RAIL HEADS DENY **EFFORTS TO SLUR U. S. OPERATION**

Charges Made by Brotherhoood Chiefs Declared False: Wage Increases Granted as Often as Possible.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 19.—Cognizance of charges by railroad employes that the managements have attempted to discredit government operation was taken today by officials centinuing their submission of information to the railroad wage commission. E. T. Whiter of Pittsburgh, assistant general manager of the Pennsylvania lines west, in effect, denied the allega-

tions of the brotherhood chiefs. "It was charged that we put an inefficient yardmaster in charge at Alfiance, O., resulting in serious delays," Mr. Whiter said. "There have been a number of changes in yardmasters here and I do not know which one was referred to, but if the commission lesires further information we will aid them in obtaining it."

Commissioner Covington said he lid not think the commission could take the time to sift an isolated case. As to slowing up traffic, which also is charged, the witness continued, that would not be possible without essuing orders to train dispatchers. and I believe the commission has had sufficient evidence from the dispatchers themselves to convince you that was not done. Promotions Made Freely.

Mr. Whiter was one of six officials who today presented statistics as to wage increases and working conditions on their individual systems. The others were . T. Latimer, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; F. G. Nicholon, Chicago & Eastern Illinois; C. H. Niemeyer, Pennsylvania lines east; E. L. King, Southern Pacific, and E. C. Willis, Missouri Pacific. Scarcity of labor was reported by several officials.

All of the officials denied claims that promotions for railroad employes is slow, so that a man's chance to obtain better pay by advancing in grade is small. Most of them spoke of their own experiences, all having started in minor positions. Wage increases were declared to said yes. We put it up in the store have been as frequent as the roads' resources permitted.

Enemy Prepares To Launch Big Drive at Allies

(Continued From Page One.) ombardment and that fresh German infantry will overcome speedily any resistance offered in captured posi-

Despite these assurances, the intensive training to which they have been put, the German troops are frankly skeptical and are undertaking the store room?" to be used as cannon fodder and do "Did Pete Rooney use the store room for sleeping quarters?"

"May have been there in the nings, but not in the night."

"What do you call evening?"

"Never did."

"Up to 8 o'clock.". heir task with no enthusiasm, acnot relish the prospect.

Soldiers Want Peace. General von Ludendorff recently ad-

dressed a body of infantry at Laon and asked how many men were willing to fight to a finish. Only five noncommissioned officers and privates cause you had women there?' stepped forward. The others declared "He never came up there at their desire for an early peace by "arrangen.ent." German officers, on the other hand,

in the preparation. The lessons of the capture of Riga have been preached religiously to the German house gymnasium. Allies Are Prepared.

It has been pointed out that a pre-iminary bombardment of four or five ours to cut the enemy wire and deplish defenses was sufficient to give the Germans a firm footing in the Russian positions. The enemy troops have not been told, however, that the morale of the Russians at Riga was very low and that the German attack was a complete surprise.

The Germans will find the allied

morale at the highest pitch on the western front and their attack will be ar from the surprise desired. The illies are ready for a big blow and await with assurance the next move of the German high command. The German attack cannot be de-

layed much longer. All information points to the fact that both German civilians and soldiers are keyed up to such a pitch of nervousness and expectancy that the strain cannot enlure for long. Germans Are Hopeful.

They are waiting for the attack with feverish hope that the high command can this time make good its promise. The German troops are expected to fight well.

The coming battles perhaps will be the most sanguinary of the war, and they will be the most intense yet seen. But they will mark the beginning of the end, for if the Germans do not break clean through the allied line and they cannot—they virtually will be finished. The emperor is putting every ounce of strength into this great gamble, and if it fails in the early stages it means the end of Prus-

The allied forces have a superiority in numbers, both in men and guns, and no doubt is felt on this front as to the outcome.

Cass County Ready for Final Quota of Draft Call

Plattsmouth, Neb., Feb. 19 .- (Special.)—The call for the additional 15 per cent to fill the draft of the first call in this county will be issued about the first week in March. The notices will be sent out in a short time calling the boys who are to go.

Kearney Retired Farmer Is Victim of Cancer

Kearney, Neb., Feb. 19 .- (Special.) -Chris Jacobson, wealthy retired farmer of this city, died early Monday, a victim to cancer. The funeral will be held Wednesday. He is survived by his widow, three sons and three daughters.

LYNCH TAKES STAND IN HIS OWN DEFENSE

ouse in December 1915." "Who brought it?"

"I think Pete Loch." "What became of it?" "Put down in the store room after

the entertainment.' That other paraphernalia, to whom did that belong?"
"To Pete Loch. He asked if he could store it there while they were remodeling the Crounse block and I

told him he could. 'Was that apparatus, including the shower bath, used by you for exer-cise?" Sometimes, yes."

"Who else used this store room for exercise?

"Myself and some of my friends, I'd invite over." "Who had keys to that room?"

"I did. Calabria and the janitor woman. "How about orders to keep out? No Orders to Stay Out,

"There weren't any orders. No body had any business in there." "How about the towels and soap?" "Pete Loch bought the towels and we took turns buying the soap." "Water and light paid for by the

"Was liquor ever bought into that

county?

