

Burlington Local Head Steps Down

G. W. Holdrege Announces His Retirement After Fifty-One Years of Active Service With the Road.

Has a Splendid Record

"O. K.—G. W. H." This symbol, familiar for many years to those connected with the operation of the B. & M. R. R. in Nebraska, will be noted on a slip of paper at headquarters for the last time three weeks from today.

George W. Holdrege, general manager of the C. B. & Q. lines west of the Missouri river, will retire from active service on Friday, December 31. His announcement is contained in these words:

"To personal friends in the territory served by the Burlington railroad between the Missouri river and the continental divide:

"For 51 years, since September, 1869, it has been my duty to aid in the mutual development of the Burlington system west of the Missouri river and the country it has the good fortune to serve.

"I shall retire from active service December 31, 1920, and want to most sincerely thank the people living in this vast area for their kindly cooperation in this work, which has been an inspiration and a pleasure, and to add that it is my intention to continue to make my home in this territory.

"I intend also in the future, as in the past, to be of assistance as far as possible in the mutual interests of the Burlington railroad and the people it serves.

G. W. HOLDREGE."

Record of a Busy Life

G. W. Holdrege was born March 26, 1847, in New York City. He was graduated from Harvard university with the class of '69. He entered railroad service in September, 1869, as clerk in the general office of the B. & M. R. R. in Nebraska, at Plattsmouth. He afterward served as brakeman, conductor and trainmaster in Iowa. Returning to the Burlington lines in Nebraska he has been consecutively assistant superintendent, superintendent, general superintendent, and, since 1886, as general manager of the B. & M. R. lines west of Missouri river.

The foregoing brief summary of the official activities of the 51 years' service with the Burlington gives little idea of the many things George W. Holdrege had an active part in. When he was a brakeman, the crossing of the river was on ferry; the railroad he was connected with was slowly creeping west along the Platte river, up Salt creek and into the Republican valley. Omaha was just feeling the impulse that came with the driving of the spike at Promontory Point, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railway. A little later the B. & M. established a connection at Kearney, and so enjoyed something of the prestige the Iowa lines gained by reason of the junction at the Union Pacific transfer.

Builder in Every Way In all the upbuilding and expansion of the railroad system, until it has nearly 9,000 miles of track in Nebraska, and embraces Kansas, Colorado, South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana, as well as the development of the region it serves, Mr. Holdrege has had a part. His foresight is responsible for the vast sums expended in building and equipping this part of the big Burlington system, while his organizing ability has been shown in its successful operation.

His interest has extended into farming and stock raising as well, and he has plenty to occupy his time in looking after his ranch property. In earlier days he was very active in state politics, but has long since withdrawn from personal participation in the campaigns. While he was primarily engaged, as he once publicly stated, in protecting the interest of the stockholders of the company, he did take active interest in Omaha, and served the city well in many ways. His home is here, and so far as his friends are advised he expects to enjoy something of quiet as a plain citizen of the community of which he has so long been an active and prominent member.

Hebron Lutheran Academy Plans New Buildings

Hebron, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Hebron Lutheran Academy board, George A. Burlinghoff of Lincoln was chosen to submit plans and specifications for the new buildings to be erected on the academy grounds during the coming year. This will include class rooms and a gymnasium, which will probably be in one building, and a president's residence. The new building will be placed on the site east of the halls now in use. The academy here has shown a steady growth during the past 10 years, and the attendance has been materially increased by the closing of other Lutheran schools.

Milwaukee Railroad Men Beat Up Foreman of Shop

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 9.—A small sized riot at the boiler-makers' department of the West Milwaukee shops of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad today over a question of production of work resulted in the beating up of the superintendent and foreman of the department. It is said 75 men participated in the affray.

R. W. Anderson, superintendent of boiler-makers, says unless he is given the names of the men who took part in the riot he will close the department, which employs about 200 men.

Retires From Active Service December 31



G. W. Holdrege

League Assembly Disappointed by Wilson's Stand

Refusal of President to Name Delegate on Disarmament Commission Causes Deep Feeling.

