

### Omaha Light Rate Too Low, Declare New York Experts

#### New York Engineers Testify Before City Council on Valuation of Nebraska Power Company Plant.

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The company has been unable to provide for a depreciation reserve fund. His analysis showed that in 1919 the company lacked \$133,000 to realize a fair return even without allowance for depreciation.

Copies of all reports made by Mr. Henderson and Mr. Bailey have been given to the city commissioners for their examination.

#### Differ on Valuation.

At the conclusion of Mr. Henderson's testimony, J. A. C. Kennedy, for the company, interposed with this observation:  
"A public utility has the same laws of morality and equity applicable to it as an individual."

Corporation Counsel Lambert stated that the company is entitled to "a fair return on its property," but it is understood that there is a difference of opinion as to what is a valuation of the company's property and of how that valuation should be determined. Mr. Bailey contends that "going value," should be included, while Corporation Counsel Lambert is opposed to a consideration of this intangible value.

#### Liquidation Within 90 Days Farm Need

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which the speaker declared "demand the instant thought and attention of American business men and farmers."

#### Plans for Relief.

First—A system of short term credits such as proposed before the American Farm Bureau association at Indianapolis recently, which would embody as features standardization of staple agricultural products of a warehouseable character into grades or classes. The building up of a system of bonded warehouses and elevators for these products under federal, state, or both, regulation and inspection. The issuance of uniform warehouse or elevator receipts for a given product. The pooling, regionally, of these warehouse receipts in the hands of a government appointee and the issuance against these pooled warehouse receipts of a certificate or bond and the selling of the same to the investing public at such rates of interest as such collateral will command.

Second—Organization of a foreign trade finance corporation with a capital of \$1,000,000 and a surplus of \$5,000,000 to provide financing of foreign industries which use American raw material.

#### Restoration of Loans.

Third—Restoration of the federal farm loan system, which the speaker said "unfortunately for business and agriculture generally, has been a suit brought by the representatives of the American Farm Mortgage Bankers' association, which has prevented the system making loans for nearly a year."

Fourth—The plan proposed by Senator G. M. Hitchcock of Nebraska for a system of short-term credits through the utilization of the profits of the federal reserve system and providing for the administration and distribution of moneys through the federal farm loan system.  
"All these plans," Mr. Corey said, "demand the instant thought and attention of American business men and farmers. Some plans proposed are of doubtful value. For example, the proposal to place an embargo upon foreign importations. We must recognize that our market is the world market. We must get behind a plan of the character proposed by the American Bankers' association. The effect of an embargo would be to close European markets to agricultural products. With the surplus products tied up in America, it is doubtful that the present effect of this surplus in depressing our market would be changed."

#### Interested in Marketing.

"The farmer is more interested in the problems of marketing than of buying, and most interested in a plan which will permit of the orderly marketing of farm products. The present financial system does not permit of this orderly marketing. If possible, the banker should distribute the maturities of the farmer's paper throughout the year. If the borrower has a loan of \$5,000 the maturity of the entire obligation should not be fixed for October, but, if possible, should be distributed over five successive months. This will enable the farmer to market his crop in an orderly way in keeping with the demand."

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### Wire-Chief Defies U. S. Government

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States-South American monopoly in favor of another company, Mr. Carlton charged.  
"The service the Western Union seeks to inaugurate is competitive. The need for United States news in South America is urgent and the cable we have laid will furnish that service, which is meager and unsatisfactory and must be dispatched via London."

"Objection has recently been made by the State department that this connection will perpetuate a preferential position held by a British company. It should be noted that there is not a cable connection on Argentine or Brazilian shores which does not connect with and thereby, according to the State department, perpetuate monopolistic and preferential arrangements overseas. The All-America company enjoys monopolies in Columbia, Nicaragua and Salvador."

#### Aid to Business.

"The Commercial company also had an agreement with the Western company identical with the proposed arrangement of the Western Union, except that the Commercial connected with the Western at Azores. The French Cable company has practically a monopoly in France and insists upon a monopoly between Brazil and the United States."

Mr. Carlton said that the greatest aid to American business and the

cause of international peace would be secured by the extension of the Pacific cable system.

"My idea is for a cable from Seattle via the Aleutian islands directly to Japan," he said. "Don't think of it as a commercial line, but as a great channel for the diffusion of public information. An interchange of news of great volume between the United States and Japan would finally bring about understanding. A second cable over the same route to China is also very important and I have the assurance of British authorities that there would be no trouble about a landing in that country. Both of them should be exclusively American and Chinese and American and Japanese communication lines."

#### "Nice Doggies," Says Thief; Grocer Shy \$300

All faith in watchdogs has fled the breast of E. Woolfson, grocer, 4944 North Sixteenth street. Tuesday night Woolfson locked up his place of business and left two stalwart watchdogs within to guard the premises.

Yesterday when Woolfson opened the front door his faithful watchdogs greeted him with happy little barks and much wagging of tails.  
But alas! Alack! Shimmering goldfish! Woolfson went to his cash drawer, found \$300 cash gone and on investigation saw the rear door had been toyed with by successful burglars.  
"Watchdogs? Bah!" says Woolfson.

### League to Take Over Holland's Work on Opium

#### Committee From Assembly Recommends Association Assume Duties Given Dutch By International Body.

Geneva, Dec. 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—Proposal that the league of nations assume the duties which heretofore have devolved upon Holland under the international opium convention, regulating traffic in the drug, was taken up by the assembly at this morning's session.

The committee, which had been investigating the subject, recommended that the secretariat of the league collect information from the interested countries and that the subject be further investigated by an advisory committee, including representatives from the countries especially concerned—Holland, Great Britain, France, India, Japan, China, Siam and Portugal.

Mentions U. S. Absence.  
The committee report mentioned the difficulty resulting from the absence of the United States and Germany from the league and suggested that if these governments could not forward their information to the

league they might continue to communicate with Holland on the subject.

During the discussion Dr. Wellington Koo of the Chinese delegation reviewed the efforts made by China during more than a century to suppress the opium habit. He recognized, he said, the great debt of gratitude China owed the United States for America's aid in this work. He was particularly pleased, he said, that the committee had decided the United States should be especially invited to send a representative to meet with the advisory committee.

The committee's suggestions were adopted by the assembly, and the subject of the "white slave" traffic was taken up.  
The propositions regarding this traffic are that the countries which adhered to the international convention of 1904 be invited to send delegates to another international conference to be held before the next assembly; also that the council appoint a committee to investigate the deportation of women and children in Asia Minor.

The discussion of this question brought to the platform for the first time one of the women substitute delegates, Mlle. Henri Forthammer of Denmark. She was received with warm applause.  
Mlle. Forthammer made a strong appeal for prompt action on behalf of the women who had been deported.

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during the war and since its conclusion. She urged the assembly to send investigators to Asia Minor and appealed to the delegates in-

dividually to prevail upon their several governments to strengthen their legislation to suppress the traffic in women and children.

When the "white slave" resolutions came to a vote they were unanimously adopted by the assembly.

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| \$2.50 neckwear \$1.85. | \$6.00 neckwear \$4.95. |
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