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COMMERCE BOARD TO REOPEN HENRY RAIL RATE CASE

Nebraska Commission Receives Letter Admitting Number of Errors Made in the Interstate Ruling.

SHAFT OF CRITICISM FELT

Covers Ruling on Burlington Rates from Henry to Omaha.

ANOTHER CHANCE IS GIVEN

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Sept. 5.—(Special.)—From a letter received by the State Railway commission from E. E. Clark, one of the members of the Interstate Commerce commission, it is evident that the Nebraska state commission rather than the better of the national commission in its recent criticism of the latter relative to the order of the national commission in the Burlington railway stock case covering charges for freight on stock from Henry to Omaha. The case will be reopened and a rehearing given.

Mr. Clark of the interstate commission admits errors in the Interstate Commerce commission decision and explains that "the statement that the defendant's system earnings for the year ending June 30, 1914, averaged 3.42 mills per ton-mile should be per gross ton-mile and should have been stated to apply only on live stock for the entire system."

Admits Other Errors.

The commissioner acknowledged other errors which he admits are "annoying" and says "I pass over your criticism of the policy of the Interstate Commerce commission by simply saying that the members of your commission are in error in assuming or thinking that this commission has any disposition to be arbitrary in the performance of its duty in these unpleasant classes of cases which involve unjust discrimination as between state and interstate rates. We have a duty to perform and would be unworthy of the positions which we occupy if we hesitated from performing that duty according to the law and our honest convictions."

To Reopen Case. "In view of the fact that your commission was not advised of the proceedings in the Torrington case and of the inadvertent errors relative to the ton-mile earnings, I shall bring the matter to the attention of my colleagues promptly with a recommendation that the case be reopened and your commission given every opportunity to present evidence and argument for or against the matter."

Twenty Millions In Gold Bars from Europe Via Halifax

New York, Sept. 5.—Gold bars valued at between \$22,000,000 and \$25,000,000 were deposited at the assay office Sunday and yesterday by J. P. Morgan & Co., it was learned today. The gold came from Canada and, according to report, arrived at Halifax recently under convoy of British warships. Canada's gold shipments to this country for the present movement now exceed \$25,000,000.

Young Doctor Dies of Infantile Paralysis

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 5.—Dr. Earle Peck, first assistant resident physician at the municipal hospital here, who had attended hundreds of children stricken with infantile paralysis, died today from the same disease. He was taken ill last Friday and steadily grew worse, despite heroic efforts made by other physicians to save his life. He was 24 years old.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Unsettled.

Hourly Temperatures at Omaha.

5 a. m.	68
6 p. m.	68
7 a. m.	70
8 a. m.	72
9 a. m.	77
10 a. m.	80
11 a. m.	82
12 m.	82
1 p. m.	87
2 p. m.	89
3 p. m.	89
4 p. m.	89
5 p. m.	88
6 p. m.	84

Comparative Local Record.

1916	1915	1914	1913
Highest temperature	92	88	100
Lowest temperature	62	72	76
Mean temperature	75	74	84
Precipitation	2.0	0.0	0.0

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1, and compared with the last two years.

Normal temperature	59
Excess for the day	23
Total excess since March 1	294
Normal precipitation	10 inch
Excess for the day	1.16 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	12.61 inches
Deficiency since March 1	9.12 inches
Deficiency for one period, 1915	16 inch
Deficiency for one period, 1914	2.16 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 p. m.

Station	State of Temp.	High-Rain-	Weather	7 p. m.	not. fall.
Cheyenne, Wyo.	64	92	T		
Davenport, Ia.	68	82	T		
Denver, Colo.	64	84	T		
Des Moines, Ia.	69	84	T		
Dodge City, Kan.	68	84	T		
Lander, Part cloudy	73	82	T		
North Platte, Neb.	84	82	T		
Omaha, cloudy	74	82	T		
Omaha, Part cloudy	74	82	T		
Rocky City, Mo.	80	80	T		
Salt Lake City, cloudy	74	74	T		
Sioux Falls, S. D.	78	82	T		
Sheridan, Wyo.	78	82	T		
Sioux City, clear	85	84	T		
Valentine, clear	78	84	T		

"T" indicates trace of precipitation.

BRITISH MAKE MORE GAINS ALONG SOMME

Strong German Defenses On front of Thousand Yards at Falfemont Farm Taken.

