

## INDIANS MAKE GREAT RECORD IN WORK OF WAR

Cato Sells, United States Commissioner, Pays Tribute in Report to Showing of His Wards.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The American Indian by enlisting in the army and navy, by subscribing liberally to the liberty loans, by increasing the production of foodstuffs on Indian lands and by contributions to relief agencies, greatly aided the United States and the allies in winning the war, declared Cato Sells, commissioner of Indian affairs in his annual report.

Mr. Sells said that out of 33,000 eligible for military duty, more than 6,500 Indians entered the army, 1,000 enlisted in the navy and 500 were in other war work. More than 6,000 of the enlistments were voluntary. Liberty bonds were bought, Commissioner Sells said, until Indians now hold the equivalent of one \$50 bond for every man, woman and child of their race in the nation.

Through it all, Commissioner Sells declared, a new view of life and his responsibilities is coming to the Indian. "In the midst of the most decisive and expansive achievements of history," said the report "he is a learner of the eternal principles involved. He is a student of the rights of individuals, of nations and of international ethics. It is something to challenge attention when \$9,900,000, 10,000 of a race which, within the memory of living men, knew little beyond the restraints of barbarism, cross the ocean as crusaders of democracy and civilization."

The policy adopted in 1917 of giving control of their own affairs to as many of the Indians as possible has proven successful and justly praised, the report declares, adding that as fast as individual wards of the government become capable of self management their properties will be turned over to them.

### Former Fremont Hotel Man Dies of Pneumonia in Omaha

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—John Dexter, who died following an attack of influenza pneumonia at his home in Omaha, was formerly landlord of Hotel Terry of Fremont. He was born and grew up in Fremont and for years was in the train service of the Northwestern. He was 38 years of age and a Knights Templar and Shriner. The body was brought to Fremont and the funeral services will be held under Masonic auspices tomorrow afternoon.

### Nebraska's Wheat Acreage Not Record, Says Board

Lincoln, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—According to an estimate of the State Agricultural association 3,511,000 acres of wheat have been sown in Nebraska this fall. This is not a good record, says the report, but exceeds the acreage of last year which was 3,015,844 acres.

The estimates for the United States give the acreage this fall as 49,027,000 as against 40,301,000 acres last year, although but about 36,704,000 survived for the harvest.

### Camp Dodge Military Band to Give Concert in Fremont

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The Camp Dodge military band will stop in Fremont tomorrow for two concerts at a local theater under the auspices of the Commercial club and the home guards. The band is on a victory tour through the western states. All proceeds above expenses at the two concerts will be turned over to Red Cross.

## No Higher Car Fare Now; City Wants Traction Line

Evidence Submitted Not Sufficient to Base Final Decision, is Ruling of Board.

**From a Staff Correspondent.**  
Lincoln, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—While on the face of the order the Nebraska State Railway commission dismisses the application of the Omaha & Council Bluffs street railway company for an emergency fare, it is really a continuance in order that the company may be required to furnish more testimony and that the commission itself may make an investigation into the merits of the application.

The order of the commission is that the application of the company for emergency fares be and the same is hereby dismissed and the cause continued upon the application for permanent fares.

### Based on War Prices.

In speaking of the application the commission says: "Ordinarily a physical valuation is not essential in determining the necessity of an emergency rate, but as testimony has been offered concerning such valuation it will be one of the essential elements in ascertaining what the permanent rates of fares shall be, we shall discuss it briefly so as to point out what appears to be the principal deficiencies in the valuation offered by the applicant."

"The valuation, so far as it goes, is based entirely on present day or war prices. We cannot view this as a proper basis of valuation, for it is conceded in the testimony offered by the applicant that prices are not extraordinarily high; that their advance had been very rapid and due to war conditions."

### Allow No Depreciation.

"This commission is committed to the doctrine that unit prices cannot be fixed by taking prices at the time of the investigation and being governed by the market at a later date. The commission then alleges that the application is defective because no allowance was made for depreciation except as to a few inconsiderable items. After discussing the proposition of higher cost of operation because of higher wages, etc. it says:

"The reason of the failure of the applicant to make the full and complete showing to the commission as to the operating revenues, operating expenses and fixed charges properly chargeable against the Nebraska property, the commission finds itself unable to determine whether or not the revenues collected by the applicant in Nebraska would be sufficient to pay a reasonable return upon a fair value of the property devoted to the public use in Nebraska."

**No Emergency Now.**  
"The commission recognizes, however, that operating costs have increased materially in recent years, and that the present five-cent fare, if continued indefinitely, might not leave the company a fair return on its property in Nebraska. The commission is therefore of the opinion, and so finds, that an emergency does not exist; but that this case should be continued for the taking of further testimony, and in order to facilitate the investigation the commission will immediately instruct its engineering department to proceed to make a check of the inventory and physical valuations returned by the applicant in testimony before the commission in this case."

### Former Kearney Woman Dies as Result of Burns

Kearney, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—M. Lulu Hostetter, wife of Ed Hostetter, of Maxwell, formerly of Kearney, suffered burns which resulted in her death through the explosion of some oil.

## Commissioners Name Committee to Confer With Street Railway Officials Concerning Purchase.

The city council, Tuesday morning, took the first steps toward buying the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company property and operating it.

The action came under a resolution introduced by Commissioner Zimman, who asked that a committee of three, including the mayor, be appointed to confer with the street railway company officials to learn their attitude upon the subject and later to introduce a bill in the legislature, empowering the city to buy and operate the street railway.

