

Nebraska
TWO-YEAR-OLD
GRAND ISLAND
CHILD KILLED

Son of Roy Stutzman Burned to Death When Bed Catches Fire; Father Died Week Ago.

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Leaving her 2-year-old nephew alone in the house for a few minutes, Miss Anna Stutzman, aged 17, hurried to the home of a relative a block away.

Five minutes later, when she returned, she found the bed on fire and the baby surrounded by flames. The child died a short time later. The fire department quickly extinguished the blaze.

Matches were found lying on the floor, but it is not known if the baby had been playing with them. The child's mother died when it was a few weeks of age. The father, Roy Stutzman, left here a few weeks ago for the coast. At Cheyenne, where he stopped, he was taken ill with influenza and died about a week ago. Roy Stutzman's mother died on the same day of the same disease.

Fremont Boy Writes of Flu Conditions in Guam

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Influenza has hit the island of Guam a hard blow, according to Lt. Andrew Sinmark, who writes his mother that it is estimated that 600 deaths have occurred since the epidemic broke out. The naval hospital where Lieutenant Sinmark is stationed has overflowed with patients and the school houses and tents have been converted into hospitals. In the town where the hospital is located there was an average of 25 deaths a day. The cemetery was filled and another laid out.

Former Beatrice Woman Dies in Lincoln Thursday

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Announcement was received here yesterday of the death of Mrs. Roxie Lynch Menard of Lincoln, formerly of this city, aged 45 years. She is survived by her husband and two daughters. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Lincoln.

Fremont Canteen Service Served 5,000 Men Last Month

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—The Fremont canteen service served over 5,000 soldiers who passed through Fremont during the month of December. A booth has been established in Union station. Miss Maud May and her assistants meet all the trains from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Dies of Pneumonia After Discharge from the Army

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Oliver Roscoe, who was recently discharged from the army service at Camp Funston, died yesterday in his home at Clatonia of pneumonia. He was 22 years of age and a son of William Roscoe, manager of the grain elevator at Clatonia.

Telephone Installation Case is to Be Heard January 17

Lincoln, Jan. 3.—Hearing on the suit recently filed by the Nebraska Railway commission for writ of injunction to prevent the enforcement of telephone installation rates ordered by the postmaster general will be held in federal court here January 17.

Former Fremont Woman Passes Away in Oregon

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Mrs. Harold E. Smith, formerly Miss Angeline Young of Fremont, is dead at Bend, Ore. Mrs. Smith was 26 years of age and is survived by her husband and small daughter. She was born and grew up near Hooper.

Omaha Man Takes Position With Golden Rod Creamery

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Charles E. Edelman of Omaha has come to Fremont to take the superintendency of the Golden Rod creamery, owned and operated by F. E. Pratt.

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Press Association Will Hold Meeting in Lincoln, Feb. 20 to 22

Lincoln, Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The executive committee of the Nebraska State Press association has called the annual meeting for February 20, 21 and 22 in Lincoln.

The committee, together with several members of the association, met in the Lincoln hotel this afternoon, authorizing the president to call off the meeting, if, as the time approached, it was deemed best because of the influenza not to hold the meeting.

F. E. Helvey, H. M. Davis, Clark Perkins, Ross Hammond and Edgar Howard were appointed a legislative committee and Vice President Will Israel, E. C. Fernald and Clark Perkins a committee to prepare a program for the annual meeting.

City Council Orders Gas Rate Lowered in Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—The old fight over the gas rates in this city has been resumed between the city commissioners and local gas company. Some time ago the commissioners met with representatives of the company and granted it a flat rate of \$1.80 per thousand cubic feet of gas. Acting on the report of Clarke Mickey, an expert from Lincoln, submitted this week to the commissioners, they have ordered the rate cut to \$1.60 per thousand cubic feet, and have also ordered the company not to charge the \$1.80 rate for December, under threat of a fine and loss of its franchise. The company says it will stand pat and enforce the payment of the December bills or close its plant.

Former Table Rock Woman Dies in Powell, Wyoming

Table Rock, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Mrs. Bessie Irwin, wife of Earl Irwin, who had been sick with pneumonia, died last night. She is survived by her husband, a son and a daughter. Mr. Irwin is very ill with pneumonia and unable to leave his bed.

News has reached here of the death in Powell, Wyo., of Mrs. Grace Ferrin, wife of W. S. Ferrin, who formerly lived in the DuBois bank. Mrs. Ferrin was formerly Grace Jordan, daughter of Eben Jordan, a member of the house in the state legislature of 1877.

Break in Kearney Light Plant Puts City in Dark

Kearney, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Kearney has been "in the dark" for two days, due to a break at the Central power plant, where a giant turbine generator burned out Tuesday night. The break was caused by ice forming and coming in contact with the armature. Because of drift ice in the river and canal it was impossible to turn to water power for relief, until a channel had been cut at the Elm creek canal intake. This service only partly relieves the situation.

Public Schools of Table Rock Reopen; Ban Is Lifted

Table Rock, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—The Pawnee City public schools opened again this week, after being closed for several weeks on account of the prevailing epidemic.

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- \$1.00 Listerine 79c
- 25c Nature's Remedy Tablets, for 16c
- \$1.25 Pint Imported Olive Oil 69c
- \$1.00 Nuxated Iron . . . 89c
- 60c Danderine 46c
- 50c Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets 41c
- 30c Zymole Troches . . . 19c
- Beaton's Stictite 25c
- Lister's Sanitary Towels 55c
- \$3.50 Horlick's Malted Milk, Hospital Size, . \$2.90
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5-Year Railroad Control By Federal Government Strongly Urged by McAdoo

Director General Tells Senate Committee of Betterment of Service and Economies Effected by Unification of Lines. Thinks System Has Not Yet Had Fair Chance.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Accomplishments of railroads under federal control in the last 12 months and arguments for a five-year continuation of government operation to provide a fair test of unified direction were recited today by Director McAdoo, testifying before the senate interstate commerce committee, which took up consideration of his recommendation for extension of control until 1924.

