

### WAR INSURANCE LAWS SIMPLIFIED BY NEW MEASURE

#### Bill Eliminating Red Tape in Payment of Premiums Approved by House Committee.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, April 25.—War veterans holding government insurance will be able to pay their premiums at their local postoffices if congress passes a bill which has just been approved by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce. The measure revises the war risk insurance laws with a view to the elimination of much of the red tape. Representative Sweet of Iowa will report the bill to the house early next week.

The bill as outlined in the bill provides for the establishment of 14 regional offices in the United States and outlying possessions. The bureau of public health service and the federal board of vocational education have a like number of offices and an effort is being made to coordinate the work to be rendered by these three government agencies to soldiers, sailors and marines of the recent war.

The bill also provides that the bureau of war risk insurance shall relieve from the payment of premiums on renewal term insurance the following persons: (a) Those who are receiving hospital care under the bureau, during the period they are receiving such care; (b) those who are receiving vocational training pursuant to the vocational rehabilitation act, during the period of such training; and (c) those who are temporarily totally disabled by reason of an injury or disease entitling them to compensation, during the period of such total disability.

It is estimated that the amount of premiums on renewable term insurance, the payment of which the veterans would be relieved of for the fiscal year 1921, would be about \$5,000,000. The bureau is also directed to provide without charge thereafter, hospital, dental, medical and surgical care and treatment for all honorably discharged commissioned officers and enlisted men, disabled by reason of any wound or injury or disease contracted while in the service of the United States.

### "Made in Germany" Trademark Causes Big Stir at D. A. R. Meeting

Washington, April 25.—Discovery that souvenir postal cards sold at the home of Washington at Mount Vernon bore the inscription "Made in Germany" caused a furore at the final session of the annual continental congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

### Transport Workers In Germany Defeated

The Hague, April 25.—Both the Rotterdam and Amsterdam transport laborers have decided to resume work Monday. The strike, which lasted 10 weeks, has ended in the defeat of the laborers, who return to work under the old conditions.

### Over 2,000 Attend Funeral Rites for Howells Priest

#### Unusual Ceremony Observed in Services for Late Rector of St. Johns Parish—Many Clergy From All Parts of the State Assist—Former Soldiers Take Part in Service at Grave.

By AL GAYLORD  
Howells, Neb., April 25.—This small Nebraska town was the scene Wednesday of one of the most remarkable funeral services in its history when nearly 2,000 friends and admirers of the Right Reverend C. Zak, late rector of St. Johns parish, turned out en masse to do him homage at the grave.

A ceremony in which two sermons delivered in two languages and in which twenty priests took the places of as many choir boys that they might in such manner express their love for their departed brother, while 2,000 mourning parishioners sat with heads bowed and hearts overflowing with love and sorrow—such was the impressive last rite at St. Johns parish for kind Father Zak, its rector for sixteen years.

It was fitting that his oldest friend in America—the man who started him on his ministerial career, the Right Reverend Vranek, of Omaha, should be the last to pay high tribute to Father Zak. This he did in the worshipful father's native tongue—the language of Bohemia. The sermon was delivered in the English language by the Very Reverend Ruesing, dean of West Point, Neb., following requiem high mass, which was celebrated by Father Petlach, of Verdigris.

#### Long Funeral Cortege

Boys from "Over There," members of the Albin Folda post, American Legion, of which Father Zak had been honorary chaplain, headed the long cortege which escorted the body to St. Johns cemetery for burial. Behind the ex-service boys

### Hobby Refuses Permit To Mexican Generals To Pass Through Texas

Austin, April 25.—Request of the Mexican government through the State department at Washington for permission for Generals Juan Jose Rios and Manuel Gambo and their staffs to cross Texas soil on their way from Sonora to Mexico City was refused by Governor Hobby of Texas tonight. The party was to travel unarmed as civilians. The State department saw no objection to granting permission and asked the acquiescence of Texas to the request.

Governor Hobby, replying to a telegram from Secretary of State Colby, said he was "unalterably opposed to the transportation of Mexican troops or any military officials thereof across Texas soil." Such transportation, he said, would likely provoke trouble and put American citizens on the border at the mercy of the bandits.

