STREET CARS WON'T STAY OFF STREETS

Company Will Not Relinquish Property to City and Won't Pay Fine, Says Webster.

LET COURTS SETTLE IT ALL

The Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company, represented by John L. Webster, will not recognize any resolutions or demands of the city council in connection with disputed franchise rights.

Attorney Webster maintains it would be against public policy for his company to ceas operations on the streets mentioned in a resolution adopted by the city council on Jan-uary 3 and transmitted to the street

nary 3 and transmitted to the street car company by the city clerk in the form of a demand.

Neither will the company pay \$300 a day fine for failure to comply with the demands of the city council. Mr. Webster takes the position that franchise disputes should be settled in the courts, rather than by resolutions adopted by the city council.

Public Policy

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The following communication has been sent to the mayor and city council by Mr. Webster for the street railway company:
"The Omaha & Council Bluffs

"The Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company cannot comply with your demands, as made in preambles and resolutions, adopted under date of January 2, 1917. To stop the operating of street cars upon the various streets you name, until the matters in controversy between the city and company should be finally settled by adjudication or otherwise, would so seriously interfere with the convenience of the traveling public as to prove a calamity. It with the convenience of the traveling public as to prove a calamity. It would result in much disturbance of business to the thousands of people who travel to and from the depots of this city on Tenth and Farnam streets that it would arose a storm of complaint that neither your honorable body nor this company could be expected to withstand. It presents a situation where the damands of the traveling public and of the business welfare are so all important that neither of us could present an excuse for not operating the street cars, that the public would accept for a single moment.

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"There are provisions in your resolutions which are equivalent to a declaration that if this company shall continue to furnish means of transportation to the public after this date, it shall be penalized in the sum of \$300 per day. This company cannot with due regard to its duty to the traveling public suspend the operation of its cars, neither can it concede to the demands on the part of your honorable body that it shall pay the sum of \$300 per day if it shall continue to give the public transportation service. We cannot recognize the right of your honorable body to penalize the company or to forfeit its property because it continues to operate it.

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"This company does not mean to ask any rights or privileges which in the judgment of its board do not properly belong to it, neither does it mean to deprive the city of any property rights or privileges that belong to it. If there are differences, they cannot be settled by the declaration of either party in interest but must be adjusted and determined either by amicable negotiations, where both parties may be heard in the statement of the facts, or by judicial tribunals after fair investigation. This company will not seek to retard or delay the settlement of any differences that may exist by either of the methods above suggested. It does not admit nor agree to be bound by the preambles and resolutions adopted by your honorable body on January 2, 1917." Won't Pay Fine.

Bernstorff's Ship Will

Leave Halifax Soon
Halifax, Feb. 19.—The examination
of the papers and effects of Count
won Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, and
his suite, on board the ScandinavianAmerican line steamship Frederik
VIII, is nearing an end, it was announced today. The ship has been
detained three days.

No irregularities have been detected
in connection with the former German ambassador's papers, while the
eargo has been found free of contraband.

Hundred Thousand Spies

In U. S., Says Overman

Washington, Feb. 19.—Opposing amendments by Senator Cummins to temper some of the stringent provisions of the capionage bill pending in the senate, Senator Overman of North Carolina today declared he had been told there were 100,000 spies in the United States and that it was absolutely essential that drastic laws be enacted to protect naval stations, submarine bases and other national defenses.

Teamster Killed.

Fremont. Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)
—Axel Holmberg, 26, a teamster employed by the Fremont Stock Yards and Land company, was almost in, stantly killed when his tetam ran away and threw hi magainst a fence at the stock yards.

To Cree a Cold in One Day, Table LAXATIVE HISOMO QUINNE Tables Dyngright refund money if it falls to curre. W. GROVER signature is on such box. 18e.—Advortisement.

GERMANY FAILS AS PRESS AGENT CENSORS BLAMED

ing to the individual ideas of the man ing to the individual local of the man to whom the dispatch was referred. Correspondents of whatever national-ity were not disposed to protest at suppression, of military information, but they did insist that some degree of fairness be applied to their dis-natches. patches.

The government eventually discovered that the bureau was not a success under Major Deutelmoser's subordinate, and also that its own press bureau for German newspapers was not operated as it should be

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In consequence, the entire press system was reorganized.

