

## PAPER MAKERS AND PUBLISHERS MEET

Producers Will Be Asked to Explain Reasons for High Prices of Print Paper.

### CONFERENCE AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Paper manufacturers and newspaper publishers met here today for an informal conference. An invitation to the members of the Federal Trade commission was extended and it was expected that the various problems of the manufacturer and the newspaper publishers over the price of paper supply would be discussed.

Layette Young, jr., of the Des Moines (Iowa) Capital, one of the newspaper publishers present, said that the publishers desired to talk over the situation with the paper manufacturers and give the manufacturers an opportunity to explain the reason for the high price of print paper.

"It is not in any sense a hearing by the trade commission," said Mr. Young. "The manufacturers undoubtedly have their problems to meet and we want to find out in an informal talk just what the conditions are. The commission has been invited to join with us in the discussion."

## TEUTONS STORM MILE OF FRENCH WORKS AT VERDUN

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war office announcement says the Germans were driven back with severe losses, although they penetrated advanced trenches near Hill 304.

In upper Alsace the Germans left their trenches at two points to attack, but were checked by the French artillery. The announcement follows: "On the right bank of the River Meuse, after a violent bombardment, German forces yesterday evening delivered attacks upon four points of our front between Avocourt wood and a point to the east of Dead Man hill, but they were repulsed by our certain fire and by the fire of our infantry and machine guns. Our assailants were compelled to make their way back to their trenches, with the exception, however, of certain detachments who were successful in penetrating some of our advanced trenches in the sector of Hill 304. The enemy during this attack suffered very heavy losses and left numerous dead in front of our lines, particularly in Avocourt wood.

"During the course of the night German troops undertook several surprise attacks upon some of our minor positions, but these failed under the fire of our men located to the north of Chilly, south of the Somme and to the northeast of Vigne, between the Oise and the Aisne."

"In upper Alsace, near Largsen, after a spirited bombardment, forces of the enemy came out of their trenches at two points. Our artillery fire put a definite check to this endeavor."

"On the remainder of the front there has been intermittent cannonading."

## HOUSE MEMBERS HAVE WARM ROW OVER RAILWAYS

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Schwab, Scudder, Stoffer, Tracwell, Taylor, Speaker. Opponents: Craddock, Fuller, Reitenrath and White.

**Omaha School Tax.** House Roll No. 160, which, if it reaches final passage, will make the limit of school tax levy 35 per cent for the city of Omaha, was sent to third reading this morning. Representative Richmond explained that after the 1st of May Omaha would lose out on the \$350,000 liquor license fund which the district had depended upon and it would be necessary to meet that loss by a special levy or rather to remove the limit of the ante.

House Roll No. 54, which would provide a twice-a-month payday for all kinds of employment, was also sent to third reading. A bill was passed to third reading yesterday providing the twice-a-month plan for railroads.

### Bills Passed.

Other bills passed by the house: H. R. 197, Astell and Others—Double election boards. H. R. 198, Taylor and Others—Rotating names of grouped candidates on general election ballot. H. R. 42, Hoffmeister—Election returns open to public inspection as soon as delivered to county clerk. H. R. 59, French—Counties to pay cost of transporting boys to Kearney Industrial school. H. R. 72, Schwab—Licensee pool halls and bowling alleys. H. R. 73, Jacobson—Relieving undertakers of jury service. H. R. 87, Scudder—Appropriation of \$2,700 to pay land for cemetery at Grand Island soldiers home.

### Sent to Third Reading.

In committee of the whole these bills were approved and sent to third reading: H. R. 19—Allowing second-class cities and villages to construct lines and furnish electricity, water and other utility service outside their own limits. H. R. 138—Changing date for railroad to make annual reports to railway commission.

### Sick Man Carried Seven

Thousand Dollars in Belt

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—A visitor in Fremont, whose name was not given, called at the office of a local physician for treatment, wearing a belt that contained \$7,000 in bills. The stranger told the physician that if he should die he wanted him to notify the patient's son and see to it that the son received the money. The visitor recovered and was able to continue his journey.

### Chaplain Johnson Named

On State Charities Board

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Jan. 26.—(Special.)—The State Board of Charities and Corrections today appointed E. M. Johnson, chaplain at the penitentiary, to succeed J. W. Shahan as secretary of the board. The board consists of the governor, the state superintendent and the land commissioner.

