

## R. R. COMMISSION WILL CONDUCT HEARING DEC. 30

May Start Court Action to  
Test Authority of Federal  
Railway Administrator  
on New Rates.

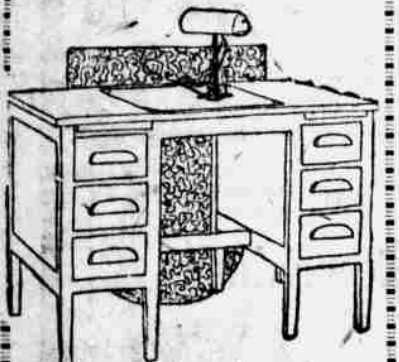
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 23.—To help bring to an issue the question of whether the federal railroad administration has the right to regulate intrastate express charges, the Nebraska railway commission will conduct a hearing December 30 on a schedule of rates which it has prepared. The commission's proposed rates are lower than the new federal charges which go into effect January 1. H. G. Taylor of the Nebraska commission stated today that unless the new American Railway Express corporation consented to the commission's rates, which he regarded as unlikely, the commission would start court action to test the federal railroad administration's power to control charges on intrastate express business.

## Former Beatrice Soldier Among Missing in Action

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Ernest Robbins of this city, a member of the marine corps which saw service in France, is reported missing in action since November 1, although his mother, Mrs. W. H. Robbins, received a letter yesterday under date of November 16, stating that he was alive and well. Robbins was in a number of battles on the western front and was under shell fire for 103 days.

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## To Spend Christmas With His Mother After Long Term in Prison

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 22.—William Miller, under life sentence in the Nebraska penitentiary, was given his freedom Monday and will spend the first Christmas in 19 years with his folks at home. Upon recommendation of the state prison board, Miller was given a furlough by Governor Neville.

Miller has planned to spend Christmas with his mother, living at Rulo. She is 87 years old. Miller has served a sentence of 18 years. With the exception of Tom Collins, sent up from Douglas county for murder, Miller has been a prisoner at the Nebraska institution longer than any man now there. Collins' sentence began in 1899.

The crime of which Miller was found guilty was the murder of Marshall Joseph Wake at Rulo, in Richardson county. Miller is 57 years of age and has served as a "trustee" at other institutions. Prison officials said his conduct was above reproach. After visiting his relatives in Richardson county, Miller will go to Savannah, Mo., he announced.

## Mrs. Martha Van Cleave of Kearney Dies of Paralysis

Kearney, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The funeral of Carlos Johnson, a retired farmer, was held yesterday. Johnson died Friday, following a brief illness. As the family physician stepped into the Johnson home to consult his patient, the latter arose from a chair to greet him, was stricken with apoplexy and sank back dead.

Last evening, while Mrs. Martin Van Cleave was returning to her home from a shopping expedition, she suffered a paralytic stroke. When within two blocks of her home she sank to the walk and was dead before she could be removed to the family residence. Mrs. Van Cleave had been in good health. The funeral is to be held on Monday.

## Beatrice Company Watches Employees for Flu Symptoms

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The Dempster Mill Manufacturing company's plan of fighting influenza and pneumonia is watchfulness and quick action. A trained nurse and her assistant have gone through each department every day, among the 400 employees, taking the temperature of every employee. Any one whose temperature is not normal is immediately sent to a doctor for examination and not allowed to return until pronounced safe. In addition, the virus treatment is administered by a physician to all employees who desire to take it. Many of them have finished this treatment and there has been no serious sickness among those so treated.

## Dodge County Farm Bureau Officers for Coming Year

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The Dodge county farm bureau at the first annual meeting here voted unanimously to continue the organization period. It was the opinion of the members that the bureau has been of great benefit to the farmers and the country. The following officers were re-elected: President, John Havekost; Hooper, vice president; William Eldam, Maple; secretary, Warren Mulliken; Nickerson; directors, F. A. Davis, Walter Olson, Frank Liston, A. F. Gerick and Bernard Havekost.

## Well-Known Railroad Man Dies of Bright's Disease

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Conductor J. D. Pennington, one of the best known and oldest employees of the Burlington in Nebraska, died in his home at Wyomere last evening after a brief illness of Bright's disease. Mr. Pennington was better known among his friends as "Jack" Pennington and for nearly 20 years had a passenger run between Wyomere and Lincoln. He began railroading in 1880.