There was created a so-called mili-tary department of the foreign office, under Colonel von Paerten, a keen and wideawake man, and Baron Plet-tenberg, both of whom have an under-standing of foreign viewpoints. They were rolled by the conviction that neuwere ruled by the conviction that neutral correspondents themselves were the best judges of what they desired. Colonel von Paerten provided facilities for obtaining the economic as well as military news insistently asked for and acted on suggestions made to him. He was able to send correspondents to active points on the front. Nevertheless, he or those above him, retained the same censors, who, up to the present, have acted in an arbitrary manner inexplecable to neutrals.

Reports Suppressed.

For example, they frequently held back the very information which had been furnished by the military de-partment itself and refused to pass ap-parently innocent news items, pub-lished in the German press, which

ished in the German press, which were picked up and telegraphed from Holland, Denmark or Switzerland. In some cases one correspondent's dispatch on a given subject would be passed, while an identical article from another would be held up.

The military department succeeded in having an orderissued on all fronts that all correspondents were to be shown everything to be seen and that all possible courtesies were to be extended to them, but the censors were then permitted to blue pencil the dispatches.

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On the first trip arranged by de-partment officers the American news-paper men flew over the entire Somme sector in an airplane, in accordance with the order to show correspond-ents everything possible. Their se-ports of the battle seen from the air were suppressed.

Brought Upon Carpet.

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The airplane staff was brought upon the carpet and all but cashiered. The incident was closed when one correspondent's story was released while the other was held up and is still among the archives at great head-quarters. There were no indications of favorites, however, as is shown by the fact that the correspondent whose account of the airplame fight was held up, succeeded in sending another dispatch unchanged which when presented in German by the correspondent of a German-American newspaper, was not permitted to pass.

By a curious coincidence it was a man unacquainted with newspapers who early in the war told the German foreign office that it could hope to interest neutral and specifically American public opinion only if it offered news of such value that American newspapers would willingly pay for it. Gradually officials in the foreign office and elsewhere have adopted this view, but only to a limited degree.

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Export Trade for

January Climbs

To New High Mark

Washington, Feb. 19.—The nation's export trade continues to surpass all previous records. January exports of \$5613,441,000, the Department of Commerce announced today, exceeded by pearly \$100,000,000 in value any previous month. High prices, it was said, largely were responsible for the increased values.

Exports for the seven months ending with January were \$3,614,244,000, against \$2,182,898,000 in the corresponding period the previous year and \$1,334,660,000 in the year before that. For the twelve months ending with January exports totaling \$5,5674,828,000 exceeded by \$3,616,627,000 the same period in 1916 and \$2,177,436,000 in 1915.

Bernstorff's Ship Will

For Opposition to Wilson
Lincoln, Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator La Follette made a mistake in the stand taken by him against the president, according to George A. West, chairman of the Wisconsin republican state committee, who was in Lincolo today on his way to North Platte, where he owns 4,000 acres of land.

Under the management of Mr. West, Wisconsin stemmed the Wilson sentiment and carried the state for Hughes by 27,000 and elected an entire republican congressional representation.

He believes that the people of the United States should stand by the president irrespective of party affiliation and believes they will.

He regrets exceedingly that a Wisconsin senator should take a stand as La Follette has done and believes he does not represent the Wisconsin sentiment in that regard.

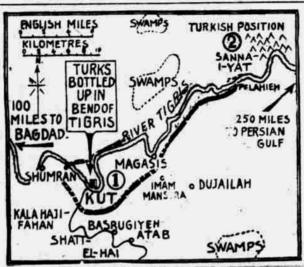
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Sturgis, S. D., Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire broke out in the Perkins residence here at midnight, caused by explosion of a oil stove in a bath room. The furniture was removed with slight damage. The building is worth about \$5,000. The loss is estimated at \$1,500 and no insurance. Mr. Perkins' son, Gene Perkins received a bad cut on his foot and was badly burned about the face and arm while trying to smother the flames with blankets.

MAP SHOWING HOW THE BRITISH HAVE BOTTLED UP THE TURKS AT KUT-EL-AMARA—(1) Kut-el-Amara, in the bend of the Tigris, where General Townshend and a large number of British surrendered after a siege on April 29, 1916. The British have now turned the tables, having thrown a line completely across the mouth of the bend. The black dotted line shows the position of the British army.

(2) Sann-i-yat, where a strong Turkish force opposes the northern advance of the British.



Hawaiian Sugar Cornorations Pay Large Divdiends

tionolulu. T. H., Feb. 19.—Twenty-hree sogar companies of Hawaii which includes all that are listed on the Honolulu stock and bond exchange, disbursed in cash dividends in 1916 a total of \$19,259,600, according to figures just made public here. Based on the par value of shares the average carnings of these twenty-three companies were 27,3 per cent on the cripital invested. In most cases, however, the capital stock companies were cases, however, the capital stock com-

cases, however, the capital stock con-sists chiefly of reinverted profits, and the percentage of earnings is in some instances more than 100 per cent on Stock dividends are not included in the figures given. Were this done, it would show the profits derived by holders in Hawaiian agar companies

holders in Hawaiian organ companies to be very much greater.

