

### GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE RAILROADS DURING WAR TIME

This Is Alternative Suggested, With Increase of Rates Added in Case Congress Balks on Unification Plan.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Government operation of the railroads for the duration of the war, if unification of the transportation systems is not permitted by congress, was recommended today by the Interstate Commerce commission.

An increase in rates, a government loan of money and the suspension of the anti-trust and anti-pooling laws as far as railroads are concerned for the duration of the war were recommended by the commission as an alternative.

The alternative for such voluntary unification of the railroads, the commission declared, would be government operation with suitable guaranty of an adequate annual return, as well as for upkeep with fair terms, on which improvements during the period of government operation could be paid for by the roads upon return of their property.

The recommendations, signed by Chairman Hall, were accompanied by a supplementary report by Commissioner McChord, who said he believed that if the president would take over operation of the railroads, "vastly improved transportation conditions can be promptly secured."

#### Wall Street Approves

New York, Dec. 5.—Wall street's view of the recommendation of the Interstate Commerce commission in respect to the operation of railroads was that of approval insofar as sentiment can be gauged by the movement of stocks. Rails rose from 1 to 3 points and industrials followed suit.

#### Resolution Offered in Congress

Washington, Dec. 5.—A joint resolution to have the government temporarily take over and operate all railroads and coal mines, with a view to remedying transportation and price problems, was introduced today by Representative Sabath of Illinois. It proposes that if the temporary control should demonstrate better conditions the arrangement should be made permanent and a commission created to fix upon reasonable compensation.

### SOME BAKERIES REDUCE PRICES BEFORE DAY SET

Price of bread dropped in several Omaha bakeries Wednesday. In a few cases the reduction amounts to 20 per cent. A few bakeries have increased the size of their loaf in addition to cutting prices.

All bakeries must adopt the new government standard December 10, but some Omaha bread manufacturers decided not to wait until they had to. The government receipt, which bakeries must use after December 10, reduces the amount of sugar and oil in the bread.

The Sundgren bakery, Twenty-seventh and Leavenworth streets, cut the price 20 per cent and increased the size of the loaf 7 per cent. The new loaf, weighing 16 ounces, sells for 8 cents, or two for 15 cents.

New England bakery reduced its 10-cent loaf to 8 cents and its 15-cent loaf to 12 cents.

Burns Baking company reduced the wholesale price on the 16-ounce loaf from 8 cents to 7 1/2 cents and 24-ounce loaf from 12 cents to 11 cents.

### Says Wealthy Husband Classed Pickles as Extravagance

Margaret Ericson, wife of David Ericson, wealthy farmer of Mead, Neb., alleges in her petition for divorce that he cursed her. Ericson is the owner of a 120-acre farm valued at \$24,000, has \$10,000 worth of stock on the farm and \$10,000 in the bank, according to her petition. She further says he would not let her buy soap to keep the house clean, complained of her extravagance when she bought pickles for the table and told her she should never pay more than \$7 for a coat.

After some of her relatives had visited the Ericson farm for a few days she alleges he ordered her to "go live off of them" until she had eaten as many meals at their expense as the visitors had eaten altogether as his. She asks "equitable relief."

### U. P. Officials Order Service Flags for Each Division

Union Pacific officials have ordered a number of service flags, one for each division of the roads of the system. The one for the Omaha division has arrived and the stars are being sewed on. As soon as this work is completed, the flag will be unfurled in the main corridor of the ground floor of the Omaha headquarters building.

So far on the service flag of the Omaha division of the Union Pacific 100 stars have been attached, with a number of the offices that have not yet reported on how many of their boys have gone to war.

