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ADMIRAL EVANS' HEALTH VERY POOR

ADMIRAL THOMAS IS NOW COMMANDING THE FLEET.

SIGHTED AT CALLAO, PERU

WIRELESS MESSAGE FROM CONNECTICUT BRINGS NEWS.

BIG CROWD TO GREET BOATS

The United States Fleet Bound for the Upper Pacific Was Sighted at 8 O'Clock Thursday Morning Steaming Into Big Seaport of Peru.

Callao, Peru, Feb. 20.—Admiral Evans' fleet was sighted at 8 o'clock this morning.

Wireless message from the Connecticut states that the health of Admiral Evans is still very poor and that Admiral Thomas, commanding the second squadron, has been in command of the entire fleet.

An immense crowd arrived in the city early today to witness the coming of the fleet.

The government has issued a decree making Saturday a holiday in honor of Washington's birthday and the Americans' visit and it has ordered the Peruvian warships to salute the American flag at noon. President Pardo will give a public reception to Rear Admiral Evans and the other officers at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Callao is the largest and most important seaport of Peru. Its population is 34,000.

HUGHES TALKS TO SUFFRAGISTS

Bays Decision of Question Will Ultimately Rest With Themselves.

Albany, Feb. 20.—Women of all descriptions mingled with race track followers, ministers, politicians and a generally curious crowd in the legislative corridors intent upon the hearing of the proposed constitutional amendment to strike the limiting word "male" from the constitutional provision regarding the right to vote. This hearing before the joint legislative committee on judiciary vied in interest with that of the race track bills. The equal suffragists by no means had it all their own way, for a strong delegation of women from all parts of the state was there to oppose them.

At the conclusion of the hearing the governor addressed the women briefly. He said the question was not one with which he was charged with any official responsibility, it being a proposed amendment to the constitution, which does not require the governor's signature.

He then said: "Now I am not going to express any opinion on this question, but merely to make the practical statement that I believe the decision of this matter will ultimately rest with the women themselves. What the women in this state really want, and I do not mean by that a numerical majority, but I mean the force of opinion among the intelligent women of the state, who will form the public opinion of women with regard to this question—that whatever the women in that sense really want they will have. That demand on the part of women will be in the course of time irresistible and the question is simply what do the women want? For the men, the voters of the state, who will pass upon this subject when it is presented, will eventually, in my judgment, act in accordance with the demand which they feel actually exists on the part of those who will be affected by the change."

REID SCOFFS AT TALK OF WAR

Every Reason to Think Japanese Sincerely Our Friends.

New York, Feb. 20.—Whitelaw Reid, ambassador of the United States to Great Britain, in a speech at the dinner of the Pilgrims of the United States at Delmonico's, declared that talk of the obligation of Great Britain to sustain Japan in war against the United States was nonsense. The ambassador said that "there was not the ghost of a possibility of war with Japan," and that there "was every reason to think the Japanese sincerely our friends." Our relations with Great Britain, the ambassador said, were cordial and there were no serious complications. The ambassador was given an ovation when he arose to speak by the 400 members of the Pilgrims of the United States and their guests, Joseph H. Choate, ex-ambassador to Great Britain, was toastmaster.

Much of the fun of the evening was afforded by "Mark Twain." Mr. Clemens said that he was gratified that congress was about to restore to the coinage the words "In God We Trust." He continued: "I knew that we would get into difficulty if we left those words off and straightway the trouble came. The prosperity of the whole nation went down in a pile when we ceased to trust God in that conspicuous and well advertised way. If Pierpont Morgan had not stepped in just then? Now that we have resumed our trust in God we will discharge Mr. Morgan from his high of-

OVERWHELMINGLY FOR TAFT

Primary Vote in Boone County Shows Taft the Popular Favorite.

Albion, Neb., Feb. 20.—Special to The News: The official returns of the primaries held in Boone county, Saturday, February 15, by the republican party, shows the following returns: Total vote cast, 231. Taft 163; Cannon 6; Fairbanks 2; Hughes 10; LaFollette 22; Roosevelt 28.

Cass County For Taft.

Plattsmouth, Neb., Feb. 20.—Special to The News: The Cass county republican convention today endorsed Taft for president and Gov. Sheldon for delegate at large.

