# LITTLE FRICTION IN CHANGE TO U.S. CONTROL OF LINES

### Local Railroad Men Expect to See Congestion Cleared Up in a Short Time.

While the local railroad men refuse to be quoted, they express the opinion that the change from private or corporate control will work out with so little friction that the change will harly be noticeable. They are practically all of the opinion that the pooling of business and equipment will result in the speedy clearing up of all congestion of freight and that it will ultimately mean that shipments will reach destinations in much quicker time than has been the rule in the past.

Most of the railroad freight men are of the opinion that the pooling of business and equipment will mean that, for instance, if a consignment of freight destined for the Atlantic seaboard is sent out from Omaha, it will be hurried through, regardless of what road the consignee might desire to ship over. In this way, they contend, most of the congestion in yards and on sidings will be eliminated and the shipments will go through the terminals without being subjected to the long delays now experienced.

**Not to Change Men.**

While railroad men see a director general in charge of the general affairs of the railroads, they do not anticipate any radical changes in management of the roads, or a shaking up of the personnel of the lines. They take the position that the men now at the heads of the various departments of the roads will be needed to direct the details and see that they are worked out according to the ideas of the director general.

Relative to the stocks and outstanding bonds of the railroads, practically all of the railroad officials are of the opinion that after perhaps a short-lived flurry prices are going higher and that thereafter they will continue stable, with speculation cut out to a great degree.

They say that their reason for reaching this conclusion is that with the government in control of the roads the United States treasury is behind the plan and that there cannot be any great amount of fluctuation. Again, they say with a guarantee that the railroad earnings are to be maintained at a certain standard, there cannot be any reason for any great depreciation in the value of stocks and bonds. This, it is contended, will apply specially to lines that in the past have been considered somewhat weak.

## Grocers Urged Not to Sell More Than 1,000 Lbs. Sugar

Wholesale grocers are now urged not to sell sugar to retailers in quantities greater than 1,000 pounds at a time. This is one of a number of rules just issued by the federal food administration through the Omaha office. "Sugar should not be shipped on back orders, nor without a positive order from the buyer," the rules say. "Wholesale grocers should use every precaution to prevent duplication of sales which may give to a retailer the opportunity to have more sugar than is necessary for conservative distribution."

Conservative distribution, as the food administration outlines it, is the selling of sugar to town and city consumers in 2 and 5 pound quantities, and to farm and rural customers in 5 to 10 pound quantities.

Flour, the rules say, should be sold to town and city customers in one-eighth to one-quarter barrel quantities, while it may be sold to rural and farm customers in quarter to half barrel quantities.

"Any advertisements tending to induce customers to increase their purchases of flour or sugar during the present national crisis," the rules say, "are decidedly against public policy."

## Y. W. Fund Campaign To Be Wound Up Friday

"Is $100 all I have given to the Young Women's Christian association war work fund?" asked a business man as he walked into the office of C. F. Harrison, one of the workers in the committee hustling for the $35,000.

"That is what the records show," replied Harrison. Thereupon the business man sat down and wrote another check for $50.

"That is the way we like to have fellows come in," said Mr. Harrison. "Of course we have a good committee, and members are hustling hard, but how we do appreciate these fellows who hunt us up and volunteer to subscribe, or volunteer to raise their subscription!"

The committee has gone well over the $30,000 mark, and the wind-up of the campaign work will be in progress today and tomorrow. Friday noon the committee will meet at the Commercial club for luncheon and the final figures will be totaled at that time. The goal is $35,000 for Omaha.

## Council Grants Licenses To 200 Soft Drink Parlors

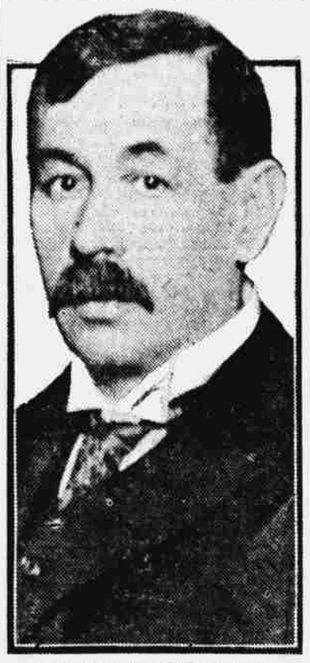
City council granted 200 licenses to proprietors of soft drink parlors. The only refusal was that of the California drug store, against which place a case is pending in court. The license fee is $1 a year and the purpose of the ordinance is to permit the council to regulate these establishments in cases of violation of liquor laws.

# PIONEER CIGAR MAN CALLED BY DEATH

### Frank Wirthsafter Dies From Heart Disease After Three Months' Illness; Funeral Services Friday.

Frank Wirthsafter, pioneer Omaha cigar man, died yesterday at his home, 110 Park avenue, from heart disease. He had been ill three months.

Mr. Wirthsafter was a resident of Omaha for 30 years. He came to this city from New York, where he was in the cigar business for a number of years. With his son, Edward, he



FRANK WIRTHSAFTER.

owned and conducted the cigar store in the Bee building.

Mr. Wirthsafter was a member of Omaha lodge No. 288, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Scottish Rite and Tangier Temple, Shrine. He was 54 years old.

He is survived by his widow, one son, Edward and four daughters, Fanny and Ida Wirthsafter, Mrs. C. H. Pill of Fort Dodge, Ia., and Mrs. Joe Wolfe of Omaha.

Funeral services will be held from the residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The services will be in charge of the Masons. Interment will be at Pleasant Hill cemetery.

## Big Food Saving Noted in Dining Car Service

Wheatless and meatless days and sugar control in the dining car service of the railroads of the contry saved a vast amount of wheat and meat during the months of October and November. Figures available through the state food administration show that the roads of the country saved during those two months 469,508 pounds of meat, 238,098 pounds of wheat flour, and 25,699 pounds of sugar. The amount used was compared with that of a year ago to get the increase.

This great saving of meat, wheat, and sugar was accomplished despite the fact that 20 per cent more people were fed in the dining cars of the country during those two months.

## Waiter is Bound Over for Violating the Mann Act

William A. Moore, a waiter, was bound over to the federal grand jury under $1,000 bond after a hearing before the United States commissioner on the charge of violating the Mann act.

He came here from Sioux Falls, S. D., with 18-year-old Ethyl Olson. He took the girl to the Windsor hotel, where the pair was arrested. Moore said he bought the girl's ticket, but that he bought it with her money.

The girl was held under $500 bond, which was supplied by her brother. She has gone back to her home. Moore was unable to give bond and is in the county jail.

## Jardine's Chauffeur Offered Commission

Fred Swaine, chauffeur for City Commissioner Jardine, has been offered a second lieutenant's commission in the aviation corps as a mechanic. "The only thing that keeps me from going," Fred says, "is my six children and my wife." Swaine has been chauffeur for the city engineering department ever since the city bought an automobile for that department.