

### Hearing on Rail Application Set For Next Monday

#### Seven Roads in Nebraska Seek Injunction to Prevent Commission From Interfering In Increased Rates.

Lincoln, Feb. 15.—(Special).—Hearing on the application of the seven railroads doing business in Nebraska for a temporary injunction against the State Railway commission, enjoining it from interfering with enforcing increased passenger and freight rates granted by the Interstate Commerce commission, was set for next Monday morning at 8:30 in Omaha by Federal Judge J. C. Munger this afternoon.

Three judges will hear the application, including a member of the circuit court of appeals, probably Judge Sanborn, who is now in St. Louis, Judge Munger indicated.

Judge Munger set the hearing for Monday after being advised that the state commission has invoked the Nebraska supreme court to prevent the carriers from putting the new rates into effect. The federal judge said that one court would have to give way.

#### Hearing Set for Friday.

The hearing on the state commission's application in the Nebraska supreme court is set for next Friday.

The railway commission was not represented at the conference Monday afternoon when the hearing date was fixed.

The commission and the carriers ran a race to get into court. The carriers rushed to the federal court to take an advantage of the Interstate Commerce commission order by securing an injunction against interference from the state commission. The state commission beat by securing permission to file a suit in the supreme court of Nebraska to enjoin the carriers from putting the increased rates into effect. The court set Friday, February 18, as the date for hearing on the temporary injunction. No restraining order was sought.

The increase will amount to \$3,500,000 a year on the volume of Nebraska business in 1920, members of the Nebraska commission said.

#### Service of Summons.

The question of service of summons is said to play an important part in the rate tangle. Bailiffs of the Nebraska supreme court were out immediately after the filing of the commissioner's action, and had completed service on the agents of the carriers by noon.

#### Overthrows State Rates.

The Interstate Commerce commission has in a dozen cases overthrown state rates fixed below the recommended increase, holding that the act gives it authority to do so. The act of the national body is that where intrastate rates are prejudicial to interstate rates the commission can knock out the state rates.

In the present case, the national commission has held that the lower rate throws an unfair and prejudicial burden on interstate commerce to make up the difference. The hearing on the Nebraska case was held here at Interstate Commerce commission examiner here last September, and the case was argued before the commission in Washington in December.

The Nebraska passenger rate is one established by the federal court, after the carriers had enjoined the enforcement of the 2-cent fare law in Nebraska.

#### Forgery Charge Against Man at Beatrice Dropped

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special).—The forgery complaint against Cecil Richardson was dismissed in district court at the request of the complaining witness. The bond of \$1,000 for the appearance of Paul Geisler in court was ordered forfeited by Judge Colby, who ordered suit brought against the bondsmen, M. P. Oden and George Jerman. Geisler was arrested some time ago on a charge of stealing a touring car belonging to Kate Webb of this city. It was found in a ravine near Beatrice.

#### Corrick Endorsed by 98 For Revenue Collector

Lincoln, Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram).—Ninety-eight of the 100 members of the lower house have endorsed the candidacy of Frank P. Corrick, secretary of the house, for internal revenue collector of Nebraska. The endorsements were sent to republican representatives at Washington. Representative Randall of Omaha and Epperson of Clay, declined to sign the endorsement.

#### Electric Light Squabble Puts Village in Darkness

Davenport, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special).—The town of Davenport is in darkness owing to a disagreement between the village board and the electric light company. The current has been cut off pending a settlement of the controversy. The disagreement is over the prices charged for light service. Bond was furnished by the city and the case will be heard later.

#### Woman Victim of Sleeping Sickness at Plattsmouth

Plattsmouth, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special).—Sleeping sickness has made its appearance in Plattsmouth. Mrs. H. W. Smith has lain practically unconscious for more than 10 days and shows but little improvement. At times she is rational for a few moments and again relapses into a semi or totally unconscious condition.

#### Bad Check Made Good

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special).—A young man named Pease, who was arrested at Manhattan, Kan., last week on the charge of passing a worthless check for \$31 at the Burwood hotel, made good the check and the case against him was dropped.

#### Horse and Buggy Stolen

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special).—Thieves stole the horse and buggy belonging to W. C. Shreve of this city, which had been left in front of the Nazarene church. The officers have secured no clue to the guilty parties.

