

Brief City News

Platinum Wedding Rings—Edholm. Mrs. East... The Council, 10... at Gary's... was 1917.

City Opens Bids—The city council opened bids for coal, lumber, printing, stationery, building material and other supplies for 1917.

Northwestern Local Service Reopened—Effective at once, all Iowa local trains, which arrived and departed from Council Bluffs, while the Union Pacific bridge was being moved, will from now on arrive and depart from the Omaha Union station.

Get Check and Cash—Sneak thieves Christmas night stole a certificate of deposit for \$600 and \$12 in cash from L. P. Martin, 2110 Davenport street, while he was a guest at the Millard hotel, according to reports made at police headquarters. The certificate is on an Avoca, (Neb.) bank.

Says He Was Strong-Armed—John Noonan, 1413 North Twenty-ninth street, has reported to the police that he was strong-armed by four young men Christmas night just after he got off a street car at Twentieth and Paul streets. He asserts he lost \$20 in cash and a suitcase full of clothes.

Fine Fireplace Goods—Sunderland. Ring for Lou Adams—One of the most substantially remembered county department heads was Louis E. Adams, county surveyor, the employee of whose office presented him with a \$100 diamond ring. Mr. Adams was showing the sparkler to court house Tuesday morning and remarking that it pays to have efficient employees.

Garage Name Changed—The name of the Bertchy garage has been changed to the Bertchy Manufacturing and Engineering company, according to amended articles of incorporation filed with the county clerk. The capital is \$125,000. A. J. P. Bertchy, president, and C. H. Bertchy, secretary, are the officers of the company.

Hit by a Taxi—Joe Diakulo, Union Pacific extra gang laborer, is at St. Joseph's hospital as the result of injuries he suffered Christmas day when he was struck by an automobile driven by Jack Kind, of the Omaha Taxicab company, near the Union Depot. Diakulo was taken to the hospital by Kind. His body and right arm are badly bruised.

Wilson Entertains Friends and Kin at the White House

Washington, Dec. 26.—President Wilson concluded his Christmas celebration at the White House last night with a dinner, at which he entertained a large group of relatives and friends. It was an all-American dinner with delicacies from many parts of the country sent to the president as Christmas presents.

The White House was deluged with telegrams and letters from all over the United States and abroad, wishing Mr. Wilson a Merry Christmas. Many of the messages spoke of hope for peace in Europe. Because congress is in recess, the president will have few engagements during the remainder of the week.

Storm of Criticism Greeted Wilson Note in Land of the Czar

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—(Via London.)—President Wilson's note has called forth from the Russian press and from the nation itself, a torrent of criticisms, partly tolerant and partly sharply adverse, but for the most part maintaining a tone of polite, amiable rejection.

The Associated Press has been informed that the Russian government received the note in the spirit of friendliness in which it was offered, but while appreciating the humanitarian motive which prompted it, will find it impossible at present to suggest any terms which could guarantee a durable peace.

Horrible Spectre of Deficit Haunts Dems

Washington, Dec. 26.—Various different plans suggested for meeting the deficit, it is admitted the government will face at the end of the next fiscal year, are being considered by President Wilson and his cabinet, and it was said today that the president might decide to address congress on the subject as soon as he made up his mind as to how the revenues should be raised. Members of the house ways and means committee already have discussed the problem with Secretary McAdoo and other administration officials. The committee will take it up formally after the holidays.

Williams Released To the Three Eyes

Lincoln, Dec. 26.—Harry Williams, veteran first baseman of the Lincoln Western League club, has been released to Bloomington of the Three-I league, according to announcement tonight at local base ball headquarters. Williams will be succeeded by Ray Schaandt, who comes to Lincoln from Bloomington.

A Hint to the Aged

If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for one or two days, they would recover much more quickly, especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would also be less danger of the cold being followed by any of the more serious diseases.—Advertisement.

The Greatest Pain Killer. Sloan's Liniment goes right to the seat of pain, simply lay it on—you do not have to rub. 25c. At all druggists.—Adv.

RAILROADS MAKE OVER ONE BILLION

Expenses Have Not Kept Pace With Rapid Rise in Receipts, Tables Show.

EAST LINES GET THE CREAM

Washington, Dec. 26.—More than \$1,000,000,000 net income from operations was made by the railroads of the country during the year now closing. The large total is the peak of prosperity in railroad operations, and stands more than one-third higher than the top of 1913, hitherto the banner year.

