

RAIL EMPLOYEES FACE FED CHARGE OF ROBBING CARS

Conductor, Inspector and Telegraph Operator Bound Over to Grand Jury; Many Under Suspicion.

Three alleged members of a gang of box car robbers who have been operating in the South Side yards were bound over to the federal grand jury by United States Commissioner Neely Saturday.

These three are all railroad employes. They are William H. Chase, telegraph operator; Anton Manasek, car inspector, and H. C. Williams, Northwestern freight conductor with 12 years' service.

Chase and Manasek are charged with stealing two sacks of sugar each from a box car. Williams is charged with stealing cigars, gin and cigarettes from an interstate shipment in the South Side yards. The first two were released under \$500 bonds each, and Williams under \$1,000 bond.

Special Agent On Job.

So serious have box car robberies in the local yards become in the last few weeks that J. C. Ready, special agent for the Northwestern lines west of Carroll, Ia., has come here to take charge and try to break up the gang.

"Besides these three we have 10 other railroad employes under suspicion," he said. "We will arrest them as soon as we have the cases against them complete. Seals have been broken and goods stolen to an alarming extent in the Omaha yards. Flour, sugar, cigars, cigarettes, shoes and other things have been disappearing by the wholesale. We have tightened up the watch on cargoes in the yards now and are bagging some of the robbers, but we haven't them quite under control yet."

Russ Abandon Peace Parley With Germans

either to terminate or continue the struggle it ought to be satisfied that the conscience of the nation is behind these conditions.

Divided the Enemy.

The simple diplomacy "with the mask off" of Trotsky and Lenin has placed the Prussian bureaucracy in a painful position and has done that all-important thing in war times—divided the enemy against himself.

The kaiser's representatives have been compelled to pay at least lip service to the principles of democracy, which they have been preaching in Russia and failing to practice in Germany.

The German socialists are unsatisfied; the German war party is unsatisfied. The Reichstag main committee

The German position is greatly weakened and that of the Bolsheviks immeasurably improved.

The bombshell which has effected this bouleversement in the negotiations came in the form of a virtual ultimatum delivered to the central powers by Comrade Jaffe, chairman of the Russian delegates. This document, proposing that the pourparlers be transferred to Stockholm and condemning the Austro-German suggestions for the surrender of five great Russian provinces as contrary to the principle of free nationalities, put it up to the Germans with rather startling simplicity. They can take their choice between modifying their terms or ending the negotiations.

Austrians Not Conciliatory.

Amsterdam, Jan. 5.—The socialist newspaper Vorwarts of Berlin says that Dr. Eduard David, the socialist leader, told the Reichstag main committee that the Austrians were more conciliatory than the Germans at the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk. The German undersecretary for for-

eign affairs, Baron von dem Bussche-Haddenhausen, denied this. He said no differences of any sort existed as between the German and Austrian delegates.

Japan to Refuse Separate Peace.

Mexico City, Jan. 5.—If the enemy proposes a separate peace, no matter how advantageous, Japan will reject it, Baron Fugitaro Otori, the new Japanese minister to Mexico, declared Friday in a statement concerning the attitude of his country. Japan, he said, would remain on the side of the allies and was co-operating in the war to her full extent.

FRENCH ATTACK AT MONTE TOMBA DISMAYED ENEMY

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caps with heavy hoods. Each man got a small tin of meat and a large chunk of bread when food was distributed. The prisoners said it was the best food they had had in weeks.

The correspondent was told by the prisoners that the method of the French attack was an entirely new experience for them, as they seldom had undergone such murderous artillery fire. Most of the men were Moravians, Dalmatians and Galicians. The sudden French charge after the artillery fire bowled them over before they had any chance to offer resistance. Concerning the war, they all expressed themselves as heartily sick of it and said that the Germans were keeping the others in the fight.

As the officers came from their quarters it was seen they were chiefly Hungarians, with some Moravians and Dalmatians and one Galician. They were very cold and their first request was for warm food.

Enemy's Food Supply Low.

Asked about the war, the officers gave America's entry into it as an instance that all the world was against the central powers. One officer said the food supply was running low, but it was better in Hungary than in Austria. They thought, however, that Austria-Hungary could hang on.

A German artillery officer who was captured with the Austrians was given quarters by himself, but the commandant said that another German would soon arrive to keep him company. The German, while deferential and civil, maintained complete silence on the war. His uniform and equipment looked in better condition than that of the Austro-Hungarian officers, but they were badly run down.

