

# WELFARE OF THE NATION AT HEART. CLARKE STATES

## Action of President Wilson in Federalizing Railroads Applauded by Former Rail Commissioner.

Federal operation of railroads is essentially a war measure, its primary objects being the procuring of maximum efficiency and the elimination of waste, in the opinion of Henry T. Clarke, jr., attorney for the Omaha Grain exchange and former chairman of the Nebraska State Railway commission.

"The action and attitude of the president as indicated in the press accounts should be unhesitatingly approved by every person who has the interest and welfare of the nation at heart," declared Mr. Clarke.

"Interests of owners of stocks and securities are protected, and on a basis which neither the holders of the securities nor the public can justly criticize. The guarantees of the government of the greatest nation on earth eliminates as far as possible any change in the value of such railroad securities, and reduces to the minimum the possibility of any financial disturbances through a depression in their values."

"At the same time the buying power and credit of the government will furnish all the necessary additions to property and equipment and their use at the most needed points. The patriotism of labor, and its confidence in the president and the government treating it justly will insure against strikes."

"The effect of state regulations is uncertain. Undoubtedly where any conflict exists between the state and interstate commissions as to correct and reasonable rules, practices or rates, the state must give way."

According to Mr. Clarke, the state commission will, however, in any event, play an important part in conducting investigations, making its findings of facts where any injustice is being done in the way of rates or service, and present them to the proper federal authority for correction.

# STOCKS SOAR ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT

New York, Dec. 27.—Stocks soared at the opening of the stock market today, denoting the satisfaction of the financial community with the president's decision to take over the railroads.

Sales of the first hour approximated 400,000 shares. The advance spread to all the other parts of the list, including war shares, equipments and utilities. The latter issues, including telephone and telegraph stocks, strengthened perceptibly as a result of being embraced in the general order of the president.

Profit taking after the first 15 minutes caused recession of two to three points among the stocks making greatest gains.

The advances in Canadian Pacific and its subsidiary, "Soo," were attributed to the higher rates assured by the Dominion government.

# Anti-Suffs Withdraw From Council of Women

Washington, Dec. 27.—Unauthorized use of the name of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage by the National Council of Women in support of a bill introduced by Representative Rankin and described as "feministic" and reflecting on fatherhood, has caused the anti-suffrage organization to withdraw from the council.

Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, president of the anti-suffrage association, in a letter addressed to Mrs. Philip North Moore of St. Louis, president of the council, setting forth the reasons for the withdrawal, says:

"I find the name of the association and my own as president used without permission to further a bill recently introduced in congress, the hearing on which developed such feminist theories as that 'the father is only a casual parent, that the wife should select her citizenship independent of that of her husband and that the citizenship of the child should be determined by the mother.'"

"We sincerely regret that the National Council of Women has apparently deserted the ideal of representing the normal American woman and has become, it seems, another instrument in the hands of feminists and those who seek to stir up sex antagonism and family division to secure political power."

# Federal Mediator Seeks To Satisfy Ironworkers

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Conferences were undertaken today by Mortimer Fleishacker, federal mediator for disputes affecting war work on the Pacific coast, in the hope of speedily clearing away differences in the demand of approximately 15,000 ironworkers of San Francisco and the bay district for a 10 per cent wage increase.

Only 4,625 men walked out on strike yesterday, according to R. W. Burton, president of the Iron Trades council, but the entire 30,000 members of the affiliated unions will stop work if the workers' demands are refused, he added.

The demand for an increase followed the granting to ship builders of a similar 10 per cent in addition to a 31 per cent raise for all employees of structural iron plants, formulated by the United States shipbuilding wage adjustment board. Under the interpretation of the employers, this increase affects only about one-half of the iron workers of the Pacific coast.

# Obituary

CHRIS CHRISTENSEN, pioneer resident of the South Side, died Wednesday afternoon at the home of his brother, 4622 South Thirty-third street. He was 66 years old and had lived in South Omaha for 22 years. He was unmarried. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of the brother, Homer Christensen. Interment will be in the Graceland cemetery.

