

# Federal Control Aid to Railroads, McAdoo Declares

Says Properties Were in Better Condition at End of Period Than When Taken Over During War.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Railroads were in better physical condition at the end of the period of federal control than when taken over during the war, William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury and wartime director general of railroads, today told the senate Interstate Commerce committee, in giving an accounting of his guardianship of the properties during 1918. Mr. McAdoo contended that railroads had been loyal, remaining at their posts when more lucrative employment was offered in other industries and that wage increases made while he was director general were not excessive, but subsequently were further increased.

**Better Equipped.**  
The railroads, when turned back to their owners, he declared, with 2,000 more locomotives, 26,815 more freight cars and 1,051 more passenger cars than they had at the beginning of federal control, were in condition to meet the hardest traffic demand in their history.

The credit of the railroads was destroyed before the war," he said, quoting statements by railroad executives.

The railroads were permitted to continue for four months after federal control was established with little interference in the way of management, he said, but the regional reorganization he contended, was necessary in May, 1918, when he became convinced that the management of the railroads by the railroad corporation could not produce desired results.

**Favors Competition.**  
Replying to a question, Mr. McAdoo said he did not advocate pooling of the railroads under private control, but favored assisting the roads in competing for traffic.

If the railroads were in "deplorable conditions" when returned to the corporations, March 1, 1920, and their equipment was in the "worst condition ever known," he asked how it was possible that in that year, as stated in the testimony of their executives, they handled "the largest volume of traffic in their history."

Mr. McAdoo said that in his opinion railroad labor was grossly underpaid at the time the government took control and that there were many grave abuses in the matter of working conditions. It was necessary, he contended, to fix rates of pay for railroad employees that would enable the railroads to command their share of the country's labor, so that this basic necessity of the war could function at the required point.

**Lincoln Capitalist Dies After Short Illness.**  
Lincoln, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—C. W. Sanford, prominent Nebraska capitalist, died here today following a short illness.

Mr. Sanford was one of the wealthiest men in Nebraska and holds extensive interests in various business blocks and Nebraska farm land.

He was 67 and is survived by his wife and four children, including Mrs. Lynn Lloyd of this city, Mrs. Alfred DeTean of Lincoln, Mrs. Chester Nieman of Omaha and Mrs. Doris Chapin of Lincoln.

The funeral services will be held Friday afternoon.

**Box Car Robbers Paroled From Sentence to Prison.**  
North Platte, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Frank Palmer, Boyd McKuire, Elmer Wayman and Frank McCullough, who were sentenced to the penitentiary for robbing Union Pacific box cars and were in jail awaiting transport to Lincoln, were paroled to the sheriff by Judge Payne of Grand Island, holding court for Judge Tewel.

The parole was granted upon recommendation of county officials. The men had never been in court before and three wives and seven children of the public had the men been sent to prison.

**Pickrell School Teacher Hurt in Coasting Accident.**  
Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Lola Carroll, principal of the Pickrell schools, was badly injured while coasting, when the sled ran into the ditch. One of the steel runners punctured her hip. She was brought to a Beatrice hospital for treatment. Another young woman riding on the sled with Miss Carroll escaped unhurt.

**Presbyterian Leaders Due Here Today for Conference.**  
A party of national leaders in the Presbyterian church, headed by Dr. Henry C. Swearingen, moderator of the general assembly, will arrive in the city this morning for the field day of the First Presbyterian church. Thirty-fourth and Farnam streets. The meetings will open at 10 in the church and are to continue throughout the day.

**Burwell Community Club Will Organize Fair Body.**  
Burwell, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Burwell Community club discussed a permanent county fair. It was decided that they would form a stock company and sell shares. They have an option on a tract of land that they can purchase for the purpose.

**Drops Dead in Field.**  
Burwell, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—William May, living in the north-east part of Garfield county, dropped dead in a field where he was loading hay. When he did not return in the evening his wife went to look for him with neighbors whom she called.