### Denies American's Appeal From Homicide Conviction

Bombay, April 25.—The chief commissioner for Assam has dismissed the appeal in the case of Rev. L. W. D. Jackman, the American medical missionary, recently sentenced to two years' imprisonment for killing Maj. H. D. Cloete, Mr. Jackman entered the appeal March 28.

In giving judgment the commissioner said that while admitting the homicide had been committed in a state of extreme mental affliction, it could not be overlooked that Jackman was a strong man armed with a revolver, while Major Cloete, who had fought in the war, was blind in one eye.

"If," continued the commission, "Jackman had said: 'Cloete, you ruined my wife. I have bought a revolver; get out yours, one of us must die,' and if in the ensuing fair fight Jackman had killed Cloete, I would have reduced the sentence from two years to two weeks."

### METHODS OF HIGH FINANCE AIRED IN U. S. SHIP PROBE

#### Iron Works Used Money Advanced for Vessels to Build Plant, Is Charge Made Before House Committee.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, April 25.—Methods of high finance employed by Charles W. Morse of New York, who once served a term in the federal penitentiary for the violation of banking laws, were aired before the special committee of the house, which is investigating expenditures for ship construction.

Robert A. Dean, general counsel for the shipping board, testified that the board yesterday had taken steps to restore the receivership over the Groton Iron Works, Groton, Conn., one of the Morse companies, which was lifted a month ago by Mr. Dean and the committee of the board.

Then the two men, who are ex-army flyers, began looking at the sky. The girls looked, too, and shivered a little at the view. It was a dark, lowering sky. A drop of rain fell.

It developed at today's hearing that former Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo appeared before the board in behalf of Mr. Morse last September. Mr. Dean testified that Mr. McAdoo made an appeal for favorable treatment of the former banker.

### Flood Causes 80-Mile Trip To Cemetery Two Miles Away

O'Neill, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—An 80-mile journey over two railroads to reach the cemetery two miles from the home at which she died will be necessary for the funeral of Mrs. James Stanton, early settler of Holt county, who died at the Stanton home near Ewing Thursday night.

The extended journey is necessary because of the swamping floods of the Elkhorn river and its tributaries which are too swift to permit ferrying the funeral party across the stream to the burying grounds almost in sight of the Stanton homestead.

### Wants Wholesale Prices Stamped on Shoe Soles

Washington, April 25.—A bill requiring the manufacturers' prices to be stamped on shoes and other footwear as a means of reducing profits and retail costs, was introduced today by Senator McNary, republican of Oregon, chairman of the committee investigating shoe prices.

### Barber Is Found Guilty Of Killing Denver Woman

Denver, Colo., April 25.—Lloyd E. White, a barber, was found guilty of the murder of Mrs. Hattie Wehman in their rooming house here February 19 last. Because the evidence was circumstantial, life imprisonment can be the only sentence. The defense was insanity.

### PLANE AND AUTO FAILED IN PINCH; TRAIN DELIVERED

#### Gallant Students Balked in Plan To Thrill Co-Eds With Sky Ride to Omaha.

The University of Nebraska co-eds are convinced that trains are superior at times to airplanes or even automobiles, especially on rainy days, when they have social engagements to keep.

Miss Neva Dalstrom and Miss Rita Sullivan, both of Lincoln, planned to fly to Omaha Saturday with E. L. Sloniger and Harry Minor, university students, to attend the Kappa Sigma alumni dance at the Hotel Blackstone last night.

The girls were on hand early yesterday morning for the flight. The machine, a Canadian Curtiss, was trundled out of the hangar. All was in readiness.

"Maybe we'd better try out the atmosphere first," suggested Sloniger. "Maybe you had," agreed the girls in faint union.

### Man Drops Booze Out Of Window as Police Pound at Front Door

Two quart bottles of whisky were broken by being placed in a traveling bag and dropped from a window when the police raided a house at 2324 Howard street Saturday and arrested Frank Kaul on charges of keeping a disorderly house, illegal possession of intoxicating liquor and malicious destruction of property.