The largest carnings in proportion to capital fell to Onomea Sugar company, which disbursed cash dividends aggregating 55 per cent of its capital stock. Pepcekeo Sugar company came next with 50 per cent. The smallest in the list was Olaa Sugar company, with only a per cent. This plantation, however, paid no dividends until July, the dividend declared that month being the first the company ever paid. ompany ever paid.

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Fire in Hotel at Vesta
Tecumseh, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Prompt action on the part of some twenty or more men prevented a serious fire at Vesta, west of here. Saturday afternoon. The fire was at the hotel, conducted by Mrs. John Siegerson. A middle-aged man, a member of a theatrical company, was sick abed in one of the upstairs rooms. With the man in the room was his 5-year-old boy and a number of cages of birds and parrots. Water was being heated in a small gasoline stove when the curtains became ignited and soon the room was full of fire. The man and boy escaped with blistered hands and faces, but the birds were burned, as well as clothing, bedding, etc. The fire was confined to the one room.

Colver and Fort Named For Trade Commission

Washington, Feb. 19.—William B.-Colver, a St. Paul newspaper publish-er, and John Franklin Fort, former governor of New Jersey, were nom-inated by President Wilson today as members of the federal trade com-mission.

The National Capitol

Senate.

Met at 10:20 a. m.

Passed omnibust pension bill

Passed miscellaneous relief and bridge

bila.

Resumed debate on government espionage and anti-conspiracy bill, Senator Cumming proposing amendments.

Senator Simmons gave notice of intention to call up the emergency revenue bill Tues-Adjourned at 1:30 p. m. to 10:30 s. m. ueeday.

Mel at noon.

Sundry eivil appropriation bill reported serving \$123,243,000.

Refused to consider Representative hold reported that English money has subsidized wenty-five American newspapers.

Rules committee appointed subcommittee to close "leak" inquiry work.

Considered unanimous consent calendar.

Adjourned at 7 p. m. to 11 a. m. Tuesday.

Wife Plays Sleuth, Tells Yarn of Horse That Did Not Die

he Profit in Having a Wife' is the aggestive sitle which the police have attached to the scena is from real life hich M. P. P. 6107 Floren : boulevard, his shrewd wife and Will Ray staged near the forner of Seven centh and Webster stree

An innocent horse plays the title of in the drama. Mr. Byrd, who '50, charged that tay, his driver

50. charged that 'ay, nis driver, do him for \$15. But Ray indignantly Innied having sold the horse and told ry of how the horse had died in the stable at Seventeenth and 'Webste' streets and how sorry he (Ray) felt when he and the beloved animal cold and stiff one recent morning. Ray said he ordered the official horse wagon and jelped to load the dead arse onto the vehicle for its final trip to the boneyard or soap factory He eve showed M. Byrd so e

said, were caused by the body of the dead horse dragging along the ground.
Later Mrs. Byrd, a woman with brains, an eagle eye and an unanimous suspicion of one William Ra. She

Berlin Paper Prints Copy of

deutsche Allgemeine Z itung publishes photographic reproductions of detailed Anglo-Belgian agreements regarding the landing of British troops on the continent and their transportation on Belgian railroads into Belgium," says an Overseas News agency article today.

"The documents had been exchanged between the British and Belgian military authorities. They were found in the Brussels archives and furnished detailed plans of mobilization against Germany had already been arranged between the Belgian been arranged between the Belgian and the British army.

Wilson Wants Congress To Indemnify Colombia

Washington, Feb. 19.—President Wilson has sent a letter to Chairman Stone of the senate foreign relations committee urging action during this session of congress on the treaty to indemnify Colombia for the partition of Panama.

It has been indicated recently that there would be no action on the Colombian treaty during this session, but the president is anxious that it be ratified, so as to clear away one of the potent sources of friction in pan-American relations.

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in estigated farther and found out,
she says, that Ray sold Mr. Byfd's
very-muci-alive horse for \$15 and got
the same price for a \$40 harness which
belonged Mr. Byrd.
Mr. Byrd told the police what his
tie thought and then investigations
convinced them that Ray's record was
at least worth probing. Ray is being
hel' for examination.