**Headache from Slight Cold.**  
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# Arbuckle Witness Coming to Omaha



Mrs. Bambina Maude Delmont.

much in the reports of the Arbuckle trial. Mrs. Delmont was formerly a beauty specialist in Omaha before she went to Los Angeles and was successful in the movies.

"Arbuckle could never convince me of his innocence," she said. "I was the one who told the truth at the trial. Highly paid lawyers tried to sacrifice my reputation in an effort to protect their client, Arbuckle. I am trying now to forget the tragic death of my friend, Virginia."

Mrs. Delmont's hair is gray and her appearance has changed much since she was seen here. She will come to Omaha on her way to New York after settling her business affairs in Lincoln, she said.

# Armament Conference Approves Agreement for Naval Holiday

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isting naval strength of the powers and, fourth, that capital ship tonnage should be used as a basis for determining proportions of auxiliary craft.

These four principles, Mr. Hughes said, had been applied in negotiating the naval treaty and had governed its terms.

**Ripple of Excitement.**  
There was a ripple of excitement when Mr. Hughes announced that the old battleship Oregon would be retained for noncombatant purpose because the state of Oregon wanted to keep it for historical and sentimental reasons.

Touching on the system of actual scrapping of capital ships, Mr. Hughes said:

"I might call this the denaturing of capital ships. The phrase was greeted with laughter.

**Enormous Saving.**  
Secretary Hughes in closing said that no more necessary or significant treaty probably had ever been negotiated.

"Obviously it means an enormous saving of money," he said, "and the lifting of very heavy burdens from the people."

"This treaty absolutely ends the race in naval competition. At the same time it leaves the security of the powers unimpaired, but it means more. The best thing is the spirit manifested by which we were able to reach this conclusion.

"We are taking the greatest forward step to establish the reign of peace."

**Quickly Adopted.**  
Just before the presentation of the naval treaty and after the resolution affecting China had been quickly adopted without dissent, the Shantung agreement was announced and described with satisfaction by the representatives of China and Japan.

Arthur J. Balfour, heading the British delegation, described it as "the crowning work of Secretary Hughes and the representatives of China and Japan," and then threw in another surprise by the flat announcement that Great Britain would hand back to China her lease on Wei-Hei-Wei.

**Thanks Hughes.**  
Minister Sie declared that the Chinese delegation, in behalf of its government and people, took occasion to thank you, Mr. Chairman, and you, Mr. Balfour, for their good offices which made possible the settlement of the Shantung questions.

Speaking for the British delegation alone, he said, Mr. Balfour pointed out that the termination of this Shantung dispute turns back to the sovereignty of China a great province.

After Secretary Hughes concluded, Mr. Sarrau began a speech in French, saying adhesion of France to this Shantung treaty is "sincere and confident."

**French Surprised.**  
"There are still mists hanging around and perhaps there may be some darkness left in which doubt, skepticism and after thoughts may still be obscurely lurking," Mr. Sarrau said. "And this is precisely what should not be. For if that sort of impression were to persist, it would be the worst thing for the grand deed of considerable political and hu-

man importance that today we submit the meditations of the world. It must not appear that this contract has been won from some of us through a kind of constraint and accepted against their own wishes.

M. Sarrau emphasized that the French did not try to dissemble the surprise felt at the conditions under which France was asked to consent to the treaty, but the French delegation yielded when they felt that they should yield and resisted on the points where they had to do it.

**Camouflaged Ghost.**  
"The destruction of German imperialism, France which German propaganda parades about the universe may still deceive a few artless minds, but it will soon evoke nothing but smiles," Mr. Sarrau said.

"The destruction of the German ambition cost France the lives of 1,500,000 of its sons and the devastating ravages of its most prosperous regions. Could France have made to save the world such a frightful sacrifice in order to be commended the crime which it has helped to chastise?"

**Shantung Treaty.**  
Article one of the Shantung treaty provides that Japan shall restore to China the former German leased territory. Japan and China each will appoint a commissioner with powers to arrange for the transfer of the properties. The transfer would be required within six months and the Japanese government agrees to hand over to China all archives, deeds and other papers relating to Kiao Chow.