By The Associated Press. Geneva, Dec. 9.—President Wilson's negative reply to the league of nations invitation to name an unofficial delegate to co-operate with the commission to be appointed by the assembly to discuss disarmament, has caused great disappointment here. The chief desire of the assembly members seems to be to maintain as many points of contact as possible with the United States and it was thought the disarmament investigation afforded an opportunity for which President Wilson could take advantage without committing himself. Mr. Wilson's decision regarding the Armenian boundaries has not been received here. It is thought in league circles that his reply has more likely been sent to London or Paris, since it is a matter for consideration by the supreme council of the allies, rather than by the league of nations.

Canada, whose delegation has made a great impression on the assembly, scored again when it secured elimination of the provision in the technical committee's report for permanent finance, transit and health commissions. The assembly impressed by the growing expenses of the league and the international labor bureau, accepted the Canadian view.

The Canadians argued it was preferable to work with temporary commissions having consulting power only until it is possible to set more clearly just what may be done with specialized organization. The prospects of a prolonged stay in Geneva are beginning to worry the delegates and officials of the assembly. The members of the delegations are making every effort in commissions or full sessions to increase the speed of their work, but with little success thus far. After two days spent entirely upon the report of the technical committee, the assembly today made an earnest appeal to the delegates to cut their remarks short.

President Appeals To People to Assist Starving Chinese

Washington, Dec. 9.—The American people were asked by President Wilson to respond as they "can" to the "appealing cry for help" from famine-stricken China. At the same time Mr. Wilson announced the appointment of a committee of 130 men and women in all parts of the country to collect the funds contributed.

"Our diplomatic and consular agencies in China inform us," said the president, "that the loss resulting from death in distressing form may run into millions of souls. Mr. Wilson added that he realized that the cry of giving was not a light one, but that he ventured to make the appeal "not only in the name of humanity but in that of the friendship which we feel for a great people in distress."

"Big Bill" Haywood Is Denied Rehearing

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Rehearing was denied by the circuit court of appeals to William (Big Bill) Haywood, leader of the Industrial Workers of the World, and 93 co-defendants, convicted some time ago of violation of the espionage act and conspiracy to obstruct the selective draft.

After the denial of the rehearing, Attorneys Clarence S. Darrow and Otto Christensen asked a stay of sentence to give them time to present the case before the supreme court of the United States. No definite time was allowed but a stay was granted on condition that immediate steps would be taken to bring the case before the supreme court.

30 Moros Killed.

Manila, P. I., Dec. 9.—Thirty Moros were killed in the Sulu islands in a battle with the Philippine constabulary growing out of efforts to encourage education of children. It was learned here today in official advices from the governor of Jolo, the Philippine province embracing the Sulu islands.

No Need of War Says Kahn

Chairman of House Military Affairs Body Not Impressed With Threats Muttered By Japanese.

Urges Military Training

By The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 9.—Discussing the Japanese question freely and frankly in a carefully prepared address delivered today in the house, Representative Kahn of California, chairman of the military committee, declared that America hoped always to avoid war, and that if "the statesmen, the publicists and the politicians, the agitators and the demagogues of Japan" really wanted war with the United States they would be the ones to bring it on and not the Americans.

Mr. Kahn said he knew that he voiced "the earnest hope and the wish of every patriotic American that peace between the two countries may continue perpetually."

"But the world," said he, "has only recently learned that we are not too proud to fight; nor are we afraid to fight when we are forced into war."

Don't Fear War.

The military committee chairman took occasion to reaffirm his belief that a universal military training policy would best safeguard the country and added:

"I have no fear that there will be war between Japan and the United States in my lifetime, nor even the lifetime of my sons. And I am thoroughly satisfied that if my country remains measurably prepared there will be no difficulty between the two nations at any time."

Mr. Kahn briefly reviewed the history of the relations between the United States and Japan and with regard to the Japanese immigration problem in California, now the subject of treaty negotiations between the two governments, said students of international law everywhere had recognized the "absolute right" of any nation to regulate immigration as it deemed best. Even Japanese students were familiar with universal accepted decisions on this point, he said, and added:

Agitators Are Blamed.

