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The Finger on the Scales

Liquidation Old Dobbin Urged by Farmers' Head to Take Families to Church In 90 Days Farm Need U. S. Land Bank Attorney Tells Farm Congress Gradual Unloading Will Save O. G. Smith, president of the Nebraska Farmers' congress, advised "farmers who cannot afford automobiles to hitch up Old Dobbin and go to church anyway," in his annual address here yesterday. "Farmers are staying away from church because they can't drive up in shiny new automobiles," he said. "We should lose our pride and rattle up to the old church in a buggy or wagon as our fathers did."

Farmers' Interests.

Situation Is Full of Peril

A partial and general liquidation of farmers' debts "will save the business and agricultural interests of this country," M. L. Corey, general attorney for the Federal Land bank of Omaha told the Nebraska Farmers' congress in session at the Hotel Rome yesterday in an address in which he discussed at length measures for relief of the present financial situation confronting agricul-

After outlining several plans which adopted he said would eventually avoid the danger of the farmer being compelled to market his crop "at a loss so great as almost to ruin him," Mr. Corey declared that to secure immediate relief the farmer and the banker and the merchant should "get together upon a fair liquidation the debt."

minds," he said, "whether we are bankers, business men or farmers, to the realization that we are all to suffer some losses. I quite agree with you that the farmer is being called upon to bear more than his share of this loss. He has raised the most expensive crop of his experience. It is not fair to expect that he should market this crop at a loss so great as almost to rum him.

"But for the immediate situation, the farmer owes a duty to his merchant and to his banker just as truly as does the merchant and the banker out. Warden Fenton of the penitentiary will delay the fullfilment of the death sentence this time. No executioner can be obtained by Friday, the warden says.

Warden Fenton has signified his intention of asking the governor for a week's stay by which time he expects to have Edward B. Currier of Boston ready to close the switch which will send the death-dealing volte through Cole's body.

Cole was returned to the state prison today from the Howard county jail on commitment papers signed by and city commissioners examined

Demanding Payment.

try bank.
"A continuance of the present condition spells disaster not only for the banker and the merchant who dealt with the farmer, but for the farmer himself. It would be unreasonable for the banker and the merchant who dealt with the farmer himself. It would be unreasonable for the banker and the merchant to the court.

Bonus Bill Comes

In Before Senat the merchapt to demand that the farmer pay his debts in full. But merchant should get together immediately upon a fair liquidation of small part of his products now, pay a small part of the debt; he should do the same the next the should sell a small part of the debt; he should do the same the next the same the next to keep the property make the same the next to keep the property make the same the next to keep the property make the same the next to keep the property make the same the next to keep the property make the next to keep the do the same the next month and the and agricultural interests of the

Most Fortunate People.

plead for mutual understanding former soldiers and sailors. and co-operation. This nation can merge the interests of class for the benefit of the public at large. The ask for a cash payment, but Senacrying need is for every class to tor Smoot, republican, of Utah, disdo wonderful things when we subjoin with the other classes in tiding agreed sharply with this estimate, America ever this crisis as it did declaring that postcards he had reover the war crisis.

about conditions as they are, by com-parison we are the most fortunate people in all the world. Ruin from all parts of the country nidistares many European nations in nished by the "Stars and Stripes" for transmission to senators and land social structure. We have belled "My Opinion on the Bonus tremendous fundamental resources Question." and only unwise leadership and thoughtless clashing of class against class, could bring ruin to this country. The situation calls for courage, tolerance and good will. I have no I believe in the fundamental good erans. sense of Americans.'

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Nebraska Man Injured in

Harry Hains of Blair, Neb., sus-Bluffs yesterday afternoon when the automobile in which he and Harry Flinn of California Junction, Ia., were riding crashed into the curb on West Broadway at Eighth street, of their real investment in real estate throwing him through the wind-

His face was cut seriously by the glass and he sustained numerous bruises and cuts on his body. He was taken to the Mercy hospital in the police ambulance. The machine mounted the curb just west of Eighth street and struck the front of the Goodrich hotel. Flinn was

Witnesses say the driver lost control of the car.

