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## BOOSTERS LEAVE ON FOUR-DAY TRIP

Commercial Club Men Leave on Special Train for Jaunt into North-eastern Nebraska.

MORE THAN 100 ON BOARD

Railroad Men Well Represented in Personnel of Party.

WARM WELCOME EXTENDED

Chairman Hayward of Trade Committee Highly Optimistic.

DECLARES TRIP "SOCIAL CALL"

Final Injunction to Omaha Boosters Is Not to Exceed All Energy and Voice on First Towns on Route.

More than 100 husky lunged jobbers and railroad men of Omaha, ambitious-but-for-trade growth of their home city, each armed with an umbrella proclaiming in attractive color and letter to some seventy-five cities of the state the importance of this metropolis as a trade center, with torches for night parades and advertising matter galore aboard, nine coaches of a special Northwestern train left Union Station at 9 o'clock last night.

It was an auspicious beginning for the thirty-seventh trade extension trip of Omaha.

Today nineteen towns will be visited by the boosters and at each place they will march two abreast, ten feet apart through the business district.

The trade extensionists are due to arrive at 10 o'clock tonight in Kearney, where they will execute their first torch light parade of a social call, in order to become better acquainted with the merchants and business men of our own state. It is unusual for us to have a fall trip, but we could not and did not care to resist the persuasion that our customers have showered on us to make them a part of it. It is eight weeks we were up the river and we expect to find many pleasant surprises in the development made since then.

Hayward Talks of Trip. Discussing the trip, C. S. Hayward, chairman of the trade extension committee of the Commercial club, said last night:

"We never planned a trip into better territory than in northeastern Nebraska, and we are going to visit nearly 100,000 of the best people on earth. From their letters and press items they certainly have a neighborly welcome ready for us. While this is called a trade extension, it is more of a social call, in order to become better acquainted with the merchants and business men of our own state. It is unusual for us to have a fall trip, but we could not and did not care to resist the persuasion that our customers have showered on us to make them a part of it. It is eight weeks we were up the river and we expect to find many pleasant surprises in the development made since then."

Said J. M. Guld, commissioner of the club and in charge of the train: "All set. Nothing overlooked so far. Every man is on hand and ready to go. The train is now ready to start. We have the best train of cars, the finest equipment ever assembled for any purpose. We have the general manager of the road, the general superintendent, the division superintendent, the trainmaster, the general freight agent, the general passenger agent, the four days' superintendent, the Pullman superintendent and a regular army of men to see to our personal safety and comfort and the carrying out of our schedule. Under such favorable conditions we are going to have a great trip. My only regret is that it is only for four days."

Final Injunction. On the eve of departure Mr. C. S. Hayward gave the boosters the following final injunction:

"Be ready to leave the train with your umbrella and advertising matter at Eight o'clock tomorrow morning. This is our first stop and we want to start off with a bang at every opportunity. It is no more trouble to parade up town than it is to struggle to make the best showing line up two abreast, ten feet apart in the column and the column spread out the width of the street. Every one is expected to get off the train at 10 o'clock and either interested in it particularly or not. Remember, we are out to create a favorable impression for Omaha, the Market Town. Hang on to your umbrella and take no liberties with that of your neighbor. We are to visit seventy-five towns and the umbrella parade is an impressive feature. Wherever night parades are made red fire torches will be carried. Look out for your clothes."

Other hortatory remarks say: "Gather your strength and energy. Have your voice, too. You'll need it all before you get home. Those retiring late and those arising late (eventually) the same persons) will have to consider the comfort and wishes of others and not disturb them."

Mr. Jeffers is chairman of a committee to receive any delegation from the next town. Please assist him in taking care of such parties.

The itinerary for Tuesday is as follows:

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## NAVAL BASE IS NOT NEEDED AT NEW ORLEANS

Secretary Meyer Looks Over the Situation at the Crescent City.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 24.—Secretary of the Navy George Von L. Meyer, who is here on a tour of inspection of United States naval stations, today said he could see no great reason for a naval base at New Orleans.

"If there is ever to be any fighting it will not be on the Gulf of Mexico," he said. "That will be around the entrance of the Panama canal. Of course none of us anticipates a conflict, but if it should come the canal will be the place which will need fortifying. I don't think the Mississippi valley is in any particular danger of invasion."

