

# TROLLEY SERVICE MAY BE HAMPERED DURING THE WAR, WATTLES TELLS COUNCIL

Orders Already Received from Washington to Curtail Service During Lax Hours; Company Has Lost 25 Per Cent of Its Men; Mileage Much Greater Than Year Ago.

If war conditions continue to affect the street railway operations, women will be employed as conductors.

"We are seriously considering filling the places made vacant by men who go to war by employing women," stated G. W. Wattles, president of the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company, addressed the city council committee of the whole, which was considering street car service under an order of business brought up by a resolution offered by Commissioner Butler.

Mr. Wattles added that women would not prove as efficient as men in maintaining schedules, disclaiming any disrespect for the women.

"I wish to take issue with Mr. Wattles," exclaimed Mrs. D. G. Craighead, speaking in behalf of Minne Lusa residents. ONLY NEED PRACTICE.

"With a little practice women would be just as courteous and efficient as men conductors and might improve over some men now serving as conductors," she added.

Mrs. Craighead offered a signed petition for a street car extension on North Twenty-fourth street, north of Miller park. She related that during the cold weather last week a young woman walking home from work, beyond the street car terminus, froze her feet, and another froze her hands.

### TRY TO IMPROVE SERVICE.

The commissioners heard both sides of the street car service controversy. Mr. Wattles opened with his side of the case in these words:

"The street car officials do not stay awake nights trying to see how bad they can make the service. It is our extreme desire to give the best service we can. We admit that the service has been bad during the last 60 days and I will say that it is liable to be worse under similar conditions. Circumstances have made it impossible to operate cars on time. The railroads have not been on time. It is impossible to have 100 per cent efficiency with 20 to 25 per cent loss of man power. Many of our men have gone to war and we have been filling their places as best we can. We are considering filling some of the places with women, as in many cities in this country and in Canada.

### All Must Bear Burdens.

"We must reach the conclusion that we must put up with inconveniences and bear and share with each other if we would win this war for democracy. We will win this war if we have to stop the street cars entirely. We may yet have to stop the street cars and walk to and from our homes.

"We have just received an order

### Over Two Million Less Grain Here Than Year Ago

The weekly report of the inspection department of the Omaha Grain exchange indicates that stocks of grain in storage in Omaha elevators are 2,396,000 bushels less than on the corresponding date one year ago. The figures now and then:

	Now	Year ago
Wheat	442,000	1,254,000
Corn	129,000	861,000
Oats	633,000	1,778,000
Rye	75,000	144,800
Barley	18,000	14,000
Total	1,237,000	3,859,800

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from the federal fuel administrator directing us to reduce the service as much as possible during the slack hours. Other orders like that one will come to us from time to time as the war goes on, and we might as well be prepared to meet them.

"Public service corporations are no different from private corporations, and the latter know what it means to lose their men. We lost 75 men in November and 74 have gone this month to date. We are doing the best we can and are not decreasing the service. Our car mileage during November of this year was 36,000 miles more than the same month of last year.

### Worked Under Fire.

"We have worked during the last 15 years here to build up the system under continual fire. We have had resolutions and other regulatory measures that have not been fair or right, and which have been only camouflage for some fellow who is seeking office and trying to make the people think he is doing something for them, but you remember what Lincoln said about fooling the people some of the time, but not all of the time.

"Our service is bad because of the loss of 20 to 25 per cent of our man power. Neither the city nor anybody else could get any better service. We are facing a condition, rather than a theory."

Citizens who were present asked for better service on West Leavenworth extension, from Forty-eighth street, on the Benson line, East Omaha and North Twenty-fourth street.

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- Handkerchiefs, 10c to \$1.00.
- Jewelry, 25c to \$2.50.
- Canes, 75c to \$5.00.
- Umbrellas, \$1.00 to \$10.00.
- Pajamas, \$1.25 to \$5.00.
- Belt, 50c to \$4.00.
- Collar Bars, 50c to \$1.00.
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- Tobacco, pipe and match pouch, 75c.
- Wash cloth and pocket, 25c.
- Bag for toilet articles, \$1.50.
- Case for toilet articles, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00.
- Bag for towel and toilet articles, \$2.50.

- Sewing case, filled, 75c.
- Cigarette case, \$1.25.
- Khaki stock collar, 35c.
- Mirrors made of brass, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25.
- Khaki shirts—madras and flannel, \$1.50, \$2.75, \$3.50.
- Sweater—all wool extra heavy, \$9.50.
- Sammy jacket—Bradley make, \$9.95.
- Khaki all wool gloves, \$1.25.
- Extra heavy natural all wool sock, 60c.
- Fine cashmere hose, 50c and 85c.

# The Pretext for National Prohibition

The plea for National Prohibition is made on the ground that the Prohibition States could not protect themselves against liquor shipments from "Wet States."

This reason no longer exists. The Webb-Kenyon Law, together with the Reed Amendment (generally known as the "Bone-Dry" Law), forbid any railroad or express company to transport liquor into States whose laws prohibit it, and make it a crime for anyone to bring liquor into any Prohibition State.

If a state wants to be "Bone-Dry," it can become so by adopting State Prohibition, with the assurance that the Federal Government will see to it that no liquor is shipped in.

The amended Webb-Kenyon Law was passed in recognition of the right of each State to adopt its own policy on liquor legislation free from outside interference. For the same reason those states which do not want Prohibition must have the same right of protection for their policy FREE FROM INTERFERENCE.

Coercion by a constitutional amendment of states opposed to prohibition would be most unfair.

Remember, that once adopted and made a part of the Constitution of the United States, National Prohibition would be VIRTUALLY IRREVOCABLE. However short it might fall of the results expected of it—whatever other evils might arise because of it—however great its failure might be in a National way, even as it has been in the State experiments—it would be practically impossible to revoke it, EVEN THOUGH AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION DESIRED ITS REPEAL.

Thirteen of the smallest States of the Union, with a population of less than 5,000,000 COULD THEN OVERRULE THE OTHER THIRTY-FIVE STATES WITH A POPULATION OF 95,000,000.

The United States Brewers' Association.