Purchasers Must Pay

Contract Price for Sugar New York, Dec. 15.—Supreme Court Justice Cohalan today handed down a decision compelling con-signees in 24 sugar cases involving more than \$1,000,000 to pay 22 cents is a small postoffice in Custer couna pound for sugar which they had agreed to purchase from Lamborn & Co. of this city at the price, but had refused to accept on its arrival in Baltimore after the market had slumped to less than 10 cents.

Daniels Honors Men Who

Saved Submarine Crew New York, Dec. 15.—Secretary Daniels of the navy today rewarded Capt. E. D. Swinson, Robert A. McWilliams, second engineer, and W. G. Grace, chief engineer, and U. S. S. General George U. S. S. General George W. Goethals, who assisted in rescuing crew of the submarine S-5, which was disabled off Cape Henlopen last September. Swinson and McWilliams received binoculars and Grace

Cole in State **Prison Safe for Another Week**

Electrocutioner Not Available To Carry Out Court Sentence For Murder-Convicted Man in Old Cell.

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as does the merchant and the banker past as truly jail on commitment papers signed by have an obligation to him. The time has come when the farmer should meet the banker and the merchant upon fair and common ground.

On today from the rioward county jail on commitment papers signed by District Judge Paine. The commitment papers set no date for the execution, but stated he was to be upon fair and common ground.

Washington, Dec. 15 .- The paysucceeding months. A partial and ment of a cash bonus to former general liquidation during the next service men was brought promithree months will save the business nently to the front today at the opening of hearings by the senate finance committee on the house bill to adjust compensation of the

Spokesmen for the American Legion estimated that not more ceived from individual service men While we may be discouraged from all parts of the country ini-

fear for my country's inture, because represent actual views of war vet-

Plans for relief of the farmer and Tenants' League Asks Law To Curb Rent Profiteers

Los Angeles, Dec. 15 .- The Ten-Protective association filed Bluffs Automobile Crash with the city clerk an initiative petition calling upon the city council to enact an antirent profiteering ordinance or call a special election

to pass upon it.
The ordinance petitioned for provides that landlords collecting rents in excess of 11 per cent of the value or more than 16 per cent of their investment in furnishings, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of \$500 or imprisonment for six months in jail. or both, for each day they violate the ordinance.

Guilty to Embezzlement North Platte, Neb., Dec. 15 .-(Special Telegram.)-Fred Peterson, postmaster at Etna, Neb., was arraigned before United States Commissioner W. H. C. Woodhurst on the charge of embezzling \$836.60 of the postoffice funds. He pleaded guilty and was bound over to the federal court, which convenes here in June, under \$2,000 bonds. Etna The postoffice will be in charge



Light Rate Trusty at Nebraska Prison Aids in Holdup And Returns to Cell

New Y Charles and Testify Design of Valu-Company Plant Here.

33 Per Cent Raise Asked

W. J. Henderson of New York, an expert in the service of the H. C. Hopson and Co., testified before the city council yesterday afternoon that the actual cost of Nebraska Power Co.'s plant is \$12,083,659, as of November 30, 1920.

C. E. Bailey, another expert, associated with the J. G. White Engineering corporation, New York City, testified that a valuation of the plant is \$17,580,190.

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figures represented what the com-A flat denial that he performed an illegal operation upon Ruth Ayer, Hayes Center, Neb., girl, was been replaced, and including additions to plant made this year and the actual working capital on hand November 30, 1920. He placed the fixed capital on December 31, 1919, as \$9,570,621, and reported that the amount of additions made this year was \$1,122,427. The actual working capital on November 30 was \$1,390,610.

Ask Rate Increase.

Mr. Bailey explained that his valuation figures represented what is generally known as reproduction of the company has actually expended, making an illegal operation upon Ruth Ayer, Hayes Center, Neb., girl, was made by Dr. Leslie S. Fields of Omaha yesterday afternoon when he took the witness stand in District Judge Troup's court, where he is on trial charged with murder while performing an operation.

Dr. Fields absolutely denied the testified that he administered the ether to Miss Ayer on the evening of August 3, when, Dr. Strickland testified, Dr. Fields performed an operation.

and city commissioners examined
Messrs, Henderson and Bailey at
length and also W. S. Robertson,
assistant manager of the plant.
Mr. Henderson testified yesterday
afternoon that he checked back

Demanding Payment.

