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## RAILROADS APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE

### Ask Commerce Commission to Take Over Supervision of Freight Traffic to Relieve Serious Car Shortage.

### WOULD POOL BUSINESS AS UNDER ONE SYSTEM

### Body Proceeding Actively Toward Effective Exercise of Powers Given to Meet Conditions Under Emergency.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, May 16.—The railroads have appealed to the Interstate Commerce commission to take over supervision of the traffic situation in order to give relief in the serious car shortage now menacing the country.

In a petition by the association of the railroad executive the commission is urged to exercise authority granted in the emergency section of the transportation act whereby it may assume control of the transportation of food, fuel and other vital commodities through the exercise of the priority system employed by the railroad administration during the war.

In reality what the railroads ask is for the Interstate Commerce commission to pool the freight traffic of the country as operating under one system just as it was operated under the railroad administration regime.

**Contemplating Action.**

It is believed that the Interstate Commerce commission had been contemplating this action independent of the executives' petition today. Just what will be done has not been announced, but the commission today replying to the petition, said:

"The Interstate Commerce commission is proceeding actively with steps toward the effective exercise of the powers and duties cast upon it in such emergencies to afford such relief as may be possible in the present situation."

Commenting on the railroads' appeal, Thomas De Witt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, said today:

"In recognition of the developing transportation crisis, and the railroads desiring to do their full duty in the premises, the advisory committee of the Association of Railway Executives requested Alfred P. Thom, vice president and general counsel of the association, and R. H. Aishton, president of the American Railroad association, to call on the Interstate Commerce commission this morning and lay before it the following facts:

**Situation Serious.**

"There exists today a menacing shortage of cars and transportation due to restricted building of equipment during the war; to the unusual degree of equipment requiring repair; to the wide dispersion equipment under federal control, during the heavy traffic in all kinds of com-

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## Three Burglaries Reported to Police During Past 24 Hours

Three burglaries were reported to the police during the 24 hours ending at noon Sunday.

R. L. Tinkham, 3028 Cuming street, reported thieves entered his home by breaking the front window and carried away $175 worth of jewelry and clothing.

Burglars entered the home of P. F. Mindel, 1816 Military avenue, and after ransacking the house took two watches valued at $60.

Thieves entered a new building under construction at 2552 North Forty-eighth street and carried away $25 worth of carpenter's tools belonging to August Johnson, 5518 North Thirty-fourth street.

## Mother of Youthful Train Bandit Claims Body of Son

Chicago, May 16.—Mrs. L. E. Walton of St. Joseph, Mo., mother of Horace Walton, who was killed Friday in a fight with the police after he had robbed the Illinois Central New Orleans express of $70,000 and killed Patrolman William Roberts, claimed the body of her son Sunday. The train on which she came to Chicago also brought the body of her husband, who died of heart failure Saturday at Bucklin, Mo., while on his way from St. Joseph with his wife.

## Propose Repeal of Much Wartime Legislation

Washington, May 16.—Bills calling for the repeal of much war legislation were introduced by Senators Reed of Missouri and King of Utah, both democrats. Senator Reed in one resolution proposes the repeal of all wartime extensions of the president's powers, while Senator King proposed repeal of the Overman and the trading with the enemy acts, as well as statutes authorizing the shipping board to suspend the law in order to permit foreign owned vessels to engage in coastwise trade.

## Swiss Voters in Favor of Membership in League

Berne, May 16.—Switzerland today in a referendum on the question of accepting or rejecting of membership in the league of nations, voted in favor of the proposition.

## Clash Over War-Time Rules On Passports Causes Stir Among Members of House

### Hot Discussion on Conference Report on New Restrictions Forces Republican Leader to Call Sudden Adjournment—Sabath Opposes Measure as Discriminating Against Irish.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, May 16.—Far-reaching legislation making permanent war-time passport regulations, which was slipped into the conference report on the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, caused an uprisin gin the house Saturday which forced Republican Leader Mondell to bring about a sudden adjournment.

Representatives Sabath and Gallagher of Illinois and Siegel of New York led in a protest against the inclusion of legislation properly a subject for consideration by the committee on immigration and which had not been even discussed in either house in connection with the appropriation bill.

Representative Siegel made a point of order against the section of the conference report embodying new passports restrictions on the ground that no similar provision was included in the ball as passed by either house. After a lengthy discussion Speaker Gillett overruled the point of order on the ground that the section in question was in germane inasmuch as the senate had added an amendment relating to fees for passports.