COUNTER ATTACKS FAIL

London, Sept. 5.—British troops in battles last night in the region of the Somme river in France increased their gains in the neighborhood of Guillemont, says the British official statement, issued this afternoon.

The British forces pushed forward to 1,500 yards east of Guillemont village and secured a hold on the Leuze wood.

Further south, a strong German system of defense on a front of 3,000 feet around Falfemont farm was captured.

The official announcement says the fighting on the Somme since September 3 has resulted in the capture by the British of the whole of the German line of defenses on the battle front from the Moquet farm to the point where the British line joins the French.

The official statement says: "During the night we increased our gains in the neighborhood of Guillemont. In spite of the enemy's stubborn resistance and an unceasing deluge of rain, our troops pushed forward to 1,500 yards east of Guillemont village and have obtained a footing in the Leuze wood.

"Farther south, after severe fighting the whole of the enemy's strong system of defense on a front of 1,000 yards in and around Falfemont has fallen into our hands."

German Attacks Repulsed.

Paris, Sept. 5.—Vigorous counter attacks were made by the Germans north of the Somme last night in an effort to regain ground taken in the new drive of the French. The war office announced today that the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses.

The German assaults north of the Somme were delivered between Comblès and Forest. South of the river unsuccessful blows were struck by the Germans east of Bellou. In these operations the French took 100 prisoners.

The activities of the French are again being hindered by bad weather, which prevailed all night over the whole Somme front. The French are organizing their newly won ground.

French Take Many Villages.

The capture of Soyecourt and Chilly by the French yesterday makes a total of twenty-nine villages taken since the start of the offensive on the Somme front. The positions wrested from the Germans yesterday were powerfully organized.

At Barleux, one of the strongest positions on this front, repeated direct attacks were unsuccessful and the French finally resorted to a turning movement, attacking to the southwest. The Germans counter attacked no less than six times yesterday in a desperate effort to regain lost ground.

Battle Line Eighteen Miles.

Berlin, Sept. 5.—(Via London.)—The great battle on the Somme front in France, says the official statement issued by the German army headquarters today, continues. South of the river the Germans are defending themselves on a front eighteen miles wide, which the entente allies are storming. The loss of the village of Chilly by the Germans is conceded.

Capture of Falfemont Farm.

With the British armies in France, Sept. 5.—(Via London.)—Despite their continued counter attacks yesterday when they advanced in waves, shoulder to shoulder, in defense of this chosen strategic point, the Germans had to yield Falfemont farm this morning. The British had closed around it in the darkness and dawn found the survivors of the garrison raked with machine gun fire. In a hopeless situation, plastered with mud after a night of cold and heavy rain, and having gone two days without sleep, they put up the white flag.

Meanwhile a British battalion, finding little opposition on its own initiative, pressed on through the mud and the shell crater and gained the edge of Leuze wood, which carried them past Ginchy, where the Germans are fortified amid the ruins with nests of machine guns.

The British gain since Sunday is more than a mile in depth. Irish troops of the new army enlisted through the efforts of John Redmond and other nationalist leaders, distinguished themselves by taking Guillemont. They rounded up numerous prisoners in dugouts and swept forward toward their objective with characteristic dash.

As a result of two days' work, the British, in case they decide to make no further advance this year, command all the ridges of the battle front from Thiepval south, except around Ginchy. This means, as one British officer said, that "the Germans would have to dance to our tune through the winter."

Opposition to Webb Bill is Developing

Washington, Sept. 5.—Opposition to the Webb bill to permit American firms to operate collective selling agencies abroad which was developed in the senate, threatens to delay adjournment of congress if the bill is pressed. Opposition is promised from both sides of those who fear it might prevent the sale of American goods in foreign lands except through a foreign selling monopoly.

Webb Bill Dropped For This Season

Washington, D. C., Sept. 5.—Administration leaders said today that Senators La Follette, republican, and Reed, democrat, had forced them to abandon hope of passing the Webb bill to permit American collective selling agencies in foreign countries. Senator La Follette gave notice he would filibuster the bill to death.

BULGARS SWEEP INTO ROUMANIA, GAIN SUCCESSES

Invasion Results in Defeat of Defending Forces, Hundred Being Left Dead on the Battle Field.