ONE YEAR FOR KENNARD

JUDGE WELCH PRONOUNCED MINIMUM SENTENCE.

PASSED FORGED PAY CHECKS

Kennard of Plainview, ex-Northwestern brakeman, sentenced to spend one year at Lincoln—Confessed Crime and Will Ask For Pardon.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 20.—Special to The News: Judge Welch sentenced Kennard to a year in the state penitentiary for passing a forged check in Norfolk. The minimum penalty is a fine of \$50 and a term of 30 days.

Kennard has been taken to the penitentiary by Sheriff Clements an effort will be made to secure a pardon from Governor Sheldon.

Chris Lenser of Norfolk, implicated in the same forgery, appeared in the district court and pleaded "not guilty." His case has been continued until the May term.

The Boche case will be called at 1 p. m. next Monday.

STRANGE MAIL PACKAGE.

Human Thumb and Finger Are Sent Through Mail From Randolph.

Randolph, Neb., Feb. 20.—A human thumb and finger were mailed at the Randolph postoffice this week and the officials were puzzled to know what rate of postage would be sufficient to carry the strange package and if it was legal to accept them at all.

About ten days ago, a Creighton man lost them in a saw mill near here. He left them behind, but later decided that he wanted them and sent for them with the above result.

DIES WHILE ON A VISIT.

Mrs. Birk Dies While at Home of Daughter in Verdel.

Verdel, Neb., Feb. 20.—Special to The News: Mrs. Harriet Birk of Benson, Neb., died here last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. D. Morgan.

Mrs. Birk came here about a week ago on a visit and was taken sick, growing gradually worse until the end. She was sixty-three years old.

JAP CABINET FACES CRISIS

Immigration Question Causes Stir Among Politicians.

Tokio, Feb. 20.—The memorandum of the Japanese government in reply to that of the United States on the subject of emigration was handed to Ambassador O'Brien.

It is understood that it agrees in the general terms with a number of suggestions made by the American government and requires a further restriction of emigration by the practical prohibition of laborers. The Japanese government points out that the restrictions already enforced, including the closing of emigration to Canada, Mexico and the Hawaiian islands, will make further complaints from America almost impossible.

Every evidence goes to prove that the Japanese government has been sparing in its effort to avoid further complications arising from the emigration question, but the government is facing a powerful opposition from the emigration companies, who are behind a proposed resolution in the diet to censure the foreign policy of Viscount Hayashi, minister of foreign affairs, toward China, America and Canada.

Should the resolution be introduced in the diet it will probably be defeated by a narrow margin. Its passage would certainly entail the resignation of the cabinet.

Nawab Sultan Asks for England.

New York, Feb. 20.—After a flying trip across the American continent, making no stops except to change cars and gathering his only impressions of the country from a train window, his highness Nawab Sultan Ul Mulik Bahadur of Hyderabad, India, accompanied by a retinue of servants and two physicians, arrived in New York and was hurried at once to the steamship Baltic, which sails today for England. His hurried mission to England is to consult with specialists regarding an illness which resulted from a fall from a horse two years ago.

Ruling on Reef Case.

WOMEN FATALLY BURNED

CAN OF GASOLINE EXPLODES IN OMAHA HOME.

BLEW SIDE OF THE HOUSE OUT

Mrs. Dodder and Her Sister, Mrs. Hamilton Are Fatally Burned by the Explosion of a Five Gallon Can of Gasoline.

Omaha, Feb. 20.—A five gallon can of gasoline exploded in the home of Mrs. E. L. Dodder this morning, fatally burning Mrs. Dodder and her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton. The explosion blew the side of the house out.

BILL NEARLY FOUR MILLIONS

Cost of Maintaining Institutions of Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 20.—The books in the auditor's office showing the receipts and expenditures for the amount spent for all purposes, maintaining the state institutions, except the university, the supreme court and district courts, and legislative expenses, amounted to \$3,831,514.56. For the maintenance of the university \$577,765.75 was expended, or almost 23 per cent of the total amount spent for the entire state. Deputy Auditor Cook believes this justifies him in demanding the filing of university claims with the auditor, that they may be checked over.

Trains Delayed on Branch Lines.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 20.—Trains were generally on time, so far as the main lines are concerned, but were stalled or delayed on many of the branch lines. In and around Lincoln conditions were nearly normal except that rural mail carriers were unable to make their trips. Headed by a rotary snow plow the Rock Island westbound limited got into Lincoln last night and went west. This released the eastbound limited, which also moved out.