Fair Weather and Snow Predicted for Coming Week

Washington, Jan. 5.—The cold wave has spent its force and more moderate temperatures will prevail during the coming week. For most parts of the country the weather bureau forecasts seasonable temperatures.

Predictions for the week beginning Sunday are: Upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys: Generally fair except snow in probable about middle of week. Somewhat colder Sunday, but no unusually low temperatures indicated during week.

New Munition Plants To Be Located in West

Washington, Jan. 5.—New plants for war material production will be located entirely in the middle west under the policy of the War department, which became known today.

Because of congestion in the east, untapped facilities beyond the Alleghenies have become necessary to speedy production for the present war, while sites at least 200 miles from the Atlantic seaboard are regarded as good strategy in case of future wars.

Mexican Government Takes Over Commercial Fleet

Mexico City, Jan. 5.—The object of the Mexican government in taking over the fleet of the Mexican Navigation company, it is announced officially, is to bring foodstuffs to Mexico from Central and South America. The vessels also are expected to bring about closer commercial relations with the other Latin-American countries.

OMAHA FIGHTS FOR EQUAL RATE TO EAST POINTS

Protests Against Kansas City Being Given an Advantage Over This City in Tariff.

Omaha's protest against discriminatory passenger rates in favor of Kansas City and against Omaha was presented before Attorney-Examiner Gerry of the Interstate Commerce commission in the federal building Saturday.

For a number of years the railroads

have maintained round-trip rates from Kansas City and St. Joseph to eastern points which are \$6.10 to \$11.55 less than round-trip rates from Omaha to the same destinations, though the distances are approximately the same.

A large number of witnesses testified for Omaha. Representatives of all the railroads were present.

Parrish on the Stand.

E. V. Parrish, formerly manager of the publicity bureau, said the discrimination and the way it works first came to his attention when President Hayes of the Peru Normal school told him that a party of 30 school teachers in southeastern Nebraska were given round-trip rates to the national convention in Atlantic City, these tickets via Kansas City being \$11.30 cheaper than tickets via Omaha to Atlantic City.

Commissioner Manley of the Commercial club declared that the cheaper rates via Kansas City work so that they cause many people in Nebraska who are going east to go via Kansas City and transact there much of their business that rightfully belongs to

Omaha. He said the publicity given the fact that Omaha is discriminated against also works against this city.

Works Against Omaha.

Arthur C. Smith, president of M. E. Smith & Co., wholesale dry goods, stated that department heads and officers of that concern alone made 16 round trips to New York, five to Chicago and one to St. Louis in the five months ending October 15 and were compelled to pay from \$6.10 to \$7.90 more for each round-trip ticket than they would have had to pay for a round-trip ticket from Kansas City to the same destinations.

"The rates should be made the same," he said. "We are being told continually that the railroads need more money. We have been solicited by the railroads to appeal to the Interstate Commerce commission to grant them higher rates. But with this discrimination we are not inclined to do so."

You can secure a maid, stenographer or bookkeeper by using a Bee Want Ad.

CONGRESS TAKES UP PRESIDENT'S RAILROAD PLAN

Approves His Ideas in the Main, But Urges Change in Period of Control.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Administration leaders in congress today went to work to bring about early enactment of legislation recommended by President Wilson to perfect government control of railroads and to provide for their reimbursement on the basis of pre-war earnings.

Although there were indications of

opposition to certain features of the president's plan as outlined in a bill introduced soon after his address yesterday, his ideas in the main were received with approval by democrats and republicans alike. Changes in the provision that federal control shall continue after the war indefinitely or until congress orders otherwise and details of the compensation plan probably will be urged.

Abnormal traffic and insufficient motive power on the Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio, and Erie railroads are mainly responsible for the freight congestion in eastern territory, according to reports today to Director General McAdoo from Interstate Commerce Commissioner McChord. West of Pittsburgh practically the only congestion is caused by the inability of eastern roads to accept traffic of eastern roads to accept traffic and consequently empty cars consequently are held up by the east-bound movement.

The Bee Want Ads Are the Best Business Boosters.

Glace Kid Gloves for Women, \$1.49 a Pair

Tan, black and white glace kids that will be just right for immediate wear. Tomorrow's price, \$1.49 a pair.

THOMPSON, BELDEN & CO.

