

Small To Face But One Count

State Drops Charges of Embezzlement Against Illinois Executive—Must Stand Trial for Conspiracy.

Next Step Due January 7

By The Associated Press. Waukegan, Ill., Dec. 29.—Gov. Len Small today was freed of every charge against him except that of conspiring with Lieut. Gov. Fred L. Sterling and Vernon Curtis to defraud the state of \$2,000,000 during Mr. Sterling's term as state treasurer.

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40 Years in Prison Sentence Given Man For Window-Breaking

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Proposal by Great Powers To Use Undersea Against Commerce Seconded by U. S.

Hughes Favors Scheme

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Local Wire. Washington, Dec. 29.—A proposal that the five great powers pledge themselves not to employ submarines against commerce, in the event of war between any two of them, was made by Great Britain and seconded by the United States shortly before adjournment of the conference on an armament this evening.

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Scientists Can Not Longer Accept Theory Of Darwin on Biology

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Professor Wilton, world famous English biologist, last night threw a bomb at the convention of the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Science by declaring that it was impossible for scientists to longer to agree with Charles Darwin's theory of the origin of species.

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Just as She Is Getting Ireland Quiet Down



Have Heart Is Plea of Patrons

Telephone Subscribers Ask Commission to Consider Human Element in Ruling on Rate Increase.

Next Session in Omaha

Lincoln, Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Impassioned pleas by representatives of 7,000 Northwestern Bell Telephone company patrons for the State Railway commission to "have a heart" for the public's depleted treasury as well as that of the company concluded the hearing on the application of the company for permanent increased rates and continuation of the 10 per cent surcharge until a decision is reached on permanent rates.

Cut for Bloomfield

Lincoln, Dec. 29.—The state railway commission today issued an order reducing the telephone rates at Bloomfield, Neb., where a telephone "strike" was declared by patrons several months ago.

Similar to Rail Problem

"The same situation faced the Interstate Commerce commission when representatives of the middle west pleaded for reduction in freight rates. I was there and saw railroad attorneys put up an even poorer argument than the telephone company," Fred Dewees of the state Farm Bureau, said.

Debs Keeps Open House To Greet Old Friends

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 29.—Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, kept open house for friends and neighbors today, his first day at home since his release from prison, to which he was sentenced for his anti-war speech in 1918.

Court of Appeals Sustains Denver 8-Cent Tram Fare

St. Louis, Dec. 29.—The United States circuit court of appeals today confirmed the order of District Judge Lewis of Denver granting the Denver Tramway company an injunction against the city and county of Denver and permitting the company to establish an 8-cent maximum fare instead of a 6-cent fare.

Determine Sex of Unborn

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 29.—It is possible to determine the sex of an unborn infant by observation of the stage of the development of its bones by means of the X-ray, Dr. J. W. Pryor of the University of Kentucky told the American Association of Anatomists here today.

Reading Sign

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