Dakotas, she said, and came to Omaha a month ago.

Miss Rinehart came to Omaha last August. Years ago she was divorced from Verle Lisby, a Nebraska City taxicab driver, the Rumbaugh woman said.

The dead woman leaves a son, 11, who lives with his grandparents on a farm near Tarkio, Mo., her chum told police.

Miss Rumbaugh herself is a divorcee, she said.

According to police officers, La Porte's name before he donned troubadour's garb and changed his name, was James Vincezino. He played in a trio at the Seventh and Pierce streets cabaret of John Salerno, slain by Tom Flinn, government informer, according to police.

When Salerno was killed and his place closed La Porte began playing in various other cabarets, police said.

20 Persons Hurt in Rear End Collision

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 9.—Twenty persons were injured, two seriously, when passenger train No. 8 of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, ran into the rear end of train No. 52 at Hannahan station, 12 miles from here today.

The injured were brought to Charleston hospitals on a special train after being given first aid at Hannahan by doctors taken from here in automobiles. The collision is said to have been due to a heavy fog that obscured signal set by train No. 52 when it was forced to stop on account of a hotbox.

Scanton, Pa., Dec. 9.—Five persons are known to be dead and several were injured today in an explosion which destroyed the Glazing mill of the Black Diamond Powder company, near Dupont, Pa., about eight miles south of Scranton. The explosion was felt at Carbondale.

Spanish Cardinal Dies.

Santiago, Spain, Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—Cardinal Martin De Herreray de la Iglesia, archbishop of Compostella for 33 years, died today. He was 87 years of age. For several years he was archbishop of Santiago, Cuba.

Castles in the Air

are all right. They may be fine to dream about but you can't derive much comfort out of them.

Find your REAL home by looking through the Real Estate columns in the "Want" Ad section of The Omaha Bee.

And, if you want to sell your house, phone At-lantic 1000 and ask for a "Want" Ad taker.

State Will Build Bakery at School in Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—A new bakery building to cost approximately $25,000 will be erected at the Feeble Minded institute this winter. It will connect with the kitchen and dining room. The contract will be awarded December 19. The $60,000 cottage being erected at the institute is nearing completion

Ex-Premier Replies to Clemenceau

Says Peace in Europe Is Inevitable War, Declares Lloyd George in Special Article.

Startling Revelations

By RIGHT HONORABLE DAVID LLOYD GEORGE, O. M., M. P.

(Former British Premier.)

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London, Dec. 9.—M. Clemenceau, in the remarkable series of speeches he has been delivering in the United States of America, implies a breach of faith on the part of Great Britain in reference to the pact for the guarantee of France against the possibility of German aggression.

England has no better friend in the whole of France than M. Clemenceau. Throughout a strenuous, but consistent career, he has never varied in his friendship for England. Many a time has he been bitterly assailed for that friendship. French journalists are not sparing of inuendo against those they hate. They hate fiercely and they hit recklessly, and M. Clemenceau, a man of scrupulous integrity, at one period in his stormy political life, was charged by certain organs of the Paris press with being in the pay of England. If, therefore, he now does

This is the first of a series of articles by Lloyd George which will appear each week in The Sunday Bee.

an injustice to Britain, I am convinced it is not from blind hatred of our country, but from temporary forgetfulness of fact. He states the fact with reference to the original pact quite fairly. It was proffered as an answer to those who claimed that the left bank of the Rhine should be annexed to France.

River of Blood.

There was a strong party in France which urged M. Clemenceau to demand that the Rhine should be treated as the natural frontier of their country and that advantage should be taken of the overwhelming defeat of Germany to extend the boundaries of France to that fateful river. For unknown centuries, it has been fought over and across—a veritable river of blood. If French chauvinism had its way this time, the Rhine would, within a generation, once more overflow its banks and devastate France. The most moderate and insidious form this demand took was a proposal that the German provinces on the left bank of the Rhine should remain in French occupation until the treaty had been fulfilled.

That meant forever.