**Opposition Prepares Fight.**

The opposition at once prepared to make a fight against the conference report. Republican Leader Mondell interposed a motion to adjourn when one of the members was about to raise a point of no quorum in an effort to drum up a full attendance. Few members of the house had been aware either that the conference report was under consideration or that such far-reaching legislation affecting the immigration situation had been injected into the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill.

The conference report already has been approved by the Senate where not a word of comment was made on the floor relative to the new matter put in by the conferees, who consisted of members of the foreign relations committee of the senate and the foreign affairs committee of the house.

**Hard on the Irish.**

Representative Sabath in denouncing the measure declared that under its provisions it would be impossible for Irish subjects of Great Britain who were political offenders to come to the United States. Under the requirement that no aliens may come into the United States except with a passport vised by an American consul, Mr. Sabath declared that an Irishman who had committed any sort of an offense would be unable to obtain a passport to leave the country from the British government, a step which would be necessary before an American consul could vise it.

Besides making permanent the war-time provision prohibiting the entry of aliens except from Canada and other adjacent countries, without a passport vised by an American consul, a section is included requiring passports for Americans desiring to leave the United States. The present war-time restriction under a law passed a few months ago were extended to March, 1921, by which it was expected that permanent immigration legislation would be passed. Representative Siegel took exception also to a new provision repealing an act which authorized the secretary of state to issue passports to declarants of citizenship.

## WOMAN IS BADLY INJURED WHEN AUTO HITS TRUCK

### Mrs. E. H. Perkins Suffers Internal Hurts in Smash With Car Driven by Irvington Farmer.

Mrs. E. H. Perkins, 1150 South Fiftieth street, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon when she was thrown from an automobile delivery truck belonging to the Live-Wire cleaners, 610 South Sixteenth street, and driven by her husband, E. H. Perkins, at the intersection of Thirty-seventh and Leavenworth streets when it was struck by a touring car owned and driven by L. D. Curtis, a one-armed farmer of Irvington, Neb.

**Is Thrown Ten Feet.**

Mrs. Perkins was thrown 10 feet through the air and suffered a large gash on the forehead, a bruised and sprained right knee and internal injuries.

Mr. Perkins was cut on the hands and face by flying glass from the windshield.

Doris Swan, two and one-half years old, her father, G. A. Swan, 1719 Ontario street, and Mrs. Curtis, who were in the touring car, escaped injury.

**Truck Is Demolished.**

Curtis was driving south in Thirty-seventh street and struck the rear wheel of the truck which was going east in Leavenworth street. Perkins lost control of the steering wheel after the impact and the truck ran into an iron trolley pole, completely demolishing the truck.

Mrs. Perkins and her husband were thrown from the truck. Mrs. Perkins lighting on her forehead on the sidewalk. Curtis also lost control of his car as he was unable to steer it with one hand after the collision, and it stopped on the sidewalk.

## New Lumber Association Opens Headquarters

Chicago, May 16.—Permanent headquarters of the newly organized American Lumber association has been established in Chicago, according to plans announced by officers of the association, who arrived to arrange for a meeting of the organization on May 19 and 20. The association, composed of wholesale lumber dealers, succeeds the National Bureau of Wholesale Lumber Distributors, organized during the war to co-operate with the government in supplying lumber for war purposes.

From Chicago will be directed the work of standardization, distribution and devising means for eliminating waste, it was announced.

## "Boomer" Meets Fate of Many Other "Railroaders"

Miami, Okl., May 16.—"Boomer," believed to be the only "railroad dog" in this state, and mascot of trainmen of the Northeastern Oklahoma line, met the fate of many other "railroaders" here the other day.

When "Boomer" attempted to jump from a flat car to the pilot of a locomotive his feet slipped and he was ground to small pieces beneath the wheels of the engine.

The dog was buried in a neat pine coffin and a granite tombstone placed at the head of his grave.

Many "hogheads," "tallypots," "greasers" and "captains" were present at the "funeral."

## BIBLE STUDENT LECTURER HITS AT ALL CHURCHES

### Charges Clergymen Lying to Congregations and World Will End in 1926—Explanation Is Refused.

Clergymen are lying to their congregations; the Interchurch World Movement is a graft; Sir Oliver Lodge is being grossly deceived by spirits; the world will end in 1926, were some of the things R. H. Barber of Brooklyn, N. Y., told an audience of nearly 500 at the Labor Temple Sunday afternoon. "Talking With the Dead" was his subject.