### Chance For Bargain.

"Mr. Wattles, president of the company, stated in this council chamber recently that the company would be glad to sell out to the city," said Mr. Zimman. "The company says it is in financial straits and it may be that the people can now acquire the property at a bargain."

Mayor Smith appointed Commissioners Zimman and Ure to act with himself on the committee.

### Need New Law.

As to the legal status of the move to buy the street railway, the mayor thinks a new law will have to be passed. The general clause of the city charter which enumerates certain utilities that the city can acquire and operate does not mention the street railway, the mayor stated.

**Wattles Willing to Sell.**  
Gurdon W. Wattles, president of the street railway company, declared that he is entirely willing to sell the property to the city at a fair, legal valuation.

### Former Fremont Man Takes Position in Pittsburgh

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—C. A. Berg, formerly physical director of the Fremont Y. M. C. A., accompanied by Mrs. Berg was in Fremont on his way from Beatrice to Pittsburgh, where he will take charge of the physical department of one of the high schools. Mr. Berg left Fremont over a year ago to go to Camp Cody, where he was one of the directors of the army Y. M. C. A. Later he was at Douglas, Ariz., and for several months has been at Beatrice.


### To Keep Uniforms.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A bill permitting all men, who served in the nation's fighting forces during the war to retain their uniforms after they are mustered out, was passed yesterday by the house and sent to the senate.

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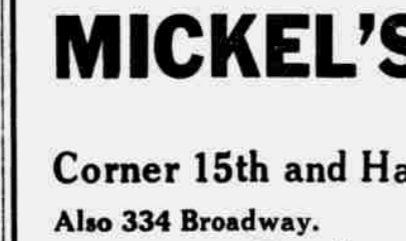
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## COMMITTEE FOR TOLERANCE TO FOREIGN SPEECH

Report on Americanization Made to Governor, However, Advises Thorough Instruction in English.

**From a Staff Correspondent.**  
Lincoln, Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Instruction in some foreign language in private schools of Nebraska where parents understand little English, "for the purpose of giving some of the children an opportunity to become sufficiently acquainted with the rudiments of that language to receive religious instruction in it," is recommended in a report of the Americanization committee submitted to the governor today.

The committee met September 16 and held an extended hearing. The report was signed by Theobald Kalajama, Ed. A. Coufal, F. W. C. Jesse, Ray Nye, C. M. Gruenther, John T. Williams and J. E. Miller.

Judge W. V. Allen was sick and did not sign. Neither did Judge Sullivan.

### Favor Use of English.

Among other recommendations are:

"That instruction in the English language be given in all schools of the state, both public and private."

The report also said that no private school which uses a foreign language as a means of instruction should be tolerated.

Another recommendation is that the people of the state be allowed to hold church worship in any language necessary to their understanding. A number of the defense councils over the state have, in the past, prohibited church worship in any language other than the English.

### Tolerance Should Be Used.

The committee recommends that the English language be used in all public meetings whenever possible, and that its use be encouraged in every way possible in the transaction of business. It thinks, however, that a spirit of tolerance should be exercised in cases where it is evident that a foreign language is being spoken on the street or in public places only when one or the other

of the parties does not understand English.

A lengthy report of the findings of the men present was sent to the governor. Parts of the report are printed as follows:

**All in Favor of English.**  
Every minister and teacher present at the hearing gave the comforting assurance that they are cordially in favor of making English the language in which all religious subjects are to be taught in the lower grades of our schools. Some plausible arguments were presented in favor of an exception. Where a private or parochial school gives a complete course in English in all the lower branches, and many of the parents do not understand English and wish to keep in touch with their children on religious subjects, it was thought that the use of a foreign language in religious instruction, and in instruction in the rudiments of that foreign language should be permitted.

It would seem that in our state the principal difficulty grew out of the differences arising from the use of a foreign language in church services and religious instruction. Concerning the use of foreign languages in churches and religious instruction in schools, the council of national defense never made a formal request nor even a definite pronouncement. As to the use of foreign languages in religious services, the evidence adduced at the meeting showed unmistakably that in many places in Nebraska the use of any language except English in religious services had been prohibited by some of the county councils of defense. Evidence was submitted where funeral services were stopped by members of the home guards because the services were being conducted in Swedish.

In other instances, the ministers had been requested to hold the main service in English and a separate service for those people or those who could not understand English; the plan was found impracticable because it involved the delicate

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and impossible task of segregating the members of a congregation according to the language which they best understood, chiefly in public places and on the streets, etc. The evidence developed that in some cases report has been had to harsh methods to compel the use of English exclusively. Evidence showed that in some cases parents were denied the right of speaking in their mother tongue to their sons who were about to go to war. This usually occurred in cases where the parents could not understand English. Considerable friction has resulted in various parts of the state over these language orders.

**Newspapers Have Permits.**  
The foreign language press, representing the German, Danish, Swedish, Polish and Bohemian papers, also had a hearing before the committee. It was shown that all foreign language papers now operate under permits from the government. These permits have been denied in many cases and in that way the had ones have been wound out and those which are loyal and helpful in their attitude toward the government are licensed for publication. The license may be withdrawn at any time. By this method of supervision the foreign language press has been really a great help in certain localities in all war work activities and in the Americanization process.

Langford Beats Clarke.  
Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 17.—Sam Langford of Boston, won the decision over Jeff Clarke last night.

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