### Prisoners Cheerfully Go to Jail to Escape Cold Wave

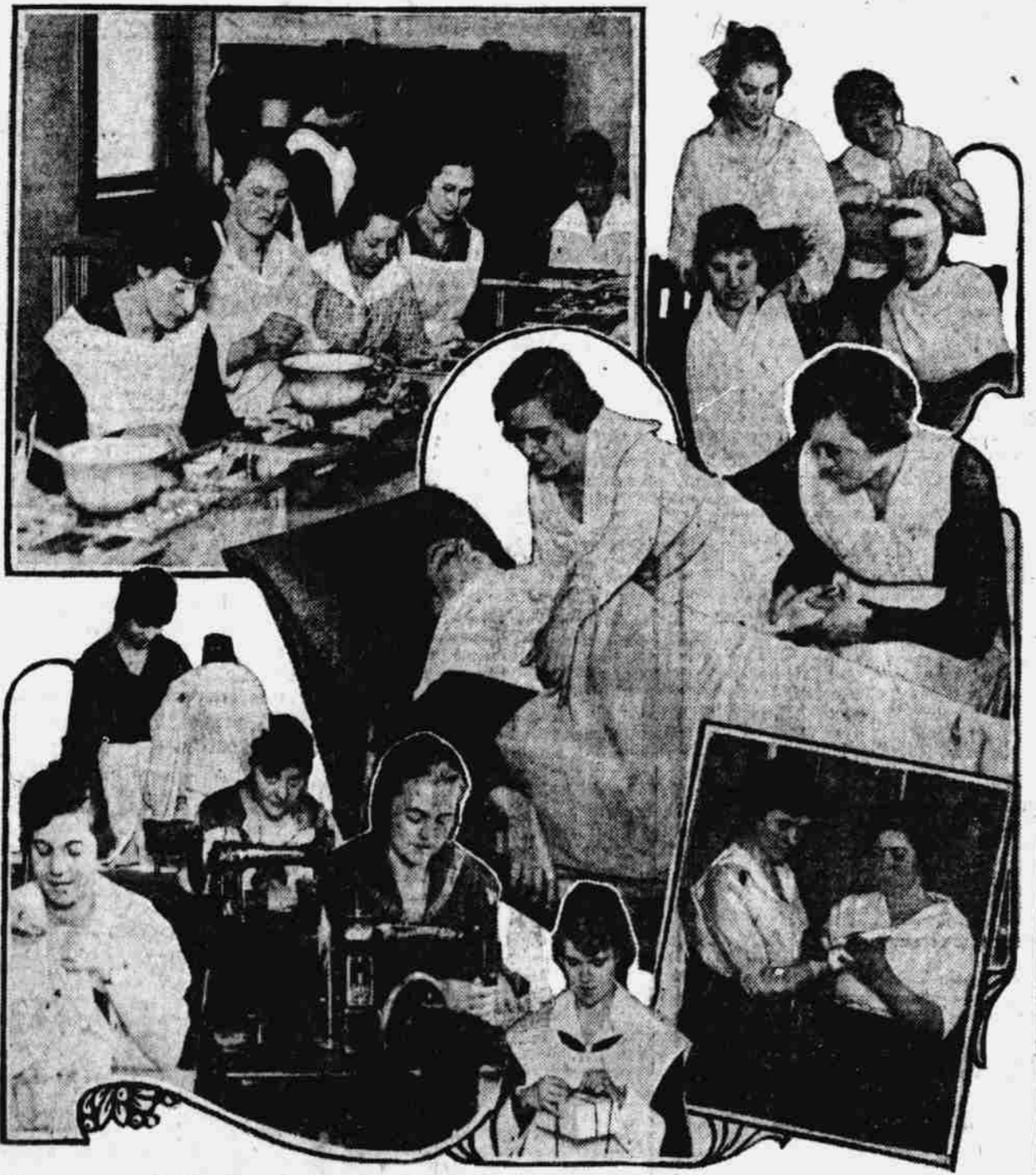
Winter is coming. This fact was demonstrated when several transients convicted of vagrancy in police court Wednesday morning went to the "bull pen" with a smile. One of these, John Johnson, charged with stealing coal from the Union Pacific, eagerly admitted his guilt and called Judge Madden's attention to the fact that he had promised him a long sentence if he again appeared in court. He was given 30 days, to his evident delight.