RUSSIANS FIGHTING THERE

Sofia Report Says Several Towns in Dobrudja Occupied by the Invaders.

RUSS AND BULGARS CLASH

London, Sept. 5.—(12:40 p. m.)—The first day's fighting on Roumanian soil due to the invasion of Dobrudja by Bulgarians and Germans, is said by the Bulgarian war office to have resulted in the retreat of the Roumanians, who left hundreds of dead on the field. As previously reported by the German war office, the invaders crossed the entire Dobrudja frontier and occupied towns near the border. The statement issued in Sofia on Sunday says:

"On our northern front our armies on Saturday crossed the entire Dobrudja frontier, energetically driving back the advanced detachments of the enemy. We occupied Kurburner after fighting, in which we took prisoners 165 men and two officers. The enemy fled, leaving on the field hundreds of dead, as well as a great number of rifles and a quantity of material. One of our columns occupied Akkadunian. The march forward is proceeding on the whole line.

"On the Macedonian front there was little activity. We repulsed weak attacks north of Lake Ostrovo and in the Moglenica valley.

"A hostile fleet bombarded the fortifications north of Kavala. Enemy aeroplanes dropped bombs on the villages of Stavrovo and Hazurati and on Amgista station. Several inhabitants, including women and children, were killed."

Russ and Bulgars Clash.

Petrograd, Sept. 5.—(Via London.)—Russians and Bulgarians are fighting in Roumania, the war office announced today, and that the first clash between the Bulgarians, who have invaded eastern Roumania, and the Russians, who went in to assist Roumania, occurred yesterday. A Bulgarian cavalry outpost was sabred by Russian cavalry.

Thursday Will Be Omaha Day at the Nebraska State Fair

All eyes are now centered on Lincoln, for the Omaha day at the state fair.

Thursday of this week is Omaha day. A score of organizations in the city, business, fraternal and civic, are working to get up large representations to go to the state fair on this day. The various organizations have sent out postcards to their membership asking for replies as to who will go, so that some idea may be gained as to how many to expect. The cards are all to come back to the bureau of publicity. Quite a collection of these has already come in, although most of them are expected to come in the mails by Wednesday.

Bandit Robs Box Office of Theater at Oklahoma City

Oklahoma City, Okl., Sept. 4.—While comic opera held the stage at a local theater last night, stronger scenes were enacted in the office of the house manager, H. W. McCall. He and G. Hoag, manager of the show, had just completed counting \$400, the day's receipts, when a masked bandit entered the room and at the point of a revolver relieved them of the cash. As he backed through the doorway the revolver was discharged, and in the ensuing excitement the robber dashed through the balcony aisles to a fire escape exit and disappeared.

Bryan Will Hunt Prairie Chickens

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 5.—William J. Bryan completed his season's work on the chautauqua platform and will leave this evening for a two weeks' vacation, after which he will devote his time to the campaign in the interest of President Wilson. Mr. Bryan will spend two days hunting prairie chickens in western Nebraska and then visit his son in Arizona. Beginning September 18, Mr. Bryan will enter the campaign at the service of the democratic national committee, reserving the last week for speech-making in Nebraska.

Frisco Artist Wins Electrical Prize For Best Poster

New York, Sept. 5.—First prize of \$1,000 in the nation-wide art competition conducted by the Society for Electrical Development to stimulate the study of poster art in American schools, was won by Harold Von Schmidt of San Francisco, it was announced here today. Nearly 800 artists in many cities entered designs. Those of the winners will feature "America's electrical week" celebration beginning December 2, throughout the country. Prize winners included Harold H. Kolb of Somerville, Mass.; William E. McKee, jr., of Hollywood, Cal.; Ruth M. Jameson of Buffalo and Edna E. Crowley of Chicago.

RUSSIAN GENERAL STAFF AT SALONICI—Here is the first picture to reach this country of the officers commanding the Russian troops recently landed at Salonici to aid the allies in the Balkan campaign. The picture was deleted by the censor.



RUSSIAN GENERAL STAFF AT SALONICA

DEMAND THAT STATE TAKE OVER ROADS

British Labor Unions Take Definite Step for Nationalization of Rail Lines.