Mr. Barber represents the International Bible Students. He claims that while spirit writing and communication is possible, it is not the dead friends of the subject that communicate.

He says that clergymen and others who maintain that the dead are in "heaven" are wrong and that Christian Scientists, Mormons, etc., are moved by evil spirits.

When asked "upon what do you base your assertion that the world will end in 1926," he said that he could give no answer that the people could understand—it would take several volumes to explain in writing.

All of the great denominations of the present day church misinterpret the Bible, according to Mr. Barber. There is no abode of departed spirits. "Hell" is the grave. All that are dead, because of Adam's sin, are dust.

The audience, composed mostly of elderly people, soon became restless and many left. The speaker remarked that "some people don't want to hear the Bible."

## Request Palmer to Dismiss Indictment In Conspiracy Case

Washington, May 16.—Attorney General Palmer was asked by the shipping board to cause dismissal of the indictment returned recently by a federal grand jury at New York charging Charles W. Morse with a conspiracy to violate the shipping act through the alleged sale of the steamer McCullough to La Societe Generale De Houillen and Agglomeres, a French corporation.

After considering the records in the case the board held that criminal prosecution was not justified. It was said at the board's office that the indictment had so hindered Mr. Morse in his financial transactions that he could not complete ships now building for the board at his plants, the Groton Iron works, Groton, Conn., and the Virginia Ship Building corporation, Alexander, Va.

The operations of these two plants are now being investigated by a congressional committee charged with making a general inquiry into shipping board affairs.

## Town in Massachusetts Secedes From the State

Vineyard Haven, Mass., May 16—The town of West Tisbury has seceded from Massachusetts, so far as daylight saving is concerned. Clocks in that town continue to run on standard time, notwithstanding the action of the state legislature. West Tisbury has one advantage over other hamlets of the Vineyard—its time corresponds to steamboat time.

## AWAIT MOVE OF WILSON ON PEACE PLAN

### Expected Veto of Knox Resolution Will Practically Form Keynote for Democratic Convention Many Think.

### HITCHCOCK PREDICTS RETURN OF TREATY

### Little Chance of Action by Senate Before Presidential Election—Message Due to Congress Within Fortnight.

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.
Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, May 16.—President Wilson's message vetoing the Knox resolution declaring a state of peace with Germany will be the most important contribution by the chief executive to the controversy over the peace treaty and the league of nations covenant, according to administration officials.

It not only will reject the effect of congress to establish peace by legislation for want of favorable action on the treaty, for which the president and the irreconcilables were responsible, but it will join the issue between the advocates and opponents of the covenant without reservations and definitely project the question into thep residential campaign for the decision of the people.

In effect the veto message will be a presidential campaign keynote of the first magnitude and will furnish the guide for the keynoting to the democratic national convention to be performed by Temporary Chairman Homer Cummings.

**May Return Treaty.**

Whether the president will return the treaty to the senate when he vetoes the peace resolution is not known even to his intimates, although they would not be surprised by such a move, and Senator Hitchcock has predicted it as a certainty.

Even if Mr. Wilson should resubmit the treaty, the senate would not act upon it before the election, for the republican majority in the senate is quite as desirous of submitting the issue to the people for judgment as is the president. The only motive the president could have in resubmitting the treaty at this time is to pass the responsibility for its disposition back to the senate, which he will ask the people to influence in favor of ratification without the reservations twice voted by the majority.

The veto message is expected to reach congress within the next fortnight, on the eve of the assembling of the republican convention and the promulgation of the republican platform stand on the league of nations issue made by the president.

**Up In House Today.**

The Knox resolution will be transmitted by the senate to the house tomorrow, where the question will arise of concurrence in the senate amendments to the Porter peace resolution passed by the house or the reference of the two resolutions to a conference committee for adjustment of the differences.

Chairman Porter of the house committee on foreign affairs, said tonight that he would confer with the other republican leaders tomorrow on the course to be pursued and predicted that there would be no quarreling over the peace measure. This is regarded as indicative of a disposition to accept the senate substitute resolution, which action would obviate the delay of consideration by a conference committee. The senate resolution will be called in the house on Wednesday and if concurred in, it will be in the hands of the president before the end of the week.

