

IOWA ROTARIAN LAST VICTIM OF "EFFICIENCY"

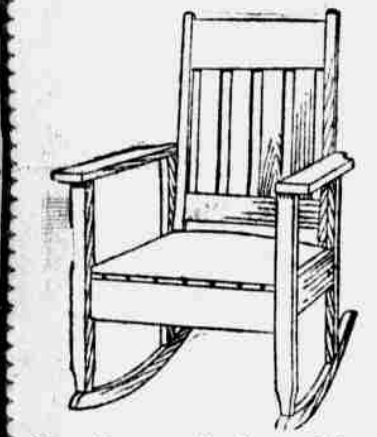
Bluffs Business Man Arrested for Resisting "Gun Play" of Omaha Morals Squad.

Blaine Wilcox, prominent Iowa Rotarian and wealthy business man of Council Bluffs, was a victim of police "efficiency" Monday night on the Douglas street bridge. The doors of his coupe were thrown open, after he had paid his toll, by two men who ordered him to halt. "Get out!" they commanded. Wilcox did not move soon enough to suit the policemen, Harry Askwith and Jack Sheldon, morals squad officers doing guard duty on the bridge. Two guns were thrust simultaneously in Wilcox's face. He was jerked from his seat. The car was searched. No liquor was found. "Get in and go!" Wilcox said one of the policemen commanded. "I presented the tone and the needless display of authority," Mr. Wilcox said yesterday. "I determined to be leisurely about moving. The command was again given. When I did not obey, the two policemen dragged me to the toll house and called the police patrol. I was booked for resisting an officer."

Yesterday the two policemen testified against Wilcox and he was fined \$7.50 for resisting an officer. The gun play was made on Wilcox Monday night as he was coming from the Rotarian outing at the Shugart farm near Council Bluffs. He was a member of the committee which arranged for the entertainment of Omaha Rotarians Monday, and was bringing two negro cooks to Omaha in his automobile.

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Omaha, as Center of Trans-Continental Air Line, May Get Big Plane Factory and Shops



Edgar W. Croft, The Bee representative on the first commercial transcontinental airplane flight, to be undertaken in a few days, shown in the rear of huge airplane which is now being completed. It will carry 25 persons in its luxurious cabin. Its wing spread is 95 feet, its weight seven tons and two 400-horsepower Liberty motors are expected to drive it along at 100 miles an hour. Lawson plans a fleet of 100 of these planes.

Bee Representative to Be on First New York-Omaha-San Francisco Trip of Alfred W. Lawson Air Line—Planes Will Leave New York in Evening and Passengers, Upon Arrival in the Morning, Will Change Here for Day Plane to Pacific Coast.

By EDGAR W. CROFT. (See Representative on Transcontinental Flight.)

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—The establishment of a New York-Omaha-San Francisco and return commercial air line becomes more and more visible. Within but a few days the first transcontinental commercial airplane, a plane of the Lawson type, will leave New York for Omaha and after a brief stop at that city will continue to fly to the Pacific coast. The Lawson Air line contends that within but a few months the transcontinental air line will be fully established with Omaha as the center point. Airplane passengers would leave New York in the evening and change in Omaha in the morning for the dayplane to San Francisco. Later, airplane routes will connect the United States from one end to the other and will form an air net, similar to the railroad net, now covering the country. In an interview with Alfred W. Lawson, builder of the big Lawson airplane which is to fly from New York to Omaha in a few days, the aviator told me that he expects to put three or four shops on his air route between New York and San Francisco, and one of these shops he expects to establish at Omaha. It was necessary, he said, to establish points where he can get his parts for the big ship, and the shop which he expects to establish at Omaha, if the landing field is a good one and other conditions are favorable, will eventually develop into a regular plant where he can assemble the machines complete.

