

### Walsh Committee Hears New Angles On Ship Squabble

Voucher for \$260,000 Found In Audit of Books Explained By Former Assistant To Chairman.

New York, Jan. 21.—Admiral Benson, chairman of the shipping board, had determined to commandeer the yards of the Bethlehem Ship Building corporation if it were necessary, to adjust the dispute over the audit of its books, Margu J. Gillen informed the Walsh congressional committee. Gillen was a former special assistant to the chairman.

The Bethlehem concern, Gillen said, did not object to the audit, but to the employment of the firm of Perley Morse & Co. in connection with the same. The auditing firm's employees, he added, had been refused admission to the corporation's yards after the audit was ordered. At a conference to bring about an adjustment of the difficulty, Gillen said it was necessary to bring pressure to bear on both sides.

Gillen declared that the voucher for \$260,000 which the preceding witness, Col. E. H. Abadie, former comptroller general of the shipping board, had brought into the testimony was discussed at the conference. The voucher, Colonel Abadie said he had been informed by the auditor, was for the October, 1918, personal expenses of Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of directors of the Bethlehem Steel corporation and a former director general of the emergency fleet corporation.

Gillen testified the item was charged to profit and loss by the Bethlehem Ship Building corporation and was not charged in any way to the shipping board or the navy. The witness added he had been informed at conferences with the auditors that there was "nothing wrong with that item." He declared further it was "regrettable that anything should arise which would in the least impugn the motives of men who had risen to positions of responsibility in their country."

Continuing, the witness denied that he forced the resignation of Colonel Abadie, as the latter had testified, or that there was any ill feeling between them.

**Fairbury Schools Have Big Attendance This Year**

Fairbury, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Next week closes the first semester in Fairbury public schools. Every available room is being used in order to care for the large enrollment. One room has been fitted up in the basement of the Longfellow school and is being used for a second grade. The high school is also crowded. The senior class numbers 70 this year.

A large building program will be launched as soon as conditions are a little more settled. The district is in splendid condition financially with only \$15,000 in outstanding bonds. The general fund is running on a 58 mill levy.

**Oakland Defeats Lyons In State Debating League**

Oakland, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The Oakland high school debating team won a unanimous decision over the Lyons high school team here on the state question regarding the literacy test in the immigration law. This is the first debate of the series to determine the championship of northeast Nebraska. The Oakland team is composed of Eldred Larson, Theodore Palmquist and Roger Johnson, with Edith Sundell as alternate. The members of the Lyons team are Ruth Payne, Gilbert Beck and Dorris Johnson. Lyons urged the affirmative and Oakland the negative side of the question.

**Custer County Farm Bureau Plans Drive February 14**

Broken Bow, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The Custer County Farm Bureau decided to start the drive for membership February 14, with Jules Haumont of Broken Bow as captain. H. J. Kleihege was appointed county agent for the coming year. The officers of the organization are: J. D. Ream, Broken Bow, president; E. C. Gibbons, Comstock, vice president; Ralph Johnson, Broken Bow, secretary-treasurer.

**Custer County Fair Body Makes Plans for New Year**

Broken Bow, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The board of directors of the Custer County Agricultural society adopted a new constitution and by-laws. N. Dwight Ford, who was secretary of the fair last year, was the unanimous choice of the board for the same position. J. J. Douglas of Callaway was selected as superintendent of speed.

**Refreshments for Firemen Captured by York Police**

York, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Lloyd Graham of Hastings and Guy Porter of Geneva were fined \$100 in county court on the charge of transporting liquor. The young men came to town during the firemen's convention with a quantity of booze and were arrested for speeding. The car was searched and the booze found.

**Wages and Rent Must Be Paid, Madison Court Rules**

Madison, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Carl Stenlund of Norfolk was awarded \$516.45 wages due him from Charles Van Winkle of Norfolk in a suit in county court. Stenlund is a plumber.

J. A. Ransom of Norfolk was given a verdict for \$200 rent from William A. and Fannie Emery.

**Lewiston Post Sold**

Table Rock, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—When the last issue of the Lewiston Post, M. F. Scott took charge of the paper, which had previously been conducted by C. L. Peckham. Mr. Peckham will give all of his attention to the Burchard Times, which he re-established a few months ago.

**To Cure a Cold in One Day**

Take Grove's LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. They guarantee to cure the signature of Dr. W. W. Grove, 26c.—Adv.

### Ray Burleigh; Youngest "Sammie," Weds in Lincoln



Lincoln, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Raymond Burleigh, youngest soldier serving with the American expeditionary forces, was secretly married here Tuesday to Miss Corrine Buffum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Buffum of College View.