**Attack Secretary Colby.**

Secretary of State Colby is called an internationalist by the Republican Publicity association, which quotes from an address in which he urges Americans not to be "profiteers" upon their "quite undeserved commercial and trade advantages," and advocated giving "of our political power, of our political experience, of our commercial strength and of our pecuniary power to the succor and relief of this sorely afflicted world."

## Red Cross Adopt Slogan For "Learn-to-Swim" Week

Washington, May 16.—"Don't be a sink-easy" is the slogan adopted for "learn to swim" weak May 22 to 29, the American Red Cross announced in connection with its campaign to reduce the number of needless drownings. The movement initiated by the an Francisco chapter includes elaborate plans for swimming instruction this summer in co-operation with Red Cross life saving forces at the beach resorts.

## Huge Ice Bridge Formed Across Niagara Gorge

Niagara Falls, May 16.—One of the latest ice bridges in many years has formed in the Niagara gorge from the American falls to the Maid of the Mist landing on the Canadian side. The solid formation is due to continued cool weather, a heavy flow of ice from Lake Erie and a steady north wind.

## Houses Are Scarce So College Bars Co-Eds

Liberty, Mo., May 16.—The weaker sex have been barred from William Jewell college—that is until better housing facilities are provided.

Complaints of male students that they were unable to concentrate on their studies while the girls were in the class room led to the exclusion of the girls.

## The Great Joy Ride Is About Over

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## "SPENDING ORGY" NOT EXHAUSTED, SAYS COLLECTOR

### Luxury Buying Going on at Rate of $1,200,000,000 Yearly in Gotham Alone, Says U. S. Official.

New York, May 16.—Luxury buying in New York is now going on at the rate of $1,200,000,000 a year, judged by the amount of luxury taxes — aggregating $10,500,000 a month—which are being collected by William H. Edwards, United States collector of internal revenue for Manhattan. In February, according to the collector, the government received from his office $2,000,000 more in luxury taxes than was paid in any previous month in the history of the department. The month of April probably will exceed them all. The receipts, he says, have been mounting higher and higher for six months.

**Luxury Tax Is Big.**

"What some people call the 'orgy of spending' has not exhausted itself," said Mr. Edwards today, "but my men, in their talks with merchants and others who pay the great bulk of the taxes, have been told that the 'peak' of extravagance seems to have been reached and that a period of retrenchment is close at hand.

We hear a lot about the income and excess profits tax which falls due in the spring of every year and about the hardships of meeting it, but the fact is that the steadiest tax, and one which is least felt by the public and of which we hear very little, is the luxury impost. The poorer chap who buys his girl an ice cream soda doesn't grumble at the penny or two tax any more than does the rich youth who presents his fiancee with a diamond tiara or a touring car. Neither misses it as the item is so small as compared with the expenditure.

**King's Ransom for Candy.**

"A king's ransom was spent for candy last December, but the biggest revenue came from dealers in jewelry, furs and automobiles. The theaters showed that in January they did an unusually prosperous business. When persons start to economize they usually cut out amusements, but in January, in the borough of Manhattan alone, $783,891.43 was paid in taxes. Multiply that by 10 and you will get some idea of how much Father Knickerbocker and his guests are paying to be entertained at just the theaters. There are no indications of any panic in these figures. The man who said 'Always be a bull on the great U. S. A.' seems to be vindicated.

**Soda Tax Pays Big.**

"An interesting thing about the luxury tax is that more revenue is being derived from ice cream sodas and other small sales which carry a penny or two of tax than there is from the sale of motor cars, diamonds and other luxuries. Druggists paid a large sum on expensive perfumes and cosmetics. Every manufacturer, producer or importer is required to make such returns as will clearly show each taxable transaction in the sale of certain goods and these are verified by revenue officers. Section 904 of the revenue act of 1918 provides that 'on and after May 1, 1919' the tax of 10 per cent shall be levied and collected on luxuries, including many kinds of expensive articles in daily use. In the sale of these articles the dealer acts as a collection agent for the government. Other taxes are paid in the form of stamps."

## MUCH EVIDENCE IN BOOZE CASES CANNOT BE FOUND

### Stocks Valued at Over Half Million Disappears From Bonded Warehouses.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Chicago, May 16.—"The evidence," worth $600,000, upon which the government agents had built their hopes of numerous convictions in illicit liquor operations, has mysteriously disappeared. The confiscated booze, stocks secured in raids between July 1 and January 16, and stored in the Sibley warehouse, has gone away from there and left no trace.

