

LEADING EXPRESS CONCERNS UNDER U. S. OPERATION

Government Control and Compensation Asked by Many Companies; Action Delayed by Discussion.

Washington, March 12.—Government control probably will be extended shortly to the leading express companies, it was officially intimated today at the railroad administration.

The companies that would be affected are the Adams, American, Wells-Fargo, Southern, Great Northern, Northern, Canadian and Western.

Most express companies' earnings last year were far below the record of the year before and some, notably the Adams, recorded an actual deficit in the latter months.

FEAR FRANCIS HELD IN VOLOGDA BY BOLSHEVIK

Harbin, Manchuria, March 12.—Conflicting reports have reached here regarding the plans of the American, Japanese and other ambassadors at Vologda.

Casualty List Ruling Now Goes to President

Washington, March 12.—President Wilson today personally considered the War department's new plan of issuing the names of American soldiers killed, wounded or who die in France, without their home address or other marks of identification.

Special Postage Rates Allowed on Thrift Stamps

Postmaster Fanning received instructions from Washington to allow Omaha banks special postage rates in sending cancelled thrift stamp cards to Washington.

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NEW YORK STOCKS

Prices Trend to Downward Course During Last Hour Under Heavy Selling Influence.

New York, March 12.—The stock market was lethargic, prices tending mainly downward except in the last hour of the session when a few points were comparatively moderate.

Among the weakest issues were American Telephone and American Tobacco, General Electric, Peoples Gas, Pullman, Woolworth, the automobile group and minor war shares.

Foreign exchange was featured by another sharp rebound in Italian remittances, fires selling at 8 3/4 against last week's minimum of 8 1/2. Much of this rally was forfeited later.

Bonds were irregular, Liberty issues again yielding. Total sales (par value) aggregated \$2,645,000. United States bonds (old issues) were unchanged on call.

Table of stock prices including American Sugar, Am. Beet Sugar, Am. Car & Foundry, etc.

Omaha Stocks and Bonds. Bid. Asked. Burgess-Nash Co. 7 pct pfd. 99 100

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GENERAL BIDDLE TO COMMAND U. S. ARMY IN BRITAIN

Former Chief of Staff to England; Part of War Department's Plan to Train Forces There.

Washington, March 12.—Major General John Biddle, who recently was relieved by Major General Peyton C. March as acting chief of staff, is to command all American troops in England.

Major General George T. Bartlett has been in command in England, where several American units, including engineers and heavy artillery, have been training at British camps.

General Biddle was appointed assistant chief of staff just before General Bliss made his first trip to Europe as a member of the supreme war council.

Under new regulations, General March has five assistants, all general officers. He is understood to be considering now the selection of officers to fill these posts permanently.

BRITISH LABOR LEADERS ARE TO SPEAK TO OMAHA

W. A. Appleton, secretary of the General Federation of Trades Unions; J. Walker, secretary of the Steel Smelters' union; Charles Duncan, labor member of British Parliament, and William James Thorne, social-democratic member of Parliament, will comprise a party of British labor leaders who will speak in the Auditorium on Saturday night, March 30.

ANTI-BOLSHEVIKI LEADER SUFFERS HEAVY DEFEAT

Harbin, Manchuria, March 12.—General Semenov, the anti-bolshevik leader in Siberia, has retreated into Manchuria before the advance of a superior bolshevik force, according to advices from the border.

Negro Exempted Because of His Aged Grandmother

That the hearts of exemption board officials are not made of stone was demonstrated Tuesday when local board No. 2 exempted Harry Garner, negro, 50 1/2 years old.

Resume Confab on U. S. Operation of Oil Lands

Washington, March 12.—Hearings before the senate naval committee on the bill authorizing the government to take over and operate oil and gas lands in the California and Wyoming naval reserves will be resumed Thursday, Acting Chairman Swanson announced today.

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CARROLL COUNTY, IA, BOY 'GOES OVER'



BYRON VAN RATLEN. Young Van Ratlen is another Iowa Sammy to sacrifice his life in the cause of democracy.

HUGE AMOUNTS OF FOOD TO GERMANS

Roumania Yields Teuton Allies Enormous Quantities Grain and Corn; Little From Italy.

New York, March 12.—Since the occupation of Roumania Germany has received from that territory 630,000 tons of grain, including corn, and Austria-Hungary 756,000 tons.