Statistics gathered by the Interstate Commerce commission, complete for nine months and made the basis for calculation for the entire year, indicate that the total net income from operations will be approximately \$1,098,000,000. For the first nine months of the year complete returns show \$785,558,266. Even this does not represent the full amount, as roads whose income is less than \$1,000,000 are not included.

Estimate Conservative. The estimate—\$1,098,000,000—is regarded by officials as conservative. It makes no allowance for normal increase in business, during the last three months—returns for which are unavailable—but places the income for October, November and December at the same figures as for July, August and September. There is no question, officials say, but that there will be an increase, the only doubt is as to its size.

An analysis of the returns for the first nine months shows a startling increase from January to September, amounting to more than 67 per cent. Thus, net income in January, \$64,915,286, had mounted to \$107,910,814 in September, an increase of nearly \$43,000,000.

Its Chief Items.

For the first nine months of the year, the commission's figures show that the railroads collected \$2,654,829,647, from all sources of operation, the chief items of which were as follows: Freight, \$1,875,019,990; passenger traffic, \$522,103,907; mails, \$45,346,609; express companies, \$65,089,474; incidentals, dining and buffet car service, operation of hotels and restaurants, sale of vending privileges on trains and at stations, parcel rooms at stations, demurrage, storage of freight and baggage, telegraph and telephone wires leased to other companies, operations of grain elevators, etc., \$60,414,597; and all other transportation charges, \$76,067,611. The last item embraces sleeping and parlor car service, freight on milk, which has virtually an express service, switching charges and the operation of special trains.

Record Gross Income.

This total, using the first nine months as a basis, will reach \$3,600,640,502 when the year closes, officials estimate, and without doubt will exceed it. Never before in the history of railroad operations have the roads had so great a gross income.

Expenses have not kept pace with the rapid rise in receipts, although they have measurably increased. From a total of \$1,828,881,269 in January, expenses had increased to \$2,032,353,394 in September, approximately 11 per cent. During that period receipts had increased from \$260,054,306 to \$324,954,301, approximately 25 per cent. The chief items of expense for the nine-month period for which returns are available are as follows:

Maintenance of way, \$320,157,526; maintenance of equipment, \$441,750,069; transportation, \$858,973,536; traffic, \$46,679,422; miscellaneous operations, \$19,904,769; general expenses, including administration, \$61,996,428. All operating expenses totaled \$1,744,160,022.

On the same basis the year's expenses will approximate \$2,346,066,990, leaving net revenue from operations \$1,254,573,512. From the last figure, however, must be deducted the railroads' annual tax bill, approximately \$155,625,546, and bad debts—down on the books as uncollectable revenue—approximately \$965,928, a total of \$156,591,474.

Profits on Every Mile.

About 230,500 miles of railroad were in operation during the year. In the first month the total fell below 230,000; during the latter part of the year it exceeded 230,000. Using 230,000 as an average returns show that for every mile of road operated in the country the railroads will receive this year approximately \$15,655 in gross receipts and a net income of \$4,774, or a little more than 30 per cent of the gross.

Compared with previous earnings, net income for 1916 shows an increase of more than 52 per cent over the fiscal year of 1915, 59 per cent over 1914 and 34 per cent over 1913.

Wide divergence in receipts of the roads in various sections is disclosed. The overburdened railroads of the east have skimmed the cream of the traffic. The congestion at eastern seaports and on almost every eastern road has spelled, in glutted sidings and slow-moving traffic, a flood of revenue, the like of which was undreamed of even a year ago. For every mile of 59,200 in the eastern group more than \$20,000 has been received in revenue and every mile has earned a net income of nearly \$5,900.

Reasons for This.

While to the usual eastward trend of traffic, the great demands of nations at war and the location of most of the country's factories, munitions and otherwise, in the east are attributed as primary causes for this condition, secondary reasons are said to be the eastern roads for the most part have short hauls and traverse densely populated areas. Especially is this noticeable in the revenue from passenger traffic, eastern roads with 59,200 miles having received almost as much in passenger fares as all the rest of the roads in the country put together, with a total of 170,800 miles. The railroads of the south, with 42,600 miles, come next to those of the east in revenue per mile, with \$11,927 about 58 per cent of what the eastern roads receive. Net income on southern roads was approximately \$3,500 per mile. On western roads the revenue per mile was approximately \$11,217, with net income of \$3,614. The western roads, however, show a greater net income, in proportion to re-

British Soldiers in Front Row of Trenches Eat Christmas Plum Pudding Under German Fire

From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press. With the British Armies in France (Via London), Dec. 26.—Christmas has sent a throb of good cheer to all the British armies in the battle lines of France, and wherever a British soldier at his Christmas-dinner today, whether in the front first trenches or in the secluded security of the reserve corps, enthusiastic toasts were offered to king and empire and to the coming New Year, which Britons confidently believe will bring victory to the entente allied cause.