Although it is thought the secretary favors making Quantico the naval base for the gulf, a strong effort will be made to have the naval station here retained.

## Peter Mortensen for Commission, Says Big Petition

Application Filed to Place Name of Ex-Treasurer on Ballot for Railway Vacancy.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—A petition signed by 1000 voters was filed with the secretary of state today requesting that the name of Peter Mortensen be placed upon the ballot as a candidate for state railway commissioner.

Mr. Mortensen reached the city this afternoon and consented to make the race. Mortensen offers as to the legality of election state railway commissioner to succeed to the vacant position.

It is held that it is the duty of the secretary of state to appoint to the position until the election, a year from this date. Others contend that the appointment could only run until the first of January and the vacancy be filled by election.

One section of the law provides that the vacancy must be filled by election where it occurs within thirty days of the election. If the vacancy occurs in less than thirty days before election, some contend it must be filled by appointment.

The Mortensen petition was circulated by the republican state committee. No petition has been filed for a democrat.

It is expected that Governor Shallenberger will appoint a successor to Mr. Conwell and that the person who finally gets the place will have to secure title through the courts.

## Aldrich Talks at South Omaha

Appears at the Packing Plants and at the Exchange with Judge Sutton.

Chester H. Aldrich and Judge A. L. Sutton made a whirlwind campaign through South Omaha Monday, both men delivering half a dozen addresses to remarkably enthusiastic audiences. Thousands of workers heard Mr. Aldrich at the gates of the big Magic City packing plants, the party going rapidly from one to another of these big institutions.

At noon the campaigners reached the Live Stock exchange. Here the addresses were made in the rotunda, which was crowded with live stock dealers. Judge Sutton spoke first and then Mr. Aldrich was introduced by Jay Laverty.

Mr. Aldrich made a most favorable impression at the exchange and was greeted again and again with rousing cheers.

Several times during the day Mr. Aldrich expressed his confidence not only in victory in the state as a whole, but in a great big vote in Douglas county, a remark which the audience heard with fully justified interest.

Mr. Aldrich was also warmly greeted by his host of friends in South Omaha. The congressional candidate frequently expressed his pleasure at appearing with Mr. Aldrich.

## Missouri Pacific Trainmen to Vote

Ballot on Question of Striking to Aid Machinists to Be Taken Tonight.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 24.—The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen employed by the Missouri Pacific-Northwestern system, it was announced here today, will vote tomorrow night on the question of a sympathetic walkout to aid the machinists and other mechanical unions in their strike. Ballots were sent today to the local unions of the trainmen. It had been announced that the trainmen, beginning today, would not handle cars in the local yards, but the traffic is moving on schedule time.

## COTTON MARKET UNSETTLED

Renewal of Liquidation is the Cause of a Sensational Break in Prices.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—There was a renewal of heavy liquidation in the cotton market today and another sensational break which carried prices from twenty to thirty-five points below the closing figures of January contracts sold at 24.00 cents or about 5.50 points under the high record of the season. The market continued very nervous and unsettled.

## DATE OF HANGING ADVANCED

Murderer of Belle Elmore Will Be Executed in London November Eleventh.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Dr. Hawley Crippen, convicted of the murder of his wife, Belle Elmore, the actress, will be hanged on November 11. The date originally announced was November 10, but today the sheriff advanced the day one week.

## Judge Berka a Candidate for a Carnegie Hero Medal

In a lonely spot on a lonely road in far East Omaha three councilmen on a curious quest a deed of courage saw. A deed that stood their hair on end and shook their unbutton knees and caused the egotistical blood in all their veins to freeze.

Judge Berka, famous man of peace, the orator and sage, took chance that would save the sudden start and equities—a sound, the best of many feet comes whirling on the air. Said Tom McGovern, "What was that?" said Brucher, "Hark, look there!" A mad dog snarled with tail up and ears flat to the breeze came plunging down the lonely road with the harness round his knees.

It was a fearful moment, still and silent stood the three. Then out stepped Louis Berka, bold and boldly, then spoke he.

"I'll save this beast from certain death and stop him in his tracks." He staggered forth, the other two in anguish turned their backs.

