

### PACKERS GIVEN TOO LOW FREIGHT RATES

Rail Expert Says Switching Traffic Succeeded in Securing Undue Tariff Preference.

### TRAFFIC BUREAU IS EFFECTIVE

CHICAGO, March 13.—Assertions that six or seven large packing houses had combined to obtain from the railroads special advantages in the shipping of fresh meats, that the patronage of the packers was shifted from road to road until the advantages were granted and that in consequence the railroads were required to carry packing house products at inadequate rates were made today at the Interstate Commerce commission's hearing of the forty-one western railroads' petition for higher rates.

F. A. Leland of St. Louis, chairman of the southwestern tariff committee, made the plea in behalf of the railroads before Commissioner W. M. Daniels. An array of attorneys for the packers from Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha and Fort Worth, Tex., was present to oppose the rate increase asked by the railroads, which on meats amounts generally to 3 1/2 cents a hundred pounds.

### Traffic Bureau is Effective.

"The rates on packing house products always have been too low, considering the character of the traffic, the nature of the service demanded and the value of the commodity handled," testified Mr. Leland. "The traffic is peculiar. Other classes of freight are obtained from widely distributed shippers. A railroad can get a carload here and a carload there and in all obtain a large tonnage. But with the packing house products it is different. For the entire tonnage is controlled by six or seven large packing firms. These packers have always demanded and received the highest class of service and the lowest rates. They have always maintained the most efficient traffic organization, and if any carrier fails to give preferred service the traffic is taken away from it.

### Service is Expensive.

"Rates on these packing house products are far below what they should be and below rates on other commodities of the same class. The traffic requires quick service in shipment. Cans of excessive weight. It is of a perishable nature and about three tenths of an inch must be carried. Cans must be stopped, in transit, for re-filling. The traffic, therefore, is of an expensive nature.

"The proposed advance of 2 1/2 cents a hundred pounds could not be reflected in the price of meat to the consumer. It amounts to only one-thirty-third of a cent per pound. Packers generally changed the price 1/2 of a cent a pound at a time, or 3 1/2 cents per 100 pounds."

Packing houses were represented by S. H. Cowan, Fort Worth, Tex.; Thomas Owen of the Cudahy Packing company; J. J. McMan, Omaha, and W. F. Lamb and Luther M. Walter, Chicago.

### British Troops Move Four Miles in Vicinity of Nuevo Chappelle

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) LONDON, March 13.—At harbor entrance and other strategic points around the British Isles the admiralty has set a line of submarine traps to catch underwater craft engaged in blockading England. Reports are that three submarines were caught during the first ten days of the blockade, but confirmation is lacking.

The traps set for submarines are not mines. They will hold up to 100 tons. Submarine iron frames ten feet square, three frames joined, are sunk to a depth of thirty feet, suspended from immense buoys. The submarine is a blind thing under water, steering by chart and compass. Entering one of these frames, the sides are caught, causing the lower frame to buckle upward. Thus held the craft is in the position of a fish floundering in a net and its occupants are doomed.

From time to time British sailors visit the buoys and inspect the frames much as a fisherman would look after his net. If the report that three submarines have been caught is correct, those who suspected the traps must have brought to the surface something which only the modern war with its modern equipment could have furnished—crows of dead men asphyxiated at their posts in their cramped boat.

### AGGIE DEBATING TEAMS WIN ON HOME PLATFORMS

AMES, Ia., March 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Iowa State college, Michigan Agricultural college and Purdue university all had last night in a triangular debate on the question, "The federal government should more rapidly assume the navy than at present." Each institution won on its home platform.

### Graduation Contest Results.

DENVER, Ia., March 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Results of historical contest: Original class, first, Ankon Strandsberg, Princeton; second, Wayne Leppas, Danbury. Dramatic class, first, Frances Boyd, Denison; second, Vivian Ellen, Jefferson. Humorous class, first, Genevieve Hyde, Ia. Grove; second, Alice Blinn, Denison. Judges, Zeff, Meredith, Boone, Ericson, Council Bluffs, and Green, La. Sa.

### ITALY FEARS IT HAS DALLIED

Afraid Allies Will Reject Its Aid Because of the Long Delay.

### AUSTRIA HOLDS TO ITS LAND

ROME (via Paris), March 13.—The Italian government continues to maintain silence regarding negotiations reported to be under way with Austria concerning territorial concessions. Nothing has been added to the semi-official announcement that Italy has instituted no negotiations but simply has listened to proposals emanating from Germany through that country's ambassador, Prince von Buelow.

There are persistent reports in Rome that Austria has refused absolutely to ever discuss the possible cession of Trieste and would concede only a small part of the province of Trent.

The assertion is made in military circles that Italy is now prepared for any eventuality.

It is apparent to close observers that the situation for Italy is daily becoming more complicated. The argument is being made with persistence that it must soon reach a definite decision as to what course it will follow. The case of Greece is being referred to, its assistance, even if offered, might not now be accepted by the allies, and the same thing might happen in the case of Italy, some Italian observers believe, if it responded to join the allies when its help was no longer necessary. Consequently a certain section of the public is today urging the government to throw in its lot with the allies while there is yet time and opportunity.