Young Burleigh, who joined the American army and saw actual battle service in France, gave his age as 21 in securing the marriage license. The bride's age was given as 18. Burleigh enlisted in the army in April, 1917, at St. Joseph, giving his age as 20 years and 11 months. He was then 12, according to his own statements. He spent nearly three years in the army, including 29 months in France, 10 months of which were spent at the front. He went overseas as a chaplain, but before he returned served in every branch of the service.

Burleigh and his pretty young bride are planning to visit Paris and other cities, which he visited after the signing of the armistice.

**Nationalist Policy Planned by Harding**

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Regarded as an amusing bit of foreign pro-league propaganda by those who are aware of the authoritative information obtained by Mr. Harding. The fact is, according to this information, that America is in a more commanding position today than when President Wilson went to Paris; that Europe is more dependent on America and America less dependent on Europe than ever before. The United States is not only the richest nation in resources, but has supplanted Great Britain as the foremost creditor nation and world banker.

Ready to Meet Terms.

Europe not only could not afford to boycott the United States, for she would starve if she did, but needs much help from us that she is ready to meet our terms. She is ready to agree to whatever association of nations we propose and to junk the present league, it is asserted.

England is courting the favor of the United States, her creditor. Her statesmen have confided to those in the confidence of Mr. Harding that she would be willing to agree to a reduction of naval armament based on an equality of the American and British navies, to achieve which the United States would continue to build and England halt building until they reached the same footing.

This is one of the reasons that the provisions for a 50 per cent reduction for five years was stricken from the Borah resolution. It was thought wiser to leave this matter to negotiations and not tie any hands in advance.

**Geneva Couple Celebrate 50 Years of Wedded Life**

Geneva, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stewart of Geneva celebrated their golden wedding anniversary here with a family reunion, attended by all their children. Those present were: Mrs. N. E. Nordquist, Omaha; Mrs. Edwin Booth, jr., Charles City, Ia.; Mrs. G. F. Skinkle and Miss Cora Stewart, Geneva, and Dr. John A. Stewart, Franklin. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart came to Geneva from Pleasantville, O., in 1883.

**Table Rock Women's Club Entertains State Leader**

Table Rock, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Mrs. John Slaker of Hastings, president of the Woman's Federated clubs of Nebraska, was a guest here at a luncheon given by the Woman's club of Table Rock. Eighteen members and invited guests were present. A splendid address was given by Mrs. Slaker.

**Hastings Police Seize Big Grape Wine Supply**

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Approximately 50 gallons of what the proprietors called grape wine, was seized by county and city officers in a raid on the Queen City Confectionery store. Samples have been delivered to the city chemist to be tested.

**Columbus Park Sold**

Columbus, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The equipment of Shady Lake, a resort near here, was sold at sheriff's sale to Adam Smith, who held a chattel mortgage against the equipment. The purchase price was \$2,085.

### Martens and His Staff Will Sail For Russia Today

**Self-Styled "Soviet Ambassador" Prefers to Buy Own Ticket Rather Than Take Transportation Offered.**

New York, Jan. 21.—Unrecognized by the United States government, but not unsung by some residents of this country, soviet Russia's official representatives in America are going back home with their departed leader, Ludwig C. A. K. Martens. Only the members of "Ambassador" Martens' staff and their families, 42 in all, including Gregory Weinstein, "chief of staff," are to accompany him. Scores of sympathizers have expressed regret at not being able to go along. A steady

flow of these folk has entered Martens' office since he was ordered deported, but their requests to accompany him were refused, his secretary announced.

Uncle Sam offered the best available accommodations on the steamer to the man he ordered out of the country as a dangerous agitator, but the offer was refused. The "ambassador" prefers to buy his own ticket and travel "like any other passenger," his secretary said.

From New York, Martens will sail to Gothenberg, Sweden, going to Libau, Latvia, from there and then to Moscow. A representative of the Department of Labor is supervising his departure.

Martens came here in 1916, to represent a steel works at Perm, Russia. In March, 1919, he announced himself as the appointed representative to this country of the Russian socialist federal soviet republic, but his credentials went unrecognized by the government, although he claimed to have interested numbers of American business men in a proposition to sell millions of dollars worth of supplies to his country.