"It is, therefore, most unfortunate that a constant agitation regarding these matters is maintained by our neighbors across the Pacific, because the final effect of such propaganda and agitation undoubtedly is to instill a pronounced hatred of America and Americans among the masses in Japan."

"This is a decidedly unfortunate condition of affairs. Indeed, I say it is a most serious condition, a condition that may result, unfortunately, in grave difficulties between two heretofore friendly nations."

The speaker said "many public officials in Japan," as well as political agitators, "had tried to make the world believe" that opposition to immigration of Japanese laborers into the United States was "based upon racial prejudice."

Object to Laboring Class.

"We of the Pacific coast deny that this is the case," he declared. "No objection has ever been made to the admission into this country of Japanese professional men, of Japanese financiers, or Japanese religious teachers or leaders, or of Japanese Japanese merchants or Japanese students or Japanese travelers. The sole objection is to the laboring class."

"Whether the undesirable be farmer laborers, skilled mechanics, unskilled coolies, I contend that the objection is purely an economic one. Japan herself is doing to the laborers of China and Korea what she claims is racial hate or prejudice when done by us to Japanese laborers."

Representative Kahn called attention to the fact that the Japanese laborers in the Philippines were being treated as "honey-moon special" from the Omaha station.

Foresters Pledge Aid To Form Adequate Fire Fighting Force

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 9.—Every effort to build up adequate forest fire fighting forces was pledged by the foresters of various states attending the first national conference at the closing session tonight.

While there was a difference over proposed federal aid to the states for meeting the fire fighting cost, it was chiefly over the amount.

Several foresters spoke on fire fighting methods and the success of New York, R. A. Elliott of Oregon and Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania, were named a committee to draw up forest fire standards. This committee will report at the annual meeting next year.

Custer County Farmers' Institute in Session

Broken Bow, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The Farmers' Institute in session here has a fairly good attendance. County Agent Kleihage is giving credit for the success of the meetings and the excellence of the program. Messrs. Posson and Stewart and the Misses Atwood and Murphy, specialists from the extension division of the Nebraska University, are active in the work, assisted by Mr. Kleihage and Miss Sena Peterson, the county health nurse. W. L. Gaston, assistant secretary of state, delivered the first address. H. D. Lute and Edgar Howard are the other speakers.

Copper Wages Cut.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—The Tennessee Copper company and Dickson Sulphur, Copper and Iron company, both having large copper mining operations at Copperhill, announced today wage reductions of 10 per cent.

Man Will Be Hanged As He Is Executed, But Will Leave No Widow

Col. Dec. 9.—When Bosko is hanged some time Saturday at the state penitentiary at Canon City, he will die a married man, but will leave no widow.

His wife, Josephine Bosko, today was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce by Judge Clarence Morley of the district court in accordance with the law granting divorces to one of a married couple when the other is convicted of a felony.

Parole Revoked At Man's Arrest On Whisky Count

Acting Governor Orders Return to Prison of Man Freed to Till Farm Land.

Acting Governor P. A. Barrows revoked the parole of Frank St. Claire of Omaha yesterday, and sent Secretary E. M. Johnson, of the bureau of social service here to return him to the state penitentiary.

The parole, which was granted St. Claire by Barrows on May 26, 1919, was revoked because St. Claire was arrested two weeks ago in Council Bluffs in a whisky raid, conducted by Sumner Knox, federal prohibition agent, Barrows explained.

"I granted St. Claire a parole because he had a farm remaining idle at a time when the country most needed food," said Barrows, in a formal statement. "So far as I know he fulfilled the agreement of the parole—put in a crop and harvested it. He made reports regularly."

"I was informed he was arrested in Council Bluffs today, and immediately revoked the parole. I have ordered the warden at the state penitentiary to enforce all punishment allowed by law to violators of law when he is returned."

St. Claire was sent to the penitentiary for complicity in automobile thefts in Buffalo county. His term was from one to seven years, said Acting Governor Barrows said he would insist St. Claire would be required to serve the remainder of his term, about six and a half years.

Omahans Barely Escape Drowning Army Men Formerly Stationed Here Have Close Shave When Balloon Falls.