The reparations, alone—skilfully handled by the Quai d'Orsay—would preclude the possibility of ever witnessing fulfillment of the treaty. The argument by which they supported their claim was the defenselessness of the French frontier without some natural barrier. France had been twice invaded and overrun within living memory by her formidable neighbors. The German military power was now crushed and provinces of the German empire had been restored to France and Poland, but the population of Germany was still 50 per cent greater than that of France and it was growing at an alarming rate, while the French population was at a standstill. German towns and villages were choked with sturdy children.

Nourished on Vengeance.

You cannot talk long to a Frenchman without realizing how this specter of German childhood haunts France and intimidates her judgement. These children, it is said, are nour-

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Man Burned at Stake.

Perry, Fla., Dec. 9.—Charlie Wright, accused of the murder of Miss Ruby Hendry, young school teacher, was taken from the sheriff and burned at the stake at the scene of the crime early last night by a mob estimated at several thousand men.

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High Points Made by Lloyd George

"There are men in Germany who preach revenge. They must be told that a war of revenge will find the same allies side by side inflicting punishment on the peace breakers."

"There are men in France who counsel annexation of territory populated by another race. They must be warned that such a step will alienate the sympathies of Britain and America and that when the inevitable war of liberation comes the sympathies of America and Britain will be openly ranged on the side of those who are fighting for national freedom."

"The time has come for saying these things and if they are not said in high places, humanity will one day call those who occupy high places to a reckoning."

"Clemenceau ought to have made his complaint in Paris against men of his own race and not in New York against Englishmen."

"The pact (guarantee to France backed by England) lies for the moment in the waste paper basket. But we never flung it there."

"At Genoa there was passionate sincerity of desire for peace, but the European nations could not help seeing that one of the great powers was working for a failure."

"Also, Satan is not through with Europe."

"The offer of a pact guaranteeing France against German aggression was definitely renewed at Cannes and M. Poincare has not accepted it. I have my own opinion as to why he has not done so. If France accepts Britain's guarantee of defense of her frontier every excuse for annexing the left bank of the Rhine disappears. If the French ministers have made up their minds that they will not withdraw from the Rhine, then a new chapter opens in the history of Europe and the world, with a climax of horror such as mankind has never yet witnessed."

"Is it too much to ask that America should in time take an effective interest in the development along the Rhine? To that extent I am in complete accord with M. Clemenceau. It is a far cry from the Rhine to the Mississippi, but not so far as it used to be. There are now graves not far from the Rhine wherein lies the dust of men who less than six years ago camem from the banks of the Mississippi."

Poincare Declared Ready to Consent to Moratorium

Reported to Have Told Allied Premiers in London France Will Grant Germany 2 Years.

London, Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—Premier Poincare towards the close of the first session of the conference of allied premiers here today is understood to have said that France would consent to a moratorium of two years for Germany if certain economic guarantees accompanied it.

London, Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—The conference of allied premiers held a two-hour session this morning, adjourning for luncheon shortly before 2 p. m. The heads of all four delegations—British, French, Italian and Belgian—addressed the gathering, Premier Poincare of France holding the floor the longest.

No Definite Proposals.

While Premier Poincare was reported not to have reached the point of definite proposals, he declared the reparation question had arrived at a stage where something radical must be done. He came prepared, he said, to discuss what action should be taken, France's great interests, he insisted, must be recognized.

Those present besides the premiers were the finance ministers of Great Britain, France and Belgium, Count de Saint Aulaire, the French ambassador; Foreign Minister Jaspar of Belgium and the Italian members of the reparations commission.

Appears Perturbed.

M. Poincare appeared perturbed when he left his hotel for the conference, having just made a denial of a charge that France intends to annex the Rhine region. He was in good spirits, however, when he returned, from which the French attaches drew the inference that the conference was going well.

Karl Bergmann, the German financial expert, has arrived in London.

These guarantees briefly were the economic control of the Rhineland and partial occupation of the Ruhr district with about one division of troops to collect the customs for the full output. It is understood M. Poincare pointed out to the other premiers that these guarantees were in no way to be regarded as military action against Germany, but simply as temporary economic measures to insure carrying out the necessary financial reforms during the life of the moratorium.