Lincoln Memorial Association.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 20.—An association to be known as the Abraham Lincoln memorial fund was organized here with Governor Sheldon as president, Secretary of State Junkin, secretary and State Treasurer Brian, treasurer. The purpose of the organization is to commemorate the memory of Abraham Lincoln and to erect a suitable monument on the state house grounds of the capitol which bears his name.

Missouri Pacific Secures Time.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 20.—In the federal court the Missouri Pacific railway secured a continuance of thirty days in the suits involving the validity of the 2-cent fare law, the railway commission act and the statute reducing express rates.

MAY MAKE WINSIDE DRY.

Novel Fight May Defeat the Saloon Proposition.

Winside, Neb., Feb. 20.—Winside has a novel fight on and may go "dry" in consequence. Business men in the east end of town who believe that a saloon draws trade, will not sign a petition unless one is located in their section.

A compromise might be brought about by having one in each end if the village board would reduce the license tax. The board does not feel that way and the one saloon of the town, which pays \$2,000 a year for the privilege of running, may have to close.

The town is about equally divided on the saloon question, anyhow, and the split in the ranks of the saloon element puts them in the hole.

OPERATION WAS POSTPONED.

Murderer William Jones Was Too Weak to Stand It.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 20.—Special to The News: Murderer William Jones, the negro who shot and killed Detective Drumay at Omaha and who himself received a gun shot wound, is considerably weaker today, and the attending surgeon, Dr. Giffen, postponed the intended operation until tomorrow. After the shooting in Omaha Saturday night, Jones was brought to the penitentiary in Lincoln to prevent violence, and he is in a critical condition from the gunshot wounds received. The prison physician says he cannot live long if the operation is delayed. It had been intended to perform the operation today but the condition of the prisoner induced the surgeon to postpone the operation another day.

Pioneer Dies.

Albion, Neb., Feb. 20.—Special to The News: F. B. Pettibone, one of the pioneer settlers of Boyd county, died at his home here and was buried yesterday. Mr. Pettibone has served as county treasurer of this county, and recently purchased the controlling interests in the Albion Milling company.

Albion Sewer System.

Albion, Neb., Feb. 20.—Special to The News: The Albion sewer system in the first district has been completed and a contract has been let for the extension of the same into the second

CALL FOR AN ACCOUNTING

DECISION IN CONTROVERSY OVER GIBBS ESTATE.

HAS FIGURED POLITICALLY

George Losey, an Administrator, is Released, While Allen & Reed Are Called Upon for an Accounting. Other District Court Matters.

Madison, Neb., Feb. 20.—Special to The News: District Judge Welch, now holding district court at Madison, has announced that his ruling will be in the long drawn out controversy over the Gibbs estate; that his decision when entered will be in favor of George Losey, one of the defendants, and that he would call for an accounting from Allen & Reed, who represented three of the Gibbs heirs.

Judge Welch's decision has not been entered and nothing is known beyond its general outline. The Gibbs heirs claimed that their interests in the Gibbs estate had been disposed of at a nominal price and afterwards sold for much more. With interest they asked for about \$11,000.

The case has figured in county politics and has been long in the courts. George Losey was administrator.

The \$25,000 damage suit brought by Mrs. Ida Kurgewelt against Edward Kirby, both parties living near Battle Creek, for attempted assault, went to the jury at 9:30 this morning. Kirby was accused of having called for Mrs. Kurgewelt one night on the pretense that a neighbor was sick and of having made improper advances.

The case of John Wishard against D. A. Ommerman has been settled and dismissed.

A verdict in favor of King has been returned in the suit brought against I. W. King by A. B. Robinson.

In the case of the First National bank of Madison against C. W. Sprout the jury decided the case against the bank, sustaining Sprout's defense that the notes the bank had purchased had been forged.

The case of S. T. Napper against the county was passed for settlement.

This afternoon Mrs. Hannah Bryant's suit against the Modern Woodmen will be heard. Tomorrow the suit brought by Mrs. P. W. Mans against the Battle Creek saloon keepers will be tried.