## TO PROSECUTE ALL DESERTERS FROM SERVICE

State Provost Marshal Anderson  
Attends Conference in  
Washington; Draft Boards  
Through by March First.

From a Staff Correspondent.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 23.—Deserters from the military service are to be prosecuted, Provost Marshal Anderson of Nebraska was told at a conference of draft heads in 26 states with Provost Marshal Crowder and his assistants in Washington.

Thousands of men classified as deserters actually served in the war, and some gave their lives in France, it was learned. It was explained that this is due to the fact that when questionnaires were sent to men who had been enrolled for the draft but who got into various branches of the service before they were called the documents were thrown away by their relatives in the supposition that nothing had to be done with them. When the questionnaire failed to come back these men were listed as deserters.

It will require six weeks or two months more time for draft boards throughout the country to complete their records and finish up all of their work, so that the boards can be discharged, it is estimated by Washington officials in the War department.

## Dead Alligator Found in Platte River Near Fremont

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The carcass of an alligator was found by hunters along the Platte river today. Several weeks ago the animal was seen by a number of people and several shots were fired into its body. The presence of the alligator is accounted for by the fact that a carnival company dumped the young alligator and several snakes, believed to be dead, into the river and the alligator is believed to have survived.

## State Auditor Smith Gets \$28,000 Insane Fund Tax

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—State Auditor Smith has collected almost \$28,000 of old insanity fund tax due the state of Nebraska from 18 counties during the fiscal biennium. Another \$10,000 has come into his hands since the expiration of that period on November 30. Ten of these paid in full and canceled their indebtedness, but eight are still owing an aggregate of about \$18,000.

## U. S. Has Only Envoys.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The United States is the only country which has definitely and officially announced the composition of its delegation to the peace conference. News reports have contained names of British, Italian, Belgian and Japanese delegates, but the French Foreign office has received no notification of these appointments.

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## American Casualty List

The following Nebraska men are named in the casualty list sent out by the government for Monday afternoon, December 23:

WOUNDED SEVERELY.

Jeremiah Snyder, Maywell, Neb.

WOUNDED: DEGREE UNDETERMINED.

Corp. Lloyd Worden Loomis, Poole, Neb.

Cook Fay Divan, Oxford, Neb.

William J. Irvin, Wallace, Neb.

Jaro Joseph Bartos, 2223 South Fifteenth street, Omaha, Neb.

William J. Aden, Sterling, Neb.

Cecil M. Hildebrand, Beatrice, Neb.

Ilya Cugaly, 5211 South Thirteenth street, Omaha, Neb.

Adrian Ellis, Sheldon, Neb.

Jens C. Jensen, Winslow, Neb.

George L. Sargent, Aurora, Neb.

Mads P. Madsen, Kenard, Neb.

The following Iowa, South Dakota and Wyoming men are named in the casualty list sent out by the government for Monday afternoon, December 23:

WOUNDED SEVERELY.

IA. Gertr H. Hoppers, Sheldon, Ia.

Corp. Charles J. Janousek, Hammill, So. Dak.

Corp. Curtis C. Williams, Ottumwa, Ia.

Harris S. Krensky, Carroll, Ia.

H. G. Folkert, Steamboat Rock, Ia.

Albert S. Andrews, Westinghouse, S. D.

C. J. Green, Clinton, Ia.

Robert D. Smith, Ten Sleep, Wyo.

Albert J. Halsey, Hesper, Ia.

Guy W. Proffitt, Pleasantville, Ia.

William Stoll, German, S. D.

Felix D. Bruner, Rapid City, S. D.

Stephen Coyne, Auburn, Ia.

WOUNDED: DEGREE UNDETERMINED.

IA. John F. W. Anderson, Perry, Ia.

Sergeant Dan Vandercor, Turtan, S. D.

Corp. Alanzo A. Harter, Des Moines, Ia.

Corp. Albert Myers, Van Horn, Ia.

Corp. Daniel R. Edmondson, Mitchell, Ia.

Corp. Fred W. Hotchkiss, Webster, Ia.

Corp. Louis E. Reno, Chaplin, Ia.