Famous Players Company to Drop Mary Miles Minter

New York, Dec. 9.—The Famous Players-Lasky corporation announced today that the contract held by Mary Miles Minter, one of its most prominent screen stars, would not be renewed after she finished a picture upon which she is engaged. No reason was given.

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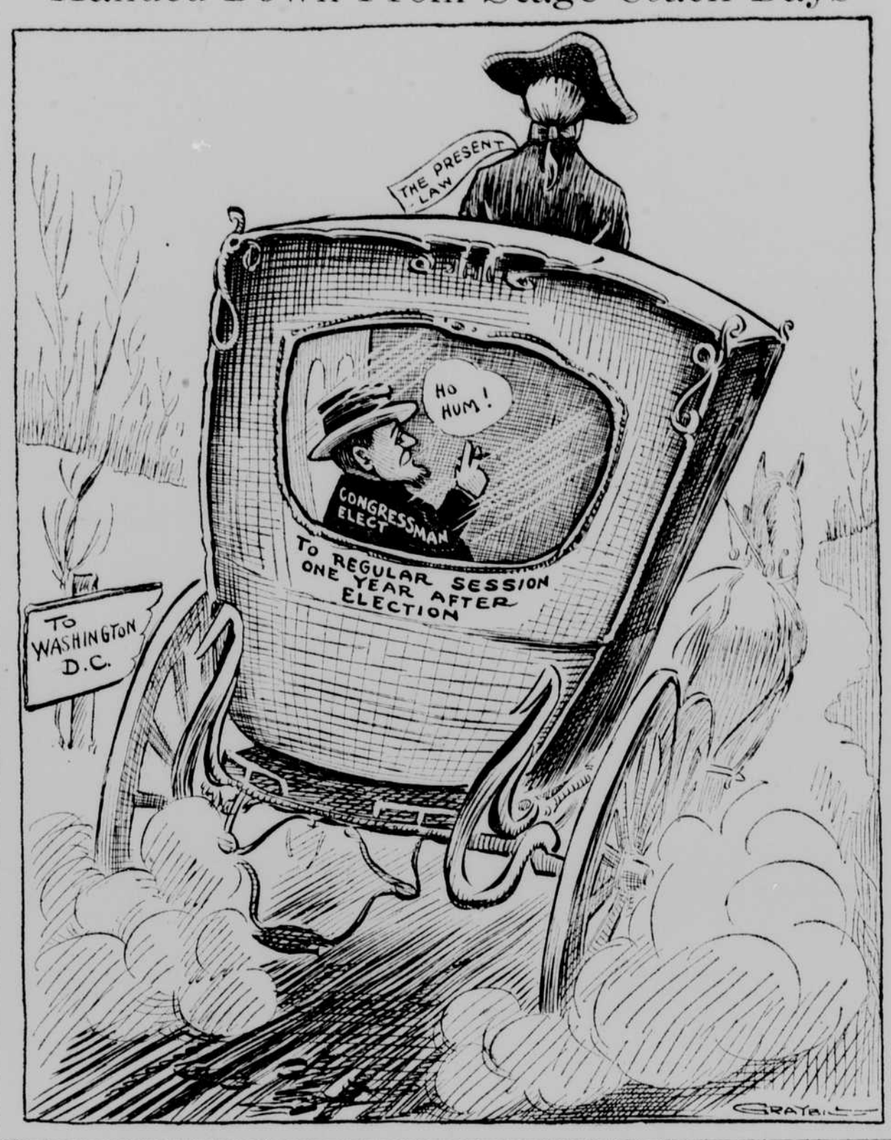
Old Mother Moore
Went to the store,
Her children some presents
to buy;
But she went too late,
She'd forgotten the date,
And on Xmas her children
will cry.

Handed Down From Stage Coach Days



Wintry Weather Hard on Children of Poor in Omaha

Employes of Three Large Companies Raise Purses to Shoe Cold Little Feet.