The second article provides for transfer by Japan to China of all property in Shantung, whether originally German-owned or built subsequently by the Japanese. One provision declares that no compensation shall be claimed by Japan for such property except such purchased since Japanese occupation or that of the Germans which Japan had improved. For these China agreed to refund the bare amount of the Japanese expenditures.

**250 Odd Fellows Attend Conventio nat Dalton.**  
Dalton, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The annual convention of lodges of Eighty-seventh district I. O. O. F. of Nebraska, was held here. Fifteen candidates received grand lodge degrees. The work was conducted by Lou Etter of Omaha, grand master, and Joseph Oberfelder, acting as deputy grand master, assisted by Past Grand Patriarch Snyder of Alliance. About 250 members attended.

A banquet was served by the Rebekahs. Addresses were delivered by Grand Master Etter, Grand Secretary I. P. Gage, Joseph Oberfelder, Rev. T. P. Bennett and Attorney Hodgkin of Sidney. All the subordinate lodge degrees were exemplified.

**Blanket of Ice Covers All of North Nebraska.**  
Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—All of north Nebraska is covered with a blanket of thick ice, the result of a heavy rain which fell during the night and which was followed by a drop in temperature.

# Legislature Is Hatchery for Office Seekers

Seven Candidates File Petitions and Several Others Are Known to Be Growing Boomlets.

Lincoln, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The legislative session transformed itself today into a political hatchery for public offices. Following are candidates who filed petitions for nomination in the office of D. M. Amsherry, secretary of state:

Willis G. Sears, Omaha, republican, congress, Second district.

C. B. Anderson, Omaha, democrat, congress, Second district.

H. H. Byrum, Bloomington, republican, governor, Second district.

Walter L. Anderson, Lincoln, republican, congress, First district.

Lieut. Gov. P. A. Barrows, Lincoln, republican, congress, First district.

George W. Marsh, Lincoln, republican, state auditor.

W. L. Gaston, Broken Bow, republican, secretary of state.

**Follows Successful Fight.**  
The Byrum, announcement came last night three hours after he led a fight against the gasoline tax and after a boom for Senator Charles Randall of Randolph was started in legislative halls by his friends.

Walter L. Anderson, speaker of the house of representatives, also made his announcement last night. The Anderson and Barrows announcement were made within 40 minutes of each other, Anderson leading.

**Other Growing Boomlets.**  
Other members of the lower house known to be growing boomlets for state offices are:

George Williams, Fillmore, secretary of state; James A. Rodman, Kimball, attorney general; "Alfalfa John" Franklin, Beaver City, congress.

George Marsh, present state auditor, is candidate for a third term, in addition to two terms as state auditor, Marsh served two terms as secretary of state and for a number of years was assistant secretary of state.

W. L. Gaston, assistant secretary of state, withheld his announcement until D. M. Amsherry, secretary of state, decided whether he would be a candidate for a third term. Amsherry decided today he would not ask a third term.

J. A. Axtell, Fairbury, is an avowed candidate for land commissioner.

The G. O. P. race for governor began to look like a free-for-all tonight when friends of Arthur J. Weaver of Falls City, spurred on by the announcement of Byrum for governor and the expected announcement of Randall, were forced into a caucus.

It was reported that Weaver would be here either tomorrow or late tonight, when efforts would be made to get him to announce. Weaver was president of the constitutional convention and was one of the first republicans mentioned as a candidate to succeed Governor McKelvie.

**Kennard Feeder Tops Market Second Time in Two Seasons.**  
For the second time in two seasons W. L. Japp, a stockman of Kennard, received the top price for cattle marketed here. He brought in a lead of 20 head of choice heavy Herefords that averaged 1,447 pounds for which he received \$8 a hundred.

He said feeding was on quite a heavy scale in his section and that the hogs were getting pretty well thinned out.

The cattle I brought in yesterday cost me about \$625 a hundred when I put them in my feed lots and they showed a gain of nearly three pounds a day, which netted me a good profit," said Mr. Japp.