ASK FOR LABOR MINISTRY

Birmingham, England, Sept. 5.—A determined stand for nationalization of the railroads of Great Britain was taken today by the Trades Union congress, representing nearly 2,500,000 men. The congress demanded acquisition of the railroads by the state and a voice in their control for the workers. The project for the creation of a ministry of labor also was approved by a large majority.

Assertions made by David Lloyd George, secretary for war, that workers were not doing all that they should were denounced unanimously and it was pointed out that 90 per cent of the soldiers in the trenches were working men.

The congress registered a strong protest against sending soldiers to work in factories unless they are placed on the same footing as civilians in regard to treatment and wages.

Rail Employees Not Put On Eight-Hour Basis to Fight Law

Chicago, Sept. 5.—Employees of the railroads other than the members of the four brotherhoods are to make a determined fight upon the Adamson eight-hour law, according to Robert Frattino, an employee of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad, here today. He claimed to have secured many signers to a petition to congress protesting against the law. Mr. Frattino will leave for Pittsburgh today and, following a visit to Philadelphia and New York, will go to Washington to present his petition to congress. He claims the new law only affects 400,000 men and ignores 1,500,000 other railroad employees.

Zeppelin Damaged By British Gunfire

London, Sept. 5.—That another Zeppelin airship was badly damaged in the raid on the English southeastern counties Saturday night in addition to the one destroyed was indicated in an official statement given out this afternoon by the government press bureau. It said:

"An important part of an enemy airship was picked up in the eastern counties. The ship undoubtedly suffered severe damage from gun fire." King George today awarded the Victoria Cross to Lieutenant William Leef Robinson of the Royal Flying corps for bringing down a Zeppelin while the airship was approaching London Saturday night.

Admiral Peary's Crocker Land Is Demonstrated to Be Mirage

New York, Sept. 5.—Ensign Fitzhugh Green, U. S. N., who accompanied Donald B. MacMillan in 1913 on his expedition in search of "Crocker land," reached here today on the Danish steamship United States from Copenhagen. He confirmed previous reports that "Crocker land" does not exist.

Green said he accompanied MacMillan on his three months' trip from Cape Thomas Hubbard, where their ship was disabled, out over the Polar sea toward where Rear Admiral Peary claimed to have seen Crocker land.

Peary, according to Green, claimed to have made his observations about 130 miles from the Greenland coast. Ensign Green will go to Washington Monday to report his observations to the Navy department.

Objection Made To Military Burial Of Zeppelin Crew

London, Sept. 5.—The proposal that the crew of the destroyed German airship be given a military funeral in England has aroused some opposition. The Evening Star says:

"It is unfortunate that the British official mind is so utterly out of touch with the public mind. It is perhaps not too late to reconsider this egregious official blunder and to give these baby-killers a plain, decent funeral such as would be given, say, to an English working man, who after a long life in honest industry unfortunately dies in the workhouse."

When the alarm that Zeppelins were approaching was given in London on Saturday night Lieutenant Robinson immediately ascended in his aeroplane. Several times the searchlights revealed his plane flying around in search of a Zeppelin. At last in the darkness he picked up an airship, which a moment later stood out boldly in the glare of several searchlights. Lieutenant Robinson made his attack at close range. The Zeppelin attempted to elude him by sending out great clouds of smoke. It disappeared in the clouds, but Robinson kept up the pursuit and soon saw the Zeppelin burst into flames.

The lieutenant flew away safely and descending to a lower level signaled that he had accomplished his task. Within ten minutes he was down and was telephoning his report to headquarters. Then he entered an automobile and hastily drove to the scene of the wreck.

Mail for Filipino Islands Will Go on Army Transports

Washington, Sept. 5.—Arrangements to forward mails to the Philippines by army transport, announced yesterday in San Francisco, were followed here today by official announcement that mails for the United States postal agency at Shanghai no longer would be dispatched through Vancouver, B. C. The purpose, ostensibly, is to remove the mails from possibility of British interference.

The decision to carry mails to the Philippines on army transports involves the State and War departments and the Postoffice department. Officials of all were reticent today to talk about the plan.

