

TITLE COMPANY OFFERS TO SAVE COUNTY MONEY

For Proportion of Cost Will Loan Its Indices to Restore Burned Books.

An offer whereby it would appear possible for the county to save a large amount of the expenses necessary to restore the Douglas county books and records destroyed in the negro riot fire, has been made by the Midland Title Guarantee & Abstract company as follows:

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 5, 1919. To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Neb.

Gentlemen: In order to facilitate and hasten the restoration of the numerical indices in the office of the register of deeds of this county with as little delay as possible, this company desires to make the following proposition:

1. Our company agrees to loan to the county the use of its abstract indices and abstract books (which are complete up to the year 1897) for the purpose of checking and making such copies therefrom as may be deemed necessary.

2. This company will donate the services of our president, Mr. Herbert H. Neale, for the purpose of superintending the work and compiling of said indices.

3. This company will guarantee that said indices, when completed, will be more accurate and complete than the old indices.

4. Mr. Neale to have full charge of the force necessary to perform the work and to decide on the best method of doing the same with a view of giving relief to a majority of property owners and others interested, in as short a time as possible.

5. Your board to have authority to ratify and approve salaries of all employees and to discharge any employee not performing faithful and efficient service.

6. If after 30 days' trial, your honorable board and the various loan and building associations of this city, are not satisfied with the progress made in restoring said indices, it is provided that Mr. Neale is to resign his management without cost to the county for his services and without compensation to this company for the use of its abstract records and indices.

7. Upon completion of the work, the county of Douglas to pay this company for said services and the use of its books, 25 per cent of the difference between the estimated cost of restoration, as made by Frank J. Norton (which was \$235,000), and the actual cost to the county for such restoration.

8. Harry Pearce, register of deeds, and his office force to co-operate in the prosecution of the work.

On in Lieu of the Above Proposal, any competent abstractor can be selected by your honorable board to superintend the work and our company will loan to the county, its abstract books and indices for such use as may be deemed necessary. The amount saved to the county by the use of said abstract indices and books to be ascertained by a committee appointed by the various loans and building associations of this city, and one-half of such saving to be the price fixed and paid to this company for the use of its said books, as aforesaid.

Respectfully submitted, MIDLAND TITLE GUARANTEE AND ABSTRACT COMPANY. By JOHN CAMPBELL, Secretary and Treasurer.

National Banks of U. S. Establish Record for Immunity From Failure

Washington, Nov. 5.—Establishing a record for immunity from failure, national banks of the United States have gone through the last 22 months with only one enforced closing, according to an announcement by John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency. The one failure reported by Mr. Williams was in 1918, no bank having been forced to suspend during the last ten months.

This record, Mr. Williams said, stands out as 30 times better than the average for any similar period in the 40 years life of the present national banking system.

The tremendous strides taken by American business, the comptroller said, was reflected in the number of banks increasing their capital stock as well as in the granting of new charters. According to the comptroller's figures, 289 national banks added a total of \$42,658,000 to their combined capital stock during the first ten months of this year. In the same period last year, the figures showed 151 national banks increased their capital stock by a total of \$16,379,000.

37 More Negroes Sentenced in Recent Arkansas Riots

Helena, Ark., Nov. 5.—Nine negroes were sentenced to terms of 21 years in the penitentiary, 27, to terms of five years and one to 10 years, by Judge J. M. Jackson, in Phillips county circuit court when the 37, all charged with first degree murder in connection with the uprising in the Elaine neighborhood, were permitted to plead guilty to second degree murder.

This brings the total convictions in the three days of the trials to 48, 11 negroes already having been convicted of first degree murder and automatically sentenced to die in the electric chair.

New Program to Deal With Railroad Situation Arranged

Washington, Nov. 5.—A new program to deal with the railroad situation was arranged tentatively by congressional leaders. It involves probable passage of temporary emergency legislation to protect railroad and public interests.

Transfer of the railroads from government to private control January 1, the leaders were advised, has been decided on finally and unalterably by President Wilson and Director General Hines.

OPERATORS DENY STATEMENT OF LABOR LEADER

Say They Did Not Leave Meeting Called for Purpose of Trying to Settle Strike.

Washington, Nov. 5.—Denial of Samuel Gompers' statement that representatives of the operators left the meeting called by Secretary Wilson for the purpose of trying to settle the coal strike was made tonight by the executive committee of the bituminous coal operators of the central competitive fields. The operators expressed willingness to present all facts to any tribunal that might be named by the government.

"A careful examination of Samuel Gompers' announcement," said the operators' statement, "discloses the absence of a single accurate statement of facts. In that respect his pronouncement is identical with the statement he put out last week in which he charged coal operators with curtailing production to boost prices—a statement which even Acting President Wilson of the miners' organization emphatically repudiated."

"In his latest statement Mr. Gompers goes lightly from one inaccuracy to another. He misstates working conditions, miners' advances and operators' selling prices."

Deny Statement.

"It is not true that the operators' representatives walked out of Secretary Wilson's conference, leaving Mr. Lewis with no alternative but to call a strike. The operators' representatives accepted President Wilson's proposal in its entirety and withdrew from the conference in order that their presence might not embarrass Secretary Wilson in his effort to persuade the miners to take the honorable course thus opened to them. The operators advised Secretary Wilson that they would remain in Washington, awaiting his call to further the conference."