Employes of three important companies made up purses to put shoes on the cold litle feet of small boys and girls in the most desolate homes of Omaha. With the contribution from the workers in the Kirschbraun & Sons plant came this appropriate verse:

"From worn little shoes creeping down the big street
Peeped blue little toes and very cold feet.
They belonged to a homeless and hungry lad,
Whose mother was dead and so was his dad."

Employes of three yards of the Updike Lumber and Coay company sent in $47.50.

The present bitter, cold and damp weather is particularly hard on the children of the very poor where scarcely enough food can be obtained to say nothing of shoes. Many mothers toil through the night, scrubbing in office buildings or doing other work in the heroic fight to feed and shelter their little ones. Some are even worse off, as this one:

"We are four little children and we live in a two-room house. I am the oldest. I am 8. My papa died a year ago and mama works hard all day. Sometimes she cries, I guess because it's so cold."

Every cent contributed goes to buy shoes for such children. Each case is investigated without cost to the fund. Not a cent contributed goes for any sort of "expense." All goes to buy shoes.

Previously reported	$1,081.36
Catherine M. Coleman, Greenwood, Neb.	2.50
William Nigh, Fremont, Neb.	1.00
E. A. Cox, Geneva, Neb.	1.00
F. E. R.	10.00
J. W. Cress, South Omaha	2.00
Mrs. Carl Strawn	2.00
George Elliott, Gordon, Neb.	1.00
Lover of Children	5.00
Employes of Kirschbraun & Sons	10.65
Marie Swartz	1.00
A Friend, Orleans, Neb.	1.00
C. F. Betcke	5.00
B. E. Allen, Neb.	5.00
Social Service Class, Presbyterian Church, Lexington, Neb.	10.00
A Friend of Children	2.00
Swan Nelson, Oakland, Neb.	3.00
Aron Hedlund, Ceresco, Neb.	1.00
Employes of Beacon Press	7.50
A. T. N., Seward, Neb.	3.00
O.	1.00
John H. Bath	5.00
Mabel Bittinger, Clark, Neb.	1.00
L. R. Norris, Ingleside, Neb.	5.00
C. M. Hootman, Wotnot, Neb.	5.00
J. F. M.	1.00
Mrs. Frank Hansen, Uehling, Neb.	2.00
Amos Bartlett, Ravenna, Neb.	5.00
A Friend, Stromberg, Neb.	2.00
Cash	5.00
G. M. Shalund, Gothenburg, Neb.	2.00
Omaha Boy Scouts, Troop 77	3.00
George N. Juhl	4.30
Milbek Employes, Dennison, Ia.	4.30
A Friend, Exeter, Neb.	5.00
Employes of Updike Lumber & Coal Co.	47.50
Florence Connell, Fairbury, Neb.	1.00
Mrs. A. A. Davis, Emerson, Neb.	2.00
Alwin Lentz, Deshler, Neb.	1.00
H. D. Neely	10.00
The Grain Men, Hastings, Neb.	13.25
Albert F. Gardner, Orleans, Neb.	3.00
Mary Ann Benedict, Stromsburg, Neb.	1.50
A Friend of Girls and Boys, Burr Neb.	1.00
Jefferson Ladies' Aid, Lyons, Neb.	10.00
Mrs. Eva D. Shearer	3.00
Grant Stucker, Stanton, Neb.	5.00
Miss H. Reznichek,	3.00
Mrs. T. L. Stevens	10.00
Mrs. G. W. Mead, Prescott, Ia.	1.00
Total	$1,345.56

If you feel you can help put a pair of warm shoes on a pair of cold, little feet, send your money, addressed to Free Shoe Fund, The Omaha Bee, Omaha." Checks may be made out the same way.

Day's Activities in Washington

The annual treasury appropriation carrying $115,000,000 was passed by the house.

Secretary Wallace said he would give the government's opinion on the proposed Armour-Morris packer merger early next week.

The administration shipping bill was reported to the senate by its commerce committee to be called up for consideration Monday.

Two additional farm bills were introduced in the senate and house by Senator Norbeck, republican, South Dakota, and Representative Strong, republican, Kansas.

Some improvement in the general agricultural situation of the nation was noted in the Department of Agriculture's monthly report.