### Hammond Resigns as Adjutant of Legion



E. Kendall Hammond, adjutant of Douglas county post of the American Legion, resigned Monday to become secretary of the Haarmann Vinegar and Pickle company. His resignation is effective at once, he said, but he will continue his duties until a successor can be named. The vacancy will be filled by the executive committee of the post.

Mr. Hammond served as lieutenant with the 104th infantry, 20th division in the world war. He is most active in the organization of Douglas county post. He is the son of Dr. J. C. Hammond.

### 1920 Production Of Sugar Exceeds Previous Record

#### Increase Over 1919 Crop Is 53 Per Cent—Total of 2,605,174,000 Pounds Produced Last Year.

Washington, Feb. 15.—American sugar production in 1920 broke all previous records. A preliminary announcement today by the bureau of crop estimates placed the aggregate production of beet and cane sugar for the year at 2,605,174,000 pounds, a 15 per cent increase over the previous record output in 1916 and 53 per cent more than was produced in 1919.

Beet sugar at 2,219,200,000 pounds showed a 27 per cent increase over the previous record production in 1915. Larger acreage and favorable weather are held accountable for the increase.

The United States is said to produce about one-fourth of the sugar it consumes. Per capita consumption for various periods was as follows: For 1914, 90.5 pounds; 1915, 87.5 pounds; 1916, 79.6 pounds; 1917, 83.5 pounds; 1918, 78.7 pounds; 1919, 84.2 pounds; 1920, 92.2 pounds.

The announcement notes that the 1918 consumption was about average, "despite the popular impression of a sugar shortage," and that the 1920 figures showed an increase of 1,000,000,000 pounds in total consumption over the previous year.

#### Movies to Aid Farmers To Obtain Fair Prices

Pierre, Feb. 15.—"I pledge the motion picture industry of the United States to circulate in every city and every town in every section of the country the case of the South Dakota farmer, that he may receive fair prices for his products," William A. Brady, president of the National Association of Motion Picture Producers, declared in addressing the South Dakota legislature on censorship here this afternoon.

Objectionable features of the "movies" will be eliminated by a system of censorship, which the industry itself will establish within a few months, if not interfered with, Mr. Brady said in the course of his plea for fairness to the industry in consideration of the censorship bill.

#### Autopsy Fails to Show Murder of Wealthy Man

Madison, Wis., Feb. 15.—The murder mystery which has grown up around the death of Richard S. Lawrence, former Madison man, supposed to have been killed by a train March 21, 1918, was exploded here last night with the announcement of results of an official examination made of the body.

Investigation by Dr. C. S. Bunting, University of Wisconsin, pathologist, and Dr. W. F. Lorenz of the Mendota Psychiatric institute proved, according to their statements, that Lawrence came to his death by being struck by a train.

#### North Platte Woman Heads Nebraska Social Workers

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram).—Officers elected at the closing session of Nebraska social workers here today were: President, Anna C. Kramph, North Platte; vice president, Dr. Fred C. Buckley, Beatrice; second vice president, D. C. Smith, Omaha; executive committee, Arthur G. Wray, York, and Mrs. T. F. A. Williams, Lincoln. The next convention will be held in York.

#### Hotel Company at McCook Raises Stock to \$300,000

McCook, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special).—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Keystone Hotel Co. of this city, the authorized capital stock was increased from \$200,000 to \$300,000. The stockholders also amended their articles of incorporation, allowing the directors to provide for the sale of necessary bonds to issue to help finance the completion of the building this summer.

### 2 Suspected of Grocer's Murder Held at Ottumwa

#### Men Captured in Exciting Chase by Railroad Employees After Restaurant Held Up and Robbed.

Des Moines, Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram).—Albert Greenleaf, 20, and Fremont Staples, 25, wanted in Des Moines in connection with the murder of George A. Fosdick, veteran grocer, are being held by police at Ottumwa, Ia. The pair were arrested late yesterday afternoon 18 miles east of Ottumwa, where they are alleged to have held up a right restaurant there and robbed it of \$70.

Chief of Detectives John Brophy went to Ottumwa today to question the men regarding the murder in Des Moines. Greenleaf and Staples, according to police here, answer the description of the men who a week ago last Saturday night fired a deadly volley of bullets into Fosdick's body. Greenleaf when arrested gave his address as 1509 Des Moines street. The two men were captured in an exciting chase between the towns of Libertyville and Ottumwa, Ia., by a posse of railroad hands organized at Libertyville.