Corp. Conrad Kinsdahl, Arlington, S. D.

Jorn J. Doude, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Charles E. Johnson, Evelyn, Ia.

William B. Jarvis, Bloomfield, Ia.

Fred Lau, East Oketo, Ia.

Charles Nichols, Aberdeen, S. D.

Harry L. Marlow, Colo. Iowa.

Alvin D. Mueller, Granville, Ia.

Ben Winkel, Algona, Ia.

Paul S. Liming, Alford, Ia.

Roy Durrah, Seymour, Ia.

Walter W. Lister, Seymour, Ia.

Edward J. Walsh, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Joseph Gilmore, Malona, Ia.

Edward O. Bittner, Laurens, Ia.

Edwin E. Burns, Lawler, Ia.

Emmerich F. Koss, Davenport, Ia.

Joseph A. Vondraek, Dante, S. D.

Harry F. Wheeler, Des Moines, Ia.

Edward O. Eleason, Lamoni, Ia.

William G. Geth, Logan, Iowa.

Charles E. Johnson, Evelyn, Ia.

Arthur L. LaFontaine, Leola, S. D.

Ole J. Letum, Leamora, Wyo.

Alvin Mueller, Leamora, Wyo.

Glen B. Brayton, Somers, Ia.

Claude W. McElfish, Melrose, Ia.

Ray E. Russell, Shawnee, Ia.

Edwin R. Smith, Sioux Falls, S. D.

The following Nebraska men are named in the casualty list sent out by the government for Tuesday morning, December 24.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Hugh E. Dehart, Humboldt, Neb.

Wm. B. Imhoff, Bostwick, Neb.

DIED OF DISEASE.

Fred H. Fairchild, Lemoyne, Neb.

Harlan B. Housel, 2532 North Eighteenth street, Omaha, Neb.

James F. Wollard, Hartington, Neb.

WOUNDED SEVERELY.

Corp. Carl J. Uphoff, Gilead, Neb.

Leroy J. Miles, Grant, Neb.

Ray A. Tankersley, Auburn, Neb.

Delbert M. Harman, Columbus, Neb.

Harvey B. Potter, Overton, Neb.

Andrew A. Benson, Bertrand, Neb.

## Richard P. Dill, West Point, Neb. MISSING IN ACTION.

Floyd E. Brettenham, Brady Island, Neb.  
Clifford T. Ryan, Emerson, Neb.  
Elmer V. Umland, Auburn, Neb.

The following Iowa, South Dakota and Wyoming men are named in the casualty list sent out by the government for Tuesday morning, December 24:

KILLED IN ACTION.

Geo. E. Freeling, Yankton, S. D.

Robert F. Keeler, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Wm. Reaves, Huron, S. D.

Rea Strait, Rock Rapids, Ia.

Harry Talbot, Rock Rapids, Ia.

Charles V. Volz, Dubuque, Ia.

Leon E. Courbot, Riceville, Ia.

Ruby B. Harlan, Missouri Valley, Ia.

John Crow, Sheridan, Wyo.

Edgar C. Davidson, Brighton, Ia.

Harry A. Shenson, Elkhart, S. D.

DIED OF DISEASE.

Elmer V. Nord, Red Oak, Ia.

John P. Sheldon, Keokuk, Ia.

DIED OF DISEASE.

Eugene Walking Shield, Wakarusa, S. D.

Walter C. Madison, Eagle Grove, Ia.

Ferdinand Wiese, Holstein, Ia.

John Bosel, Allen, S. D.

Marion W. Fitzsimmons, Rockford, S. D.

DIED OF DISEASE.

Wm. F. Hueschele, Carroll, Ia.

Emil Jensen, Newell, Ia.

WOUNDED SEVERELY.

Lieut. Emmett P. Mutholland, Fort Dodge, Ia.

Lieut. Lester Roche, Dubuque, Ia.

Arthur M. Shepard, Keokuk, Ia.

Sergeant Wm. W. Harkwell, Marion, Ia.

Corp. Roland L. Tank, Mason City, Ia.

Corp. Earl J. Lisle, Perry, Ia.

Clifford E. Lander, Stratford, Ia.

Arthur M. Shepard, Keokuk, Ia.

