

# TRAIN WRECKED IN ST. JOE YARDS: CUT RAIL CAUSE

## Purposely Done, Say Railroad Officials; One Hurt; Coaches Filled With Soldiers.

Railroad officials believe that a deliberate attempt to wreck a train resulted in the derailment at St. Joseph, Mo., early Friday morning of the northbound Burlington passenger train from Kansas City to Omaha.

The train of 12 coaches was derailed in the South St. Joseph yards and six of the cars were thrown completely off the track.

Only one man, unidentified, was hurt, although several were stunned by being thrown against the seats. Two chair cars were turned on their sides and the express car was turned completely over, but was unoccupied at the time. The mail car is a wreck, but the mail was rescued.

A piece of severed rail a foot long and another cut rail a short distance away were responsible for the wrecking of the train and all evidence indicates that it was purposely done.

The train was well filled with soldiers from one of the cantonments and in one of the baggage coaches was the body of a soldier who had died recently in one of the training camps.

The passengers were taken from the train to the Union station and then proceeded on their way to Omaha. It is considered little short of a miracle that no one was killed.

# PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL DECLARING WAR ON AUSTRIA

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ated in both senate and house debate, but when the roll call came, the president's advice was followed in a demonstration of American unity and harmony. Representative London, socialist of New York, who cast the only opposing vote; explaining his vote by stating that he was pledged to that course by the socialist party. Caustic criticism of his position enlivened the house proceedings.

The members set up a cheer when Representative Lenroot attacked London's announcement.

"It is strange, indeed," said Lenroot, "that the only vote against this resolution to come from this house

will come from a socialist. If Russia had not been placed in its present position by the socialists this war would be nearing its close, if not already ended."

**Cites Other Socialists.**

Representative Chandler of New York challenged London's statement that as a socialist he must vote against the declaration by citing a number of leading socialists in Europe who have declared their countries will fight to the end.

"The only socialists who are unpatriotic are those led by Hillquit and London," he shouted.

"Isn't that the speech that defeated Mayor Mitchell?" interrupted London.

"No, and its a speech you can't answer," replied Chandler.

"I've more respect for and confidence in any man in the German, Austrian, Turkish or Bulgarian army than in a man who seeks the protection of the American flag," and then declines to uphold its rights," declared Representative Meeker of Missouri.

**Members in Accord.**

Debate in both houses was unexpectedly brief, lasting but an hour in the senate and two hours and forty minutes in the house. In sharp contrast to the discussion which preceded the war declaration against Germany last April, it was almost devoid of spectacular features in spite of the dramatic setting furnished by crowded galleries. Members a narrowly acted in common accord to expedite action, the few who spoke refraining from extended discussion.

The senate acted first on the resolution, presented by Chairman Stone with the unanimous endorsement of the foreign relations committee, soon after the senate concluded routine business. After brief addresses by Senators Stone, Lodge and Hitchcock, Owen and Vardaman, the roll call followed.

**Anti-War Senators Support Bill.**

When the document was transmitted to the house, it was substituted there by unanimous consent for the more lengthy resolution reported by the house foreign relations committee. Senator Stone, who had charge of the resolution, Gronna of North Dakota, Norris of Nebraska and Vardaman of Mississippi, who voted against the German declaration, today joined the majority. A fifth, former Senator Lane of Oregon, has since died.

Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, who also opposed war with Germany, was absent when the roll call was taken and did not vote. Later he addressed the senate, explaining that he did not hear the summons to vote, which was taken while he was at his office preparing an amendment providing that the United States should not observe any agreement of the entente allies to deprive of control any territory of Austria held August 1, 1914. The Wisconsin senator said, with the inclusion of this amendment, he would have voted for the war resolution.

Debate on the resolution began shortly after the senate convened, unanimous consent being secured for its immediate consideration.

**Senator Stone Presents Resolution.**

Chairman Stone of the senate foreign relations committee presented the senate war resolution against Austria-Hungary and moved its immediate adoption.

Beside the reasons that Austria is Germany's active ally and as such has committed warlike acts against the United States, Senator Stone declared there was the further reason that, inasmuch as Italy, France and Belgium comprised one battle front American troops might at any time be facing Austrians.

Senator Stone made no reference to Turkish or Bulgarian relations.

"In this great world struggle," said Senator Stone, "all men know of the intimate and apparently indissoluble relation between the governments of Germany and Austria-Hungary. In the progress of events it has become

manifest that the United States is inevitably as much at war with Austria-Hungary as with Germany. In these circumstances it is impossible that amicable relations between the two countries should be continued.

