

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 cease operations on the streets mentioned in a resolution adopted by the city council on January 1 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.

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 \$613,441,000, the Department of Commerce announced today, exceeded by nearly \$100,000,000 in value any previous month.

Bernstorff's Ship Will Leave Halifax Soon

Halifax, Feb. 19.—The examination of the papers and effects of Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, and his suite, on board the Scandinavian-American line steamship Frederick VIII, is nearing an end, it was announced today.

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 espionage 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 instantly killed when his team ran away and threw his magainst a fence at the stock yards.

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GERMANY FAILS AS PRESS AGENT, CENSORS BLAMED

ing to the individual ideas of the man to whom the dispatch was referred. Correspondents of whatever nationality were not disposed to protest at suppression of military information, but they did insist that some degree of fairness be applied to their dispatches.

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

Retain Same Censor. In consequence, the entire press system was reorganized.

Reports Suppressed. For example, they frequently held back the very information which had been furnished by the military department itself and refused to pass apparently innocent news items, published in the German press, which were picked up and telegraphed from Holland, Denmark or Switzerland.

On the first trip arranged by department officers the American newspaper men flew over the entire Somme sector in an airplane, in accordance with the order to show correspondents everything possible.

Brought Upon Carpet. The airplane staff was brought upon the carpet and all but one departed. 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 headquarters. There were no indications of favorites, however, as is shown by the fact that the correspondent whose account of the airplane flight was held up, succeeded in sending another dispatch unchanged when presented in German by the correspondent of a German-American newspaper, was not permitted to pass.

Won't Pay Fine. "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."

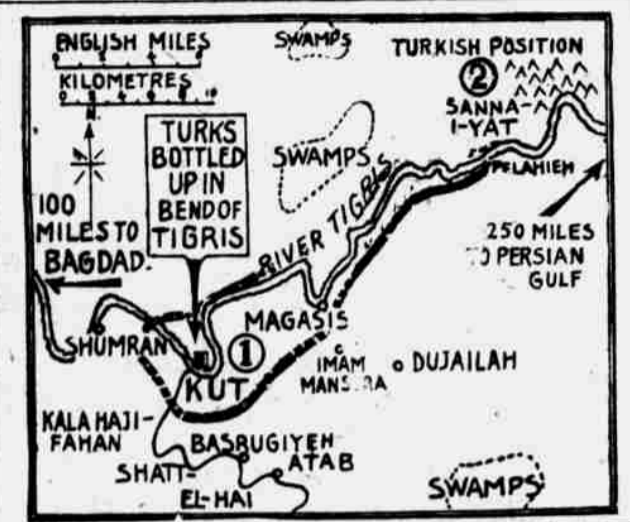
West Criticizes La Follette For Opposition to Wilson

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 Lincoln today on his way to North Platte, where he owns 4,000 acres of land.

Sturgis Residence Burned. Sturgis, S. D., Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire broke out in the Perkins residence here at midnight, caused by explosion of an 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.

Lyons Defeats Bellevue. Lyons, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The Lyons Athletic club basketball team defeated the Bellevue team here Saturday night, 28 to 26. It was a fast and furious game from start to finish. Lyons has lost but one game in three years.

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 Corporations Pay Large Dividends

Honolulu, T. H., Feb. 19.—Twenty-three sugar 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 earnings of these twenty-three companies were 27.3 per cent on the capital invested. In most cases, however, the capital stock consists chiefly of reinvested profits, and the percentage of earnings is in some instances more than 100 per cent on the actual original cash investment.

Man and Boy Injured by 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.

Colver and Fort Named For Trade Commission. Washington, Feb. 19.—William B. Colver, a St. Paul newspaper publisher, and John Franklin Fort, former governor of New Jersey, were nominated by President Wilson today as members of the federal trade commission.

The National Capitol. Senate. Passed omnibus pension bill. Passed miscellaneous relief and bridge bill.

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 participation of Panama.

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

"The Trail of the Lost Horse or the Profit in Having a Wife" is the suggestive title which the police have attached to the scenario from real life which M. P. P. 6107 Florence Boulevard, his show girl and Will Ray staged near the corner of Seventh and Webster street.

Berlin Paper Prints Copy of The Belgian-British Treaty. Berlin, Feb. 18.—(By Wireless to Sayville, Feb. 19.)—The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung 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.

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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.

MRS. EDHOLM RESIGNED

Omaha Woman's club members will sponsor a clean-up day, which may be extended to include a clean-up week, this spring, it was decided at the general meeting of the club held Monday afternoon at the Metropolitan club house.

The club 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.

Miss Edholm Resigns. Mrs. K. R. J. Edholm, who has served so faithfully as head of the club's board of health, has been forced to resign because of her increased duties in state club work and for the aid of tubercular patients.

Lancaster Saline Lands Sold Without Right, Says Committee. Lincoln, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—If the senate committee on school lands has its way \$2,000,000 worth of lands in 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.

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

Seventeen Horses Killed By Order of Veterinarian. De Smet, S. D., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Seventeen work horses belonging to C. J. 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.

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 steamships out of New York under charter to the Kerr Steamship company, one Norwegian and the other Spanish, have been sunk in the submarine zone, according to advices received by the company today.

The Dalmata was sunk February 9 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 295 feet long.

Five steamships from war zone ports arrived here today. The British steamer Folia, from Bristol, and the Sebastian, from Rouen, both left after Germany's new submarine campaign commenced. The Folia, a Cunard freighter, came by way of Halifax. The other arrivals were the Belgian steamer Escut, from Cardiff; French steamer Guyane, from Bordeaux; and the Dutch steamer Noorddyk, from Rotterdam.

The Standard Oil steamer Wyco sailed from here today for an unnamed European port, the first vessel of the Standard Oil fleet to leave an American port since the U-boat campaign was inaugurated. The Wyco was not armed.

The American liner Philadelphia, which left Liverpool February 19 for New York, with passengers, reported its position by wireless today as 1,235 miles east of New York at 10 a. m. It is expected to dock Thursday.

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