Files Closed in 6 to 14 Days. Druggists refuse money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, blind, bleeding or protruding piles. First Application gives relief. 50c—Advertisement.

## NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF OMAHA PLAYGROUNDS



J. J. Isaacson

Jacob Isaacson, president of the Omaha Amateur Base Ball league and former newspaper man, was appointed by the Recreation board as superintendent of playgrounds and athletic fields, to succeed C. H. English.

Chairman Hummel of the board announced that Mr. Isaacson's name will not be sent to the city council for confirmation until he shall have qualified in the work. He will begin February 1 at a salary of \$125 per month.

The new superintendent has been serving as athletic director of the social centers under the Recreation board.

Arthur Crittenden Smith sat with the board for the first time since his appointment.

## WILL SHOW SHORT OR LONG ACCOUNT

"Leak" Probers Will Not Learn Now How Much Anybody Profited.

### THEIR REQUEST MODIFIED

New York, Jan. 26.—If any persons profited by the alleged leak on the president's peace note, the rules committee will not learn how much they profited, but merely which side of the account they were trading on prior to the publication of the note. This appeared to be the crux of the changes in the third demand made by the committee upon the stock exchange brokers for data when the new communication was made public today.

The modified request was interpreted as meaning that data showing merely the extent of operations during the period in question is considered sufficient by the committee to indicate whether they reflected possession of advance information.

The new request eliminates the demand that brokers furnish a trial balance of their customers' accounts and says: "It will be sufficient to furnish the stock balances, both long and short. \* \* \* The condition of the account aside from the amount of stock which the customer was long or short need not be stated."

This appeared also to exclude the possibility of the amount of margin a customer had put up from becoming public.

Account of less than 1,000 shares, instead of 100, as previously fixed, need not be furnished. Dealings for the account of the firm itself or its members are also requested under the same conditions. The provisions of secrecy of names through the use of symbols is retained with the addition that each firm may if it desires retain the key to the identity of the accounts in its own possession, until asked for it by the committee.

The new request also provides for the submission of list of all the customers' names but in this case without symbols connecting them with the accounts called for by the committee.

According to Samuel F. Streit, chairman of the clearing house committee, the names of all the customers are wanted to enable the committee to discover whether any investment officials traded during the period in question. It was unimportant, he said, whether the trading of officials, if any, was large or small, the point being to find out whether any officials took advantage of the information.

### Thomas, Columbus Club Secretary.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Charles H. Thomas of Chicago is to be the secretary of the Columbus (Ohio) club of the American association. Joseph Tinker, who recently purchased the franchise of the club, made the announcement tonight. Thomas formerly was president of the Chicago National league club, during which term Tinker played shortstop for the team.

## The Quinine That Does Not Cause Nervousness or Ringing in Head

Because of its Tonic and Laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. It removes the cause of Colds, Grip and Headache. Used whenever Quinine is needed.

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**"Bromo Quinine"**

That is the Original

**Laxative Bromo Quinine**

This Signature on Every Box

**E. W. Grove**

Used the World Over to Cure a Cold, 25c. In One Day.

## SPANELL DEFENSE CONCLUDES ITS CASE

More Testimony that Colonel Butler Was Marked in Attention to Women.

### STATE BEGINS REBUTTAL

San Angelo, Tex., Jan. 26.—After testimony was introduced to bear out the story told by Harry J. Spanell yesterday, and to show that Lieutenant Colonel M. C. Butler was known among his soldiers as "Bull" Butler, the defense in the trial in which Spanell is charged with killing his wife, rested today.

Two witnesses testified that Butler had the reputation of being a "woman chaser," even with his command. The first witness for the state on the rebuttal declared that Colonel Butler's reputation regarding his attentions to women "was good."

Several witnesses for the defense have testified that the reputation of Colonel Butler was bad in this regard. Spanell was pale and nervous, but appeared relieved over having concluded his ordeal on the stand.

### Called "Bull" Butler.

Private W. M. Granger of the Sixth cavalry, which was Lieutenant Colonel Butler's regiment, was the first witness today. He testified the soldiers had nicknamed Butler "Bull" and that the officer's reputation as a "woman chaser" was bad.

He said he saw Spanell about thirty-five minutes before the shooting, and that he was sober and in a good humor.

R. H. Neff of El Paso, a Texas guardsman stationed at Marfa, also gave testimony regarding Butler's nickname. He, too, said Butler was marked in his attentions to women.