### Muny Coal Department Has Cars on Way to Omaha

Superintendent Butler of the muny coal department says he has 12 cars of coal on the way and 10 more cars promised. In a few days acceptance of orders will be resumed in offices at the city hall, South Side, and at a location in Ames avenue.

Looking for work? Turn to the Help Wanted Columns now. You will find hundreds of positions listed there.

### Pretty South Side School Girls Pack Boxes for Home Boys Now at the Front



These pretty South Side High school girls have packed 100 boxes with sweets for the boys from the South Side High who are in the service. This picture shows them at work. They are busy, for they make every blessed thing that goes into the boxes. Here is the list of what they packed in each box: Small fruit cake, stuffed dates, hermit cookies, salted peanuts, fudge, marshmallows and a small jar of preserves.

The South Side girls are active Red Cross workers. They have formed an auxiliary and work directly under the Omaha Red Cross chapter. They have made 100 "nightingales"—warm, shawl-like wraps for sick soldiers.

Miss Teresa Kopietz, instructor, has also been helping the girls to conserve by making over old dresses and hats.

This picture also shows the class in first aid to the injured. Miss Bookmeyer, instructor, is showing the girls what to do to revive a student who has "camouflaged" a faint. The girls are taught how to wash wounds, bandage and treat a cut vein or artery.

Following are the South Side High school girls who are making war boxes for the South Side boys in the service:

- Sewing Group—Sarah O'Neil, Lenora Martin, Coresia Bloomfield, Sada Levi, Louise Gertson, Ruth Griffin, Ruth Orchard, Miss Kopeitz, Helen Hall, Georgia Reeves, Irene Bailey, Albina Kostal, Fanny Sachs, Yetta Wright.
- First Aid—Rhea McGuigan, Helen Latimer, Ethel Johnson, Mathilda Pimnow, Helen McMartin, Helen Lane, Helen Hoffman, Margaret Hester, Evelyn Bird, Bessie Duncan, Myrtle Youngblood, Gladys Wagner, Pearl Schmidt, Eva Newton, Irene Neff, Olga Kadavy, Lucile Kratky, Grace Erickson, Ethel Harlan, Esther Hickson.
- Cooking Group—Lenora Martin, Miss Kopeitz, Luella Taylor, Eva Newton, Josephine Connell, Bessie Duncan, Margaret Bliss, Isabelle and Bernice Zigmund, Lillian Kascek, Edith Johnson, Helen Mullen, Miss Brookmeyer.

### GAS COMPANY TO ADVANCE RATES

Increased Prices of Coal, Oil and Coke Are Given as Reason; Will Be \$1.15 Per 1,000 Feet.

The Omaha gas company has announced that beginning with bills rendered February 1, 1916, they will advance the rate from \$1 to \$1.15 per thousand feet of gas, on account of the advanced prices of coal, oil and coke, the principal materials used in the manufacture of their product.

A detailed statement prepared by the company shows that they will close this year with a deficit of \$6,513, estimating the last four months. They further show that they would operate at an estimated loss of nearly \$150,000 during 1918 if the \$1 rate was continued, and they estimate that the advance of 15 cents per thousand feet will yield \$148,270, enough to break even with their operating expenses.

During 1916 this company paid \$3.08 per ton for coal, and in 1917 the cost has been \$3.95, an increase of 29 per cent. The estimated cost of coal for 1918 is figured at \$5.04 per ton, an increase of 65 per cent over 1916. Coke in 1916 cost \$6.83 per ton; in 1917, \$7.46, an increase of 17 per cent. Estimated cost of coke for 1918 is shown at \$13.20 per ton, an increase of 106 per cent over 1916. Oil in 1916 cost 2.728 cents per gallon; in 1917, 5.716 cents, an increase of 109 per cent. The company estimates that oil will cost 6.55 cents per gallon in 1918, an increase of 140 per cent over 1916.