**Germany and Austria Co-ordinate.**

"In the prosecution of the war German and Austria-Hungarian troops are co-ordinated and co-operative. On the other hand, the United States is sending troops and supplies to aid the entente allies, including vast sums of finance to the entente allies; the government of the United States is furnishing men, supplies and money to all the entente governments; the supreme war council has been organized at Paris in which the government of the United States is authoritatively represented and in which also Great Britain, France and Italy are represented to co-ordinate the allied forces with the view to concert and co-operation in the conduct of the war.

"This supreme war council has defined battle fronts in Europe, one of which has been defined to embrace France, Belgium and Italy. This reach is laid out as one continuous battle front under one general command.

"I am told that American troops are up to this date massed in France, but if they are operating on one of the long-defined battle fronts which embraces Belgium and Italy I cannot see that it would make any difference where Americans, British, French or Italian troops might for the moment be located. If all of them are co-operating in one general movement against a common enemy along a single well-defined battle front, is the particular temporary location of one group or another group important? These groups may be shifted to meet the exigencies of war.

**United States Supports Italy.**

"The United States is supporting Italy as well as England, France and those countries in like manner are

supporting the United States in the war they are all waging against the German imperial government. At that point the United States meets Austria-Hungary and Austria-Hungary is supporting Germany. The two nations are in close contact and in open coalition in the conduct of the war.

"Aside from acts of aggression and offense committed by the Austro-Hungarian government against the United States, which in itself the committee declares to be sufficient cause for war, it is manifestly impossible that the United States and Austria should be at peace while Germany and the United States are at war. The state of actual war already exists between Austria and the United States. It is better for us and for the world that this great fact should be recognized and acted upon affirmatively and authoritatively. National honor and national interests alike demand that this government should assume an attitude of dignity, sincerity and commanding firmness in its international relations."

Debate in the house on the resolution was opened by Chairman Flood of the foreign affairs committee. He asked the house to pass the resolution unanimously. The declaration, he said, was essential to the welfare of the allies, and further, that Austria in an unrestricted and ruthless submarine warfare had sunk American ships and murdered American citizens.

"This is war, war by Austria upon

this country," said Mr. Flood. "The assault upon these ships and the murder of these American citizens was as much an act of war against this country as if Austria had landed an army upon our shores and marched it to this city, burning our homes and murdering our citizens as it came. Our flag has been insulted, our territorial integrity invaded, the lives of our citizens taken, and, to submit, would bring irreparable injury, loss and suffering to our people.

"We should accept the gage of battle from Austria just as we did from Germany," he declared, and dwell upon the moral effect, particularly on Italy, saying it would strengthen the front and the whole allied cause. "Let us pass the resolution speedily," he declared, "linking together for overwhelming defeat the two medieval governments which plunged the world into war and still stand as the worst obstacle to a just peace among the nations."

No time for a vote on the resolution was set by the house, but it was believed it might be expected before 6 o'clock this evening.

**Damage Done in London**  
**Work of Single Airplane**

London, Dec. 7.—Most of the damage done in London yesterday morning in the German air raid appears to have been the work of a single airplane which hovered over the city and dropped five explosive and two incendiary bombs. One of the explosive bombs fell near a residential block, breaking windows, while an incendiary bomb caused a large fire when it fell on a wall paper and brush establishment. A laundry, a brewery and an occupied school and a glassware store house also were struck, but there were no casualties in these places.

# THOUSANDS ARE OBLIGED TO PAY NEW INCOME TAX

## Estimated 70,000 Nebraskans Will Have to "Kick-in;" Fine And Imprisonment for Failure to Do So.

More than 65,000 Nebraskans who never paid income tax heretofore will have to pay it this year, according to Collector of Internal Revenue Loomis. Last year only 3,478 Nebraskans paid income tax. This year it is estimated 70,000 Nebraskans will pay it.

"The old income tax law is still in force," he said. "I find that nearly everybody thinks the enactment of the new law cancelled the old one. The new law is properly known as the 'war income tax law.' Both the income tax and the war income tax must be paid."

The income tax law provides an exemption of \$3,000 for unmarried and of \$4,000 for married persons. The war income tax provides an exemption of only \$1,000 for unmarried and of only \$2,000 for married persons.

**British Airplanes Bomb**  
**German Military Works**

London, Dec. 7.—British naval airplanes on Wednesday and Thursday continued their bombing raids on German military works in Belgium.