House judiciary committee subpoenaed former Attorney General Wickersham and Samuel Gompers to appear at the Daugherty impeachment hearings.

Chairman Holt of the senate immigration committee said it was unlikely general immigration legislation recommended by President Harding in Friday's message would be attempted at present.

Ford Says Big Stock Dividends Necessity

Boston, Dec. 9.—Henry Ford, visiting New England to decide on the site for an export terminal for the Ford Motor company, said that he considered the present wave of stock dividend declarations by big corporations a business necessity, but added that his company would make no such distribution this year. "We are expanding steadily," he said. "We have a $30,000,000 program of improvements to be completed within a year. We won't declare any stock dividend, only the regular cash dividends, and we will spend them in the same way that we have in the past; tha is, on extensions and improvements."

Snow in Cascade Mountains Stalls Passenger Trains

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 9.—Heavy snowfall in the Cascade mountains resulted in the blockading today to highways west of Ellsburg and delaying two transcontinental trains. The eastbound train No. 2 of the Great Northern was delayed at Lamola and the eastbound Chicago, Milwaugee & St. Paul railway's Olympian was reported several hours late. A Northern Pacific freight train was stalled at a tunnel entrance in the mountains. Thirty-two inches of snow fell in the Cascades in 12 hours, ending at noon. Six feet of snow was on the ground at Rockdale and four feet at Easton.

Cost of Harvard University Over Six Million Yearly

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 9— It costs more than $6,000,000 a year to run Harvard university. The annual statement of the treasurer, Charles C. Frances Adams, made public today, shows that the total expenditure reached the sum of $6,045,071, involving an operating deficit of $77,536 for the year ending June 30. The deficit, however, was much smaller than that of the preceding year, when the university ran behind over $338,000.

Arthur C. Burch Reported Sane; Given Freedom

Codefendant With Madalynne Obenchain for Murder of J. Belton Kennedy Declared Sound of Mind.

Los Angeles, Dec. 9.—Arthur C. Burch, formerly of Evanston, Ill., had his freedom tonight after standing trial three times for murder and once for insanity. The juries on the murder charge all disagreed and the alienists at the insanity hearing did likewise, but the weight of expressed belief of the latter was that Burch was sane, or harmless if insane, so his freedom was restored to him.

Burch said he did not know what he would do.

The action completed a long chapter of trials all based on the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, a young broker, who was shot down on the steps of his summer cottage in Beverly Glen, 17 months ago. Burch and Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain were indicted for the crime. Burch was tried three times to disagreements. Mrs. Obenchain was tried twice, both juries also disagreeing.

Mrs. Obenchain was recently freed when the district attorney dismissed the murder indictment. Burch was held for an insanity hearing on the pteition of his attorney, Paul W. Schenck.

Mr. Schenck and the Rev. W. A. Burch, father of Arthur, both testified today they believed he was insane and gave instances of what they said were unusual conduct. The alienists who examined him divided on his sanity and Judge Bertram A. Weyl, presiding, held that the question seemed to resolve itself in Burch's favor and directed that he be freed.

State Case Against White Is Dismissed

Emporia, Kan., Dec. 9.—The state's case against William Allen White, Emporia editor, charged with violating the industrial court law by placing a placard in the window of his newspaper office, was dismissed at 4 this afternoon in district court, Judge W. C. Harris presiding. Mr. White appeared at the court with his attorney.

Double Compartment Mail Boxes Declared Success

Washington, Dec. 9.—Records kept by the Postoffice department during the past two weeks on "double compartment" boxes in this city indicate the probability, it was announced today, that similar boxes soon will be placed in all the larger cities of the country. The boxes have two slots, one for local mail and one for out-of-town mail. Only 6 per cent of the mail taken from the experimental boxes were found in the wrong compartment.

The Weather

Forecast.

Sunday, probably light snow; somewhat warmer.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	13	1 p. m.	19
6 a. m.	13	2 p. m.	20
7 a. m.	13	3 p. m.	21
8 a. m.	14	4 p. m.	21
9 a. m.	15	5 p. m.	20
10 a. m.	16	6 p. m.	20
11 a. m.	17	7 p. m.	19
12 (noon)	19		

Ten States Want Lower Grain Rates

Reduction on Farm Products Demanded of I. C. C. in Anticipation of Federal Railroad Legislation.