Preclude to Dividing Turkey. The possible dividing of the Dardanelles by the naval forces of the allies is regarded here as a prelude to the partition of Turkey. It is imperative, according to this faction, that Italy have a voice in any such political division, but this could not appear if it entered any agreement with the Entente allies concerning Trent and Trieste.

No official announcement yet has been made concerning the intention of the Italian government in this regard. The nearest approach to any definite indication is found in the following paragraph in the Giornale d'Italia:

"Italy can do no cost allow its position as a world power to be lessened at the conclusion of peace. It cannot permit its national aspirations to be turned aside or its interests to suffer. This is the will of the people and it must be the program. No unjustifiable weakness can be allowed."

Prince Von Buelow, the German ambassador, is continuing his active propaganda, the purpose of which is to induce Italy to stand by Germany. He is assuring the Quirinal that Germany undoubtedly will be successful in prevailing upon Austria-Hungary to satisfy the Italian claims. These date back to the war of 1866, when the Venetian provinces were ceded by Italy, and it is the first time they have been recognized in Berlin.

### Policy of Allies Diplomats.

Princess Von Buelow is a member of a well known Italian family. She and her husband have been giving a series of receptions and dinners, to which senators and deputies, and even members of the cabinet have been invited. To this campaign the diplomatic representatives of the allies are opposing a policy radically different in its outer manifestations. They are not endeavoring to exert pressure upon Italy to induce it to change its attitude. They do, however, call attention to the way in which the situation has changed since last October. The picture today, as they are constantly presenting it, is that Great Britain has 1,000,000 men on the continent; France has organized its reserves; the Turco-German attack on Egypt evidently has come to failure; the blockade against Great Britain has been of questionable success, and the forcing of the Dardanelles, with the consequent occupation of Constantinople, is proceeding satisfactorily.

### German War Office Reports Defeat of Britons and French

BERLIN, March 13.—(By Wireless to Special Telegram.)—The German official report today on the progress of the war reads as follows:

"To the south of Ypres isolated British attacks were easily repulsed. Our movement for the recapture of the village of Nuevo Chappelle began successfully, but there, after encountering a superior British force, for this reason it was not continued.

"The British in this locality have been showing great aerial activity. The day before yesterday one and yesterday two British aviators were brought down by German fire.

"In the Champagne district there has been a removal of fighting at isolated places. All the attacks made by the French have been repulsed, the enemy losses heavily. Two hundred French soldiers were taken prisoners. Fog and snow have hampered the operations in the Vosges.

"The Russians have retreated from the Augustowo district and the country to the westward, until they are beyond the Bole river and under the guns of Groden. At a point northeast of Prasnayev, near the Ozevo river, a Russian attack has been repulsed."

### Bayanna Bonds Registered.

LINCOLN, March 13.—(Special.)—State Auditor Smith has registered \$20,000 worth of sewer bonds for the village of Bayanna.

### THAW NOT GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY

Motion to Have Him Returned to Matteawan as Insane Person to Be Argued Monday.

### OTHER DEFENDANTS RELEASED

NEW YORK, March 13.—Harry Kendall Thaw was acquitted today of conspiracy in escaping from the Matteawan asylum August 17, 1913, the charge upon which he was brought back to New York from New Hampshire. Roger Thompson, Richard J. Butler, Eugene Duffy and Thomas Flood, the four men who assisted him in his spectacular flight by automobile from Matteawan to Canada, likewise were acquitted.

The jury had labored all night and until 12:20 o'clock this afternoon. As soon as the verdict was announced Thaw was given into the custody of Sheriff Grifenhagen of New York county. The four co-defendants were discharged.

### Ask Return to New Hampshire.

A motion to have Thaw committed to Matteawan asylum as an insane person was made by Deputy Attorney General Cook immediately after the jury had rendered its verdict. This motion was combated by Thaw's counsel, who announced that inasmuch as Thaw was brought here on the conspiracy charge and found not guilty, he should be returned to the state of New Hampshire as a sane man.

Formal motion that he be so returned was then made by Thaw's lawyers. Justice Page announced that he would hear arguments on this motion next Monday afternoon, March 15. In the meantime Thaw was remanded to the Tombs.

Shortly before the jury's verdict was announced the court room was thrown into an uproar by a passage between Sheriff Grifenhagen and John Lanyon, a detective employed by the attorney general's office. Lanyon struck Grifenhagen in the face and was placed under arrest for contempt of court by Justice Page's order.

### McKelvie Thinks Dodge's Criticism Not Well Founded

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, March 13.—(Special.)—Former Lieutenant Governor McKelvie, who was the subject of much roasting in the senate at the hands of Senator Dodge of Douglas, yesterday, was at the state house this morning, smiling as ever, it being evident that he had not worried very much over the "castigation" which he received for alleged tie-ups with the people of Omaha as charged by Dodge, who said that in appointing the committee the lieutenant governor had consulted the "interests."