**Organize Pythian Sisters' Temple at Kimball**

Kimball, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Mrs. Julia Anderson of Omaha, grand chief of the Pythian Sisters, organized Plains Temple No. 40 here with 32 women and 12 men as charter members. An afternoon and evening session was held.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Matt Leach, P. C.; Mrs. Paul Greusel, M. E. C.; Mrs. W. H. Ballard, M. E. S.; Mrs. V. B. Car-gill, M. E. J.; Mrs. Herbert Irvin, manager; Mrs. Ernest Linn, M. C.; Mrs. A. E. Irwin, M. F.; Mrs. E. L. Griffith, P. T.; Mrs. A. Painter, guard; Miss Margaret Leach, musician; Mrs. Ernest Linn, captain; Mrs. McCaully and Mrs. Jacoby, trustees.

**Missouri "White Mule" Is Defeated in First Fight**

Broken Bow, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Frank Lowe, 50, a former resident of Broken Bow, arrived from St. Joseph, Mo., the first of the week, loaded with "white mule" and on a hunt for a man against whom he held a grudge, claiming he had

double-crossed him. He found his man on a farm near Anselmo, and after an interview found himself in possession of a pair of badly discolored eyes and a swollen face. Lowe went to Milburn, where the sheriff found him and brought him to the county seat. He pleaded guilty to the charge of being drunk and disorderly and paid the fine and costs.

**Attempt to Enter Laundry At Broken Bow Frustrated**

Broken Bow, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—An attempt to break into the steam laundry by smashing one of the front windows was frustrated by an occupant of an upstairs room who heard the noise and started downstairs to locate the trouble.

**German Lutheran Church Organized at Lodge Pole**

Lodge Pole, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The German Lutherans of this community have effected a church organization and will erect a building as soon as a suitable site can be obtained. Services are being held in private homes.

**West Point Rebekah Lodge Installs New Officers**

West Point, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The members of Rebekah lodge No. 137, installed the following officers: Noble grand, Florence M. Davis; vice grand, Floyd Tompkins; chaplain, Kate Koch; secretary, Emma Kerl; treasurer, Bessie Howarth; warden, Dora Sexton; conductor, Kate Kerl.

**Columbus Business Men Buy Winter Lecture Course**

Columbus, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—A local committee has bought a four-number lecture course here that will be put on next fall and winter. The committee, composed of 30 men, took this action after the Commercial club had turned the proposition down.

**Ford Company Seeking Loan**

New York, Jan. 21.—New York bankers conversant with Ford Motor company affairs confirmed reports that the corporation is negotiating for a large loan, possibly between \$50,000,000 and \$75,000,000.

# Thompson, Belden & Co.

**\$1.75 Lisle Hose 75c pair**

Black silk lisle, full fashioned with garter tops and double soles to insure service. This is a medium weight that can be worn with comfort with oxfords; many people prefer lisle to wool. The fact that they are Wayne Knit stockings makes the price even more attractive.

On Sale Saturday for 75c

**Tailored Blouses \$1.95**

Formerly \$3.50 to \$5.95

White dimity and madras blouses, high and low neck, also the hi-low style. For the business woman and for travel wear. Your unrestricted choice of these attractive tailored blouses (sizes 34 to 44),

Saturday \$1.95

All Sales Final—The Store for Blouses—Third Floor

**January Sales of All Silks and Woolens**

Our entire stock of fine dress woolens, all weaves and shades, is being offered for reductions that are real and important. It will be to your advantage to see our selection and compare its prices with those you find elsewhere before making a decision.

In Silks these are a few values:

Haskell's black silks, of course, have pleasingly low prices in this sale. \$5 Belding's taffeta is now \$3.50 a yard. \$4 Belding's satin de chine, \$2.95 a yard. \$3.50 satin princess (36-in.), \$2.49 a yd. \$3.50 crepe de chine (40-in.), \$1.95 a yd. \$6 charmeuse (40 inches wide), \$2.98 yd. (These silks to be had in all colors).

**An Important Sale of Jersey Silk Underwear Will Take Place Saturday**



These easily laundered silk garments are the most practical luxury imaginable. They wear fully as long as materials that seem less delicate, and the pleasure one feels in their silken loveliness more than obviates their greater cost.

Saturday's Reductions on Flesh Colored Silk Garments

\$6.75 to \$7.50 teddies, \$4.98.  
\$8.35 to \$8.75 teddies, \$5.98.  
\$9.00 to \$9.25 teddies, \$6.98.  
\$10 to \$12 teddies, \$7.98.  
\$14.25 teddies are now \$9.98.  
\$8.50 to \$10 bloomers, \$4.98.  
\$3.50 vests are now \$1.98.  
\$4.65 camisoles for \$2.98.  
\$5.50 camisoles for \$3.98.