The Fashion Center for Women

YARNS, YARNS

Heavy khaki, gray mixed (light and dark), white, and khaki in three different shades. Every yarn most in demand for knitting is here in the Artneedlework Section. Also needles in all sizes.

Offering the Best Good Things People Like But Seldom Find at Such Little Prices

Undermuslins Don't Escape the January Clearance

Regular stocks have been gone over and all odd numbers, of which only a few remain, also garments slightly soiled from showing have been removed and repriced.

In this sale you'll find only the best qualities La Grecque, Marcella, French hand-made garments and silk crepe de chine.

THE REDUCTIONS ARE VERY LARGE, INDEED. SELLING WILL COMMENCE AT 9 IN THE MORNING.

- ¶ Silk Crepe de Chine Gowns, in white and flesh: \$ 8.00 Gowns, \$4.69; \$ 9.50 Gowns, \$6.29; \$11.50 Gowns, \$6.98
- ¶ Two "Billie Burke" suits of flesh crepe de chine, reduced from \$15 to \$8.50.
- ¶ Crepe de chine envelope chemise, reduced from: \$3.50 to \$2.69; \$4.25 to \$2.98; \$7.75 to \$5.98
- ¶ Chemise, Envelope Chemise, Combinations (open or closed drawers), Corset Cover and Short Skirt; sizes 34 to 44. The various qualities have been repriced: \$1.00 for 69c; \$1.35 for 98c; \$1.75 for \$1.29; \$2.25 for \$1.69; \$3.00 for \$2.19; \$4 and \$4.50 for \$3.29; \$5.00 for \$3.49; \$6 and \$6.50 for \$4.98
- ¶ French hand-made Skirts, beautiful garments of an exquisite character, \$20 and \$21 regularly, Monday, \$14.98.
- ¶ Skirts, lace and embroidery trimmed, reduced as follows: \$2 to \$1.49; \$3.50 to \$2.59; \$5 and \$5.25 to \$4.19
- Women's Gowns: 85c Gowns, 69c; \$1.35 Gowns, 98c; \$1.75 Gowns, \$1.29; \$2.35 Gowns, \$1.69; \$3 Gowns, \$2.19; \$4.25 Gowns, \$3.19; \$5 Gowns, \$3.98; \$6 Gowns, \$4.98
- Corset Covers Now Reduced: ¶ Qualities sold for 50c, 60c, 65c, 75c, Monday, only 39c. \$1.25 and \$1.35 styles, 98c. \$1.75 Corset Covers, \$1.29. \$2 Corset Covers, \$1.49. \$2.25 Corset Covers, \$1.69. \$3.50 Corset Covers, \$2.49.

Appreciative Women Leave the Apparel Sections These Days of the January Sales

Well-Dressed Women Find "Their" Sort of Clothes At Important Reductions



For Example, The Savings on Coats Monday

- \$75 Coats for \$46.50
 - \$50 Coats for \$37.50
 - \$25 Coats for \$18.75
- Others Proportionately Reduced

Your choice of Velours, Plushes, Broadcloth, Velour Delaine Mixtures, Silvertone, Pompom

We Consider This Our Most Important Linen Sale

- The truth of our statements regarding the January Linen Sales find confirmation in interested crowds that throng the section day by day.
- Thompson-Belden linen stocks are larger, assortments better, prices lower than any other in the middle west.
- Damask Cloths with Napkins to Match**
\$ 6.00 Pattern Cloths, \$ 4.89
\$ 7.75 Pattern Cloths, \$ 6.00
\$11.00 Pattern Cloths, \$ 8.89
\$13.50 Pattern Cloths, \$10.89
\$20.00 Pattern Cloths, \$15.00
- All Fancy Linens, Monday 1/2 Price**
They have been greatly reduced, but now further cuts in price bring them down to one-half the original.
- Cluny lace and Madeira scarfs, centerpieces and doilies, besides all other fancy linens left in stock.
- Extra Heavy Crashes, Scotch and Irish**
25c Linen Crash, at 22c
30c Linen Crash, at 25c
40c Linen Crash, at 35c
- Heavy Bleached Turkish Towels**
35c Turkish Towels, 25c
40c Turkish Towels, 28c
65c Turkish Towels, 50c
85c Turkish Towels, 69c
- Glass Toweling**
Checks of blue and red with white—
25c quality, 22c a yard
30c quality, 25c a yard
- Odd Napkin, In Half Dozen Lots**
\$4.00 quality, \$1.88 half doz.
\$6.75 quality, \$2.50 half doz.