Three former Omaha army men, now stationed in the Philippines, recently figured in a narrow escape from death by drowning when a captive balloon broke loose during a squall and drifted over the water, according to word received here yesterday. The men were Lieut. W. E. Huffman, Private John Murray and Lieut. Richard Richter, the former two from Fort Omaha and the latter a recruiting officer on duty in Omaha in 1916.

Huffman and Murray left Omaha about a year ago on the "honey-moon special" for the Philippines. Huffman was first rescued by Murray and Lieut. Richter, who were on their moorings while at an altitude of 8,200 feet. After breaking the loose the balloon drifted higher and was swept out to sea. In an attempt to open the gas valve on the balloon the men ripped the fabric and shot downward at a terrific rate, falling into the sea when the envelope collapsed.

The impact of the passenger basket with the water threw both men out and they drifted for several hours before finally being rescued by Lieut. Richter.

Huffman is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schropf, 2873 Binney street, having married their daughter, Martha, just a few hours before the departure of the "honey-moon special" from the Omaha station.

Mayor Testifies for Lad Held for Shooting

Mayor Zurmuehlen of Council Bluffs and County Treasurer Maxfield were among a number of witnesses placed on the stand yesterday in district court in Council Bluffs to testify to the good character of Ernest Borwick, son of H. Borwick, Council Bluffs merchant, indicted for second degree murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Leo Holz-faster during an altercation on the Lincoln highway last spring between Honey Creek and Loveland.

The defense, which is arguing self-defense, was closed yesterday and final arguments of the state and defense will be made today. The case will go to the jury about noon.

U. S. Has Turned Over More Than \$312,000,000 to Roads

Washington, Dec. 9.—More than \$312,000,000 was turned over to the railroads by the government in the form of advances on the guaranty provisions of the transportation act, and in loans between the last of March and first part of November, according to figures sent to congress today by Secretary Houston.

According to an estimate submitted by the Interstate Commerce commission, the secretary said the total amount necessary to make good the guaranty provision of the transportation act will approximate \$600,000,000.

Fire Destroys Dock.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 9.—A fire this afternoon destroyed the 800-foot dock of the Humble Oil and Refining company at Baytown, near here on the ship channel, causing a loss of \$200,000.

A Matter for Proof



All Back Bee Movie Contest Photos to Be Printed Sunday

Whole String Will Be Reproduced Along With New Ones That Tardy Film Fans May Jump Into Big Competition for \$100 Prize and Others May Check Back.

Better late than never. You can still get in the swim and cop that \$100 prize in The Bee's \$100 movie star contest.

For Sunday the whole string of pictures—from the beginning up to date, with two new ones—will be republished.

Yes, sir. Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 already run during the week, with Nos. 15 and 16 in addition, will appear in The Sunday Bee next Sunday.

Can Check Back.

This is done to enable tardy movie fans to strip down and get the stride in this, the greatest movie contest ever held in Omaha.

And the re-publication of these pictures will add those already in the battle to check back and be sure they're all right.

The contest will continue through next week. And this past week hasn't been half as hard as it looked like it should. Hundreds of fans rang the bell with correct guesses every day—but there are a few more days before those prizes are awarded.

The beauty of this contest is that there are but four weeks, simple rules to follow.

Fill Out Coupons.

Fill out coupons appearing daily in The Bee and mail to "Movie Contest Editor, Omaha Bee."

Place YOUR NAME AND NUMBERS OF THE STARS' PICTURES on the OUTSIDE of the envelope.

Send all coupons within three days of publication.

Employees of The Bee, and members of their families, are barred from the contest.

Fall in. Get in step. And win yourself some money.

Hanson-Tyler Auto Co. Assigns \$1,317,230 Assets to Creditors

Fort Dodge, Ia., Dec. 9.—Hanson & Tyler, one of the largest automobile distributors in Iowa, have made a voluntary assignment of all their assets in favor of their creditors, according to an announcement made here. The concern has branches at Sioux City, Des Moines, Webster City, Omaha and Sioux Falls, S. D.

The company recently informed its creditors that its estimated assets were \$1,317,230 and estimated liabilities \$840,000.

