LEADING EXPRESS CONCERNS UNDER U. S. OPERATION

Government Control and Compensation Asked by Many

Companies; Action De-layed by Discussion. Washington, March 12.—Govern-ment control probably will be ex-tended shortly to the leading express companies, it was officially intimated

companies, it was officially intimated today at the railroad administration. The companies that would be af-fected are the Adams, American, Wells-Fargo, Southern, Great North-ern, 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. Companies and equipments also were cancelled at the close, United States Steel recording a net loans opening at 5% per cent, but relations were confusing call loans opening at 5% per cent, a few renewals being report at that rata. Companies and equipments also were confusing call loans opening at 5% per cent, at few renewals being report at that rata. Companies and enter the adams, recorded an actual deficit in the latter months. Companies and equipments also were confusing call loans opening at 5.00 akainst last week's minimum of 5.95. Much of this raily was forfeited later.

in the latter months. Government operation and com-pensation on the basis of the aver-age earnings for the last three years is sought by most companies. Since Sin the government took over the rail- stocks:

roads, representatives of the com-panies have conferred repeatedly with railroad administration officials urg-ing that the government take over their interests.

reached within 10 days. Action has been delayed by discussions of the proper basis of compensation.

panies for a 10 per cent increase in rates is pending before the Interstate ommerce commission.

FEAR FRANCIS **HELD IN VOLOGDA**

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

NEW YORK STOCKS GENERAL BIDDLE

New Tork, March 12.—The stock market today was lethargic, prices tending mainly downward, especifily in the last half hour, under selling influences, except for several specific instances in which professional pressue was exerted, recessions were com-paratively moderate.

have been training at British camps.

It is not known to what post General Bartlett goes. General Biddle was appointed as-

sistant chief of staff just before Gen-Closing eral Bliss made his first trip to Eu-Sales. High. Low. Bld. 80% 40% rope as a member of the supreme war

council. He relinquished that post as 761 well as his place as acting chief on the arrival of General March. Brigadier

officers. He is understood to be considering now the selection of officers to fill these posts permanently. General Biddle's designation revives 1.43

speculation as to the course the War 423 department may take in regard to the proposal that American troops be trained completely with the British war machine as well as with the 38 351 French. The suggested plan included completed the forces would be sent to join General Pershing's army.

BRITISH LABOR LEADERS ARE TO SPEAK TOOMAHA

General William Graves is now acting

Under new regulations, General

March has five assistants, all general

as assistant to General March.

Forces There.

W. A. Appleton, secretary of the bor member of British Parliament, says: and William James Thorne, socialdemocratic member of Parliament,

will comprise a party of British labor leaders who will speak in the Audi-

Alliance for Labor and Democracy, of which Samuel Gompers is the

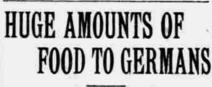
head. An effort is being made by the Cen-

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. He was killet in action in France in the intense fighting of a week ago.



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

(By Associated Press.)

New York, March 12 .- Since the front line training in the trenches in occupation of Roumania Germany Flanders, although after training is 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

General Federation of Trades Un-ions: I Walker secretary of the Steel ions; J. Walker, secretary of the Steel that Italy could not be considered as Smelters' union; Charles Duncan, la- foodstuffs and fodder. The dispatch of its fighting potentiality.

"There have been repeated reports in the domestic and foreign press regarding the distribution between Germany and Austria-Hungary of the These men will appear in Omaha under the auspices of the American ing to the respective policy, accord-Alliance for Labor and Domenican ing to the respective policy, accordsupplies of the occupied Roumanian ency of the newspapers. Italy Lacks Food.

