

FREIGHT RATES TO BE CUT JULY 1

Poison Gas Research Is Continued

Seven Nations Seek Information on Latest Method of Manufacture.

Barred by Arms Treaty

By CRAFTON WILCOX.

Washington, May 24.—(By A. P.)—Notions of the world, not less than seven of them, have sought information from the United States on the manufacture of poison gas since the arms conference here drafted a treaty to outlaw chemical warfare. Information to this effect was verified today at the War department.

Of the seven nations eager for all possible news of developments relating to poison gas, Great Britain, is a party to the Washington treaty. The other six have not subscribed to the treaty, it is reported, and have no intention of doing so. Chemical warfare experts of the British army, who have recently concluded a course of study at the American army chemical warfare headquarters at Edgewood arsenal, Maryland, it is learned, make no secret of the fact that the British government intends to continue full speed ahead in its research work in connection with the use of gas in warfare, notwithstanding the treaty which already has been ratified by the United States senate.

Continuing Experiments.

France, experts here declare, is pursuing its experiments with gas and is especially developing the technique of the use of gas in connection with airplanes in anticipation of attack from Germany.

The latest development which causes surprise here is the marked tendency on the part of the smaller nations of Europe to interest themselves in chemical warfare, in the hope that this science will tend to equalize their military strength.

With the completion of experiments on a new high explosive shell, an important question regarding the interpretation of the gas treaty has come to the foreground. This new explosive, according to experts, has all the power of TNT, and at the same time generates 41 per cent of phosphoric gas, one of the most deadly of the noxious fumes developed during the world war. Since the treaty does not prohibit the use of high explosive shells, the question has arisen as to whether the new explosive is to be held outside of the treaty because of the fact that it generates a considerable amount of gas.

Wants Shells Barred. Inasmuch as all high explosive shells generate a certain amount of deadly fumes, friends of the treaty have asserted that all such shells should be barred if the new explosive to be prohibited. Consideration of this problem has brought attention to the fact that since the treaty prohibits the use of all gas in warfare, the employment of such harmless vapors as hydrogen and helium in balloons and dirigibles would also come under the ban if the treaty were strictly interpreted.

Attention is called to the fact that though some months have elapsed since the arms conference, none of the principal powers participating has yet ratified the treaties, with the exception of the United States, and none of the powers except the United States has ratified the gas treaty. Thus, while the United States has accepted the treaty in good faith and has reduced the funds available for the development of chemical warfare from \$2,500,000 to \$500,000, other nations, according to army experts, have made no such reductions and in many instances have actually increased their activities to a really important extent.

Alliance Will Guard

Against Fake Charities

Alliance, Neb., May 24.—(Special.)—Itinerant solicitors are going to be "out of luck" in the future, the Chamber of Commerce announces. A special committee has been appointed and a "blue card" system adopted whereby all solicitors and purported charitable purposes will have to get the O. K. of the committee and present a blue card before donations of any kind will be made by Alliance business men.

Wymore's 41st "Birthday"

Celebrated by Kiwanians

Beatrice, Neb., May 24.—(Special.)—The Kiwanis club of Wymore held a celebration on the 41st anniversary of the founding of Wymore. Covers were laid for 150 and A. D. McCandless acted as toastmaster. The speakers were Adam McMullen, republican aspirant for governor; Julius Newman, Reverend Abbott and Slaughter, Mrs. Anna Campbell and I. R. Clayton of this city.

Missionary Convocation

in Session in Scottsbluff

Scottsbluff, Neb., May 24.—(Special Telegram.)—With 150 delegates in attendance, the Western Nebraska Missionary district convocation of the Episcopal church has opened here. Bishop George A. Beecher of Hastings is presiding. It is the largest convocation in the history of the district. Bishop Beecher addressed the Scottsbluff Lions club Tuesday.

English Aviators Hop Off on Around-World Flight

Maj. W. T. Blake to Attempt to Make 30,000-Mile Trip in 90 Days.

Paris, May 24.—(By A. P.)—Maj. W. T. Blake and his companions, who started from Croydon, England, this morning for their flight around the world, arrived at Paris at 6:12 o'clock this evening.