Hanson & Tyler did an annual business of approximately \$2,000,000, according to officials of the company. The tight money situation, which has cut down automobile sales, and the refusal of the banks to handle automobile paper are given as reasons for the company's condition.

Simmons Company to Give Half Million in Bohnuses

Kenosha, Wis., Dec. 9.—Approximately \$500,000 will be distributed in the annual Christmas bonus checks to between 3,500 and 4,000 employees of the Simmons company, it was announced.

While most of the money will go to employees here, it was announced that employees in branch plants at San Francisco and in Canada will share in the plan.

Witness in Arnstein Bond Theft Case Tells Of Selling Securities

Washington, Dec. 9.—Continuing his testimony in the trial of Jules W. (Nicky) Arnstein and others, charged with conspiring to bring stolen securities into the District of Columbia, Joseph Gluck, former bank messenger in New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore to dispose of blocks of securities obtained by him from Wall Street runners, Nick Cohn, the missing defendant, went with him, Gluck said, and they met Arnstein at their destination in each case.

The witness said that Arnstein was introduced to him as a man who had outlets for stolen securities all over the United States and in Canada. The possibility of a trip through Europe to dispose of large quantities of the stolen papers was suggested at one time, according to Gluck.

Debate Limited To Four Hours on Immigration Bill

Advocates Hopeful of Passing Johnson Measure in House Today—Representative Fess Attacks Post.

Washington, Dec. 9.—By almost unanimous vote the house restricted general debate on the Johnson immigration bill to four hours, and advocates of the measure, which would stop all immigration for two years, were hopeful of passing it tomorrow.

Representative Fess, republican of Ohio, said "this legislation would fail to keep undesirable out of this country unless Assistant Secretary of Labor Post was removed from his office."

Representative Johnson of Washington, author of the immigration bill, declared a "genuine cause for alarm existed when the influx of immigrants has reached a point, as it did last week, of 16,000 souls passing through one port alone."

"The people of the war-torn countries are turning to us," said Mr. Johnson, "as fast as ships can bring them. They are crowding toward our ports. Our country is now in need of 2,000,000 homes to shelter those already here. One million or more workers now are out of employment, with the winter coming on and the process of deflation but fairly begun."

"The fact is the new immigration is not of the kind or quality to meet the real needs of our country. We are being made the dumping grounds."

Representative Johnson read a letter received, he said, "from a prominent American journalist in Europe," depicting scenes of crowds besieging American consulates and declaring that consuls were "doing a noble job in holding off the gangs, but must have help and legislation which will strengthen their hands."

President Passes to Give Dinner to Secretary Colby

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 9.—A dinner to Bainbridge Colby, the American secretary of state, during his forthcoming visit, will be given by President Passos on the evening of Mr. Colby's arrival here. It will be followed by a reception.

The American secretary and his party will occupy the Guanabara palace, where the late Theodore Roosevelt stopped in 1913, and which recently was occupied by the king and queen of Belgium.

Wilson Calls for Help To Aid Starving China

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Wilson today called on the American people to contribute of their funds to relieve the "appalling" distress in China resulting from famine in several of the provinces.

He invited a number of prominent Americans to form a committee to obtain funds for the relief of famine in China.

Thomas W. Lamont of the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co., was designated as chairman of the committee and Acting Secretary Davis of the State department was treasurer.

Peoria Dealers Announce Reduction in Coal Prices

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 9.—Local coal dealers announced a drop of \$1 to \$1.50 a ton in Illinois coal, following announcement of a similar reduction by one operator at Springfield. This coal is now retailing at from \$7 to \$7.50 a ton. Decreased industrial demand for steam coal and smaller exports were said to be the causes of the drop.

Widow of MacSwiney Makes Plea

Asks Fair Play in Fight for Freedom From British Rule, In Testimony Before Committee of 100.

Help for Children Urged

By The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 9.—The widow of the late Lord mayor of Cork, Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, presented today to the commission of 100 investigating the Irish question, history of the hunger strike in Brixton prison, London, of her husband and of his death and the details as she had witnessed them, of attempts by the Irish republicans to gain freedom for their country.