# Nebraska COSGRAVE MAJOR JUDGE ADVOCATE

## Lancaster County District Judge, Philippine Veteran, Named to Take High Army Position.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The appointment of District Judge Patrick James Cosgrave of Lancaster county as major judge advocate has been approved by the secretary of war, according to a telegram received by Judge Cosgrave, subject to his passing successfully the physical examination. He was ordered to report at once to the nearest examining surgeon.

The judge expects to go to Omaha at once to take the examination and has no fear that he will not pass successfully.

Judge Cosgrave was a member of the old crack Lincoln Light Infantry company before the Spanish-American war and went to the Philippines with that company, returning its commanding officer.

The Lancaster County Bar association unanimously endorsed Representative Leonard A. Flansburg of Lincoln, for appointment to fill the vacancy and it is probable Governor Neville will appoint Mr. Flansburg accordingly.

# Beatrice Couple Celebrate Their Golden Wedding

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gardner celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the home of their son, Charles Gardner, at Cortland, in the presence of their children and a number of friends. They received a number of gifts as tokens of esteem.

Lester Balderson of Cortland and Miss Helena Hentges of this city were married yesterday at St. Joseph's Catholic parsonage. Father Bickert officiating. They will make their home on a farm west of Cortland.

Funeral services for J. S. Atherton were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Christian church, Rev. C. F. Stevens officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Home cemetery.

Oscar Jones and Frances Langley, both of this city, were married at the court house by County Judge O'Keefe.

A number of farmers in Gage county are gathering the remainder of their corn crop, which was not matured some weeks ago, before the cold weather.

Herman J. Grabowski and Miss Cora May Remley, both of this city, were married yesterday at 10 o'clock at the Catholic church. Father Bickert officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Grabowski will make their home on a farm southwest of Beatrice.

Lieutenant J. Ed C. Fisher, who left Beatrice a few months ago and who has been stationed at Camp Cody, N. M., yesterday wired Mrs. Fisher that he would stop off here Friday for a few hours' visit en route "somewhere in the east."

A short course in farming and home economics will be held at Odell January 7 to 11, inclusive. K. F. Warner of Lincoln will demonstrate butchering and the care of meats. Ray Carpenter will talk on autos and motors and give demonstrations. A separate session will be held daily for the women, at which cooking and home management will be discussed and demonstrated.

# Former Waco Postmaster and Pioneer Dies at Age of 84

York, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Elmer A. Peterson and Miss Emma Stettner, both of York, were married by Judge H. G. Hopkins.

Funeral services for Gladys Sheppard-Galusha were held at the Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon.

John J. Evans, aged 84 years, died at the family home, 1304 Iowa avenue, Wednesday morning. Mr. Evans homesteaded in Waco township in 1870. Several years ago he left the farm and moved to Waco, where he was postmaster for two terms. He had been a resident of York for about 10 years. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander L. M. Overstreet, who has just received the rank of captain, is a York county boy. He has been in the navy more than 20 years.

The village of McCool has just completed its drive for members of the Red Cross. An auction and supper were held and the net proceeds were \$635.45. The membership was more than 700. A quilt containing the names of 31 York county boys who went to war and the names of 600 residents of the village brought \$256.25.

# Committee of Council Will Hear Complaints

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The State Council of Defense will inaugurate a new order of things relative to hearings. Heretofore the whole membership has met once a week to listen to complaints and examine alleged disloyal people. From now on, at least for a time, a committee consisting of R. L. Metcalfe, George O. Brophy and Adjutant General Clapp, will hear complaints and report to the council.

# C. A. Fulmer Named Director of Vocational Education

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—C. A. Fulmer of Lincoln has been appointed state director of vocational education at a salary of \$2,500 a year and has accepted the position. Mr. Fulmer was for seven years chancellor of Wesleyan university. He also served for several years as superintendent of Beatrice schools.