It was a Christmas of bounteous plenty along the British front and the soldiers in the field were joyously immune from the three-course dinners prescribed for the British Isles. Each individual company of the vast army organization had a jubilant Christmas spread and there was much rivalry in the elaborateness of the camp menus.

Every British soldier had an individual plum pudding. Where conditions permitted, as many of the men as possible were relieved from the front line duty for dinner, but in the mid-ditches of the Somme and in other sectors Christmas dinner, steaming hot, was carried up through the communicating trenches, sometimes under the pelting shots, up to the men held by duty at the outposts of war.

Receipts than is shown in any other section.

WESTERN ROADS LEAD.

Percentage of net income to gross receipts was: For the entire country approximately 30 per cent; for eastern and southern roads 29 per cent; for western roads 32 per cent. The difference is attributed by officials to careful administration and to higher tariffs prevalent in the sparsely settled sections of the country than in the east.

Western roads also lead those of all other sections in the amount of taxes paid, \$71,263,601, with eastern roads second with \$62,440,341. The annual taxes of southern roads is placed at \$21,923,604. Eastern roads, however, contracted more bad debts than those of other sections, the showing being: Eastern roads \$445,805, western roads \$367,653, southern roads \$152,570.

The figures show that the American people are traveling more and further than ever before—at least on American railways. Beginning with \$49,865,917 in January the public's monthly passenger fare rose more than 40 per cent to \$70,000,000, slightly surpassing this figure in the holiday months of July and August. In the short month of February passenger receipts slumped to \$46,618,325.

Total Passenger Receipts.

They rose from \$54,253,790 in May to \$61,548,716, when the vacation rush started in June, and to \$70,185,753 at its height in July, receding to \$66,586,472 in September, the last month for which complete returns are available. Officials assert that passenger receipts for the remaining three months probably will fall below those of September, but normal increases in other revenues are expected to compensate for this loss. Total passenger receipts for the year, it is expected, will aggregate about \$700,000,000.

Increased rates in certain commuting sections are said to be responsible to some degree, for the increase in passenger receipts.

Notwithstanding the enormous volume of business handled and the resultant new high level in net income, officials declare that the car shortage situation has seriously handicapped the roads in recent months, and that, were it not for this and the congestion in the east, the roads would show still greater revenues and income.

U. S. Reserve Board Making Financial Connections Abroad

Washington, Dec. 26.—The government today took its first formal step through the Federal Reserve bank, looking to the establishment of financial connections abroad through which it hopes to strengthen the position of the United States as a world banker and to maintain the American dollar as the standard of exchange.

Under a section of the federal reserve act, the board authorized the appointment of the Bank of England as a foreign correspondent of the Federal Reserve bank of New York, and announced that the eleven other reserve banks might participate in the agency relations.

Connections with other foreign governmental institutions, such as the Bank of France, is foreshadowed, officials say, by today's action. The Bank of England is the first foreign correspondent, whose appointment has been authorized since the operation of the new financial system in this country.

In addition to being the first step by the government toward going after foreign business, it is understood that authorization of this appointment is a prelude to plans for establishing connections that will strengthen the United States as a creditor nation in the commercial competition which probably will result when the war closes and to provide a ready means to offset any tendency on the part of foreign bankers to withdraw the huge supply of gold accumulated here during the war.

Canadian Militia Minister Advocating Conscription

Lindsay, Ont., Dec. 26.—As a recruiting policy for Canada, Sir Samuel Hughes, former minister of militia in the Canadian cabinet in an address here, advocated the immediate calling out of all single men between the ages of 18 and 45 years, not now exempt under the law, for active service training under the Canadian militia act. He declared that the national service commission was more or less of a failure and that it would be a year before the commission could begin to operate with any effect.

AXEMAN MURDERS LOUISIANA FAMILY

Three Dead and Two Probably Fatally Hacked Is Toll of Christmas Tragedy.

SLAYER ESCAPES UNSEEN

Minden, La., Dec. 26.—Neighbors summoned by a half-dressed little boy of 7, ran to the home of John N. Reeves near here early today and found that murderers had turned the house into a slaughter pen. Reeves and his wife were dead, the man's skull crushed by an axe and the woman with a bullet hole through her head. An 11-year-old boy, still clutching in his arms his 15-months-old brother, and another of 5, were battered and chopped from ax strokes.