"Ever have women there at night?" "No sir." "Any women there in the daytime

when Mr. Taylor was there about 0 a. m., one day?"
"I don't remember the instance of Mr. Taylor."

"Do men and women both look you up in all parts of the court house to consult with you?"

"They do; yes sir."
Never Brought Women. "What is the fact as to your bringing any women into the court house

store room at night?" "I never brought any into the store They may have come to the court house with me, but I didn't bring them into the store room."
"Was the old store room used by any person to bring women to in the

night time?" "Remember installing a shower bath in the old store room "I do. Mr. Calabria asked me he could have a shower bath, and I

"Did you pay for it or the county?"
"I did."

"Consider you were doing a favor to Calabria?"

'It was a special favor and I have probably been criticised by members of the county board for doing it."
"When was it put in?" "October, 1915.

No Liquor Served.

"Ever request Joe Glenn to serve liquor to you in the store room?" "Never did." "Ever have him call women up over

the phone for you?" "No."
"Did Pete Rooney have a key to life—the old store room known as

"Did you ever discuss Riverside with Pete Rooney?' "Never discussed it with him."
"Did Mr. Dennison ever come to

the door of the old store room after there?" dark and knock, and you came to the door and told him not to come in, be-"He never came up there at night."

Hats Belonged to Family.

Lynch declared that the women's hats found in the gym by Farmer appear to have the conviction they burns belonged to his mother and sis-will be able to break through by means of their "secret attacks."

hats found in the gym by Farmer
Burns belonged to his mother and sis-ter-in-law. He said they left them
there because it was windy one night General von Hutier, who laid the when they went auto riding. He lans for the capture of Riga, has said that Charley Peters, the wrestler, ome to the western front to assist trained in Tylee's gymnasium for the

"Ever say to Tylee that you re-ceived part of the proceeds from Lakeside?"

"I did not."
"Were the proceeds from Lakeside ever divided by you and Mr. Loch in the presence of Mr. Tylee in the old store room?

"No sir." "Ever go to the home of Hans Voss." "No sir."

No Connection With Voss. "Did Mr. Ford with your knowledge or authority ever deliver any message to Mr. Voss or his wife, or both, as to forming a partnership for the saloon on Center street with the understanding that you would help in securing the license if the partnership was formed?"

"N sir. I never gave him any au-"Or Mr. Graham a similar arrangement?"

"I did not." Lynch said that he talked to Sheriff Clark in January after his election because Clark sent for him

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"No such conversation." "Did you extend to Mr. Clark an nvitation to go south and visit the Mardi Grass with him at your ex-

"No such invitation extended." "Ever tell Clark you were interested | matches?" at Lakeside and making \$500 a month out of it?" "Never discussed Lakeside with

him. No such conversation." Elevator Case Up.

Lynch said that Clark came to him and complained about the work of his brother-in-law, Jay Dudley, on the jail elevator, and that he had the matter taken up and settled before the district judges. He said Clark was given control of the elevator after the hear-

In connection with his protesting Sheriff Clark's bills for feeding prisoners in the county jail, Lynch said he was advised by his attorneys that Clark was not entitled to 50 cents a day for feeding prisoners, and there-

fore protested, paying the bills. He said he thought that when it was determined whether there was an "average" of less than 100 prisoners to be fed the "average" should be taken on the basis of a whole year and that federal prisoners ought to be counted in with the county prisoners. He testified that he always voted for

all other claims brought before the county board by Sheriff Clark. had no idea of harassing the sheriff," he said.

Baker Cross Examines. Baker cross-examined Lynch. "On the occasion of the auto ride, when hats were left in the gym, where did you start from?" "My home at Twenty-second and

Leavenworth. "Who drove the car?" "I did, I suppose." "Was that the only time that you left hats for ladies in the gymna-

"I don't remember." "Who put the hats in the gym?"
"I handed them to Dudley and told him to put them in the room.'

"You say you installed a shower

bath for the superintendent?" "Yes, sir. "For sole use of Joe Calabria?" "I did."

Shower Was in Use. "Did you ever take a bath there?" "I was in there one day when he was taking a bath. "Did you use this shower bath, and

your friends?"
"We did." "How many were there of those

"Farmer Burns, Mr. Rooney, Palestina Peters, myself and Pete Loch.' "Who else worked out in there?" "Farmer Burns' boy and a fellow

named Rogers."
"How did Burns' boy happen to appear in this gym?" Invited him over to work out."

"And you took him into a store room to work out?" "No. We had that stuff in there, mat, rowing machine dumb bells, In-

Was There in Evenings. "Ever there in evenings in your

the gym?" May have been there in the

"Do you know Mr. Carey? Was he ever there?" Yes, sir.' "Was Kugel ever working out

"He was there, but he did not work out.' Paid Tylee for Work.

"Ever see Tylee rubbing people there?"

"Quite often."
"Did he ever rub you?"