Lieutenant Governor McKelvie looked up the records of the last session and discovered that the members appointed on the committee to look into the Omaha gas proposition were Busbee, Saunders and Olla, and he does not believe that anybody cast any reflections on either of the three members.

"Senator Dodge goes off half cocked," said Mr. McKelvie, "that really not much credence should be given his utterances. He was noted in that session as being unreliable in his arguments and therefore I don't think anybody will take much stock in any charge he may make against anybody."

### Record of the Bills Now in the Senate

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, March 13.—(Special.)—Of the 26 bills which were introduced in the senate, according to Colonel Gus Deschner, official bookkeeper, 13 have passed and seventy have been killed up to adjournment Friday noon.

There are still sixty-two in the hands of the committees and twenty-seven on the general file. There are eight on the third reading board to be considered.

There have been received from the house 110 bills, of which forty-three have passed the senate and two have been killed.

### Four British Ships Reported Destroyed in the Dardanelles

BERLIN, March 13.—(By Wireless to Special Telegram.)—The Overseas News Agency today gave out the following:

"A Netherlands news agency, with headquarters at The Hague, has received a dispatch from Athens saying that in the fighting in the Dardanelles straits, two British torpedo boat destroyers and two mine sweepers had been destroyed, while also two battleships have been disabled."

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### England Sets Traps To Catch German Undersea Vessels

PARIS, March 13.—The advance of the British troops in the vicinity of Nuevo Chappelle is estimated at about four miles, in a dispatch reaching here today from Bethune. The Germans are declared to have been forced back beyond the forest. This advance of the British includes their various forward movements since the beginning of their activities at this point.

"The bombardment with which the British preceded their attack on Nouve Chappelle and Aubers was particularly effective," telegraphs the Matin's correspondent at Arrmentieres. "Their work was so good around Lille that the German headquarters was moved from that city to Journal, forbidding a general withdrawal of troops.

"The Germans lost very heavily in the fighting, for the Canadians fought with magnificent bravery. Their success overwhelmed them with joy. All the soldiers

coming back from the front are beaming with pleasure and singing cheerily.

"One thousand German prisoners were taken. Several hundred of these, including some officers who were captured at Merville, were lodged temporarily on canal barges on the Lys. The German officers are unbending and are trying hard to maintain their confident attitude. The men are a mixture of very old and very young. They seem depressed and are a sad sight. Their well-worn uniforms are bespattered with mud.

"The battle continued on Thursday as fiercely as ever. The British do not disclose their confidence in their ability to make a prompt clearance to the northward."

### COUNT ZEPPELIN NOW BECOMES GRANDFATHER

BERLIN (via London), March 13.—A son has just been born to Count and Countess Brandenstein-Zepplin.

The countess is the only daughter of Count Zepplin, inventor of the Zepplin dirigible balloon. At the time of her marriage, the king of Wurttemberg conferred upon her husband, Baron von

Brandenstein, the title of count, with the name Brandenstein-Zepplin. This the name of Zepplin is borne by a descendant of the inventor, although he has no son.

### Author Sings New Missouri Song

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 13.—Missouri's state building was dedicated today at the Panama-Pacific International exposition with the singing of the prize song, "Missouri," as the feature of an elaborate program.

Mrs. Lizzie Chambers Hull, winner of the \$1,000 prize offered by Governor Huley of Missouri for the most acceptable state song, was the soloist.

Timothy L. Ford, president of the Missouri Society of California, presided.

### FREDERICK AND CURLEE WIN IN ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 13.—Complete returns today from the primary election held yesterday made certain the nomination of A. H. Frederick for president of

the board of aldermen on the republican ticket by more than 2,300 plurality.

Francis M. Curlee, defeated Adam Wackman for the democratic nomination. Curlee received 17,344 votes and Wackman 4,064.

Both Frederick and Curlee were recommended by the Municipal Voters' league.

Thomas speaks at Washon. LINCOLN, March 13.—(Special.)—State Superintendent Thomas went to Washon today to speak at a meeting of the school boards of Saunders county.

Department Orders. WASHINGTON, March 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Margaret E. McKim was appointed postmaster at Wendie, Stanley county, South Dakota, vice Bertha Gonsky, resigned.

Civil service examination will be held on April 19 at Bassett for postmaster at Carns, Neb. Postoffice at Verdi, Washington county, Iowa, has been discontinued; mail to Washington.

### Danish Vessel Ashore.

LONDON, March 13.—The wireless station at Fair Isle, one of the Shetland islands, Scotland, reports that the Danish steamer Cadia from Newport News on February 24 for Christiania, ran ashore near the Seaddon Lighthouse. The crew was landed.

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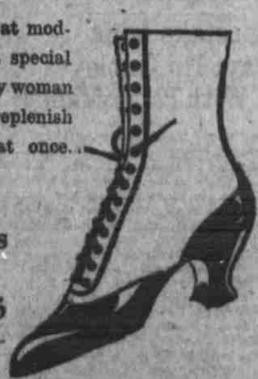
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