The children were carried to a hospital at Shreveport, where the eldest died. Their brother, who gave the alarm, escaped because he was sleeping in the attic. He had come down early in the morning to look for his Christmas presents when he saw what sent him flying terror-stricken to the next farm house.

A tool chest in which Reeves is said to have boasted that he kept \$4,000, was found broken open, near a table on which the parents had placed an array of simple presents before retiring Christmas eve.

Poses searched all through the day for the murderers. Tonight three heavily shackled negroes were brought to the Minden jail. What evidence is against them has not been disclosed.

Archbishop Harty Extends Greetings at Saint Cecilia's

The significance of Christmas to the world was the import of a brief message spoken by Archbishop Jeremiah J. Harty, newly installed bishop of Omaha, at the celebration of solemn high mass, at St. Cecilia's cathedral at 11 o'clock Monday morning.

The archbishop extended the greeting of the day to his hearers. He said the gospel of Christ was the gospel of the civilized world. Masses were celebrated also at 6, 8, 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning. Father Cotter was celebrant. Father O'Sullivan, deacon; Father Costello, sub-deacon; Father Gately, master of ceremonies.

Culls From the Wire

Two men pushed their way through a throng of Christmas shoppers near the capitol building, threw a brick into the plate glass window of a jewelry store and made off with several thousand dollars' worth of jewelry.

Good Old Home-Made Family Cough Remedy

Much Better than the Ready-Made Kind—Easily and Cheaply Prepared.

If you combined the curative properties of every known "ready-made" cough remedy, you would hardly have in them all the curative power that lies in this simple "home-made" cough syrup which takes only a few minutes to prepare.

Get from any druggist 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex (50 cents worth), pour it into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. The total cost is about 54 cents and gives you a full pint of really better cough syrup than you could buy ready-made for \$2.50. Tastes pleasant and never spoils.

This Pinex and sugar syrup preparation gets right at the cause of a cough and gives almost immediate relief. It cures the phlegm, stops the nasty hoarse tickle and heals the sore, irritated membranes that line the throat, heat and bronchial tubes, so gently and easily that it is really astonishing. A day's use will usually overcome the ordinary cough and for bronchitis, whooping cough and bronchitis, simply, there is nothing better.

Pinex is a most valuable concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, combined with ginseng and has been used for generations to break up severe coughs.

To avoid disappointment, be sure to ask your druggist for "2 1/2 ounces of Pinex" with full directions, and don't accept anything else. A guarantee of complete satisfaction or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. —Beecham Co., St. Weyna, Ind.

NATURAL MINERAL WATER Relieves Constipation.

Owing to the large amounts of sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, silica, calcium, etc., this water acts both as a laxative and diuretic; this water can be used as a laxative or cathartic with astonishing results, doing away with constipated conditions.

The famous Sulphur-Chlorine Mineral Water, which is so famous in the region of Brown Park, is now bottled and sold by DR. JOHN NIEMEN, D.D., Naturopathic Physician in Charge.

AFTER XMAS SICKNESS

generally comes from over-eating and lack of exercise. Relieve that tired, languid feeling by taking a good dose of one of our effective laxatives. We have only the best and are glad to deliver.



16th and Howard Sts. Phone Douglas 644.

BURGESS-NASH COMPANY.

"EVERYBODY'S STORE" Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1916. STORE NEWS FOR WEDNESDAY. Phone Doug. 137.



A DETERMINED effort to clear our stocks of all winter merchandise—affording in all probability the most remarkable clearaway we have ever had

Annual "Round-Up" of Women's, Misses' and Children's Coats, Suits, Dresses, and Skirts

In Most Instances the Prices Have Been Reduced to One-Half

A CLEARAWAY of rare importance—affecting practically our entire stock of women's, misses' and children's ready-to-wear, now at a time when you can get the most good out of it. Here's an idea—

- Coats Reduced 1/3 and 1/2. Coats that were \$15.00, reduced to \$10.00. Coats that were \$16.75, reduced to \$11.17. Coats that were \$19.50, reduced to \$13.00. Coats that were \$25.00, reduced to \$16.67. Coats that were \$29.50, reduced to \$19.67. Coats that were \$35.00, reduced to \$23.34. Coats that were \$45.00, reduced to \$22.50. Coats that were \$49.50, reduced to \$24.75. Coats that were \$55.00, reduced to \$27.50. Coats that were \$65.00, reduced to \$32.50. Coats that were \$75.00, reduced to \$37.50.