Sue to Recover Money Invested in Land

Thomas H. Matters was again made defendant in an action in district court Tuesday afternoon, when Esther A. Zabriske and Edgar A. Zabriske filed a suit against him, asking \$7,666. According to the petition, Mr. Matters represented himself to them as the owner of 51,875 acres of land in Warren, Cannon, DeKalb and Putnam counties in Tennessee. On the strength of his argument that he was a company to market this land the plaintiffs purchased 100 shares of stock, they allege. Deeds and stock certificates in other companies are involved in the request for judgment.

Slayer of Bride Says He Attempted Suicide

Chicago, Sept. 5.—Maurice Pettit, accused of the murder of his young bride, was not trying to escape from officers when he leaped from a speeding train near Michigan City, Ind., last Sunday, according to his own statement. He was trying to get away from his own "material existence," he told physicians at the hospital, where he is recovering from his injuries. "I was trying to kill myself," he said today. "I wanted to join my wife on her spiritual plane."

Opening of Boston Schools is Postponed

Boston, Sept. 5.—The opening of the schools of this city was today postponed from next Monday to September 25 on account of the infantile paralysis situation. Since July 15 sixty-nine cases of infantile paralysis have been reported here, while thus far there have been 280 cases in the state.

BOLD STROKE AT BLACKLIST OF ALLIED POWERS

Proposed Amendments to Revenue Bill Said to Be Equivalent to Nonintercourse Act.

DIPLOMATS ARE ALARMED

Move Regarded as Preliminary to Possible Far-Reaching Commercial War.

MAY STOP MAIL SEIZURES

Washington, Sept. 5.—Drastic amendments to the revenue bill striking at the allied blacklist and British interferences with American mails were adopted today by the senate and created consternation among the diplomatic representatives of the allies.

In allied quarters it was declared that the enactment of the amendments into law would constitute nothing less than a nonintercourse act, preliminary to a commercial warfare, with possibilities of far-reaching consequences.

Until the retaliatory amendments become law with the president's signature the allies technically have nothing to protest about, but there are assurances that representations will be made if the amendments stay in the bill.

Inasmuch as the government had decided in a course of legislation to meet the restraints on commerce which diplomatic correspondence have been unable to remove it is expected the amendments will be put through. Administration leaders, who have connections with the government's foreign policy, made no attempt to stay their adoption.

Will Withhold Clearance.

An amendment to the revenue bill authorizing the president during a war in which the United States is not engaged to withhold clearance from all vessels which discriminate against American shippers; to withhold privileges from ships of such nations as withhold privileges accorded to other nations from American ships and to use the army and navy if necessary to prevent departure of offending vessels from United States ports, was adopted today by the senate.

To Deny Use of Mails.

An amendment of Senator Phelan of California was adopted authorizing the president by proclamation to deny the use of the mails, express, telegraph, wireless or cable facilities to citizens of nations which do not accord to Americans all facilities of commerce, "including the unhampered traffic in the mails." The amendment, it was declared, was aimed particularly at British interference with American mails.

The Chamberlain amendment, prohibiting admission of halibut and salmon into the United States except when in bond from an American port also was adopted. The amendment is directed against Canadian fisheries on the Pacific and to urge development of the American fisheries there.

Commission Section Amended.

An amendment to the tariff commission section by Senator Gallinger was adopted, broadening the commission's powers so that it shall observe the effect of tariff laws on industry and labor and also observe the effect of "economic alliances." An amendment by Senator Sterling directing the commission to investigate the cost of production here and abroad was rejected.

Professor Siebert Killed in Air Fight

Berlin, Sept. 5.—(Via London.)—Prof. Siebert, several years ago an exchange professor in the United States, was killed recently in an aerial action over the western front. The following day the Belgian victor dropped a bouquet of roses for the funeral with the inscription: "A Belgian aviator's homage to a foe defeated in aerial battle."

Gil Anderson is Expected to Recover

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 5.—Gil Anderson of Minneapolis, whose racing car went into a fence at the Sharonville speedway yesterday was pronounced in a serious, but not necessarily dangerous, condition early today. Anderson sustained a broken leg and multiple bruises. Bert Shields, Anderson's mechanic, probably suffered a fracture of the spine. Physicians hold out slight hopes of his recovery.

Sheldon Man Kills Wife and Himself

Sheldon, Ia., Sept. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cox were found dead in their home at Hartley, Ia., today. Coroner's inquest found that Cox had murdered his wife and shot himself. Cox was fined for beating his wife last week and she had left her home, returning last night to get her clothes.

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