On came the horse, but Berka paused and seized a leafy limb from off an old brush heap and held it out in front of him. The horse had doubtless read Macbeth and thought of Dunsinane, at any rate he held his breath and stopped as if in pain. The judge advanced his olive branch extended as a shield, then suddenly he whirled it off and proudly stood revealed. In mingled fear, chagrin, surprise, the horse came to a stand and tried with pleading in his eyes to shake the judge's hand. The judge declined the proffered hand and made the rein secure, well knowing that through all the years his brave deed would endure.

Yes, Andy Carnegie may scoff and hold up his reward, and some may say that hero's deeds must be done with a sword, but I say that the fearless judge, and his silent two, and his city council all, and likewise me and you!

## BETTER POSTAL SERVICE CHEAP

Exact Reduction of Deficit During Fiscal Year Eleven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars.

FACILITIES ARE MUCH IMPROVED

Service Extended as Rapidly as Warranted by Increasing Population.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED NEW OFFICES

Big Increases Are Made in Rural Delivery System.

MANY SALARIES RAISED ALSO

Thousands of New Men Given Employment, Payment for Whose Work Exceeds \$2,500,000 During Year.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Figures, the compilation of which was completed at the Postoffice department today, show that the exact reduction of the postal deficit during the fiscal year ending June 30 last was \$11,500,000. The deficit of the previous fiscal year was \$17,000,000, so that in one year the deficit was brought down to \$4,500,000.

In commenting tonight on the saving of \$11,500,000 last year, Postmaster General Hitchcock said:

"This tremendous saving was made without the curtailment of the postal facilities in any direction. On the contrary, during the year there were many important extensions of such facilities. The department's policy is to extend the service as rapidly as is warranted by increasing population and to accomplish its savings, not by the curtailment of postal facilities, but by handling in a more systematic and business-like manner the constantly expanding volume of the mails."

New Postoffice Established. The tables indicate that in the furtherance of this policy more than 1,500 new post offices, with the necessary officers, employees and equipment, were established during the last fiscal year. Great extensions were made in the rural delivery system, 515 new routes, with a total mileage of 21,255 miles, being put into operation. There were appointed from the eligible list of the Civil Service commission over 1,500 postal clerks to enlarge the working forces of city postoffices and more than 1,000 additional letter carriers. The railway mail service was strengthened by the appointment of about 100 new employees, all of whom were taken from the eligible list of the Civil Service.

The aggregate salaries of the new employees appointed during the year from the civil service list exceeded \$2,500,000.

Salaries increased. The tables compiled also show not only that many new employees were placed on the rolls, but that the department made liberal advances under the terms of the law, in the compensation of employees already in the service. Salaries of postoffice clerks were advanced in the aggregate \$1,750,000, while the aggregate salaries of letter carriers were increased \$1,225,000. Railway mail clerks received increases of salary amounting to almost \$280,000.

Mr. Hitchcock explained that all increased in compensation were based upon a system of efficiency ratings, which was adopted by the department a little more than a year ago. He says the system has had a highly beneficial effect on the service.

"I believe," he said, "that the higher standard of efficiency secured by a proper application of this policy is certain to justify the resulting increases in expense. In my judgment the action of the department in this regard last year was largely responsible for the effective co-operation the department received from its officers and men throughout the country in cutting out wasteful expenditures and in making the postal service generally more efficient."

This hearty co-operation I expect to be continued through this and future years, with the result that we shall have a self-sustaining postal service and a cent letter postage."

## Hundreds Drowned by Tidal Wave

Island of Ischia, Off Coast of Italy, Visited by Great Calamity.

ROME, Oct. 24.—The ministry of the interior this evening received word of a tidal wave at Casamicciola on the Island of Ischia that drowned 700 persons. Communication with the island has been interrupted and verification of the report is impossible.

The ministry of the interior has ordered four men-of-war to hurry to the scene with relief supplies.

Casamicciola is twelve miles southwest of Pozzuoli at the foot of Mount Vesuvius. It was nearly destroyed by an earthquake in July, 1908, when about 1,700 lives were lost. It has since been rebuilt and has a population of about 4,000.

## New York Game Trails



From the Brooklyn Eagle.

## MRS. MOORE WOMEN'S GUEST

Distinguished Officers of National and Other Clubs at Function.