This is a bonded warehouse and supposed to be surrounded by all the safeguards the government thought necessary. It had been noticed that when a case came to trial, the particular liquor seized in that case was missing. Now the entire stock is gone and with the hands of Major Dalrymple and his assistants firmly tied by orders from Washington, there is slim chance to secure any new evidence.

A force of auditors went to the warehouse to check up the confiscated stocks, but there was nothing to check up.

Smuggling away this immense quantity of liquor could not have been accomplished without some inside help and an ominous shadow of suspicion is falling upon former high internal revenue officials. Auditors find the records incomplete, no receipts for liquor withdrawn and loose methods generally in the conduct of officials who were being paid by the government to guard the liquor. Disappearance of the evidence means the government suits against several persons for violation of the prohibition law fall flat. These suits would have hit some very prominent wholesalers and big cafe proprietors and the cases against them were practically perfect until the government lost the evidence.

## Socialist Committee Presents Petition for Eugene Debs' Release

Washington, May 16.—The socialist party's petition for the release of its presidential nominee, Eugene V. Debs, and other political prisoners was taken to the White House Saturday by the special committee named by the recent socialist convention in New York.

Secretary Tumulty said he would call it to the attention of President Wilson.

Seymour Stedman, the party's vice presidential candidate, made a special plea for pardon for Mr. Debs, who he said, had been convicted on vaulty evidence and had been unfairly represented to the people by newspapers throughout the country.

An argument on behalf of Kate Richards O'Hare, serving a sentence at the Jefferson City penitentiary on conviction of having violated the espionage act, also was made.

Secretary Tumulty asked many questions about the two cases and requested that a list of all other prisoners for whom relief was sought be sent to the White House.

## The Weather

**Weather Forecast.**

Unsettled weather Monday with continued cold.

**Hourly Temperatures.**

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| 6 a. m. | 51 | 2 p. m. | 53 |
| 7 a. m. | 51 | 3 p. m. | 51 |
| 8 a. m. | 51 | 4 p. m. | 49 |
| 9 a. m. | 52 | 5 p. m. | 50 |
| 10 a. m. | 53 | 6 p. m. | 49 |
| 11 a. m. | 54 | 7 p. m. | 49 |
| 12 noon | 54 | | |

## RUSSIANS AGAIN IN CONTROL OF RAILWAY LINE

### More Conciliatory Actions by Japanese Toward Siberians Reported During Last Few Days.

By FRAZIER HUNT.
New York Times-Chicago Tribune Cable. Copyright, 1920.

Harbin, May 16.—More conciliatory actions by the Japanese toward the Siberians have been evident in the last few days.

The railroad from Vladivostok to Nickolsk, which had been operated by the Japanese for 35 days, since they took Vladivostok on April 5, was returned to Russian control. Russian railroad men returned to work on the line and regular train service was resumed.

The Japanese, however, are in a position to retake the road at any time and resume its operation for military purposes when they see fit. The Siberian troops either have been disarmed or have fled to the hills. In the Vladivostok-Nickolsk district there are about 10,000 Russian red troops and about 30,000 Japanese who are being reinforced from time to time.

As long as the Moscow government refuses to fight the Japanese, the Siberians have to do as they are told, as Japan dominates the situation.

The Japanese, however, also have the Urusult river to Russian control and General Moy, commanding Vladivostok, has issued a proclamation predicting withdrawal of the Japanese military forces. The Russians, however, put little faith in these Japanese promises which are contingent on the cessation of hostilities in the transbaikal region.

While the Japanese proclamation is regarded by the Russians as indicating a less belligerent attitude when combined with the return of the railroads and the slackening of the movement of Japanese troops into Siberia, the Russians are in doubt. They recall that in spite of assurances the Japanese suddenly seized Vladivostok and other Siberian cities and disarmed Russian troops.

## Publishers Take Up Car Shortage With President

New York, May 16.—President Wilson and the railroad labor board were asked by the American Newspaper Publishers association to take action which would relieve the menace to newspaper publication presented by the congestion of freight cars which has followed the railroad strike.

"Present congestion of freight cars seriously menaces the publication of newspapers which depend upon a regular supply of print paper transported by rail from the mills," read one telegram sent to President Wilson by T. R. Williams, president of the association.