From this point the defense moved on to the incidents immediately connected with the shooting. Butler testified it could not conclude before late tomorrow.

A. H. Newell of Alpine, Tex., a mine superintendent testifying for the defense, said he was in front of the hotel talking with Colonel Butler, when he saw the Spanells talking excitedly in their automobile. He said he heard Spanell call to Butler and "command" the officer to get in the machine.

"Spanell opened the door for him," said Newell. "He got in and they drove away."

Mrs. Spanell, he added, was pale. Questioning brought out the fact that the witness had seen Mrs. Spanell come out of the hotel and that at that time she was pale.

### Testimony of State Witness.

James Dodd of Alpine said he saw Mr. and Mrs. Spanell and Lieutenant Colonel Butler in the Spanell car just a few minutes before the shooting. The car passed him, he said, slowly enough for him to hear Colonel Butler say:

"Mr. Spanell, will you let me explain?"

He testified that the next words he caught were—"Mrs. Spanell and Mrs. Butler went up there"—and then the automobile passed out of his hearing. In a very short time, he said, he heard shots.

Dodd was the man whose appearance as a witness the defense deemed so important they intimated they would have to ask for continuance if illness from which he was suffering at the start of the trial kept him away.

When the state began its rebuttal, A. M. Turvey of Alpine, county judge, was the first witness called to the stand. He testified that Butler's reputation, as regarded his attentions to women, was good.

### Long Missing French Ship Sunk by Torpedo

New York, Jan. 26.—Rumors that the French steamship, Socca, last reported as leaving Cardiff on August 16 for an unstated port, had been lost, were confirmed here today by Captain V. Beridam, master of the French line steamer Ohio from Cardiff, who said the Socca was torpedoed by a German submarine in the Mediterranean on August 25, 1916. Captain Beridam was master of the Socca when it was sunk.

### The National Capital

#### The Senate.

Met at 11 a. m. Senators assailed lavishness of inaugural ceremonies and "robbery" by Washington hotel proprietors on that occasion. In voting \$25,000 for expenses.

Bishop Fallows of Chicago urged universal military training before military affairs committee.

Passed legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill carrying \$40,000,000. Took up Indian appropriation bill.

Adopted resolution expressing regret over death of Representative Finley of South Carolina.

Adjourned at 5:48 p. m. to 11 a. m. Saturday.

#### The House.

Met at 11 a. m.

Resumed consideration of rivers and harbors bill.

Passed rivers and harbors appropriation bill carrying \$28,000,000.

Banking and currency committee voted favorably to report reserve law amendments designed principally to increase gold holdings of reserve banks.

Out of respect for the late Representative Finley of South Carolina, adjourned at 5:41 p. m. to 11 a. m. Saturday.

## VILLISTA FORCE OCCUPIES EL VALLE

Bandits Move Into the Former Pershing Outpost After Americans Leave.

### OUTLAW IS AT MADERA

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 26.—Forces of Francisco Villa have occupied El Valle, Chihuahua, abandoned by General Pershing's outposts, according to apparently reliable information received in army circles. It was said Villa had established headquarters at Madera and was preparing to occupy Casas Grandes as soon as Pershing should abandon held headquarters at Colonia Dublan.

Smugglers are planning to use the withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico as an excuse to smuggle quantities of goods across the border without the payment of the export duty to the Carranza government, according to Carranza officials here.

The plan is to use the troop move-

ment to veil the illicit exportation of cattle, hides and other goods upon which export duties are levied. Major General Pershing has no knowledge of the smuggling operations, it was said today. No duty is levied on the property of the expeditionary force.

A passenger train was scheduled to leave Casas Grandes for Juarez and will bring the remaining refugees from the El Valle and Colonia Dublan district. After the departure of the refugee train it is expected the American troops will begin moving north from field headquarters.

### No Change in Policy.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico forecasts no radical change in the policy of the United States towards Mexico. Secretary Lansing said today that the policy stated in President Wilson's celebrated "mobile speech" of 1913 remains unchanged. In that address the president declared the intention of his administration not to interfere with the Mexicans, in what he regarded as their struggle for liberty.

### Tate Beats Langford.

Kansas City, Jan. 26.—"Bibi" Tate of New York was given a decision over Sam Langford of Boston at the close of their twelve-round match here tonight. They are light-heavyweights.