Bennie Stevens, Mitchell, S. D.

Clifford H. Welford, Keosauqua, Ia.

Ole J. Sundberg, Red Elm, Ia.

Wm. E. Unger, Dubuque, Ia.

Wm. G. Vickers, Bonaparte, Ia.

Isaac D. Hest, Sioux Falls, S. D.

Emmanuel Gabrielson, Story City, Ia.

John L. Grove, Dell Rapids, S. D.

WOUNDED: DEGREE UNDETERMINED.

Sergeant Vern A. Swisher, Lamona, Wyo.

Corp. John R. Richmond, Charleston, Ia.

MISSING IN ACTION.

Alvin L. Horgen, Osage, Ia.

Ray J. Hallett, Estherville, Ia.

Garrett A. Heetland, Bellefourche, S. D.

Thomas J. O'Brien, Emmetsburg, Ia.

John K. Sondrol, Emmetsburg, Ia.

John H. Brunker, Dubuque, Ia.

Avet G. Erickson, Shaller, Ia.

Harm M. Bakker, Wellsburg, Ia.

James Cresto, Rock Springs, Wyo.

John H. Brunker, Dubuque, Ia.

Hans Van Marck, Torrington, Wyo.

Bavarian Factories to Close  
for Week to Save Coal

Munich, Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—All Bavarian industries employing more than ten persons have been ordered to shut down from December 23 until January 2 for the purpose of saving coal. The workers will receive 90 per cent of their ordinary wages, of which the employers will collect two-thirds from the communities in which they are located.

To Bring U. S. Men.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Word reached here today that the big Dutch liner Nieu Amsterdam left Rotterdam Saturday for Boulogne to take on American troops returning home.

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## SNOW FULFILLS PROMISED WHITE CHRISTMAS DAY

Cold of Early Monday Be-  
comes More Severe and  
State Generally Covered  
With the "Beautiful."

A white Christmas is assured for eastern Nebraska and western Iowa this year. Snow began falling Monday evening and continued through the night. A heavy blizzard, was reported raging in Beatrice, with the temperature near the zero mark, causing considerable suffering to live stock.

Street cars in Omaha were like refrigerators and, in great coats and furs, men and women shivered as they rode down town. The street railway company was simply complying with the health department order and that was why the temperature in the cars was frigid. One window in each car was nailed open and all the ventilators were arranged to let in the cold air and at the same time blow out the flu germs.

Colder in State.

The coldest recorded in Nebraska during Sunday night was at O'Neill. There the mercury went to 3 degrees below. There was a snowfall of six inches and considerable wind. All through the north part of the state temperatures ranged from zero to 12 above. Along the Missouri valley, temperatures were from 8 to 20 above and in the central and western portions, from zero to 18 above.

Over central and western Nebraska snow was pretty general, the railroads reporting light flurries to three to six inches. Generally there was considerable wind, but the snow did not drift enough to interfere with traffic.

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## Mrs. Wilson Plans Christmas Surprise for Hubby's Dinner

Paris, Dec. 23.—Although far away from the White House and the usually 40-pound Yuletide turkey, President and Mrs. Wilson will enjoy something of the spirit of Christmas, even though the day is spent in the battle zone. Mr. Wilson recently slipped away from the Murat residence and went on foot through the shopping district, making purchases and looking about without being recognized.

Mrs. Wilson has also been shopping alone at odd times and when Christmas morning comes it is fairly certain that Santa Claus will have visited the president's special train while en route to Chaumont.

Stettinius Returns.

New York, Dec. 23.—Edward R. Stettinius, assistant secretary of war, who has been in France in charge of army supply purchases, returned today on the steamship Cedric.

## Dear, Dear! Germans Say U. S. is Dealing Harshly With Them

Berlin, Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—It is officially denied that the German government has continued to address notes exclusively to the United States after receiving the request of the Washington government that official communications from Berlin be forwarded simultaneously to all the hostile belligerents.

Commenting upon the report received here that the American State department had declared the latest note from Germany was not published because it was evidently of a propagandistic character, the newspaper Vorwaerts says:

"The harshness of this charge is incomprehensible. It is inconceivable that the United States goes so far as to expect that the people, entirely innocent of starting the war and their new government, will quietly accept a coter and expose."



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