This statement is made in a dispatch from the official Wolff bureau, dated Berlin and published in the German newspapers of January 30, which have been received here.

Apparently the dispatch was sent out to meet misleading reports regarding the available supplies from the occupied portions of Roumania and Italy, the dispatch pointing out that Italy could not be considered as a factor as regards the exportation of foodstuffs and fodder.

HYMENEAL

Covey-Struzick. Miss Neoma Covey and John Struzick were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge Saturday.

Eikenbury-Meese.

Miss Martha M. Meese, daughter of P. B. Meese, and C. Elmer Eikenbury, both of Ithaca, Neb., were married by Charles W. Savidge Monday.

DIAMONDS ON CREDIT WATCHES

EASTER SALE. The smart dresser will include in his or her new Easter outfit a genuine diamond, a fine watch, wrist watch or other fashionable jewelry.

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HIGH PRAISE TO NAVAL HEADS BY CONGRESS BODY

After Investigation Committee Declares Navy's Achievements for Last Twelve Months Present Remarkable Record.

Washington, March 12.—The direction and activities of the navy in the war drew the highest praise today from the house committee which recently completed an investigation of naval affairs.

Handicapped at the start of war by a limited personnel and material, the navy, the report said, "was suddenly called on to face many difficult and untried problems, and has met the situation with rare skill, ingenuity and dispatch and a high degree of success."

The investigating committee was made up of members of the house naval affairs committee, with Representative Oliver of Alabama as its chairman.

It is its report the committee took occasion to laud the marine corps, and declared they are today no better trained or more effective fighting forces in France.

Another recommendation of the committee was that the navy's great three year building program of capital ships as well as auxiliaries, temporarily delayed because of the immediate need of destroyers and smaller craft to fight the submarine, be resumed and that both scout and battle cruisers be provided.

Praising the navy's bureau of supplies the report said that under its chief, Rear Admiral Samuel McGowan, the bureau "has established a nation-wide reputation for business efficiency."

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Enjoin Two-Cent Rate in Oklahoma Constitution

Oklahoma City, Okl., March 12.—The 2-cent passenger rate provision of

the Oklahoma state constitution was permanently enjoined today in an opinion handed down by Judge Frank A. Youmans of the United States district court for the western district of Arkansas.

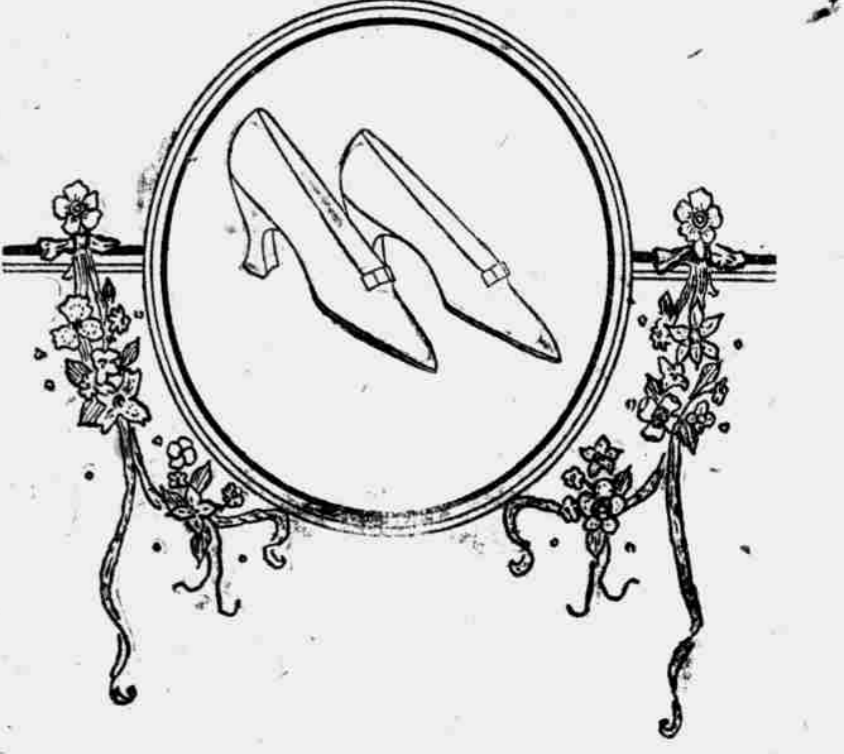


A Picture of Elegance

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