located than Chicago as an air-traffic center, because on my express service between New York and San Francisco, the night ships may not make a stop between Omaha and New York, or New York and Omaha. "For instance," Mr. Lawson said, "a 'through ship' leaving New York at 8 p. m. and making 150 miles an hour (which I expect my ships will do within the next year or two), at 8 a. m. the passengers would be able to land in Omaha and transfer into a day ship. From that angle, there would be no necessity for the through passenger sleepers to lose any time in stopping in Chicago." Mr. Lawson pointed out that the people of Omaha would be able to get in touch with the Atlantic and Pacific coasts in but a few hours. He declared that his ships would put the business man of Omaha in a better way to do business than any other city in the United States. "When the Lawson air line is operating its air lines in all directions," the airplane builder said, "you can get from Omaha to New York in 12 or 14 hours, or you can get from Omaha to San Francisco in 16 to 18 hours; Omaha to New Orleans in 10 to 12 hours; Omaha to Seattle in 18 hours; Omaha to Florida in 18 hours; or Omaha to Quebec in 18 hours." "Omaha is really more centrally

GROCERY STORES TO BE OPENED BY CITY THIS WEEK

Council Appropriates \$10,000 to Open Municipal Food Markets.

The city council yesterday passed a resolution recommended yesterday providing for opening at least three "municipal grocery stores," and setting aside \$10,000 for the purpose. Commissioner Zimman was ordered to proceed with the work in the absence of Commissioner Ure who is spending a three weeks' vacation in Minnesota. Mr. Zimman said he would lose no time in opening up the stores. "I have in mind already to get Lew Pixley to do the buying," he said. "He is experienced in this work and I think will be able to pick up goods in the wholesale houses at the best prices. "I am not going to stop with the potatoes, corn meal, canned hominy and bacon which the mayor mentioned in his resolution, but will try to sell dried beans, peas, fruits, flour, sugar, butter and eggs. We can fix up temporary refrigerators out of boxes and put tubs of butter in them. I used to work in a grocery store and I think I remember enough about the business to go at it again. "I voted against the resolution because I do not believe it is a solution of the high cost of living. But I shall do all in my power to give the plan a thorough try-out." Mr. Zimman says he expects to have the groceries on sale at the municipal market in the basement of the city auditorium before the end of this week and to open up the store in the South Side city hall about the same time if he can secure the goods and equipment.

COUNCIL VOTES TO RETURN CHECKS ON NEW JAIL BIDS

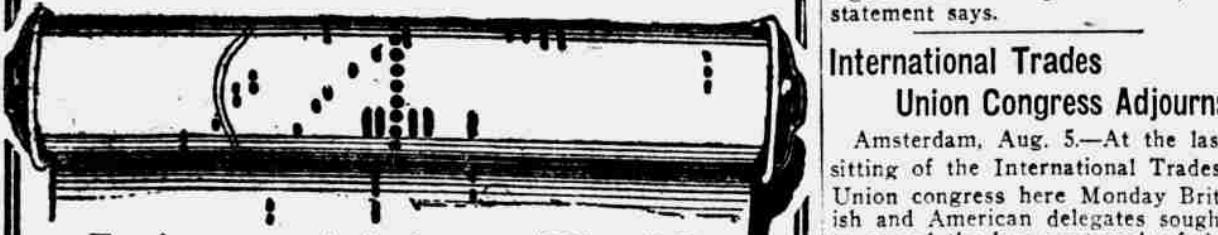
Eight Omaha Contractors Are Angry With Commissioner Ringer.

Police Commissioner Ringer's attempt to build a new city jail is a "bungle" so far as the eight contractors who bid on the specifications last week are concerned. City council yesterday voted to return the certified checks to all bidders who ask for them. Mr. Ringer asked for the bids when there was no money in the city treasury with which to build the jail. He said he believed the council could issue \$100,000 worth of bonds for this purpose without a vote of the people. He didn't get any legal opinion on his surmise until after the bids were submitted. Then he discovered from the city attorney that he could not get the money without a vote of the people. Now the contractors are angry because they did their work for nothing. The contractors say it cost them approximately \$200 cash to submit bids. The council will attempt to have the question of issuing \$100,000 bonds for a new jail submitted at the time delegates to the constitutional convention are elected, September 16. There is a possibility that this election of delegates will be thrown out by the courts before that time. In that event the council might call for a special election on the bond proposition. The cost of the election would be about \$10,000. The consumption of tobacco in Japan has been increasing greatly each year. The total value of the product manufactured and disposed of in that country for the fiscal year ending March, 1919, was \$65,294,793.

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ORDERS GIVEN TO PROSECUTE FOOD HOARDERS

Attorney General Makes Move in Fight on High Prices—Wheat to Remain at \$2.26 a Bushel.