### Form League of Nations Association in Tokio

Honolulu, T. H., April 25.—A League of Nations association has been organized in Tokio to educate the people of Japan in the ideals of the league. A Tokio cablegram received here by Nippu Jiji, a Japanese language newspaper, said the association is headed by Baron Shibusawa.

### MARTIANS ARE NOT TRYING TO SIGNAL EARTH

#### Expert Wireless Engineer Says Experiments Were Not to Prove Theory, But to Settle Question.

(Dr. Frederick H. Miller, Omaha wireless engineer, who has been attempting to get in communication with the planet Mars for the last week, last night gave up the attempt and issued a statement saying that the Mars signals are not sending out wireless waves toward the earth.)

For three nights I have sought through interstellar space for a signal from Mars. I have found none. For three nights our wireless instruments have been in condition to receive messages originating millions and millions of miles without the orbit of the earth.

No such messages have been circulating through the ether. Or, at least, no electric wireless waves have been hurled at the earth by the people of Mars. The Martians, if there are such beings, may have been trying to signal the earth by some other methods and means, but they have not been trying to reach us with wireless waves in the last three nights.

Had they been doing so, we now would have had their message. The question has been raised as to whether mysterious unrecognized signals emanating from an unknown source could possibly be the result of Martians endeavoring to communicate with the earth. One of the most interesting occupations of an evening to the scientifically inclined is to listen in on the large undamped wireless stations of the world. This is doubly interesting if it is coupled with listening for signals from another world.

#### To Settle Question

Our experiments were conducted with the purpose of settling the question if Mars was endeavoring to signal the earth by the aid of wireless methods or by means of radiant energy.

Our experiments were conducted from a station on a ranch sufficiently far from Omaha so that local electrical disturbances would be entirely absent. The equipment was constructed especially for the purpose to which it was put by my co-worker, H. L. Gayer, and myself. It consisted of a large coaxial coupler or tuner and a three-stage regenerated amplifying set. The antenna consisted of approximately 35 miles of wires strung on telegraph poles covering an area of over 10 to 20 acres. A sufficient amount was used for a counterpoise. This could be shortened or lengthened at will, thus permitting us to pick up a message of any wave length and accurately measure the same.

Starting with the wave length of an average commercial station we gradually lengthened our wave length until that of New Brunswick and Atlantic were reached and passed. Slowly increasing the wave length until it was longer than any station on earth, we added more antenna and counterpoise until all our wire was in and then carefully searching this backward and forward, carefully tuning all the time, continually adjusting and readjusting.

ing our instruments, we searched for the signals which we hoped to hear. Had Mars been endeavoring to communicate with the earth, our machines would have picked up the waves which were coining through interstellar space, had those waves been of a similar nature to the wireless waves generated on this earth.

As a result of this experiment the deduction is evident to us that Mars was not sending wireless signals during the time that planet was nearest the earth.

We are not disappointed at the result. We did not undertake the experiment to prove that wireless signals were being sent from Mars but simply to discover if such signals were being sent. We would have liked to have accomplished the unusual and to have reported to the world the reception of signals from another planet. We realize that there is no good reason why some time in the future interplanetary communication should not be accomplished provided there are intelligent beings on other planets.

### Anti-Wets Want Attorney In "Rumbellion" Prosecuted

Chicago, April 25.—Federal prosecution of Martin S. McDonough, state's attorney of Iron county, Michigan, in connection with the Regu River "rum rebellion" was requested by the Illinois Anti-Saloon league in a telegram sent to Attorney General Palmer and made public today. The action of the league followed conviction of the Scalcucci brothers, central figures in the Iron River controversy.

### Minors Show Great Growth

National Association of Minor Base Ball leagues was organized 20 years ago. It began with nine leagues and in 1912 reached its greatest activity, having 50 leagues enrolled, embracing 356 towns and cities of this country and Canada.

### French Rail Workers Plan Strike to Enforce Demands

Paris, April 25.—The congress of French railway workers voted to call an immediate general strike unless the following demands are accepted: Nationalization of the railways; re-employment of the strikers removed on account of the February strike; abandonment of judicial prosecutions and recognition of the national union.

The congress also appealed to Premier Millerand to intervene in the case of the dismissed men, but he refused to do so. The congress calls upon the people of France to uphold its decision in the interests of the republic.

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