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# Fremont Farmer Gives Up Children to Wife

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Although no reconciliation has been effected between husband and wife, Mrs. Al Hoaglan, wife of a farmer living near Fremont, retained the custody of her four children, after she filed and later dismissed charges of desertion against her husband and habeas corpus proceedings on the two youngsters in his care.

Mrs. Hoaglan, with two of her children, went to the home of her parents in Missouri last December to recuperate from a nervous breakdown. Her husband remained with her a week and then returned to his two children in Fremont, expecting his wife to stay with her folks until she recovered. Saturday Dodge county officials received word that Hoaglan was wanted on a charge of non-support and desertion. Mrs. Hoaglan and an attorney came to Fremont, determined to push the charges against Hoaglan and take the two children that were in his care.

With his home established in Fremont, the husband was astonished and announced that he would fight extradition to Missouri and refused to give up the children. The case was scheduled to be held before District Judge Button, but the couple reached a settlement. The mother is allowed custody of all four children and at the same time agreed to drop the charges pending against her husband.

**Cattle Feeding Profitable for Iowans.**  
"Now that the livestock business is picking up some of the feeders in my section, are sorry they haven't been in the game," said Frank Pflieger of Dunlap, Ia., who was a visitor at the stockyards looking over the market.

"Those who filled their feed lots early," said Mr. Pflieger, "were on the market this winter with stock that brought them good profits and they are again looking for feeders to fill up their empty pens. Hogs in my section have been moved to market pretty early and yet there are quite a number left."

"Farmers cannot afford to let their high-priced land go idle and they will not cut their corn acreage much farther as I can find out, but some of the farms may be seeded down to pasture which has been rather short."

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# Governor Says Gas Tax Would Pass on Merits

McKelvie Declares in Statement House Members Were Afraid of Misinformed Public Sentiment.

Lincoln, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Governor Samuel R. McKelvie in a statement said that on its merits the gasoline tax bill had enough votes in the house to pass by the emergency clause but half of that number did not care to affront public sentiment.

When the measure is better understood it will be approved, the governor said.

The statement follows:

**Text of Statement.**  
"The disposition of the gasoline tax bill by the house was entirely satisfactory to me. After all, the measure was only of secondary importance, the session having been called primarily for the purpose of reducing appropriations. As I stated when I presented the question to the house, I had no personal interests involved either way. I simply observed that this law had worked successfully and was very popular in 16 other states, and I felt that so long as the session was to be called anyhow, it had as well be considered."

"On its merits, there were at all times enough votes in the house to pass the bill with the emergency clause, but half of that number of the members felt that they did not care to affront public sentiment, even though this sentiment was based largely upon misinformation and prejudices. Also, I had the assurance of at least 10 members, who voted against the bill, that they would vote for it if it appeared that their votes were needed to pass it and I had the assurance of a majority of the members of the senate that it would be approved by that body if it passed the house."

**Will Ultimately Pass.**  
"So, the final vote, which it undoubtedly reflected the sentiments of a majority of the people, did not reflect the well-informed opinion of a majority of the members of the legislature. I am perfectly confident that this legislation will ultimately prevail in this state, and I think it is a good thing that the people should have had the question presented to them, so that they may have time to think it over and become better informed before another legislative session convenes."

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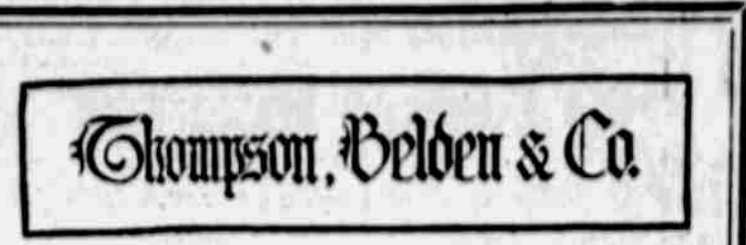
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at its meeting here last night; President, Herbert Baird; vice president, Claude Burcham; secretary, Claude P. Hensel; treasurer, Peter Johnson; sergeant-at-arms, Harry Abbott. Congressman Jeffers has been asked to arrange for speakers for the next meeting.



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