Croydon, England, May 24.—(By A. P.)—Maj. W. T. Blake and two companions started from the air-drome here at 3:05 o'clock this morning on an attempted 30,000-mile airplane flight around the world.

The Croydon air-drome, which is London's terminal for journeys by air to Paris and other continental points, was packed today with sight-seers eager to witness the departure of Maj. Blake.

Maj. Blake's associates in the adventure are Capt. Norman MacMillan and Lieut. Col. L. E. Broome. The three aviators made their start without the attendant picture operators which it had been planned to send with them as far as Athens. It was found impossible to get the second machine ready on time.

Momentous Flight.

Maj. Blake said he hoped to be on American soil early in August. "I am the luckiest and proudest man in the world to be able to participate in such a momentous flight," he said. "I am sure it will be entirely successful." Messages received by Major Blake included one from King George, reading:

"Your majesties wish you all Godspeed and good luck." Maj. Blake bade an affectionate farewell to his wife and their two small daughters just before climbing aboard the airplane.

The expedition carries only 672 pounds of baggage, leaving behind (Turn to Page Four, Column Four.)

"Middle of Road" Third Party Men

File for Office

A. H. Bigelow and J. Ellsberry

First Progressive "Bolters" to Present Petitions to State Secretary.

Lincoln, May 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The "middle of the road" progressives drew first blood today when petitions for A. H. Bigelow, Omaha, for United States senator, and J. Ellsberry, Grand Island, for lieutenant governor, were filed in the office of D. M. Amsberry, secretary of state.

Bigelow and Ellsberry were leaders in the revolt against the Wray-Norton slate prepared by J. H. Edmisten, C. A. Sorenson and others. The petitions contained the proper number of signatures of signers of the third party at Grand Island.

"Yes, I know they have filed," Edmisten said. "I gave them the petitions to circulate among the third party signers."

Edmisten asserted that petitions for nomination of Arthur G. Wray for United States senator and J. N. Norton for governor are in circulation and would be filed in a short time. He declined to give any opinion as to who would win the nomination in the race between Bigelow and Wray.

K. C. Knudson, one of the founders of the third party, has entered the democratic primaries as a candidate for state treasurer. He also is third party candidate for the same position.

Petitions for Grant L. Shumway of Scottsbluff for auditor on the third party ticket were filed today and petitions also were filed for L. A. Larson of Wellfleet as third party candidate for secretary of state.

Alliance Police to Stage

Drive on Male "Flappers"

Alliance, Neb., May 24.—(Special.)—Burlington authorities and city officers have launched a drive to rid the city of male "flappers," who infest the railroad station and attempt to "vamp" young women and girls who are waiting there for trains. These hampers, say the officers, are exceedingly industrious and brazen.

Russ-Italian Pact Signed.

Genoa, May 24.—(By A. P.)—A commercial treaty between Soviet Russia and Italy was signed in the royal palace this afternoon.

Love at First Sight

Bee Readers, in scanning Bee

"Want" Ads, often run across items listed for sale, perhaps a garment, or it may be a home, an automobile, a dog, an opportune investment, that looks like just what they have been wanting. Result, a sale, a satisfied buyer and a pleased seller.

BUY OR SELL ANYTHING, USE

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G. O. P. Has Built on Demo Ruin

Senator Watson of Indiana, in Republican Campaign Key-note Speech, Flays "Democratic Misrule."

Reviews Administration

Indianapolis, Ind., May 24.—Efficient and wise management of the nation's affairs, both domestic and international, and substantial results in relieving "the evils of eight years of democratic misrule" were claimed of the Harding administration in an address made today by Senator Watson, republican, before the Indiana republican state convention.

For years it has been the custom of Indiana republicans to have the keynote of the national campaigns sounded before them, and Senator Watson's speech, which was discussed in advance with President Harding, will be incorporated in the party literature for the congressional campaign this fall.

Praises Executive.