Todd to Probe Hog Island Navy Yard

Washington, Feb. 19.-G. Carroll Todd, assistant to the attorney general, was appointed tonight by Attorney General Gregory to conduct an investigation into charges that government funds have been spent extravagantly in the fabricated steel ship yard at Hog Island,

Mr. Todd, who has had charge of anti-trust suits for the Department of Justice since 1913 and is considered one of the most able lawyers in the department, will be assisted in the inquiry by Mark Hyman of New York, who for several years has been a special assistant to the attorney general for anti-trust investigations.

The investigation is an outgrowth of a congressional in-quiry into the shipping board's building program and a later request of President Wilson that Attorney General Gregory undertake a separat investiga-

for insane prisoners in the county

"And you paid him?"
"I did." "Whose else worked out there?" "Young Burns worked with me few times.

> he ever work out?" "He wasn't very strong. No pleasure to work out with him. I worked out with Farmer Burns. He showed us some of the holds." "Ever work out any wrestlers for

Calabria when you put in the shower "No one else."

Others Stored Things. "Who else asked you to store things n this room? "Women who had the noonday

lunch, and the agricultural society." "When was paraphernalia taken out of the gym? "In January, 1917."

"Why did you take out shower at that time? Had Joe been cleansed enough?" "The women wanted room for noonday lunch."
"Who had keys to gym?"

"Myself, superintendent of building, arpenter and several others." "Did you ever see the carpenter epair anything in there?" 'The floor.' "What floor?"

Many Had Keys.

"The floor you walk on." "Did he repair the mat, dumbbells, rowing machine, rubbing table or what?

"Did the carpenter take exercise in there? "No. sir. "You know he fixed the floor."

"I saw him.

Loch Furnished Towels. "Who got the towels used in the "Pete Loch. He said he would get

"Who got the soap?" "Tylee, Calabria or others." "At night after 8 o'clock do you

know who occupied the room of your personal knowledge?" "Whether it was men or women."

"Was it possible to get out of the oom without a key?' "I think so. No Thought of Grand Jury.

"Was gym paraphernalia taken out n your suggestion?' 'I told Pete to take his stuff out." "Did you know that the grand jury

vas to convene in a short time?" 'Never thought of the grand jury." "What reason, if any, did you have for protesting the sheriff's bills for feeding prisoners?"

"Didn't think he ought to have 50 cents a day.' "There was an appeal taken to the court and the court held that the federal prisoners were not to be counted, didn't it, and didn't the court hold that when there were less than 100 prisoners that the sheriff was entitled by statute to 50 cents, didn't you?"

Held Up Payments.

"And even after that decision came down you voted against paying those bills and against paying all the feeding bills Sheriff Clark brought down, didn't you?" "I did; yes."

"Isn't it a fact that by some pre tense or other you had the county board put these claims over a number of times from week to week?" "I did; yes."

"Didn't the county attorney advise the board that Clark's bills were according to law and should be paid?" "He said it was the law, but he didn't say it ought to be paid."
"Johnny" Ford, well known as

saloon man during Omaha's convivial days, and also identified with Lakeside roadhouse, was the principal wit-

ness Tuesday morning.

He insisted that Lynch was not identified with the Lakeside resort, nor was involved in an alleged effort to induce Henry Voss, Fifty-sixth and Center streets, to enter into an alleged agreement to which Lynch was a party. That proposed agree-ment, he averred, referred to Voss, Graham and himself, Graham was in partnership with Ford in a saloon at 1208 Farnam street and also in the Voss place.

Not Incriminate Self.

Ford would not commit himself to an admission that liquors were sold at Lakeside after 8 o'clock p. m.
"I will not incriminate myself like some other witnesses have done," de-clared Ford when quizzed by At-

torney Baker. The former saloon man admitted having gone to the Voss place with a proposition for the partnership, but denied that Lynch accompanied him. He gave Lynch a clean bill in his testimony. He also disclaimed that Peter Loch had an interest in Lake-

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cerning the financial end of Peters-

part of the county. ney, C. B. Wagner and Frank Trotter. ceived for the hogs. He said he had

Stecher wrestling match which he

The jury as finally selected are Fred his brother load the hogs in the hog him to pay his help and to buy stock. Haeiden, George Hallock, Henry Querb, W. B. McCann, J. A. Peterson, in Stromsberg, and of his visit to his were brought out. Ed Martin, Henry Berger, Murel brother's home the same evening, Churchill, E. V. Deason, Frank File-where he was told of the price re-

Two witnesses were placed on the left his brother's home for his own stand before court adjourned until about 8:20 o'clock in the evening and promoted and which has figured Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. Mrs. that there was nothing unusual about Blender, mother of the murdered man, his brother's home that would indiwas the first witness called for the cate that a tragedy was impending.

state. Her evidence was mostly con- He testified that he hurried to his a quilt was thrown over the body, 28, 1917, at his home in the north of the day of the murder at the in banking his money and of the conpart of the county.

Blender home. He told of helping siderable amounts he carried with

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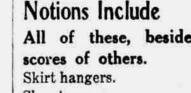
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