All Sales Final. No C. O. D's.

Underwear—Second Floor

**Dancing Frocks \$25 and \$38.75**

An opportunity to have a new frock at a fraction of its original price.

**Heavy Leather Gloves Are Reduced Saturday**

Backo washable leather gloves in a single clasp style are offered in brown and beaver with three-row embroideries or spearpoint backs. \$5.00 and \$5.50 Gloves, \$3.98

Backo gauntlets, field mouse, with two-tone effects on the cuffs. \$9.75 Gloves Are Now Priced \$7.25

**\$6 Cotton Blankets for \$2.75**

First quality, good weight, large cotton blankets in tan and gray (70x84 inches), reduced from \$6 to \$2.75 a pair.

Second Floor

**Real Laces Specially Priced**

Hand-made filet and Irish in very beautiful designs may be purchased Saturday in the trimming section at a saving.

Center Aisle—Main Floor

**Real Savings The Men's Shop**

\$2.50 Night Shirts Saturday, \$1.55

Faultless and Universal makes in muslin or outing flannel. Sizes 15 to 20. Better qualities at equally great reductions.

**\$4 Pajamas, \$2.65**

Percales and outing flannel. Faultless or Universal makes. Sizes 15-16-17-18. Higher priced pajamas at equal savings.

**Hosiery Sale**

Interwoven (seamless) and Wayne Knit (full fashioned) silk are lower in price Saturday.

**Gloves Less**

\$5 and \$5.50, \$4.35. \$6 and \$6.50, \$5.35. \$7 and \$7.50, \$6.35. Mochas, buckskin, cape stock and imported lightweight kid. Sizes 7 to 10.

**Mufflers**

\$2 up to \$18 styles are now \$1.45 up to \$10.

**35c Soft Collars Saturday, 25c**

Any Arrow or Earl & Wilson 35c quality in a large number of styles and materials for only 25c.

To the Left As You Enter

**Every Winter Coat Half Price Saturday**

\$98.50 coats, \$49.25  
\$125 coats, \$62.50  
\$150 coats, \$75.00  
\$195 coats, \$97.50  
\$250 coats, \$125



Fashionable coats for street wear and evening occasions.

Fur-trimmed and plain tailored models of Marvella, Orlando and other seasonal materials in all of the most desirable colors.

All Sales Final.

Apparel, Third Floor.

**Saturday a Sale of Children's Winter Coats and Furs**

Good looking little coats with and without fur collars. The coats that remain offer one ten-year-old size, three twelve-year coats, three fourteen-year and about twenty in two to five-year sizes.

For These Clearance Prices

\$20.00 coats, Saturday, \$9.98.  
\$22.50 coats, Saturday, \$11.25.  
\$25.00 coats, Saturday, \$12.50.  
\$30.00 coats, Saturday, \$14.98.  
\$37.50 coats, Saturday, \$19.98.  
\$45.00 coats, Saturday, \$22.50.

**Children's Fur Sets for Less**

Attractive scarf and muff sets of gray, taupe, tan or white fur—very attractive styles for these prices:

\$19.50 sets for \$9.98.  
\$22.50 sets for \$12.98.  
\$25.50 sets for \$14.98.

Children's Apparel Second Floor

**Saturday's Linen Prices Are Attractively Low**

<b>Heavy Irish Linen Table Cloths with Napkins to Match.</b>	<b>Huck Towels (hemmed)</b>
<b>Round floral designs</b>	20c towels, 12 1/2c.
\$15 cloths for \$10.	30c towels, 19c.
Size 2x2 yards.	50c towels, 39c.
\$15 napkins for \$10 a dozen.	65c towels, 50c.
<b>Linen Sheeting</b>	<b>Handkerchiefs Linen</b>
\$5.50 (72-in.), \$4 yd.	Sheer White, 36-inch
\$7.50 (90-in.), \$5.89 yd.	\$3.00 quality, \$2.50 yd.
	\$3.25 quality, \$2.75 yd.
	<b>Turkish Towels</b>
	65c quality for 35c.
	75c quality for 49c.

**Sorosis Boots—A Sale**

Dark brown street boots of soft calfskin, with military heels. \$9.85  
Dark brown street boots of soft vici kid with military heels. \$11.85  
Dark brown brogue oxfords, with both military and flat heels are \$9.85  
Black boots in patent leather, suede and soft kid, with either turn or welt soles, with leather and wood Louis heels, are priced \$9.85