(Continued From Page One.) general said, have been ordered to institute special investigations to find evidence of hoarding and profiteering as prohibited under the Lever food control act, and prosecutions will be instituted without delay. Attorney General Palmer declined to disclose what remedial laws he would suggest to the president, or go into detail as how the department would proceed under the existing laws beyond saying that operating under the Lever act did not mean the functions of the food administration would be assumed by the department of justice. Doubt was expressed by some legal authorities as to whether a penalty is provided for profiteering by the food control act, although penalties are provided ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 or from two to four years or both for hoarding and other violations. Attorney General Palmer said it was his belief and hope that immediate results toward reducing the cost of living could be obtained through prosecutions under existing laws.

No Statement from Wilson.

Secretary Tumulty said after Director Barnes had left the president, that no statement would be forthcoming from the White House tonight beyond the mere announcement that the president "will address a message to congress as soon as he has time to write it." Director Barnes in making public his statement regarding the world wheat situation said that the wheat crop in the United States is not short and that 1,000,000,000 bushels was assured. There was no warrant, he said, however, for statements that the price had been inflated. He announced definitely that as far as he could see there was no hope for a reduction in the near future, and that he would not sell wheat at a price below the guarantee.

Average Record of \$2.46.

Average of all wheat growers, weighted according to the size of their contribution to the total crop of the world, works out an average world grower price of \$2.46. Argentina wheat, with longer voyage and higher freight rates, the Barnes statement said, costs delivered in Europe fully 50 cents more than American wheat delivered in Europe. "There is no support for the theory of intimate relation and influence between wheat price and other factors," the statement said. Figures were presented to bear out Mr. Barnes' contention. "Britain, France and Italy," the statement continued, "all have artificially reduced flour and bread prices, buying their raw material at the world's price and absorbing the loss by national taxes. Any sale of wheat or flour by us at reduced prices to them would only save their national treasuries, while depleting

RAILROAD MEN CONTINUING TO LEAVE SHOPS

Strike Spreads in Violation of Union Officers' Injunction.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Further spread of the strike of railway shoopmen, especially in the middle west, where about 15,000 workers went out today, according to union reports, with a strike of 10,000 men on the Norfolk and Western line set for tomorrow, marked the fifth day of the walkout. The strike has been declared illegal by railroad union executives, who have made that charge to the local bureau of the Department of Justice. The barrier was let down today for boiler-makers to join the other strikers, according to L. M. Hawver, president of the Chicago district council of the Federated Railway Shoopmen's union, which called the strike last Friday. He announced a telegram from E. C. Chase, the boiler-makers' representative on the national agreement committee now negotiating with the railroad administration in Washington, that conditions "do not warrant holding men any longer." While railroad yards in the Chicago district have become congested with broken down cars, as a result of the strike, the union officials declare all railroad service will be more seriously affected in a few days. They admit the strike was called in defiance of the grand lodge officers of the unions involved, but that it was in compliance with the wishes of the rank and file of the federation. They also refuse to take a strike vote August 24, as ordered by the grand lodge officers and assert that the rail administration must treat with them and grant their demands for 85 cents an hour for mechanics and 60 cents for helpers.

ours, without any possible reflection in the bread price to their people which is already fixed." Mr. Barnes also gave figures to show the relation of the price of wheat to the price of bread and contended that bread now was the cheapest item in the diet. If all other foods were at the same rate as bread the annual cost of food for each person would be about \$50, or a total national food bill of \$5,000,000,000 instead of \$18,000,000,000.

Metal Trades Craft Will Ask Reduced Living Cost

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 5.—The metal trades department of the American Federation of Labor will make demands on congress and the president this month that measures be taken to reduce the high cost of living, James O'Connell, chairman of this department, said. Membership of the metal crafts exceeds 500,000, O'Connell said. Reduction of living costs, O'Connell said, is the only means of avoiding further strike disturbances throughout the nation.

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No Strike Today, Say Union Street Carmen

(Continued From Page One.) the State Railway commission the men are to be organized a 10-cent increase in the hourly rate. Another meeting for the same purpose is scheduled today. A state railway commissioner will be in this city to confer with the men, the company officials and the city commissioners. Prior to the conference between the city commissioners and the representatives of the men, Mayor Smith discussed the situation with President Frank T. Hamilton and Manager Leussler of the company. A copy of the answer given by the company to its employees was handed the mayor.