After citing reforms effected under unified control, the director general said: "I believe that under the handicaps of war conditions a sufficient showing has been made to indicate that all the reforms I have mentioned are desirable as permanent peace measures. Yet it is clear that the general public has not had an opportunity to weigh the real value of what has been accomplished. The public is entitled to have, before the present federal control shall be terminated, a reasonably fair test under peace conditions of the ad-

vantages to be derived from these reforms. "It will be impossible to review the results of even one year of federal control under peace conditions until the spring of 1920, and it will then be too late for congress to legislate before the end of the 21 months' period after the declaration of peace, provided for in the present law for governmental control. Operation under peace conditions with a tenure so short as the 21 months cannot possibly constitute a fair test.

"Indeed, the difficulties with operations during the 21 months' period will be so serious that I do not see how the government can be fairly asked to encounter them." Another reason for a longer test period, said the director general, is the advisability of having adequate information on valuation of railroad property, now being gathered by the interstate commerce commission to go to congress in legislation. Referring to the increase in freight

and passenger rates, six months ago, Mr. McAdoo said that similar action would have been necessary even under private management to prevent serious losses, and said it should be possible to lower rates materially this year.

Equitable distribution of the rate burden over all railroads regardless of the fact that some are unusually prosperous and others poverty-stricken, is possible only under unified control, Mr. McAdoo urged, as another argument for the five-year continuation plan.

Great improvement and extensions should be made in terminal facilities, said the director. This, he said, provides the greatest opportunity for reducing railroad costs and promoting public convenience in the future.

Mr. McAdoo estimated the government's loss in operating railroads this year at \$136,000,000. This represents the difference between the amount guaranteed to the roads as rental and the sums credited to the government in railroad income. If the higher rates had been in effect the entire year, he estimated the government would have made a surplus of \$100,000,000.

Wage advances to railroad employees last year added between \$600,000,000 and \$700,000,000 to the payrolls, Mr. McAdoo testified. In addition, the coal bill was \$140,000,000 higher for the 10 months of 1918 ending November 1 than the same period of 1917.

Many economies brought about under unified management, such as routing, heavier loading and elimination of useless competition, Mr. McAdoo explained, will not be reflected until this year. Many of the changes in railroad

operation inaugurated during last year, the director general testified, should prove of permanent value and should continue, regardless of what form of control is decided upon. Such reforms include:

Maintenance of the permit system so as to control the traffic at its source; maintenance of heavy loading for cars; pooling of repair shops; elimination of circuitous routes; unification of terminals; maintenance of the "sailing day plan"; consolidation of ticket offices; utilization of universal mileage tickets; standardization of equipment; maintenance of the uniform freight classification; maintenance of common time tables between important points; maintenance of high demurrage rates and uniform rules; establishment of through waybilling; freight from point of origin to destination; elimination of the old practice of paying in mileage or per diem rental for the use of cars of one carrier by another.

Competition and self interest of individual roads would prevent the carrying out of many of these reforms under the old system of private management, declared Mr. McAdoo.

Reviews Experiences.

The retiring director general told the senators how the government, taking over the railroads the first of last year at a time when they were threatened with physical and financial breakdown, had righted conditions gradually, moved 6,496,000 troops, hauled great quantities of food at a critical time in February, when the very success of the war depended on the food situation, and had hauled 37,083,000 more tons of bituminous coal during the ten months ending October 31, than in

the same period of the year before. "Whatever inconveniences may have resulted to civilian travelers," he asserted, "are due entirely to war conditions and are in no way related to the fact that the railroads were under government control." The director general went at length into the necessity for pooling terminal facilities in scores of cities. This program cannot be carried out, however, he said, except under some form of unified control extending over a number of years. He emphasized that waterways should be used more extensively in co-ordination with railroads, but expressed doubt whether this would be done if the roads went back to competitive private management.

Temperature Goes to 15 Below Zero in Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The coldest weather of the winter prevails here. The temperature this morning dropped 15 below and for four days has fallen below the zero mark.

Wymore Man Fined \$300 for Violating Liquor Laws

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Mike Moore, who was brought back to Wymore yesterday from McCook, was fined \$300 and costs by Judge Woolsey for violating the state liquor laws. Bond was fixed at \$700.

Hooper Man Runs Into Ditch.

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Louis Stiver of Hooper escaped with light bruises and a shaming up when his automobile went into the ditch north of Fremont.

NO PLANS MADE FOR UNIVERSAL ARMY SERVICE

Secretary Baker Says Subject Awaits Peace; Hopes Army Need Not Stay in France Two Years.

Washington, Jan. 3.—No decision has been reached by the War department on the question of universal military service, Secretary Baker told the house military committee today, and he indicated that no definite project for a permanent military establishment would be presented to congress until the peace conference had concluded its work. When asked whether it would be necessary to keep a large force in Europe for at least two years, the secretary said: "We hope that is not true; we are not planning for it."

He said 700,000 men had been discharged from the army since the armistice was signed and that another million men would be discharged within the next five weeks.

American Cemetery.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The city corporation of Belfast, Ireland, has given to the "American nation, free of charge for all time," the section of the cemetery wherein are buried 34 American soldiers who died of influenza.

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