Farm Bloc for 1918 Rates

Washington, Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Anticipating possible congressional railroad legislation and taking President Harding at his word, 10 western states swooped down upon the Interstate Commerce commission today demanding reduction in rates on farm products. Headed by the Kansas utilities commission, these states are demanding a reduction on rates on grain, grain products and hay, approximating 35 per cent. It is estimated this reduction will cut off about $38,000,000 of annual revenue from the railroads, which now claim they are earning only about half of the 6 per cent they are entitled to earn in their tentative valuation.

Hearings on the rate reductions demanded will commence next Monday. The states interested constitute the middlewestern group, including Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Misscuri, Colorado, Wyoming and North Dakota. The fight is in charge of a committee made up of Clyde Reed, chairman, Kansas utilities commission, Thorne Browne, Nebraska; Dwight L. Lewis, Iowa; F. E. Putnam, Minnesota, and J. J. Murphy, South Dakota.

Want 1918 Rates.

The western group insists the rates must come down to the 1918 level, and call President Harding's address to congress in support of their contention. Farm senators and representatives unite in supporting the demand, claiming the high freight rates are responsible in large part for the disastrous conditions that affect agriculture.

While the western utility groups are inaugurating their drive for further rate reductions, Representative Sweet and Senator Capper are endeavoring to secure immediate consideration of their respective bills repealing section 15-A of the Esch-Cummins law which includes the socalled guarantee on earnings and deprives the state commissions of their right to control intrastate rates.

Republican leaders surveyed the situation and frankly admitted the prospect for railroad legislation is not good. The La Follette group is planning an immediate drive for repeal of the entire Esch-Cummins act and the group represented by Senator Cummins will fight it on the ground, as Senator Cummins expresses it, "that the alternative is government ownership."

Differ on Method.

While President Harding recommended, in the main, the amendments which Senator Cummins has in mind to propose, the president and the chairman of the I. C. C. differ on the method of putting teeth into the labor clause.

President Harding recommends placing upon the Interstate Commerce commission the responsibility for fixing both wages and raes. Senator Cummins adheres to the view of establishing a "Board of Transportation," which shall have jurisdiction over wages, acting on appeals to be brought up from regional boards which shall pass on local and regional differences. Senator Cummins is not hopeful of securing legislative action on the law at this session, but acknowledges frankly the chances of action will be even less favorable at the hands of the newly elected congress. He has not given up his intention of introducing an administration bill which will cover the suggestions made by the president, but will probably delay the bill pending further conference with the president on the subject of abolishing the railway labor board.

Seek Extra Session.

The canvass of the senate made today developed the La Follette group, including Senator Cummins' new colleague, Senator Brookhart, will utilize the railroad question to accentuate the name already existing in the hope of forcing President Harding to call an extra session after March 4.

The investigation of sentiment by the leaders showed that while the administration forces want to confine legislation to amendment of the present act, the La Follette group proposes to wreck it completely.

Senator Brookhart is already preparing legislation aimed at the tentative valuation of the roads fixed by the Interstate Commerce commission, claiming that the valuation approximates $7,000,000,000 worth of watered stock.

Wallace to Announce Stand on Packing Merger Monday

Washington, Dec. 9.—The federal government's attitude toward the proposed merger of the Chicago packing firms of Armour and Morris probably will be made known early next week.

Secretary Wallace of the Agricultural department, to whom J. Ogden Armour submitted a query on the subject, had hoped to announce a decision today, but it was said at his office that he still was awaiting formal opinion from Attorney General Daugherty on legal aspects of the case. The attorney general's opinion was understood to be virtually complete and there were indications that Mr. Wallace would reply to Mr. Armour on Monday.

Six Injured by Explosion.

New York, Dec. 9.—Six men were injured, two probably fatally, when the boilers in the steamship Fritzoe, in drydock in Brooklyn, blew up this afternoon