"Closed Shop" Refused.

Demands of the men were taken up separately and the reason for their refusal explained in a written statement. "This company will not accede to the 'closed shop' demand," the company's statement reads. This demand is inimical to the company's and city's best interests, according to the statement. Recognition of the union is also refused, the company reiterating its determination to continue dealing with its employees as heretofore. The company is ready to adjust any differences with its employees either individually or through a committee composed of employees chosen by the men, the report says.

Unwilling to Breach Faith with the Employees.

Unwilling to breach faith with the employees who obtained their positions during the strike of 1909, the company also refused to accede to the demands of the men that the seniority rights be restored as they existed prior to the strike of 1909. Conditions Already Fixed. Numerous demands for improved working conditions are refused on the grounds that the National War Labor board recently fixed those conditions and that a remedy for these conditions can always be found through the regular and established channels now in existence. It is pointed out by the company in the matter of wages that many of the principal traction companies pay less than the wage which the men now ask of the company. Revenues of the company will not permit a higher scale at the present time, the statement says.

International Trades Union Congress Adjourns

Amsterdam, Aug. 5.—At the last sitting of the International Trades Union congress here Monday British and American delegates sought to amend the last paragraph of the resolution dealing with the conference to be held in Washington, D. C., in October, providing that the resolution should be binding on all nations represented at the present congress. The British and Americans, however, failed in their effort to remove the objectionable paragraph and the resolution was adopted, 29 to 11. The British delegates left before the vote was taken.

Railroad Problem Up Today at Washington

(Continued From Page One.) burden of financing the railroads at the present time when the war debt is so large, its interest rate would necessarily be as high, as, if not higher than, the rate at which corporations could secure capital. Government Inefficient. "3—Government operation is seldom, if ever, as efficient as corporate management. Competition, the incentive to efficiency and progress in private enterprises, is absent from the government administration of affairs. Individual initiative is less, bureaucratic methods are more characteristic, and the services rendered are less progressively efficient. "4—While the government would presumably select officers and employes by means of only tests, political influence would almost certainly be given weight in selecting men for official positions. "5—Unless the government adopted the policy of fixing low rates and fares with the intention that any resulting deficit from operations should be placed as an increased burden of taxes upon the general public, rates and fares would be higher under government than under private operation. Under government operation, expenses rise in relation to income and the charges imposed by the government, if a deficit is to be avoided, must be higher than those which it would be necessary to permit railroad corporations to make. "6—The political effect of government ownership and operation of railroads in the United States might be serious. There are now about 500,000 civil employees of the government. The addition to the public services of 2,000,000 railroad employees, the majority of whom are voters, would constitute a force of about 2,500,000 government employees interested in controlling the policy of the government as regards wages, hours and conditions of service. Such a body of employees might easily exercise a controlling influence upon state and national politics."

HOTELS WIN IN GARBAGE SUIT BROUGHT BY CITY

Judge Upholds Constitutional-ity of Law Passed by Last Legislature On Refuse Disposal.

Omaha hotels and restaurants may haul away their own garbage and dispose of it as they see fit, District Judge Troup decided yesterday when he upheld the constitutionality of a law passed by the last legislature providing that concerns in which garbage originates as a by-product may dispose of the garbage as they like. The suit was brought by the city of Omaha against the owners of the Fontenelle, Conant, Paxton, Rome Loyal, Blackstone, Castle and Henshaw hotels, the Calumet restaurant, Courtney's restaurant, Louie Ahko's restaurant and two or three other defendants. The city sought an injunction to keep these defendants from disposing of their garbage and to compel them to turn it over to the city, which sells it to Henry Pollock, who feeds it to a large herd of hogs which he owns. Some of the hotel and restaurant men wanted to feed the garbage to hogs of their own, claiming that this was a large source of profit. Mr. Pollock has a contract to haul the garbage next year for \$45,000. City Attorney Weaver was unable to say what effect the decision will have on this contract. It is estimated that 60 per cent of the city's garbage comes from the large hotels and restaurants. When Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Leggett of Palmyra, Kan., celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary recently, all their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were present. In the whole family there had not been a death in all the 55 years.

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To the Left as You Enter.

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Corset Dept.—Third Floor.

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In the Basement.

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