The Belgian-British Treaty Berlin, Feb. 18.—(By Wireless to Sayville, Feb. 19.)—The Nord-deutsche Allgemeine Z itung pub-

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WOMAN'S CLUB WILL FAVOR CLEAN-UP DAY

May Try to Extend It Into Week -- Also Favor New Community Nurse Law.

EDHOLM RESIGNED

Omaha Woman's club member will sponsor a clean-up day, which may be extended to include a cleanup week, this spring, it was decided at the general meeting of the club held Monday afternoon at the Metro-politan club house. Miss Katherine Worley, chairman of the civics com-

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Worley, chairman of the civies committee, brought the recommendation
to the club with suggestions in regard to the various days which might
be observed, such as a hoe and rake
day and attic and garret day. Mrs.
J. N. Paul, state president of
Woman's clubs, in her short speech
of greeting spoke with favor of the
prospect of clean cities.

The clib endorsed the bill now
pending in the state legislature for
an optional tax levy to provide community nurses. It also endorsed the
new free dental dispensary which has
been established in Omaha. A bill
presented by the women of the auxiliary to the letter carriers' association asking that our congressmen
request more mailmen to keep pace
with the growth of Omaha, was endorsed by the club.

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Mrs. K. R. J. Elholm, who has served so faithfully as head of the club's board of health, has been forced to resign because of her incerased duties in state club work and for the aid of tubercular patients. The club accepted her resignation with regret and expects to write to her a note of appreciation of her services.

Mrs. Erswine, state vice president from the third district, brought greetings to the club. Following the business session, Dr. Titus Lowe ad-dressed the club members.

Lancaster Saline Lands Sold Without Right, Says Committee

(From a Start Correspondent.)—If the senate committee on school lands has its way \$2,000,000 worth of lands in Lancaster county will revert to the

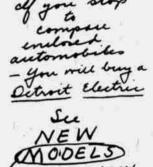
Lancaster county will revert to the state.

These lands comprise what is known as the salt basin west of the city limits of Lincoln, a section and a half in Denton township and three-quarters of a section near Middle Creek, in all about 11,000 acres.

This land has been sold in the last three decades for approximately \$165,000, and sold illegally, according to the findings of the committee. The committee believes that immediate action should be taken to regain possession.

session.

It is pointed out by the committee that the soline land leasing act of 1889 was amended in 1893 to allow sale under certain restrictions, but the committee says the amended act con-tained no repealing clause, and could not authorize sales.



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BRIGHT LITTLE GIRL IS CALLED BY DIPHTHERIA.



Jane Franke, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Franke of 2912 Harney street, died Sunday night from diphtheria. She was stricken during the early part of last week, but not until Saturday did the illness appear serious.

She was 5 years of age November 9 last year and attending kindergarten at Farnam school. Her father is manager of the Auditorium. She was the only child in the Franke family.

TWO VESSELS FROM **NEW YORK SUNK**

Neutral Ships Chartered to the Kerr Company Destroyed in War Zone.

FIVE MORE SHIPS ARRIVE

New York, Feb. 19.-Two steam ships out of New York under char ter to the Kerr Steamship company. one Norwegian and the other Span ish, have been sunk in the submarine zone, according to advices received by the company today. They wer the Dalmata, Norwegian, January 24. for Havre, and the Mar Adriatico, Suanish, January 16, for Bordeaux.

The Dalmata was sunk February and the Mar Adriatico February 11. The latter arrived at Lisbon on February 2 and was probably proceeding for Bordeaux when sunk. Officials of the Kerr Steamship company said they did not believe either vessel had Americans aboard.

The Dalmata was a vessel of 1.773 tons gross, 245 feet long. The Mar Adriatico was 2,410 tons gross and

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Seventeen Horses Killed

By Order of Veterinarian

De Smet, S. D., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Seventeen work horses belonging to C. I. Bain, a farmer living near De Smet, have been killed by the state authorities because they developed a dangerous disease, making it necessary to kill them to prevent the spread of the disease to other horse herds. The state legislature will be asked to reimburse Bain for his loss.

Adriatico was 2,410 tons gross and 295 feet long.

Five steamships from war zone ports arrived lere today. The Britation was point was ported the Sebastian, from Rouen, both left after Germany's new submarine candpaign commenced. The Folia, a Cunard freighter, came by way of Halifax. The other arrivals were the Belgian steamer Escaut from Bordeaux, and the Dutch steamer Myco-sailed from here today. The Britation was 2,410 tons gross and 295 feet long.

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Baltimore & Ohio