#### Contract Prices Advance

Contract prices for coal have advanced from \$2.74 per ton in 1915-16 to \$5.21 per ton under contracts which run to next August. Coke has advanced from \$6.15 in 1915 to \$14.47, and oil from 2.62 cents to 6.24 cents. Operating expenses were increased from \$634,447 in 1916 to \$851,769 in 1917, and 1918 is estimated at \$1,064,309.

On August 1, 1915, the company voluntarily reduced the rate from \$1.15 to \$1 per thousand feet, and the higher rate, which will be charged beginning with bills dated February 1, will be 10 cents per thousand feet less than the net rate named in the company's franchise contract with the city.

### Nebraska Towns Co-Operate in Interest of Armenians

Towns out in the state are making a good showing in the Armenian and Syrian relief fund drive. In Omaha many people are giving to the fund unostentatiously. C. M. Wilhelm Wednesday morning received a \$50 bill without any name being enclosed.

The cash subscribed to date is \$9,993. Total pledges are \$4,810.35. Some of the state reports follow: Lyons—A local organization has been formed to aid the Armenians and Syrians in Asia. M. C. Peterson, a local merchant, was elected treasurer. As a result of the organization's activities Rev. Mr. Ray of the Methodist church and Rev. Mr. Clark of the Presbyterian church united their evening services and appropriated the offerings to the relief fund. As a result \$420 was collected.

St. Paul—E. A. Benson of Omaha, visiting this city, aided in organizing a branch committee. O. E. Taylor, banker, was elected treasurer. As a result of these activities word has just been received that \$887 has been subscribed.

### K. OF C. WAR FUND IS NOW OVER \$150,000

One Hundred Towns Yet to Hear From Expected to Make Total Over \$200,000.

Secretary W. C. Fraser states that reports received from outside of Omaha bring the total subscriptions to the Nebraska Knights of Columbus campaign to slightly more than the amount it was intended to raise, with over 100 towns yet to report.

It seems certain that the fund will reach \$200,000 from all indications. The total amount raised in Omaha to date amounts to \$73,045.71.

New subscriptions from outside of Omaha are as follows:

Previously reported	\$67,422
Vesta	573
Elkhorn	50
Chickson	186
Corral	40
Manley	600
Fairbury	20
Janitola	150
Indianola	700
Blair	100
David City	1,043
Appleton	260
Linwood	38
Shelby	929
Brno	500
Albia	100
Linwood	38
Brainard	30
Luxemburg	200
Ulysses	200
Alverno	200
Dwight	400
Bee	200
Bellwood	200
Seward	200
Fairview	200
Lynch	60
Sutton	872
Emerson	800
Manley, which had a quota of \$25, has now reached \$1,670 and reports that more can be expected.	

### C. E. Yost Buys Red Cross Membership for Family

To Casper E. Yost, president of the Nebraska Telephone company, goes the distinction of purchasing the first 100 per cent Christmas Red Cross membership.

Mr. Yost Tuesday night paid to William A. Pixley, publicity manager for the Red Cross campaign, the sum of \$11 to pay for 10 memberships—one for each member of his household—and a year's subscription to the Red Cross Magazine. Mr. Yost bought memberships for himself, his wife, his daughter, three grandchildren, three house servants and a chauffeur.

Despite the fact that the Christmas drive is not scheduled to start until December 17, more than 75 persons already have bought memberships at the local committee headquarters in the Keeline building.

### Russ Pacifists Meet Leopold of Bavaria

Berlin (Via London), Dec. 5.—"A Russian deputation for the conclusion of an armistice," says an official state-

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ment, "was welcomed Monday afternoon by the commander-in-chief of the east. Prince Leopold of Bavaria, in a short speech. Negotiations regarding the conclusion of an armistice were thereupon begun."

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