"An explanation therefore seems in v. exportatio Mr. Gompers come to Omaha to ad- of foodstuffs and fodder cannot be reckoned with, as the supplies available there are no longer sufficient to A. C. Weitzel, James Whiting and feed the Italian population. From James Courtney, for Central Labor Roumania, since the occupation, Gerunion, appeared before city council many has received 630,000 and Ausand obtained use of the Auditorium. tria-Hungary 756,000 tons of grain, including corn. "For the correct appreciation of these figures it is necessary to con-sider that the ratio of population of Germany and Austria-Hungary is as 7 to 5 and that in peace times Germany must import 5,500,000 tons of grain, including corn, while Austria-Hungary has no imports worth mentioning of these articles. The remaining supplies of raw materials and products of the soil of the occupied Roumanian and Italian regions are allotted to Germany and Austria-Hungary, according to the principle that each one of the countries receives that which it needs most ur

HIGH PRAISE TO NAVAL HEADS BY CONGRESS BODY

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

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 12.—The direc-tion and activities of the navy in the war drew the highest praise today war drew the highest praise today from the house committee which recently completed an investigation of naval affairs. The navy's work for the 12 months past, it was declared, presents a record of remarkable achivement.

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.

Officials All Testify.

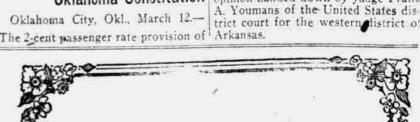
The investigating committee was made up of members of the house naval affairs committee, with Rep-resentative Oliver of Alabama as its chairman. During its hearings testimony was given by Secretary Daniels, heads of all the navy bureaus and by other officials and witnesses.

In 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. It recommended that the number of marines abroad be increased, declaring both officers and men are thoroughly equipped and splendidly trained.

The readiness of the Atlantic fleet for action at the outbreak of war, the report says, was due largely to the efficiency of the bureau of operations under Admiral Benson. The bureau, it is declared, has done exceptional work because of the excellency of its staff.

Another recommendation of the committe was that the navy's great three year building program of capital ships as well as auxiliaries, tem porarily delayed because of the in mediate need of destroyers and smaller craft to fight the submarine, be resumed and that both scout and battle cruisers be provided. Without such cruisers, the committee said, the dreadnought fleet loses a large part

Praising the navy's bureau of supplies the report said than under its chief, Rear Admiral Samuel Mc-Gowan, the bureau "has established a nation-wide reputation for business efficiency." The bureau is responsible for feeding, clothing and paying the entire personnel of the navy, and the report said that 300,000 men and 1,100 ships now are just as promptly and well provided for as 55,000 men and 300 ships had been before the war.



Oklahoma Constitution opinion handed down by Judge Frank

the Oklahoma state constitution

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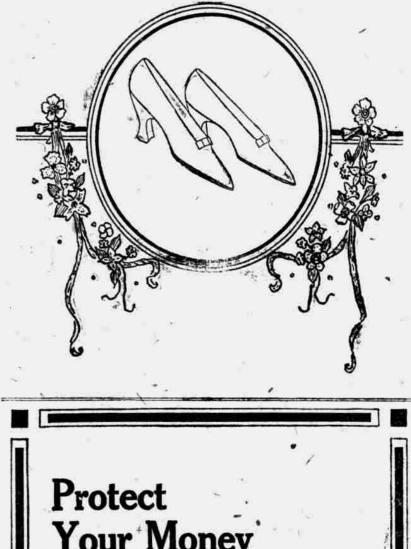
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marks of identification.

There was no outward indication that the president would reverse the War department's ruling, which was made for military reasons, but it was plain that protests from every quar-ter had grown to such number that the president had decided to inform himself of all the facts.

It is possible that a suggested plan of issuing the casualty lists twice a month, or once a week, might make it possible to give home addresses of troops, because the information might then be so old as to be valueless to the enemy.

Special Postage Rates Allowed on Thrift Stamps

Postmaster Fanning received in-structions from Washington to allow Omaha banks special postage rates in sending cancelled thrift stamp cards to Washington. These are stamps which have been turned in for war savings stamps. The postoffice de-posits them in the banks as cash. Handling them requires much work by the banks from which they derive no profit and the "unkindest cut" of it is that then they have to pay postage on them besides. Four large mail bags full of these stamps have already been deposited in local banks. *Ex-div.

