

## Charges Britain Tried to Control Shipping Board

First Chairman of Body Testifies Before House Committee Investigating Operations During War.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Further testimony that Great Britain attempted to influence the wartime shipping policy of the American government was given by William Denman of San Francisco, first chairman of the board, before the special house committee investigating operations of the federal shipping agency.

Mr. Denman charged that the British mission which came to the United States in April, 1917, and which was headed by Arthur J. Balfour then British secretary of state for foreign affairs, had undertaken to influence the shipping board and had succeeded in getting one of its members elected to an administrative board which Mr. Denman said he had attempted to organize in New York to function with the shipping board.

The members of the British mission elected to this advisory board,

he said, was Sir Cononop Guthrie. Mr. Denman told the committee that he did not know how Sir Cononop was elected—that it happened between noon and half past 3 one afternoon—but that he had learned that three or four members of the British mission were present.

"Afterwards the shipping board had a warm session," he continued. "It lasted 20 minutes and that which had been transacted at the previous session was wiped out."

The witness intimated that his insistence that the board be kept free from British influence had more to do with his resignation as chairman "than anything else." He testified that while he wanted British cooperation he did not want Great Britain to influence the board.

Mr. Denman said he had frequent conferences with Mr. Balfour and that "certain phases of the conference approached the realm of secret treaties." He indicated his willingness to disclose the nature of the negotiations. President Wilson would counsel.

When Mr. Denman concluded the committee adjourned the inquiry until after the Christmas holidays.

**Charge Gage County Men Stole 80 Bushels of Wheat**

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Ray Cogswill, William Hopenfeldt, H. L. Jernan and a young man named Buck, were arrested by Sheriff Schiek on the charge of stealing 80 bushels of wheat at the Oscar Humphrey farm near Blue Springs.

## Injunction Sought To Prevent Transfer Of Dwyer Securities

A motion asking for a temporary injunction to prevent the special administrators of the estate of the late George Dwyer, former wealthy saloonkeeper, from negotiating or transferring securities and bonds valued at more than \$60,000 was heard in district court yesterday. The action was brought by attorneys representing Dwyer's mother, Mrs. Johanna Boyle.

In Dwyer's will he left \$10,000 to his mother. After this and several minor bequests had been paid, the residue was to go to his wife, Louisa Winthroll Dwyer. The will was contested in county court by the mother, but upheld by County Judge Crawford. Mrs. Boyle ap-

pealed to the district court, where the case is pending.

Mrs. Boyle alleges her son gave her valuable securities and cash previous to his death, but she later endorsed them back to him, unaware of the significance of her action as she can neither read nor write.

**Copson of Thomas Edison Is Buried in Iowa Town**

Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Louise Weaver, 84, a first cousin of Thomas A. Edison, was buried Sunday afternoon from the First Presbyterian church here. She was a pioneer of the city, having come here nearly half a century ago. Mrs. Weaver was a native of Canada and as a child lived at Vienna, Ont., where she often had as a playmate, Thomas Edison, whose parents lived at Port Huron, Mich.

More than 12,000,000 tons of bituminous coal were produced in the United States during the week of November 13.

## Speech Correction In Schools of Omaha Urged by Dr. Swift

There is much need of speech correction among the school children of Omaha, according to Dr. W. B. Swift of Boston, who is here inspecting the work of Mrs. Sarah Heyward Barber, instructor in speech correction for the city's public schools.

Dr. Swift has been devoted to the science of speech correction for many years and many of his pupils are carrying on his work in various cities of the country. There is an especially large number of pupils

who stammer in Omaha, he said yesterday.

"There should be a speech instructor in every Omaha school," he said. "The process of correcting speech is comparatively cheap. In Cleveland last year, 25 speech teachers cured 419 cases of defective speech at an average cost of \$2.11 each. Mrs. Barber is doing splendidly, but has more work than she can handle."

**Page Man Ships First Car Of New Corn From County**

Page, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—John Weber shipped a carload of corn to the market, the first car of new corn leaving the county. The purchase price was 42 cents per bushel.

## Barricaded in House, Man Holds Officers At Bay Several Hours

Barricaded in his home at 2713 North Sixty-second street, whither he was pursued by police officers after a young woman had reported an attempted assault yesterday, Thomas Watkins, 32, night watchman for Swift & Co., held four Omaha police at bay for several hours by firing through the windows at them.

Following the call for assistance sent to headquarters by Policeman George Geiselman, who had pursued Watkins, the officers surrounded the

house and finally forced their way in and arrested Watkins.

Neighbors say Watkins had been acting queerly for several days. Dr. G. W. Heumann, who has been attending Watkins, substantiated the neighbors' reports and said he believed Watkins' unusual actions to be the result of his illness.

**12 Autos Stolen Sunday And Monday All Recovered**

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