## NEW FEATURE IN RAIL WAGE BILL

Amendment Makes it Criminal Offense for Striker to Try to Stop Trains Moving.

### MAY TAKE OVER ROADS

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—Railroad strikes and lockouts are not forbidden by the terms of a bill to supplement the Adamson law, which the senate interstate commerce committee virtually had completed today.

The new bill, however, would make it a criminal offense, punishable by heavy fine, for a railroad employee who has quit work to trespass on railroad property with a view to preventing by violence, intimidation or threats the operation of trains.

Another important provision of the bill would authorize the president to take over and operate "such part of" a railroad or its equipment as is necessary to move troops or munitions in war time, threatened war or insurrection.

## STRUCK BY AUTO, LITTLE LAD DIES

Police Are Not Sure Who Drove Car that Killed Boy—Suspect Hermanson.

### BOY IS ALFRED ROBERTSON

Struck by an automobile, which was driven by Victor E. Hermanson of Benson, secretary of the Eckman Chemical company, Alfred Robertson, 11-year-old son of Nels Robertson, fifty-eighth and Western streets, suffered injuries from which he died shortly afterward.

The accident occurred about 1 o'clock at Fifty-second and Chicago streets. Mr. Hermanson hastened to the Methodist hospital with the injured lad, who died there shortly after his arrival. The body was taken to Gentleman's undertaking parlors.

**The Romance of Silk**  
In Colored Motion Pictures  
**SATURDAY SHOWINGS**  
Continuously 9 A. M. to Noon  
1 P. M. to 5 P. M.  
7 P. M. and 8 P. M.  
In the  
**Thompson-Belden Store**  
Second Floor.  
Picturing silk from the culture of the silk worms in Japan down through its various stages to the complete fabric as woven in the Great Belding Bros. Mills in the United States.  
**Saturday Bargains**  
In Toilet Goods  
Rubber Cushion Hair Brushes, double bristle, 75c.  
Trailing Arbutus Talcum Powder, for 21c.  
White Ivory Combs, extra values, for 49c.  
\$1.50 Manicure Sets, \$1.15.

**Saturday**  
*A Special Sale of*  
**Demi-Saison Hats**  
*Correct Millinery*  
*for Now*  
  
**Remarkable Values at**  
**\$4.95 to \$9.50**  
**Odd Garments of Women's Underwear**  
At Very Low Prices  
All odd lots have been reduced to smallest price for Saturday's selling.  
Women's Cotton Union Suits, low neck, no sleeves, knee or ankle length, 65c.  
**EXTRA!**  
**Bed Sheets**  
72x90 for .49c  
Made of good quality sheeting, French seam; limit of six to one customer; 49c each.  
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**Popular Dress Shoes for Young Men**  
  
Two qualities that will strike you favorably when you examine these patent leather dress shoes are their conformity to good form and their refinement of line and finish. They are shoes for men of all ages—shoes that will look and wear well. We have a great variety of sizes and lasts which assures you of perfect fitting shoes.  
**Specially Priced at \$6 and \$7**  
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Bee Want-ads always bring best and quickest results.

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**Saturday**  
**A Real Clearance**  
of All  
**Winter Suits 8:30 A. M.**  
Any winter suit in stock, regardless of former price.  
**Saturday, \$5**  
The number is very limited; sizes 16, 36 and 46.  
**All Sales Final**

**The Fur Sale**  
**Offers Remarkable Values**  
**Saturday**  
This sale has attracted much attention because of the fine qualities and the low prices.  
An enlarged section on the Third Floor has been devoted to this sale.  
**Hudson Seal Coats Reduced to \$82.50, \$112.50 to \$187.50**  
**Muffs, Scarfs and Sets, our entire stock, GREATLY REDUCED IN PRICE**  
**The Thompson-Belden Shoe Sale**  
**Saturday Marks a New Low Price Record for Omaha**  
  
In this sale are all short lines, together with numbers that will be discontinued. Every style is desirable; every quality reliable. There are shoes and slippers, mostly small sizes, in patent kid, dull kid, calfskin, blue and bronze kid, tan calf, also our Skating Boots.  
**We Have All Sizes But Not in Every Style**  
**Saturday \$3.95**  
**All Sales Are Final**  
No Credits. No Exchanges. No C. O. D.'s.

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