Mr. Williams also sent a telegram to the railroad labor board.

## Issues Annual Appeal for Harvest Help in Nebraska

Jefferson City, Mo., May 16.—The annual call for harvest help for Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Missouri, Nebraska and North and South Dakota, was issued here Saturday by Commissioner William H. Lewis of the Missouri Bureau of Labor Statistics, who is federal director for the seven states. Director Lewis estimates that 15,000 men will be needed. They will be distributed through a central clearing house at Kansas City, starting about June 1, according to the call.

## 5 EAT CANDY AND SUFFER FROM POISON

### Police Search for John. W. Shepherd After Police Surgeon Declares Wife and Children Victims of Strychnine.

### HUSBAND VISITS HOME WITH SACK OF CHOCOLATE

### Wife Defends Shepherd and Denies Attempt to Poison Family—Separation Follows Suit for Divorce.

Mrs. Elsie Shepherd, 833 Pine street, her two children, Mrs. Josephine Kohakek and Mrs. Violet Schmidt, roomers, were victims of strychnine poisoning yesterday, according to Police Surgeon J. A. Johnson, who responded to their call for aid.

The five persons became ill eating chocolate candy given them, they said, by John W. Shepherd, manager of the Basket store at Fortieth and Hamilton streets, against whom Mrs. Shepherd recently brought suit for divorce.

**Shepherd Leaves Home.**

Police sought Shepherd last night. He left the Shepherd home, his wife said, when Miss Schmidt showed symptoms of illness, falling to the floor in convulsions.

Shepherd came to his wife's home shortly before 11:30 Sunday morning to visit them. He brought a sack of chocolates and they were passed around.

All ate the candy and as Mrs. Schmidt showed ill effects from eating it Shepherd left the house. In a few minutes she fell in convulsions on the floor. The police were called and Dr. Johnson revived her half an hour later.

Dr. Johnson on examining the others who ate the candy, said that all of them showed effects of strychnine poisoning.

**Candy All Consumed.**

The police were unable to obtain any of the candy as the sack contained but about 15 pieces and it was eaten before Mrs. Schmidt became ill.

Mrs. Shepherd filed her petition for divorce about ten days ago through W. R. Patrick, her attorney. She charged extreme and repeated cruelty.

The Shepherds have lived together, but not as man and wife, for a number of months. Shepherd did not leave his wife's home until after the petition for divorce had been filed.

**Telephones Police.**

Mrs. Shepherd telephoned the police for aid Saturday night after a man attempted to enter her home whom she said was her husband. The police also were summoned a week ago Saturday night, when Mrs. Shepherd said a man was tapping on the windows of her home.

Mrs. Shepherd refused to comment on the visit of her husband yesterday. She defended him by saying she did not believe he attempted to poison herself and the children.

"I ate most of the candy," little Stanley said, "and I am all right."

Dr. Johnson said Mrs. Schmidt would recover.

## PREDICTS DEMOS WILL ADOPT BEER AND WINE PLANK

### Personal Liberty Foremost Issue In Campaign, Senator Lewis Declares.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Aurora, Ill., May 16.—The democratic national convention will adopt a plank favoring state local option on light wines and beer, former United States Senator J. Hamilton Lewis said in the course of a conversation with an Aurora friend.

"Personal liberty" he said, "will be one of the foremost issues in the presidential campaign. The republicans will try to straddle by declaring that they are for the constitution of the United States. But the voters won't be fooled. The democratic party believes that states that want total prohibition should have it. Those that don't want it should not be compelled to accept it."

Senator Lewis who has been endorsed by democrats for vice president said that Wilson will be the democratic candidate for president if the republicans "insist on making the league of nations the paramount issue in the campaign."

"They will find that he is not the feeble man they think," said the senator, "but on the contrary will discover he has the same great intellect and force of character with which they have so often coped unsuccessfully.

"As the campaign goes on, it will become more and more evident that the democratic party as always is making the fight for the people as against vested interests and entrenched privilege."

## Motorist Saves His Life By Leap to Train Engine

Eldorado, Kan., May 16.—Timothy Manion, an oil refiner, owes his life to sheer nerve and presence of mind here the other day.

When his motor car was struck by a St. Louis & San Francisco freight train Manion leaped to the pilot of the engine and clung there until the train was brought to a stop. His automobile was converted into junk by the wheels of the train.