Immediately after the two men are said to have held up the restaurant at Ottumwa, they fled toward St. Louis. They were traced through several towns and finally were seen to pass through Libertyville. A ticket agent named Roberts armed with a .22 caliber rifle, gave chase in a motor railroad car. The road between Libertyville and Birmingham lies along the railroad. The rough roads hindered the escape of the two men, and four miles out of Birmingham, Roberts and a friend who went with him on the pursuit came up to the two alleged bandits. Staples and Greenleaf refused to stop at the commands of the two railroad men and firing started. The windshield of the automobile was shot away. Greenleaf and Staples jumped from their machine and fled through fields and were finally overtaken.

#### Iowa Senator Faces Jail Term Unless He Casts Vote on Bill

Des Moines, Feb. 15.—Defying Lieutenant Governor Hammill and the entire membership of the Iowa legislature Monday afternoon, Senator Chester W. Whitmore of Ottumwa is facing a jail sentence for contempt unless he casts his vote on the Fulton bill.

The senator refused to vote on the bill Monday with the statement that it was his constitutional right to decline if he wanted to do so. He also said that as the measure applied to the membership of the committee on retrenchment and recall of which he was chairman he did not feel justified in casting a ballot.

Hammill asked the senate to postpone further action on the bill until Tuesday morning, while he looks further into the constitutionality of the act. He said, however, that he was positive that he was within the law and would compel Whitmore to cast his vote one way or the other.

The bill by Senator Fulton would eliminate one democratic member from the retrenchment and reform committee. Under the proposed measure the minority party may have one representative on the committee and an additional member, provided their members constitute 25 per cent of the senate.

#### \$20,000 School Building Dedicated at Red Willow

McCook, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special).—The formal dedication of the public school building at Red Willow, this county, marks the opening of one of the finest country school houses in the state. Superintendent J. A. True of the McCook schools participated in the proceedings, which attracted a large attendance.

This is the first school district organized in Red Willow county and composes one of the most productive and best developed parts of the county. The new school building, which provides for two former districts, cost over \$20,000.

#### Publisher at Lake Andes Buys Ravinia Newspaper

Ravinia, S. D., Feb. 15.—(Special).—The Ravinia Register has been purchased by W. Dale Savage, editor and owner of the Lake Andes Wave, who will publish it at the latter place. A. C. Jewell of Ravinia will be the local representative and editor.

#### Bondholders and Water Users Reach Agreement

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram).—An agreement satisfactory to the water users on the farmers' irrigation ditch in Scotts Bluff county was reached today between attorneys for the bondholders and the water users.

#### Boys Held for Throwing Brick Into Jewelry Store

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 15.—John Smith, 18, who gave his home as San Francisco, and Daniel Carroll, 20, of Fresno, Cal., are in jail here accused of hurling a brick through a jewelry store window and fleeing with \$4,000 worth of diamonds.

#### Heat of Red Peppers Stops Rheumatic Pain

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### Patriots Honored at Broken Bow Meeting

Broken Bow, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special).—Service was held in the Lyric theater here in honor of the birthday anniversaries of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. The G. A. R. Sons of Veterans, American Legion and women's patriotic societies fostered the program. The building was filled, seats having been reserved for the old soldiers and the Relief corps.

N. T. Gadd spoke on the greatness and the achievements of the country founded and preserved by these great patriots. A solo by Myrel Reeves of Omaha followed, and Dr. R. F. Whiston of Lincoln delivered an address.

### Ex-Kaiser's Agent Calls Interview Printed Here Fake

#### Alleged Questioner Called as Friend and Former Emperor Behaved Discreetly.

Doorn, Holland, Feb. 15.—Acting on behalf of the former kaiser, General Von Gontard yesterday assured both the German and the Dutch governments that William Hohenzollern never received nor been interviewed by any newspaper men while in Holland.

The assertion was the outcome of a telegram received by the government regarding an interview with William Hohenzollern alleged to have been obtained by Heinrich Petermeyer and sold by him to an American newspaper agency.

Replying to the dispatch, General Von Gontard said: "Petermeyer called at Amerongen castle as a former tutor of Count Bentinck's son. At the time he was a teacher in an Amsterdam grammar school and not a journalist."

General Von Gontard yesterday told The Associated Press correspondent Petermeyer called a second time at Amerongen.