Mrs. MacSwiney concluded her story with the declaration "England should have no peace, the world will have no peace, until our republic is recognized."

Miss Mary MacSwiney, sister of the late lord mayor, recalled to add details to the story she told the commission yesterday, added to the declaration of her sister-in-law, the assertion that the coming winter will be Ireland's Valley Forge, and appealed for American aid, not she said for the men and women of Ireland but for the children.

Pleads for Children.

"The coming winter in Ireland," said Miss MacSwiney, "will be hard. The British have destroyed our crops, our supplies of food. The men can get on, the women can stand the suffering, but it is for the children I plead. We must have help this winter."

The widow of the lord mayor of Cork declared there was no choice for the Irish republicans but to stand together whatever the cost and continue to fight for independence. She said it was such a spirit that had actuated her husband to refuse food until death.

"I knew my husband was happy as his physical strength was worn away by hunger, for his countenance abated, but peace and contentment," Mrs. MacSwiney asserted. "I was disgusted to plead with him to take food. But I would not, for I never, never would interfere with my husband in a matter of conscience. It was his choice. It was the decision of his spirit."

Movement Benefited.

Miss MacSwiney expressed the belief that the fatal hunger strike of her brother had greatly benefited the Irish independence movement. She told of the series of telegrams she had exchanged with Premier Lloyd George in an attempt to fix responsibility for her brother's prison sentence and for the treatment he and his relatives had been accorded by the British government.

"The result of this exchange of telegrams," she said, "made me feel that Lloyd George was responsible before God and man for the death of my brother. I shall continue to feel that way and I shall continue to spread that feeling throughout all of Ireland."

Miss MacSwiney gave an account of what she characterized as conspiracy between officials of Brixton prison and the British home office "to defeat plans of the family to take the lord mayor's body back to Cork," because, she said, "the British feared an uprising and they did not want any more trouble than they already had."

"We Irish are no domestic problem of England's," she said. "We are an international problem. Our ideals, the ideals of all Irish republicans, are the same and my plea to the American people is that you at least give fair play and justice to us, for the British stories of the separatist movement do not carry all the facts. We are not divided and we intend that the whole world shall know the truth, both of our cause and the misrepresentations of the British."

The commission tomorrow will hear several former members of the Royal Irish constabulary.

Tells of His Arrest.

Mrs. MacSwiney recounted the arrest on August 12, 1920, and the beginning of the last hunger strike. Her husband, she said, was charged with having had a code used by the police, and she asserted that this was proper because of his position as lord mayor. She was present at the trial and said the lord mayor told her then of his intention to continue on hunger strike. She became convinced then, she declared, that he would die of starvation unless the British government granted his release.

"After my husband made his speech at the trial," she continued, "I guess I became resigned, accustomed to what the future was to bring. The shock came first. It came harder on me then. After that I was reconciled and I was proud of his courage."

Former G. A. R. Official Dies at Home in Beatrice

Lincoln, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Assistant Adjutant General Harmon Bross of the G. A. R. received notice that Dr. Ferd Brother of Beatrice was dead. Dr. Ferd Brother was one of the well known comrades of the G. A. R. in this department and served on the council of administration several years. He was also medical director for some time.

One Killed, Two Injured In Nitroglycerine Blast

Winona, Okl., Dec. 9.—One man was killed and two others probably fatally injured when 800 quarts of nitroglycerine exploded at the plant of the Osage Nitro company near here. The explosion resulted from a fire in a nitrator. Trees and buildings in the vicinity of the plant were shattered.

The Weather

Forecast.

Friday fair and slightly colder.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	33	1 p. m.	38
6 a. m.	32	2 p. m.	39
7 a. m.	31	3 p. m.	40
8 a. m.	30	4 p. m.	41
9 a. m.	29	5 p. m.	42
10 a. m.	28	6 p. m.	43
11 a. m.	27	7 p. m.	44
12 noon	26	8 p. m.	45

Yesterday's Temperatures.

Bismarck	24	16	Lander	24
Boston	28	22	Memphis	28
Buffalo	25	21	New York	25
Calgary	32	10	North Platte	32
Cheyanne	35	21	Philadelphia	35