If the merchant and the banker extended credit, relying upon promise of the farmer to pay, rediscounted this paper through the federal reserve system. The city banker is demanding payment of the country bank. The city wholesaler is demanding payment of the country bank.

Idaw.

J. M. Priest, attorney for Cole, and Attorney General Davis held a consultation in the attorney general's office today. After the meeting, Mr. Davis announced that the state would take no further court action and that if another delay was manually in its inception, in arriving at his inception, in arriving at his cost study," or a 'cost determination." He explained in detail that in his analysis of the books, he did not in all cases accept distributions of expense, the result being that he found it necessary, according to his process, to add various amounts to plant cost which had been charged man. rted by Attorney Priest in federal process, to add various amounts to plant cost which had been charged to operating. The only large item of this nature occurred in 1913, when the board of directors deducted \$400,000 from plant cost," because of ultra-conservatism," as Mr. Henderson believed.

Reports Are Explained.

do was to get married to the young man.

He denied that he saw Ruth Ayer August 3, the date of the alleged operation. He testified that she operation of August 4 and that he found an operation had already been performed but that she was in bad condition.

that the public has not given "I then arran this company rates, which have been her," he said. on value of the property and toward my car, accompanied by my wife."

"The curetment" was performed

ciency." Applying 8 per cent as an as-Mr. Henderson led the city officials through pages of statistics to show them wherein, under existing rates,

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Court Sets Aside Settlement Made for **Back Taxes on Estate**

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 15.—That L.s. V. Harkness made conflicting affidavits placing at various times far apart his residence in Kentucky, New tucky officials with the Harkness estate for back taxes claimed on \$20,-000,000.

The value of the estate was put at \$69,000,000 and taxes held due for five years on this amount. Regarding an affidavit Harkness made, claiming his legal abiding place was not in New York, Bullock said Hark-ness claimed this to avoid paying taxes in New York. The Standard Oil man is sharply scored in Bul-

It was shown that Harkness and his son, Harry S. Harkness, now also deceased, had sworn the legal residence of the father and son was at Lexington. This will play a leading part in the suit now pending for back taxes against Harry Harkness' estate. If the state wins through the higher courts, to which the matter will be appealed, the state will co! lect between \$900,000 and \$1,000,000 State's Attorney General Charles I Dawson asserted here today.

First Supply Measure

Is Reported to House Washington, Dec. 15.—The first supply bill of the present session was reported by the house appropriations committee. It carries \$19,-878,012 for the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year 1922. It is an increase of \$400,000 over the appropriations for

Bull Gores Man to Death

On Farm Near Holdrege Holdrege, Neb., Dec. 15 .- J. M. Larson, 78, farmer, living near here, was gored and trampled to death was gored and trampled to death by him.

yesterday by a pet bull. Friends of the aged man shot the animal after it will mean death to you," the card making several attempts to rescue him. Each attempt was met by a charge from the animal.

Strike of Telegraphers May

Paralyze Traffic in Mexico

Mexico City, Dec. 15.—The Telegraphers and station agents on the National Railways have ordered a

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Organizations of ferry boat workers announced that unless their wage demands are granted by Friday noon they will tie up the ferry boats on the National Railways have ordered a general immediate strike, which, it is er boats, within 24 hours from Fri-feared, will paralyze all the lines. day noon, Bessarabia, peal from the mandamus order,

Experts Say

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 15.—Martin Harmon, 22, trusty at the Nebraska penitentiary, drove to Lincoln in a truck last .Wednesday evening, helped Claude Holloway, ex-convict, stage a holdup of two men just at dusk, and drove back to the prison again, Warden W. T. Fenton quoted him as confessing today. Harmon's job was to drive a state truck to and from the penitentiary. He is and from the penitentiary. He is serving one to 10 years for stealing an atuomobile from Knox county.

Flat Denial of Any-Illegal Act Made by Doctor

Dr. Leslie S. Fields Testifies His Operation on Ruth Ayer Of Hayes Center, Neb., Was "Curetment."