CLUB MEMBERS HONOR LEADER

President of General Federation and Other Dignitaries in Gathering of One Hundred and Fifty at the Henshaw Hotel Monday.

Club women of Omaha, Nebraska and of Iowa, who Monday morning attended the breakfast given by the Omaha Woman's Association in honor of Mrs. Philip N. Moore, general Federation president, received from the president a most enthusiastic message, a clear cut and inspiring report of the work which the women of the country have done and are doing.

The breakfast was held in the Roubidoux of the Henshaw at 10 o'clock Monday morning and included besides members of the Omaha federated organizations, club women from Council Bluffs, South Omaha, Benson, Florence, Dundee, members of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae and the Nurses' association, to the number of 100.

Mrs. M. D. Cameron, president of the Omaha Woman's club, presided most gracefully at the informal and brief after breakfast speechmaking introducing the several club dignitaries, each of whom was received with enthusiasm, and each of whom gave a brief and pleasing talk. Mrs. Harry L. Keefe of Walthill, member of the board of directors of the Federation, spoke of the loyalty which the Omaha club had always shown to the state and also to the general federation and its importance in state work.

Mrs. M. Richards of Waterloo, president of the Iowa Federation, spoke passionately of her impressions of Omaha and Nebraska club women and of the close feeling between the club women of the two states. "It is this spirit of fellowship and loyalty of one club woman to another, one organization to another, which the federation is fostering and promoting among club women of the country," she said. Her talk, however, was distinctly humorous in quality.

Mrs. F. H. Cole speaks. Mrs. Frederick H. Cole, the Nebraska president, was received with enthusiasm, but spoke most briefly and only introduced the general Federation president.

Mrs. Moore, who has a quiet but most effective manner of speaking, gave a concise but enthusiastic exposition of what the clubwomen of the country have accomplished, are accomplishing and aim to accomplish. "Co-operation," she said, "is the birthright of the federation today. We are not scattering our forces, but dividing them according to the interests of the different women included in our organization, that is, the women interested in literature, art, civics and philanthropy."

The platform of the federation is the

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## Six Billion Feet of Timber Burned in the Northwest

Damage to National Forests in Montana and Idaho is Estimated at Fifteen Million Dollars.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Six billion board feet of lumber, valued at about \$15,000,000 were destroyed in the recent forest fires in the national forests in Montana and northern Idaho.

The total area burned over in this one district was put at 1,200,000 acres.

The first rough estimate of the loss in the district was completed today by officials of the government forest service. It shows that the heaviest losses were in two Idaho forests, the Coeur d'Alene, where 2,000,000 board feet of timber was killed or destroyed and more than 400,000 acres burned over; and the Clear Water, where 1,000,000 board feet was killed and 300,000 acres burned over.

It is believed that last summer's fires either burned or killed between 1 and 2 per cent of the total stand of forest timber. At the present rate of cutting from national forests, 6,000,000 feet is equal to twelve years' supply, but it is less than one-sixth of a single year's cut in the entire country, or enough to keep all lumber mills busy for something under two months.

## Higher Tariffs Are Suspended

Commission Will Look Into Proposed Raise of Rates from Middle West to Eastern Points.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Tariffs filed by several western and northwestern railways with the Interstate Commerce commission making advances of freight rates on grain and grain products from the middle west to eastern destinations, have been suspended by the commission pending an inquiry into their reasonableness. All of the tariffs are suspended until March 1. The commission also suspended today a special tariff filed by the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company on commodities from the northwestern points to Chicago.

It was to have become effective on November 1, and was suspended until March 1.

## Will Hitchcock Put It Back?

How They Covered the Deal. Lincoln News (Ind.).

Before Mr. Hitchcock can secure a full verdict of acquittal there are several points it seems he should clear up that he does not do in his answer. Bartley's defection was caused by reason of its inability to promptly collect the money of the state that had loaned out on his own account. It did not actually come from the treasury to the individual, but through the medium of various banks.

The method, as it has been generally understood, was to deposit in a bank in excess of the amount that bank was entitled to receive under the depository bond it had on file. This excess Bartley directed the banking of as he had arranged with individuals of the bank, the interest going to himself. This may or may not have been the case with the loan to Hitchcock. The money he secured from Bartley may have been Bartley's private funds or it may have been money of the state deposited through Bartley for the