SENATOR LATIMER DIES

SOUTH CAROLINA STATESMAN SUCCEEDS IN WASHINGTON.

SUCCEEDED SENATOR McLAREN

Senator Asbury C. Latimer Was a Big, Fine Fellow—He Was in the House When Senator Allen Was in the Senate—Predecessor Fought Tillman

Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator Asbury C. Latimer of South Carolina died this morning.

Senator Latimer's home was at Belton, S. C. He succeeded Senator McLaren.

Former United States Senator William V. Allen of Madison was well acquainted with Senator Latimer. Latimer was in the house of representatives when Senator Allen was in the senate.

"Asbury Latimer was a big, fine fellow," said Senator Allen over the telephone to The News Thursday, when told of Latimer's death.

"He came in after McLaren. McLaren had a fight with Ben Tillman."

STATE BANK TAX HELD LEGAL

District Judge in Oklahoma Sustains the Law at First Test Case.

Guthrie, Feb. 20.—Judge A. H. Houston, in the district court here, sustained a demurrer filed by Attorney General West in an injunction suit brought by the Noble State bank against the state banking board and the bank commissioner regarding the collection of a state bank tax, on the ground that there was not sufficient facts in the petition to constitute a case of action. This is the first test on the Oklahoma guaranty deposit law. In passing on the case Judge Houston stated that under the police powers of the state given by the act the defendants have the power to collect the tax, as the banks that are allowed to do business in this state are corporations and that they are as much accountable to the legislature as any other corporation which serves the public.

French Detached in Morocco.

Paris, Feb. 20.—A special dispatch from Tangier says that the French steamer Paroc, from Casablanca, reports that General D'Amade, venturing too far beyond Settat, had his communications cut by the followers of Mulai Hafid, who in great force routed all the French outlying posts. The greatest anxiety prevails. It is said, at Casablanca. Spanish troops are preparing to defend the city and marines have been landed from the French cruiser Klobar. It is further reported that a French column stationed not far from Rabat has been

HARRIMAN WINS POINT

MAY VOTE ILLINOIS CENTRAL STOCK OWNED BY U. P.

WINS EVERY POINT CONTENTED

Defeats the Suit Brought to Prevent Him From Voting in the Illinois Central Election and the Election Will Now Proceed.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Harriman won every point contended for in the suit brought to prevent him from voting Illinois Central stock owned by the Union Pacific. The election will now proceed.

RECEIVERSHIP STORY DENIED

George J. Gould Says No Possibility of Missouri Pacific Going That Way.

New York, Feb. 20.—Reports which have been circulated in the west for several days to the effect that a receivership was about to be asked for the Missouri Pacific railroad were given positive denial today by George J. Gould, president of the road.

"There is absolutely not a word of truth in these reports or any reports of that kind involving this property," said Mr. Gould. "Receivership proceedings have not been thought of, or even dreamed of, and there is not even the most remote possibility that they will be."

"IN GOD WE TRUST" ON COINS

House Committee on Coinage Overrides the President.

Washington, Feb. 20.—President Roosevelt was overridden by the house committee on coinage, weights and measures when by unanimous vote it was agreed to report favorably the McKinley (Ill.) bill requiring the restoration to gold and silver coins of the national motto "In God We Trust."

During the discussion Representative Knowland of California, being in a facetious mood, moved that the committee further recommend the placing upon all clearing house certificates the biblical inscription, "I know that my redeemer liveth."

RAILROADS TIED UP IN MICHIGAN

Traffic Completely Abandoned on Some Lines.

Detroit, Feb. 20.—At least thirteen passenger trains poked their pilots into impervious snowdrifts throughout Michigan and reports from out in the state indicated that some of these trains are still snowbound. Traffic was completely abandoned on the Kalamazoo, Lake Shore and Chicago and on the Port Austin division of the Pere Marquette only one train was sent over the line. The Allegan division of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern was completely blocked, as was also the Midland, Bay City and Vassar division of the Michigan Central. The westbound Wolverine flyer on the Michigan Central buried itself near Comstock in a drift out of which five locomotives were unable to release it, but the passengers were transferred to another train and were carried past the drift on the eastbound track while one hundred men were set at work with shovels to dig out the snowbound "flyer." Other trains were snowbound during the day near Ionia, Lottleville, Ind., Decker, Okla., Owentale, Allegan, Sheffield, Kalamazoo, Adrian and Munger. Electric line traffic was thoroughly demoralized, as was the rural route delivery.