# STATE HOUSE OFFICIALS GO TO ARMY DUTY

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Two more state house officials soon will leave for the training camps, orders having been received by Dr. Tenney, head of the state health department, to report at once at Fort Riley for service in the medical department. Dr. Tenney holds the rank of major.

Grove M. Porter, secretary of the state horticultural society, will go to the officers' training camp at Camp Funston. He expects to leave January 5.

It is not known who will be appointed to fill the vacancy left at the head of the health department. It is understood a lot of work is being done quietly by different factions which from time to time have sought control of the department. Some are of the opinion Dr. Wild, who has been state bacteriologist for several years, may be promoted to the place, while the name of Dr. W. H. Wilson, former head of the department, has also been mentioned.

# Two Couples Married on Xmas Day at Falls City

Falls City, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Harrison E. Tyree was married to Amanda Tyson of Nebraska City by Rev. R. H. Tyson, father of the groom. After a few days visit with relatives in and around Falls City they will depart for Nebraska City where they will make their home on a farm.

Miss Bessie June Stumbo, daughter of Mrs. Ida Stumbo of this city and Perry Thomas Hart of Reserve, Kan., were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother on Christmas day. They will make their home on a farm near Reserve.

# Chase County Bonds Have All Been Paid Off

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—In a recent report published by the state auditor giving the names of counties in the state which had no bonded indebtedness, Chase county was omitted, the records of the office showing bonds amounting to \$17,000 against the county.

It appears that these had been paid, but the auditor had not received notice, so that Chase county must be listed as one of the many out of bonded debt counties in the state.

# Power Line Licensed For Northeast Nebraska

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The State Railway commission has granted an application of the Nebraska Electric company for a transmission line between Bloomfield and Hartington. The company operates an electric plant at both towns and desires to connect them for commercial purposes.

It is understood this is the beginning of a transmission system to cover most of northeastern Nebraska.

# Lewis Teall of Stella Dies Suddenly in Kansas City

Stella, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Teall were visiting at the home of a neighbor, David Jones, when a telegram announced the death, from pneumonia, at a hospital in Kansas City, of their son, Lewis Teall, whom they did not know was sick.

Grace Barker, 6 years old, died today of spinal meningitis at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barker, near Shubert. Burial will be in Prairie Union cemetery.

# Omaha Young People Licensed in Lincoln

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Henry H. Luttberg, aged 25, of Omaha and Pauline Berkson, aged 27, of Lincoln were granted a license to wed in Lincoln yesterday.

William H. McAlpine, aged 31, of Omaha and Benona H. Starkweather, aged 30, of Lincoln also received a license to wed.

Harlie V. Powell, aged 21, and Hattie H. Harford, aged 30, both of St. Joseph, Mo., were given a license.

# Hotel Guests Overcome by Smoke in Fremont Fire

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Several guests were overcome by smoke and rescued from the Burwood hotel early today when fire broke out as a result of defective electric wiring. The halls filled with smoke and firemen were forced to break down several doors to rescue the guests. Damage to the building was slight.

# Nebraska's Last Quota Under Draft Called February 15

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska's last quota of 15 per cent for the draft will be called before February 15, according to a message from Washington received by Governor Neville this afternoon. Local boards, however, will be expected to continue to send men under the old draft.

# Clyde Siever of Broken Bow Dies in Service of Country

Plattsburgh, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—News was received here of the death of Clyde Siever, who was formerly assistant postmaster at Broken Bow, and who about two months since enlisted with the aviation corps, going to Fort Douglas, Utah. The body will be taken to Marquette.

# Uncle Sam Starts Great War Survey of Food of the Nation

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 27.—Forty-one counties in 31 states and New York City have been selected by the bureau of markets for an intensive store-to-store canvass as a part of the nation-wide food survey to be made December 31 by the bureau in co-operation with state and local agencies.