Senator Watson praised the executive legislative and judicial record of the present administration and flayed the recent democratic administration as "debt-incurring, deficit-creating, bond-issuing, surplus-scattering, factory-closing, industry-paralyzing, prosperity-destroying, social-upheaving and cataclysm-producing."

"We are not responsible for all this waste," he declared. "We did not produce all this wreckage. We did not incur these debts. We have not piled up this mountain of obligations, and those gentlemen who are responsible for all this riotous orgy of extravagance and all this upsetting of financial conditions, now stand and jeer at us because in 14 months we have not overcome all the evil they produced in eight years."

Taxes Reduced.

"We have not yet accomplished all that we have set out to do," he continued. "We have not cured all the ills and overcome all the mistakes of the past. We have taken long strides in the right direction and assuredly if the republican party can not adjust matters, what hope is there in turning the reins over to the democrats, who have not overcome all the evil they produced in eight years."

Reduction of taxes and appropriations, reorganization of the shipping board, agricultural relief, the tariff bill and diplomacy of the present administration were emphasized by Senator Watson.

"This administration does not need an apology," said Senator Watson. "No administration ever before came to power confronting such problems, and we always will decline those which were inherited by President Harding and the republican congress."

Applauded by World.

President Harding's call for the arms conference, he declared, was "the largest step toward international peace which since the world has known in all its history," and the whole world, he said, applauded the results. The four-power treaty, the senator said, brought understanding and assurances for peace.

The inclination of the invitation to the Genoa conference, also was commended by Mr. Watson, who said it was a political and not an economic conference.

"The world by this time ought to understand," he continued, "that we do not intend to become involved in their political wrangles and that we are willing to lend aid or give counsel and maintain always a sympathetic attitude, yet we will refuse to be dragged into your financial difficulties and we always will decline to meddle with their national affairs or to become involved in their age old rivalries. We do not intend to get into this confused jumble of European animosities. This attitude of the United States is a healthy one, and the hearty approval of everybody except internationalists of a most remote type."

Scores Wilson.

In domestic affairs, Senator Watson said the Harding administration stood for "full freedom in business and a recognition of the larger right of the individual to control and operate his own business affairs."

"The new freedom" preached by Woodrow Wilson was a grotesque travesty of the word, he added, "while the enfranchisement of business under Harding is an accomplished fact."

"Notwithstanding the near approach to collapse of the monetary system of nearly every country in Europe," he continued, "we have balanced our budget, we have issued no bonds and sold no treasury certificates, we have paid off \$1,000,000,000 of the public debt, we have reduced taxation by \$825,000,000 the first year and \$525,000,000 more the second year, we have curtailed governmental expenses \$1,600,000,000 a year and are today financially solvent and commercially sound and on the upgrade toward a normal resumption of American prosperity."

Has Kept Pledges.

Citing the new and fixed charges from the war, Senator Watson said there could not be any great reduction in taxes for a decade or more, but he contended the republican (Turn to Page Two, Column Four.)

"Shucks, Doc!! It Didn't Take"



Gen. Wood, Missing 36 Hours After Typhoon, Is Safe

Yacht With Governor General of P. I. and Family Sought Refuge at Island During Storm.

Manila, P. I., May 24.—(By A. P.)

Leonard Wood, governor general of the Philippines is safe after being missing 36 hours in the yacht Apo, following a typhoon, according to word received here early today. The yacht was reported to have taken refuge on an island near Mindoro, where the governor, accompanied by his wife and daughter, had gone Saturday on an inspection trip.

Since the typhoon keen anxiety had been felt for the safety of General Wood and his family. The Apo is a small yacht, and vessels generally in the vicinity of the Island of Mindoro were driven helplessly before the storm. For two days efforts to reach the Apo were unavailing.

The island behind which the Apo found haven is named Ilin. General Wood is expected to reach Manila tomorrow.

Founder of Regis College

Dies at Age of 90 Years

Denver, May 24.—The Rev. Father Dominick Pantanella, founder and builder of Regis college here and said to be one of the oldest Jesuit priests in the west, died early today. He was 90 years old and had been active in religious work until two weeks ago when he was stricken with illness.