A flat denial that he performed

an operation. Dr. Strickland testified he again administered the ether the evening of August 5, when he said Dr. Fields performed a second

operation.
Dr. Fields admitted that he performed the operation of Thursday evening, but said an illegal opera-tion had been performed upon her before then and that he only per-formed a "curetment."

Practiced Five Years. Fields said he is 34 years old and

that he studied medicine in the Eclectic Medical university, Kansas City, while he was making his living as a

"I then arranged to take care of ner," he said. "I called up one sufficient to keep the property nurse and found she was out of the whole," asserted Mr. Henderson in his testimony. "The public is unanswer. Then I called Mrs. Minnie der obligation to give rates suffi- Deyo and she agreed to let the girl ciently high to assure a fair return come to her home. I took her out on value of the property and toward to 2704 North Sixty-fourth street in

Applying 8 per cent as an as-sumed fair return on his cost total, Strickland testified, Dr. Fields said He said the girl gave her name to him as "Mrs. Ruth Dale, Nebraska the board's operations. City, Neb."
He did not recognize her as the

same girl who had come to see him the witness stand, but spoke with one thing. apparent composure and answered

questions quickly and in a clear

Alibi Witnesses Testify. He declared that on the evening of Tuesday, August 3, he left his office with his wife.

He described his movements the evening of Tuesday, August 3, and swore that he did not even see Dr.

Strickland that evening. George Timme, 2312 Elm street, estified that Dr. Fields visited him shortly after dark Tuesday evening. Mrs. Della Washburn, 2517 Corby woman answering the description "on a purely American basis," he of Miss Ayer in Dr. Fields' office discovered that without his knowl-

Fields to establish an alibi for the body. evening of August 3. Mrs. Anna "I don't Dorothy Nelson, a servant who did board—it 'day work" in the Fields home, testified that the doctor returned that evening about 6:45 o'clock, and after dinner he and his wife that her to a friend's home, arriving there at 8 o'clock. Another bers of the British mission had at-witnesses testified that the doctor tended the session at which the sepaid him a professional visit later in the evening.

New Complaint Filed in Case of Raisin Company

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 15.-An amended complaint in the suit of the United States against the California Associated Raisin company of Fresno, under the Sherman anti-trust act, was filed today in the United States district court here. The new complaint, District Attorney O'Connor said, was drawn up in Washington under the supervision of Attorney General Palmer.

District Attorney Warned

To "Lay Off" Liquor Sellers New York, Dec. 15.—A threat to blow up the Brooklyn postoffice and kill United States District Attorney Leroy W. Rose, was contained in an anonymous post card received

Ferrymen Threaten Strike.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.-Local

British Tried to

JUSTICE

First Chairman Tells Committee Insistence on Freedom From Foreign Domination Caused His Resignation.

Influence Acts of

sistence that the shipping board be free from British influence had more to do with his resignation as chair-Dr. Fields was extremely pale on man of the board than any other

disclosure of "certain phases" shipping board negotiations, "one of the sources of interference with my me to prosecute my own brother. She said that Mikesell, her step-administration as head of the board This I refused to do. I fled to Ausfather, was riding the mare and her may be disclosed."

Britisher on Board.

To support his charge of attempts my identity.

To want to keep my wife. I lied man said that in April, 1917, when he was attempting to organize an administrative board in New York street, testified that she saw a young to function with the shipping board "on a purely American basis," he late in the afternoon of Wednes- edge Sir Connop Gutuire, a memday. Sesterday morning several wit- ber of the British mission that had Yesterday morning several wit- just arrived in this country, was Coroner's Jury Finds nesses testified on behalf of Dr. made a member of the advisory

"I don't know how he got on that board-it all happened between noon and 3:30 one afternoon-but I can tell you how he got off," Mr. Denman declared.

Others at Meeting. "I learned that three or four mem-

shipping board had a warm session. wound. lasted 20 minutes and all that | had been transacted at the previous session was wiped out.
"We wanted British co-operation,

but we didn't want Great Britain written by Miss Sanders shortly beto influence our board until we had fore her death, to an uncle in Mexico gotten things underway. We were city. This letter, he said, might still in the air as to what we wanted present a motive for Miss Sanders' to do and the policy of the British in this connection seemed very ex- however. traordinary to me."