All retail dealers in groceries, meat, flour and feed in the territory will be asked to fill out blanks showing how much food they have on hand on the day of the survey.

The results from this store-to-store canvass, the bureau announced today, will be used in checking up returns to be received by mail from all dealers, manufacturers and holders of foodstuffs in all other sections of the country.

The counties were selected because of the wide variety of agricultural and industrial conditions found in them. Cities located in them include Cleveland, O.; Syracuse, N. Y.; Altoona and Butler, Pa.; Topeka, Kan.; Concord, N. H.; Wallawalla, Wash.; De Kalb, Ill. and Dallas, Tex. The counties selected include Johnson county in Iowa.

# Hastings Publishing Firm Buys Adams Democrat

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Watkins, Andrew Clute and W. S. Ashley have formed the Watkins-Ashley-Clute Publishing company, bought the subscription list of the Adams County Democrat of Reynard and Charles B. Wahlquist and merged the newspaper with the former Watkins printing plant. They will continue publication of the Democrat as a weekly newspaper.

Postmaster Wahlquist and his brother Clute left their job printing business. They have been the publishers of the Democrat for 30 years.

Under the new ownership the editorial management will be directed by Mr. Watkins and Mr. Clute. The former was editor of the Daily Republican, bought two years ago by Adam Breede and merged with the Tribune. Mr. Clute is a well known traveling salesman with experience in the publishing business.

# Join Army Service.

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Five Fremont boys, Myron Bodell, Beaugard, Cobble, Clifford Fitzsimmons, Everett Hammond and Bernard Eddy left for Chicago where they will train for Camp Joseph E. Johnson near Jacksonville, Fla. The young men have enlisted in the quartermaster's department and will go into training at the reserve camp. Fremont has furnished 200 boys for Uncle Sam's army.

# Chobart Waives Examination.

York, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Louis W. Chobart, charged with the murder of Albert A. Bender, November 28, was brought into the court today for a preliminary hearing. The defense stated that preliminary trial was waived. The court ordered Chobart remanded to jail to wait action of the district court. It is thought the case will come up for hearing at the February term of district court.

# City Skating Rink.

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—The city council at its monthly meeting this evening voted unanimously to close a block on North of the city park and flood it for a municipal skating rink. A. H. Waterhouse, superintendent of the city schools, went before the council and asked that the action be taken.

# Home in Fremont Burns.

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—The home of W. E. Rydberg was destroyed by fire this afternoon, causing a loss of \$2,000 with partial insurance. Some of the furniture and household goods were saved.

# Adams Red Cross Drive.

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—The Red Cross drive in Adams county netted a collection of \$7,836. The county membership is estimated at 7,000.

# Americans in French Army Are Cited for Gallantry

Washington, Dec. 27.—Lieutenant Edwin M. Post and Private Frank A. Ross of the American army have been cited for gallantry in action in French army orders. Lieutenant Post's mother, Mrs. Price Post, lives at Tuxedo Park, N. Y., and Ross' next of kin is his uncle, Charles Cooper, 1529 Seventy-second street, New York.

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# Woman Shoots German Husband in Fuss Over Purchase of War Bonds

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 27.—William Kasitz, said to be a wealthy German, was taken to a hospital today with a bullet wound in his shoulder after an altercation with his American born wife, which she told the police grew out of her purchase of liberty loan bonds.

The police made no arrest. They said they believed Mrs. Kasitz's statement that she shot in self-defense.

Neighbors interfered when Kasitz, according to detectives' reports, chased his wife from the house and attempted to choke her as the two struggled on the lawn before the Kasitz home in the fashionable West Adams street residence district.

This action was taken on receipt of a report from the county auditor and from the committee on salaries and accounts that Warming was short \$79,000 in his accounts.

# Drainage Ditch Work Will Soon Begin at Pender

Pender, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—At the Pender drainage district yesterday route "B" carried by a vote of about 2 to 1. Work will now be pushed rapidly to complete the ditch supervisors.

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