German Agent Almost

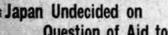
German Agent Almost Sinks Cunard Liner
London, March 12.—A German agent in New York almost succeeded in sinking the Cunard liner Pannonia, according to the story told in a court here this week. The case before the court was a suit by an English firm to recover \$10,000 damages from the Cunard line for wheat damaged by water.
The steamship owners denied that the damage was chargeable to them, "as it was due to the fact that a port hole had been opened deliberately by a German spy in New York."
Fear for Life of Arctic Explorer, Stefansson, Vancouver, B. C., March 12.—Dis patches today from Dawson, Y. T., said fears were expressed in the northern city for the recovery of Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Arctic ex-plorer now wintering at Herschel is and, in the Arctic ocean.
New York, March 13.—Mexican dollars— Band. St. F. 45, 614, 515 per cent; blad, 515 per cent; land, in the Arctic ocean.

plorer now wintering at Herschel is-

land, in the Arctic ocean. A Royal Northwest mounted police patrol arrived at Dawson recently from the Arctic and said Stefansson had suffered from fever and was de-dirious at times.

Sharp Recovery in Italian Remittances

New York, March 12 .- The decision of the Italian government to regulate all future dealings in foreign excharge between the United States and Italy resulted in another sharp recovery in Italian remittances here today. Lires were quoted at the equivalent of eight to the dollar, against a recent quota-tion of almost nine lires, which rep-resented a discount of approximately 42 per cent.



tral Labor union of this city to have dress the meeting.

Omaha Stocks and Bonds.

"The purpose of this meeting is to stimulate interest in the war among the working classes and to give them first-hand information of what labor is doing in Great Britain in connection with the war," said Mr. Weitzel.

ANTI-BOLSHEVIKI LEADER SUFFERS **HEAVY DEFEAT**

Harbin, Manchuria, March 12 .--General Semenoff, the anti-bolshevik leader in Siberia, has retreated into gently."

Manchuria before the advance of a superior bolshevik force, according to advices from the border. The accuracy of the bolsheviki fire during the fighting is taken to indicate the cooperation of former German prisoners.

General Semenoff brought his dead and wounded with him in his retirement. Nurses and a supporting de-tachment are to leave Harbin tonight. New York, March 13 .- Mexican dollars-General Semenoff's munitions are 69 4c. Bonds-Government, heavy; railroad, irreported exhausted, as well as the funds at his disposal.

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, 50231/2 Sonth Twenty-sixth street, because of an appeal from his grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Drumgoold, Kansas City, who says she is 104 years old and solely dependent upon her grandson's labor for sup-

"Please, yuh honah, doan' take that boy away to wah, fo' he done make de livin' fo his ole gran'ma. I reckon Ah bettah be dead if yuh takes him away," pleaded the aged woman "Any one who lives to be that old

is entitled to all the consideration we can give her," said, a board member. Her grandson is a laborer at Ar-

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

be the first witness. Many California oil operators will be called.

College Professor to Be

Interned at Fort Riley Kansas City, Mo., March 12 .-- Local

HYMENEAL

Covey-Struzick.

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

Eikenbury-Meese.

Miss Martha M. Meese, daughter of Miss Martha M. Meese, daughter of P. B. Meese, and C. Elmer Eikenbury, both of Ithaca, Neb., were married by Charles W. Savadge Monday. They were accompanied by the groom's par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Eikenbury, Miss Lola N. Well of Ithaca, Miss Pearl Meese of Wahoo, Miss Cene-vieve Marks and Miss Ruth Deck of Achland and Miss Ruth Prosser of Ashland, and Miss Marcia Prosser of



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Operation of Oil Lands

announced today. A. C. McLaughlin, representing the Southern Pacific railroad, which has claims in the California reserves, will

London, March 12. Japan has not yet come to a decision regarding the dispatch of troops to Siberia, Premier Terauchi declared in replying to a question in the house of representa-tives, according to a Reuter dispatch from Shanghai carrying Tokio ad-wices under date of March 9

New York Money Market.

London, March 12 .- Silver-Bar, 43d per

Money-2% per cent. Discount Rates-Short bills, 3 9-,6 per cent; three months, 3 9-16 per cent.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

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