Seven Physicians Lost in Blizzard.

Hazleton, Feb. 20.—Seven Vincennes physicians, who volunteered their services and went on a relief expedition to the flooded district in Knox county, are lost to the world by the fierce blizzard covering all means of communication. The doctors went to the stricken district overland Monday, but they cannot get back because the water stretches five miles wide between them and dry land at Vincennes. A relief party started out in boats, notwithstanding there is a fifty-mile-an-hour gale driving snow with cutting force.

Three Burned to Death.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Feb. 20.—Mrs. John Angus and her two small children were burned to death in their home at Tallyho, near this city. The house is supposed to have caught fire following the explosion of a lamp.

Second French Car Fast in Drift.

Eric, Feb. 20.—According to a long distance telephone message from State Line, Pa., the second French car is fast in a snow drift there.

FREE WEDDINGS AT BOONE

Cut Rate War Between Judges Puts Matrimony at Low Price.

Boone, Ia., Feb. 20.—A free wedding ceremony and dinner, a year's subscription to a local paper, and a wedding outfit at half price to any bridegroom is the offer Boone holds out to the matrimonially inclined.

All this is the result of the cute rate war between Judges Lockard and McBirnie. Last Friday Judge Lockard offered to marry free all who called during the day. Judge McBirnie came back, offering free ceremonies and embossed certificates during the entire week. To those getting married on Saturday he will give a wedding banquet.

Then a local paper and a clothing

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska.

Condition of the weather as recorded for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. today.

Maximum	19
Minimum	3
Average	11
Barometer	29.98

Chicago, Feb. 20.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows: Fair tonight, Friday, increasing cloudiness.

KIDNAPERS ARE CONVICTED

JURY DECIDES ON PENALTY FOR WULFF ABDUCTORS.

JONES IS GIVEN THIRTY YEARS.

Wife is Sentenced to Twenty-Five Years in Penitentiary—Accused Each Other of Responsibility for the Deed—Story of the Crime.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—William Jones, also known as William Birmingham, and his wife, Alzina Jones, were found guilty by a jury in Judge Kerstens court here of having kidnaped Lillian Wulff, a twelve-year-old girl, from her home in Chicago last December. The punishment of Jones was fixed at thirty years and that of his wife at twenty-five years in the penitentiary.

The Wulff girl was enticed from her home in the southern portion of the city by Alzina Jones early in December last year and forced to enter a covered wagon in which Jones was waiting. A week later the couple was found near Mokena, Ill., with the child in their possession. The identity of the child was suspected by a farmer, of whom information was asked by the abductors as they traveled through the country, from widely printed stories of the kidnaping. The authorities were notified and Jones and his wife were arrested and brought back to Chicago with their victim. Jones, under questioning by the police, endeavored to shift the blame upon his wife, asserting that it was to console her for the loss of a child by death that he took the child. The woman on the other hand declared, and so testified at the trial, that she was forced by Jones under threats of death to steal the child that he might train her to beg for him. She declared that all the while she was persuading the little girl to accompany her she was menaced by Jones, who sat in the wagon with a shotgun in his hands. The Wulff child took the stand in court and testified that after being taken prisoner, which was accomplished by promises of candy and a new pair of shoes, her clothing was taken from her and burned by the roadside and that she was whipped by Jones on several occasions when she attempted to escape. When found she was clothed in rags. The case attracted widespread interest at the time of the abduction, reports of the child having been found near Comstock in a drift out of which five locomotives were unable to release it, but the passengers were transferred to another train and were carried past the drift on the eastbound track while one hundred men were set at work with shovels to dig out the snowbound "flyer." Other trains were snowbound during the day near Ionia, Lottleville, Ind., Decker, Okla., Owentale, Allegan, Sheffield, Kalamazoo, Adrian and Munger. Electric line traffic was thoroughly demoralized, as was the rural route delivery.

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GENSUS BILL IN THE HOUSE

Progress is Slow Because of Numerous Amendments Offered.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The bill providing for the taking of the thirteenth census occupied most of the time of the session of the house. Progress with it was slow because of numerous amendments offered, but which in the main were rejected. The bill was amended in one important particular, however, and that was limiting the census to the mainland of the United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico. Previously to the consideration of the census bill, Mr. Henry of Texas, marking leading Speaker Cannon, asked the Republicans to bring in an employers' liability bill and a bill requiring notice before the issuance of federal injunctions.