Kipling Joins the Movies;

To Make Scenarios Soon London, Dec. 15.-Rudyard Kipseries of plays especially for the man, deceased.

Roumania and Reds Soon to

Prisoner Admits Tales Were False

Shipping Board Man Arrested for Impersonating Naval Officer Confesses to Charges.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 15.—The natty uniform, to that of a prisoner brought a new story from Patrick f. Kelly, who told of conditions in Ireland which caused him to come bogus checks and forget to pay his that her own father, James Harbour,

board, testified today before the special house committee investigating the board's operations.

Mr. Denman indicated that his in
/Kelly was arrested yesterday, fired the shot that killed George charged with impersonating a naval officer. He had told thrilling tales of naval life, which captivated Miss

The little sixt definite assurance that the government which initiated the cable was now opposed to it."

Charges Monopoly. marriage last Saturday.

own," Kelly told the police,
"Incidentally I am a graduate of

of Brixton prison.

"The British government wanted tralia, then to San Francisco. I adopted the naval uniform to hide

of the British mission to influence to her about all those thrilling extended to her about all those thrilling experiences but I'm sorry." Kelly posed as one of the men who made the trans-Atlantic trip in

the seaplane NC-4. "It's all a mistake; I don't want to see him again," his bride said to-

Woman Took Own Life ter to her injured stepfather in one

Theodora Sanders of Laredo, Tex., who recently stabbed herself to death while talking on the mezzanine floor of a hotel with H. H. Garver, foreign trade manager of the Champer of Commerce, returned a verdict lection was made. Afterwards the of death due to a self-inflicted knife

> The inquest had been continued several weeks at the request of C. E. Walker, of El Paso, who said he wished to introduce a letter act. Mr. Walker did not appear,

Appeal Mandamus Order

Of Judge in Otoe County Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.) An appeal is being brought to the ling has joined the school of scen- Nebraska supreme court from a ario writers. For years he has writ of mandamus issued by the disadamantly refused to be enticed in- trict court of Otoe county, directing to a contract to furnish picture County Judge A. A. Bischof to en blays and only two of his works force a judgment of \$13,000, which have ever been filmed, "The Light the district court had previously that Failed" and "Halulahja." He has now decided to write a against the estate of John M. Will-

After the \$13,000 judgment had been entered in the district court the administrator of the estate filed an appeal in the supreme court. Mean-Have Trouble Is Forecast while, the county judge had allowed the \$13,000 claim, but upon a showorganizations of ferry boat workers Roumania and soviet Russia is fore- ing that the appeal was under way

Daughter Takes Stand Against Her Own Father

Little Girl Testifies That Jim be changed. No answer was received, he said, but four months Harbour Fired Shot That Killed George Mikesell In June.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Members of the British mission which visited to this country, adopt the naval uniform, marry a Kansas City girl, pass the United States in 1917 attempted form, marry a Kansas City girl, pass his the Lorent father. Larges Harbour. Council Bluffs yesterday to testify

Mr. Denman indicated that his in- Opal Parker, 20, and led to their how she went to the August Sierck are, in effect, to preserve a United "By right I am a barrister of the er and stepfather June 2, to get a mare that had been left there by the one thing.

In this connection, the witness said, that if he could obtain the permission of President Wilson for the mission of President Wilson for the Division or the mission of President Wilson for the Division or the D Mikesells. She told of the quarrel Sierck place, followed them in a car

when they left the farm. mother was driving the car in which she and her grandmother were riding. Mrs. Sierck pointed a gun at transport Wheaton, from Bordeaux her mother, she told the jury, and and St. Nazaire. asked her if she was going to pay

Then she saw her stepfather shot off the horse.

"Do you know who shot him?" ors as the pier.
asked Frank Northrup, assistant the pier. county attorney.