"Bombs were observed to explode and fire was caused among huts and sheds," the admiralty report reads. "All our machines returned safely."

"In the course of the usual fighting of patrols two enemy aircraft were destroyed. Four more were shot down completely out of control, three of them being probably destroyed."

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**Art Needlework Section Notes**

Knitting bags are reduced to make room for holiday goods. Bargains, indeed, for these bags are very good looking, and with their new low prices, very desirable.

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Stationery kits with pad, envelopes, pencil and extra pockets.

French mirrors, photo frames and sewing kits with khaki cases.

**Women's Underwear**

Ribbed, cotton fleeced union suits, several good styles, \$1.35; extra sizes, \$1.50.

Cotton union suits in flesh and white, Sterling make, low neck, no sleeves, ankle length, \$3.25. Pink silk vests of a good quality, at \$1.75.

**Wool Blankets Are Featured at \$9 a Pair**

These are extra heavy in size, 66x80, and come in a large assortment of plaids; all extra values for \$9 a pair.

Basement. Third Floor.

**The Advantages of a Glove Certificate**

The one who is to wear the gloves has the opportunity to choose the style, color and have each pair expertly fitted.

No bother to anyone, least of all to the one purchasing the certificate.

Washable leather gloves are much in favor now. They come in ivory, white, Newport, putty and Smyrna, with attractive contrasting embroideries, \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$2.75.

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A very extensive line of all-linen hand-embroidered handkerchiefs, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c.

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Children's handkerchiefs, for 25c and 50c a box.

Plain, pure linen, 15c to 50c.

**For Children's Christmas Gifts**

Children's brushed wool scarfs and caps in sets, light and dark colors, \$2.00, \$3.50, \$4.25.

Children's wool sweater coats, tan, green, cardinal, gray, rose and Copenhagen; sizes 6 to 14 years; priced, \$3.50, \$4.25, \$5, \$6.25, 8.00 and \$9.50.

Children's quilted silk bath robes, Copenhagen, rose or cardinal, 6 to 12 years.

Indian blanket bath robes, light or dark colors, 6 to 14 years.

Children's middy blouses, white or navy blue, 6 to 12 years, at \$1.25 and \$1.35.

**Appropriate Gift Things from the Apparel Sections**

Sensible Christmas presents—Kimonos, Bath Robes, Blouses, Petticoats, Sweaters.

Money spent in these sections goes a long ways.

**Slenderize Your Figure**

By wearing the correct brassiere. If you are stout do not wear a slender woman's style; select your brassiere with care. It is as important as your corset. Our showing is so large and has been so carefully selected that every woman will find it possible to obtain just the ONE style designed for her particular requirements. Priced, 50c to \$5.00.

**Annual Holiday Sale Women's Silk Hose \$1.49 a Pair**

Actually Worth up to \$3 a Pair

This event, coming as it does, just before Christmas affords an opportunity to send silk hosiery gifts without spending the usual amount of money.

**You Can Safely Depend Upon Every Pair of Hose in This Sale**

Six hundred pairs of pure thread silk hose, in white, black and practically every color; values up to \$3 a pair.

**Saturday \$1.49 Sale Starts at 10 A. M.**

**Winter Clothes Of Interest to Well Dressed Women.**

Three Groupings for Saturday's Selling—

**\$25 -- \$35 -- \$45**

**Dresses---Coats---Suits**

We submit these offerings with confidence, knowing that they are the utmost in style and quality possible at these prices.

**New Mid-Winter Hats a Distinctive Showing**

Our buyer has but this week returned from the east. The smartest new hats were secured in an ample selection to meet with most every demand of the season.

Beautiful Georgette in combinations of exceptional interest, including fur and satin.

**Mid-Winter Showing of Special Importance for Saturday**

**The Men's Shop Has Prepared for Christmas**

Give Shirts. From our large holiday assortments it is easy to pick out the right pattern for the right man. A glance at one of his old shirts will give the size.

Collars by the Box sounds rather prosaic, but you would be surprised to know how many present a box of one-half or one dozen collars.

Smart Gloves, capes, mochas, buckskins, for street wear. Fine dressed kid for evening occasions and warm gloves for driving.

Men's Hose, from Interwoven, Wayne Knit, Onyx and McCallum.

Silk Hose - - - - 50c to \$3  
Lisle Hose - - - - 35c to 75c  
Wool Hose - - - - 40c to \$1  
Cotton Hose - - - - 15c to 40c

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