A speech by Senator Johnston (Ala.) on the Aldrich currency bill and a statement by Senator Hale, chairman of the committee on naval affairs, concerning the proposed investigation of charges of defects in the construction of battleships, were the chief subjects of interest before the senate. Mr. Hale had printed the reports of Rear Admirals Converse and Capps in defense of the navy and incidentally expressed his belief in the efficiency of the battleships.

The senate in executive session ratified the arbitration convention between the United States and France, which was signed on February 10. A naturalization treaty between the United States and Peru also was ratified.

Pennsylvania Fund for Bryan.

Harrisburg, Feb. 20.—A campaign fund of \$3,000 for the election of a Bryan delegation from Pennsylvania to the democratic national convention was raised at a meeting here of the executive committee of the Bryan

PRESIDENT SEES DANGER

ROOSEVELT ANTICIPATES SERIOUS INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.

SUGGESTS AN INVESTIGATION.

Louisville and Nashville Railroad Announces General Reduction of Wages and Gives Adverse Legislation as the Cause.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Serious industrial disputes in prospect were in the mind of President Roosevelt when he wrote a letter to the Interstate Commerce commission, which was made public. He says that information has reached him that on account of the enactment of drastic laws by congress and by the various state legislatures it is regarded as necessary by railroad companies to reduce the pay of employees. He points out that under the law either party may demand the services of the chairman of the Interstate Commerce commission and of the commissioner of labor as a board of conciliation. He suggests, therefore, that the Interstate Commerce commission make such an investigation as will enable it to furnish data concerning wage conditions on various railroads as may relate, directly or indirectly, to the possible impending controversy.

Text of the President's Letter.

"To the Interstate Commerce Commission: I am informed that a number of railroad companies have served notice of a proposed reduction of wages on their employees. One of them, the Louisville and Nashville, in announcing the reduction, states that 'the drastic laws inimical to the interests of the railroads that have in the past year or two been enacted by congress and the state legislatures' are largely, or chiefly, responsible for the conditions requiring the reduction. Under such circumstances it is possible that the public may soon be confronted by serious industrial disputes and the law provides that in such cases either party may demand the services of your chairman and of the commissioner of labor as a board of mediation and conciliation. These reductions in wages may be warranted, or they may not. As to this the public, which is a vitally interested party, can form no judgment without a more complete knowledge of the case than it now has or than it can possibly obtain from the special pleadings certain to be put forth by each side in case their dispute should bring serious interruptions to traffic. If the reduction in wages is due to natural causes, the loss of business being such that the burden should be and is equitably distributed between capitalist and wage workers, the public and congress should know it, and if it is caused by misconduct in the past financial or other operations of any railroad, then everybody should know it, especially if the excuse of unfriendly legislation is advanced as a method of covering up past business misconduct by the railroad managers, or as a justification for failure to treat fairly the wage earning employees of the company.

Preservation of Peace First Duty.

"Moreover, an industrial conflict between a railroad corporation and its employees offers peculiar opportunities to any small number of evil disposed persons to defy life and property and foment public discord. Of course, if life and property and public order are endangered, prompt and drastic measures for their protection become the first plain duty. All other duties then become subordinate to the preservation of the public peace and the real merits of the original controversy are necessarily lost from view. This vital consideration should be ever kept in mind by all law-abiding and far-sighted members of labor organizations.

"It is sincerely to be hoped, therefore, that any wage controversy that may arise between the railroads and their employees may find a peaceful solution through the methods of conciliation and arbitration, already provided for by congress, which have proven so effective during the past year. To this end the commission should be in a position to have available for any board of conciliation or arbitration relevant data pertaining to such carriers as may become involved in industrial disputes. Should conciliation fail to effect a settlement and arbitration be rejected, accurate information should be available in order to develop a properly informed public opinion. I therefore ask you to make such investigation both of your records and by any means at your command as will enable you to furnish data concerning such conditions obtaining on the Louisville and Nashville and any other roads as may relate, directly or indirectly, to the real merits of the possibly impending controversy.