"Yes, sir," said the little girl. "My father."
She testified that she carried wa-

of her shoes. The state finished its presentation Chicago, Dec. 15.—A coroner's of testimony yesterday. James ury investigating the death of Miss Harbour, the defendant, was the Mine Operators of Utah first witness called for the defense. He said that Mikesell fired the first shots in the quarrel. Harbour emptied a revolver at Mikesell, ac-cording to his own story, but did

Damage to Cork Estimated

not fire the last two shots in the

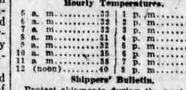
Washington, Dec. 15 .- The burning of Cork resulted in damages of \$15,000,000 and threw 100,000 persons out of employment, the State department was advised in a cablegram received from the American onsul at Queenstown.

Gas and Pays \$25 Fine New York, Dec. 15. - Kermit Roosevelt was fined \$25 for speeding on Staten Island. He pleaded guilty, explaining his speedometer was broken.

Kermit Roosevelt Steps on

The Weather

Forecast. Thursday fair; not much change n temperature Hourly Tem



Protect shipments during the next 24 26 hours from temperatures as follow North and east, 25 degrees; south, 30

Wire Chief Defies U.S. Government

Western Union Cable Connecting the Barbados With America Will Be Landed Despite Opposition.

Charges Discrimination

Washington, Dec. 15—The West-ern Union cable from Barbados will be connected with cable lines in the United States by way of Cuba, despite the opposition of the American government, Newcomb H. Carl-ton, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, declared today before a senate committee inquiring into the whole question of cables. "The government has notified the Western Union company that it will take "such steps as are necessary to prevent the connection by way of Cuba," Mr. Carlton added, "but the Western Union company is completing its arrangements notwith-

Armed Forces Used.

"Arbitrary use of the armed forces of the United States," he said, had prevented the company from extending its system to a connec-tion with South America, after an

application to do so "was passed by the authorities."

"American cable connections with Brazil," said Mr. Carlton, "are subject to a contract made many years ago between the Western company, a British corporation, and Brazil, whereby the right to connect coastal cities is reserved until 1933.

"We were convinced that the best and quickest plan for connecting directly the two continents was to use the Western system for the South American end." Permission of Wilson Necessary.

Mr. Carlton told the committee

his company had applied to the

his company had applied to the American government for permission to land a connecting cable at Miami and the application had been "passed by the authorities which, however, had formally notified the company that the president's permission must be obtained before the cable was landed in American territory." The witness went on to say that the company had been invited to appear before the State department, "who talked pleasantly to us of our South American plans."

Mr. Carlton said that when the cable was nearing completion the State department was formally notified and told that once the cable ship was loaded the plans could not be changed. No answer was relater, early in August, the cable ship was met by a squadron of American warships, "with decks cleared for action, with every man

at his station prepared, at whatever cost, to defend the shores of Florida -from the landing of a cable."
"Thus began the bloodless and historic battle of Miami," he said. "This was the first definite as-

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Shipment of 2,479

American War Dead New York, Dec. 15.—The largest shipment of American war dead to be returned on one ship, 2,479 bodies, arrived here on the army

From the mast of the funeral ship the flag for which her silent passengers fought hung at halfmaste Other harbor craft dipped their colors as the transport moved into

Each casket was shrouded with an American flag as it was lifted from the ship's hold. A military guard will stand watch over the bodies until they are shipped in "squads" and "companies" to almost every state in the union.

Announce Wage Reduction Salt Lake City, Dec. 15 .- Silver and lead mine owners of Utah have announced a reduction of 75 cents a day in the miners' wages. The reduction affects men employed in the three big camps—Park City, Bingham and Eureka. An official of the Utah Copper Co. stated that no reduction had yet been made in At Total of \$15,000,000 copper miners' wages in this disbe put into effect within the next three days and would likely also be

75 cents a day. Live Stock Meeting to Be

Held at El Paso Next Month Denver, Colo., Dec. 14.-A tentaive program was issued here today for the 24th annual convention of the American National Live Stock association, to be held at El Paso, Tex., starting January 12, next. According to officials of the association the live stock industry never was confronted with more serious problems, and the meeting is expected to be one of the most important held by the association in years.

Independent Steel Firms

Plan New Wage Adjustment Philadelphia, Dec. 15.-It was earned that independent steel companies, in an effort to compete for orders with the United States Steel corporation, are planning to read-just wages about January I, so as to keep their plants in operation. No official announcement has been made by any one concern, but it is understood the movement is general among independent companies.