"It is not true, as Mr. Gompers implies, that the miners are not permitted by the operators to work full time. The operators have no control over the demand for coal. They can merely stand ready to produce and furnish it when the public requires and is willing to accept it."

Did Not Get Advance.

"It is not true that the miners received an advance of 20 cents a ton in 1914."

"It is not true that the operators raised the price of coal \$5.00 a ton in 1914. On the contrary, the price was reduced."

"It is not true, as Mr. Gompers states, that for the past several years the miners have averaged only 160 to 180 working days a year."

"It is a fact, however—and Mr. Gompers could easily have ascertained it—that virtually every bituminous mine in the country has on its payroll a substantial number of men who deliberately lay off from one to three days a week when they have an opportunity to work."

Hypothetical Questions.

"Mr. Gompers states that the miners are demanding shorter working hours so that their work may be made regular instead of intermittent. How is it possible to effect such regulation? How can mines be worked when no cars are available? How can mines be worked

Casey Platoon Hits Trail of Bolsheviki On Russ-Polish Front

New York, Nov. 5.—The Casey platoon has hit the trail of the bolsheviki on the Russian-Polish front. This name has been adopted by 100 Americans who volunteered to fight for Poland, according to a cable message received by the Knights of Columbus.

The uniforms were supplied by the Knights' overseas service and enough tobacco and candy has been sent to last the men through the winter.

London, Nov. 5.—A headquarters bulletin from General Denikin received by wireless, claims that Don Cossack troops captured 35,000 bolsheviki between October 17 and 27. The troops of General Denikin's volunteer army in the meantime took 20,000 more. The communication asserts that entire divisions of bolsheviki troops are being put out of action daily.

Bank Gives Out Valuable Souvenir of World War

The United States National bank is distributing a really first-rate souvenir. It is a combined atlas and summary of the world war. Chief of its contents is an accurate map of the new Europe, in colors, the new international boundaries being plainly distinguished from the old. A lot of well prepared and carefully classified general information is also contained in the pamphlet, along with a summary of the treaty of Versailles and the text of the covenant of the league of nations.

Head of Aerial Mail Expected Here Today

Col. A. C. Jordan, of the aerial mail service, is expected to arrive in Omaha today to confer with the aerial navigation committee of the Chamber of Commerce relative to the establishing of aerial mail service here in the spring. Colonel Jordan is expected to present the exact specifications which will be required by the government for a hangar and field here.

American Bankers Negotiate Huge Loan With Poland

London, Nov. 5.—According to a semi-official announcement from Warsaw, American financiers have successfully negotiated a 6 per cent loan of 250,000,000 with the Polish government. The communication says the loan will be backed by the National City bank of New York.

One Killed, Three Injured, in Gas Plant Explosion

Ogden, Utah, Nov. 5.—Robert W. Long, chief engineer of the Utah Power and Light Company gas plant, was instantly killed when an explosion occurred in the meter room of the company's new gas generating section. The building was partly wrecked and the city gas mains severed so that supplies were immediately cut off.

Long's head was almost severed by flying metal. The cause of the explosion has not been determined.

Striking Coal Miners Refused Citizenship

Pittsburgh, Nov. 5.—Five striking coal miners were refused citizenship papers by Judge Charles P. Orr. He declared that the government ruled that the coal strike was illegal and added that "you could not faithfully take the oath of allegiance and remain on strike under existing circumstances."

CONGREGATIONAL UNION DISSOLVED AT MEETING HERE

Dr. Frank G. Smith Will Head New Omaha Organization.

The Federation of Omaha and Council Bluffs Congregational churches decided to dispose of the union known as the Missouri Valley Congregational union and form two separate unions, at a meeting held last night at the Plymouth Congregational church, Eighteenth and Emmet streets.

The meeting followed a dinner given at the church at 6:30. Representatives from all the Congregational churches of Omaha and Council Bluffs attended. On account of the various state councils handling the national Congregational drive it was decided to form separate unions in Omaha and Council Bluffs.

Elect New Officers.

Officers elected for the Omaha union were: Moderator, Dr. Frank G. Smith; assistant moderator, Rev. J. D. Kuykendall; scribe, L. E. Potter; treasurer, Dr. W. C. Dean. A committee composed of Rev. J. D. Kuykendall, Dr. A. B. Somegs and C. Richey was appointed to draw up resolutions on the recent lynching in Omaha and the industrial and labor situation in general. The committee will present the resolutions to the board of directors, who will meet within a few days.

Fellowship Meeting.

A fellowship meeting was held in the church at 8 and several addresses were given. Dr. Frank G. Smith, who recently returned from the national council, spoke on the work of the national council and explained the drive for \$50,000,000 in five years to be used for missionary and educational purposes.

Rev. Arie Binkhorst of Chicago delivered an address on the Congregational stewardship. He told of the necessity of leadership in the churches and the relation of the church world of affairs. J. N. Bennett, president of Doane college, spoke on "The Greater Program of Congregationalism."

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