High-Grade Silks and Woolens At Important Savings Tomorrow

Only a few more days and these values will be exhausted. Such choice materials seldom—very seldom—bear such low prices. Then, too, every yard is from our regular stock, same qualities that have made THOMPSON-BELDEN SILKS known for dependability.

Prices this January Won't Soon be Forgotten

- Haskell's Black Silks. Rich black silks known throughout the country for their everlastingly good qualities. Sold by us for more than thirty years, during all of which time they have never failed to satisfy.
- These are 36 inches wide: \$2.25 Satin de Chine, \$1.75. \$3.50 Satin Duchesse, \$2.65. \$2.50 Pure Dye Taffeta, \$1.95. \$2.75 Silk Faille, \$2.25. \$2 Plain Taffeta, \$1.65. This last is 34 inches wide.
- The Better Sort of Fancy Silks Specially Priced: ONE LOT OF TAFFETAS, SATINS, etc., that come in a huge range of plaids and stripes, suitable for blouses and dresses. Sold regularly up to \$2.25 a yard (36 to 40 inches wide), \$1.49 a yard.
- ANOTHER GROUP consists of our very best styles and qualities in choice colorings; fabrics that wear, 36 inches wide, sold formerly up to \$3 a yard. Monday, your choice, \$1.89.
- Belding's Charmeuse, A Guaranteed Fabric: In taupe, hunter's green, navy, gray and black, specially priced, at \$2.39 a yard.
- SATIN METEOR, \$2.49 instead of \$3. Eight choice colors in this beautiful 40-inch fabric. See it tomorrow.
- Extra Values in Fine Woolens
- An All-Wool Velour, in eight of the very best colors. An excellent suit and coating weight, 50 inches wide, reduced from \$3 to \$2.29
- MIXED CHEVIOTS, good numbers for general wear in suits and coats. Regularly priced \$3.50. Monday, \$2.29 a yard.
- SERGES, POPLINS, etc., odd lengths, in dress weights, sold up to \$1.50 a yard. Your choice, Monday, 89c a yard.
- Busy fabric section Monday because of these values.

Tomorrow Shoes Go at Clearance Prices Good, New, Desirable, High-Grade Shoes

- You'll doubtless find the style that appeals to you most because nearly every pair of fine shoes in our entire stock is reduced.
- This is a straightforward selling event wherein our best, fashionable shoes for women are marked down, decidedly.
- Shoes in all colors and combinations, formerly priced up to \$12.00— \$6.95 Monday, at
- Fine Kid Shoes, lace and button styles, in brown, ivory, champagne and dark gray, sold formerly up to \$14.00— \$8.85 Monday, at
- Five hundred pairs of black kid, bronze kid, blue kid, and patent leather Shoes. Priced for a quick clearance, \$3.95
- You may have to wait because of the crowd, but you will not be disappointed with the values.
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THOMPSON, BELDEN & CO.

The Fashion Center for Women

A Special Millinery Showing Will Be A Feature Monday

With bright hued zipper braids and raffles, with satins and crisp light colored taffetas, with delectable-looking berries and exotic fruits.

The Creators of Advance Fashions in Millinery for travel and the Southland have wrought charming results

Soft crowns are more than favored, they seem to predominate. Fashion has made use of all the novelty braids and most of the smart fabrics for frocks have been pressed into service as well.

Throughout the showing gleams a delightful forecast of modes for spring—they are all moderately priced.

Pay Much Less Monday

—FOR—

Suits, Dresses, Skirts, Blouses and Furs

Whatever You May Choose Will Cost Far Less Than the Regular Prices That Have Prevailed All Season.

Milady Will Like These Underwear Values

On account of great advances in underwear prices for next autumn, everything in our stock is a real bargain at its original price. IN ADDITION, HOWEVER, we have also made a few even better reductions in prices. FOR INSTANCE: Excellent cotton union suits, for 98c and \$1.59 Monday.

Neckwear Fashions That Women Appreciate Specially Priced

Organdie, satin and wool crepe collars, and vestees of net and pique, will all have new low prices Monday. The fact that this is new, good looking neckwear at a lower than usual price is sufficient reason for expecting a crowd.

Correct Apparel for Housewear

Sensible in Both Style and Price

House Dresses, Aprons and other garments that are more than usually attractive.

Basement