"Not only I," he said, "but the former emperor refused to see him, he having become a journalist since his last visit, although he came on the pretext of bringing greetings from some of the former kaiser's relatives he had seen in Germany. The former emperor, when he saw Petermeyer, behaved discreetly throughout the meeting and the alleged interview was nothing but a breach of faith."

Petermeyer in the alleged interview said General Von Gontard, the only member of the suite of the former emperor who has remained with him constantly in his exile, personally presented him to William Hohenzollern and remained throughout the interview.

#### "Duke" Charged With Forgery at Fremont Pleads Not Guilty

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram).—Craig Chesterfield, alleged son of Lord Chesterfield, and James Baird, arrested here a few days ago charged with forgery, were bound over to the district court under \$5,000 bonds each. Baird pleaded guilty to one charge and now faces two others. "His highness" pleaded not guilty.

A preliminary hearing this afternoon brought the prisoners before a court room full of plaintiffs who testified to the alleged sick schemes undertaken to obtain funds in a systematic fashion from the local banks.

The "duke" did not appear to be worried at the outcome and a quiet smile lurked about the corners of his mouth. Sheriff Condit testified that Chesterfield explained his check forgery was to get financial aid to a girl at Richmond, Va.

Chesterfield promises to write a story of his recent career and something of his royal lineage. He objects to the food served in jail and intends to write an article scoring the officials. Both men were returned to jail.

#### Plattsmouth Auto Dealer Heads Bank of Cass County

Plattsmouth, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special).—Reorganization of the Bank of Cass County, one of the financial landmarks in Plattsmouth history, include the election of H. Pollock Ford dealer and owner of the Pollock auto bridge over the Platte river north of this city, as president and W. G. Boedeker, formerly cashier of the Murray State bank, vice president. R. F. Patterson continues as cashier. Charles Partridge, the retiring president, is retained as a member of the board of directors, which includes Byron Clark, Omaha attorney, and Will Robertson, a Plattsmouth attorney.

#### Masonic Lodge Buys Site For Erection of Temple

Loup City, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special).—The local Masonic lodge has purchased a site 75 by 140 feet in size on the block just east of the court house square on which to erect a Masonic temple.

It has not been decided definitely just when erection of the building will be begun, but no work will be done this year. The present lodge rooms are inadequate for the needs of the lodge, which is increasing its membership materially.

### Posse Captures Men Accused of Sheriff's Murder

#### Hickman Brothers Surrender Near Langdon, Mo., Without Firing Shot; Held in Jail At Rockport.

Shenandoah, Ia., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram).—Without the firing of a shot, Ben and Arthur Hickman, brothers, accused of the murder near here Saturday night of Deputy Sheriff Albert Patton, surrendered to a posse of 150 men in a wood on the Missouri river bank between Langdon and Phelps, Mo., late Monday afternoon.

The two men were found hiding behind a log in a swampy area by the posse, organized by Sheriff Ray Chastain of Atchison county and made up for the most part of American Legion members.

The Hickman brothers at first expressed a willingness to be taken to Shenandoah without extradition papers, but feeling against the men is running so high in that vicinity that it was decided not to return the prisoners for the time being. They were lodged in the jail at Rockport, Mo.

It is said that Arthur Hickman confessed to officers that he fired the

### Man Attacked by Detective Dies

#### Injuries Received From Beating by Railroad Officer Fatal to Victim.

Peter Paulson, 57, died at his home, 1301 South Sixteenth street, Council Bluffs, Monday night, from injuries received when he was attacked and

beaten by a Union Pacific special agent in December. Paulson was walking through the Union Pacific yards in Council Bluffs on his way to the Trans-Mississippi elevator, where he had been night watchman for 15 years. A special officer stopped him, questioned him, and when he replied in a joking manner the officer struck him and kicked him, according to Mrs. Paulson.

He returned home and had been unable to work since, according to Mrs. Paulson. Union Pacific officials investigated the case and discharged Fred Haynes, special officer alleged to be the one who beat Paulson.

Paulson survived by his wife and a 7-year-old daughter.

### "Talking Girl" of Waukegan Quits

Waukegan, Ill., Feb. 15.—Miriam Rubin, the 8-year-old "talking girl" of Waukegan, suddenly stopped talking at noon today after she had chattered almost continuously for 11 days.

The child appeared to be stronger and more refreshed today after sleeping most of the night than she had since being stricken with the puzzling malady.

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