Tailored Suits Reduced to 1/2 Price

- Suits that were \$19.50, reduced to \$9.75. Suits that were \$25.00, reduced to \$12.50. Suits that were \$29.50, reduced to \$14.75. Suits that were \$35.00, reduced to \$17.50. Suits that were \$39.50, reduced to \$19.75. Suits that were \$45.00, reduced to \$22.50.

Dresses Reduced to 1/2 Price

- Dresses that were \$19.50, reduced to \$9.75. Dresses that were \$25.00, reduced to \$12.50. Dresses that were \$35.00, reduced to \$17.50. Dresses that were \$39.50, reduced to \$19.75. Dresses that were \$45.00, reduced to \$22.50. Dresses that were \$59.50, reduced to \$29.75.

Skirts 1/2 Price

- Skirts were \$ 5.95, now \$2.98. Skirts were \$ 6.50, now \$3.25. Skirts were \$ 7.50, now \$3.75. Skirts were \$ 8.50, now \$4.25. Skirts were \$12.50, now \$6.25. Skirts were \$15.00, now \$7.50.

Child's Coats 1/2 Price

- Coats were \$ 5.00, now \$2.50. Coats were \$ 7.50, now \$3.75. Coats were \$10.00, now \$5.00. Coats were \$12.50, now \$6.25. Coats were \$15.00, now \$7.50. Coats were \$16.50, now \$8.25.

Remnants of SILKS Were \$1.00 to \$1.50, for 69c

ALL the short lengths left from this season's selling, including plain and striped messalines, figured foulards, striped tub silks, silk poplins, canton crepes, crinkled crepes, figured charmeuse, etc.; lengths 1 to 5 yards; widths 32 to 42 inches; were \$1 to \$1.50, for yard, 69c. Burgess-Nash Co.—Main Floor.

Remnants of Dress Goods That Were to \$1, for 35c

THIS lot includes such weaves as serges, panamas, batistes, military coatings and mixtures in a big range of colors; lengths 1 1/2 to 5 yds.; widths 36 to 54 in.; suitable for skirts, dresses and children's coats; were 50c to \$1.00, yard, at 35c. Burgess-Nash Co.—Main Floor.

"Round-Up" of Women's Winter FOOTWEAR--Big Reductions

THE reductions are less than the cost of making. All broken lines and odd pairs of Women's Boots and Party Slippers are included in the clearaway.

- Novelty boots, tan Russia vamp, white calf top, button; were \$9.00, pair \$6.95. Gray kid vamps with gray cloth top, lace; were \$9.00, for \$6.95. Bronze kid, button and lace, turn soles; \$6.00 values for \$4.65. Black kid vamps, gray buck top, turn sole, lace; were \$8.00, for \$6.45. Tan Russia calf lace boot, welt soles; were \$5.50, for \$4.65. All the short lines of black kid and calf skin, lace and button, welt soles, our special \$4.09 line, for \$3.25. All the short lines of black kid, patent and calf skin, button and lace boots; our best \$5.00 grade, for \$3.65. Odd lots of dancing and party slippers, values from \$5.00 to \$7.00, choice for \$3.85. Burgess-Nash Co.—Second Floor.

ROUND-UP of Art Embroidery Goods

- Including gowns, scarfs, pillow tops, corset covers, combinations, bags, infants' dresses, etc.; were \$1.50 to \$15.00, now 98c to \$3.98. Stamped Goods 19c. Corset covers, gowns, table covers, pin cushions, pillow cases, scarfs, etc., now 19c. Table Covers 69c. Cretonne table covers in yellow, blue and pink, reduced to 69c. Stamped Goods 5c. Odds and ends of stamped bags, belts, pin cushions; baby caps, bibs, etc., 5c. Burgess-Nash Co.—Third Floor.

31-Piece Breakfast Sets in the "Round-Up" at \$1.95

- HERE'S a special value from the china section of unusual importance—31-piece white and gold decorated breakfast sets, new Mayflower shape, special, set, \$1.95. Glass Goblets, 6 for \$1.50. Daisy cut goblets, thin lead blown, Wednesday at 6 for \$1.50. Wine Glasses at 10c. Grape cup wine glasses, plain and optic design, each, at 10c. Burgess-Nash Co.—Down-Stairs Store.