Who served as rector of Morrison college at Morrison, Colo., from 1884 to 1888, Father Pantanella began the construction of Sacred Heart college here, the name of which has since been changed to Regis college. Father Pantanella was ordained in France in 1865.

Tourists Fleeced in London

Elaborate System of Lures Used to Get Americans to Crooked Gambling Houses—Fashionable Society Set Get Percentage From Gamblers.

London, May 24.—The Evening News last night exposed traps to fleece American tourists in crooked gambling houses in London, after a long investigation by reporters.

The exposure coincides with the arrest yesterday in Southampton of Charles Grant Lawson, who was preparing to embark on a liner for New York. He was living at the Ritz hotel in London, and is charged with cheating David K. Hall out of 25,000 pounds sterling (about \$110,000) in a luxuriously furnished West End flat.

"In view of the coming invasion of Americans, extensive preparations are under way by gamblers and confidence tricksters to reap a rich harvest and already many complaints have been received by Scotland Yard," says the News. "On board every large liner crossing now is an accomplice obtaining in-

Farmers Forced to Battle Bold Rabbits to Save Cabbages

Kearney, Neb., May 24.—(Special.)—While cabbage raisers east of Kearney were prepared to combat the common evils and shield their 2,000,000 plants from the ravages of bug, beetle and other pests which might infest them they hardly anticipated the need of standing guard over their acreage with loaded shotguns. But that seems to be the case.

Growers in the cabbage belt, between Kearney and Gibbon, report their fields ravaged of plants by rabbits.

"When we kill one out of a flock, all the survivors return the next night and bring along their friends," it is the way one grower put it.

It is going to be hard on the growers or rabbits before cabbage harvesting time, and odds favor the rabbit coming out second best, even though shotgun shells go to a premium and the law notwithstanding.

Norfolk Business Woman

Files for Legislature

Norfolk, Neb., May 24.—Mrs. Jean Whitney completed her filing as a republican candidate for state representative in the Forty-Ninth district yesterday. Mrs. Whitney is a business woman of considerable prominence in Norfolk and has been identified with republican party politics for a number of years.

Mrs. Whitney is a member of the state republican executive committee. She was induced to become a candidate for the legislature by some of the leading republican workers in Norfolk, who predict that she will have no opposition for the nomination.

Mrs. Whitney was born in Nebraska and is the daughter of the late district judge, Isaac Powers, who was at one time attorney general for Nebraska and a member of the constitutional convention of 1876.

Assassin Fires Bullet

at Pawnee City Councilman

Pawnee City, Neb., May 24.—City Councilman Mat Smith was fired at by a man last evening while coming in on the state highway east town with his wife. The marauder tried to board the running board of Smith's car, but failed and then took a shot at the driver, the bullet striking the car and denting it deeply. The council has recently contracted for 33 blocks of paving here and Smith thinks that the gunman was either an opponent of the proposition or a holdup.

Ten Sailors Killed as Sub

Collides With Battleship

Berlin, May 24.—(By A. P.)—The German battleship Hanover and the submarine S-18 collided during maneuvers last night near Sassnitz. Ten sailors on the submarine were killed.

The Weather

Forecast.

Thursday—Fair and warmer.

Hourly Temperatures.

Time	Temp.	Time	Temp.
5 a. m.	59	1 p. m.	65
6 a. m.	59	2 p. m.	65
7 a. m.	60	3 p. m.	65
8 a. m.	60	4 p. m.	65
9 a. m.	61	5 p. m.	65
10 a. m.	62	6 p. m.	65
11 a. m.	62	7 p. m.	65
12 noon	64	8 p. m.	64

Highest Wednesday.

City	Temp.
Davenport	60
Des Moines	60
St. Paul	60
St. Louis	60
Chicago	60
Indianapolis	60
Philadelphia	60
New York	60
San Francisco	60
Los Angeles	60
Portland	60
Seattle	60
Albany	60
Salt Lake City	60
Denver	60
Butte	60
Helena	60
Bozeman	60
Spokane	60
Portland	60
Seattle	60
Albany	60
Salt Lake City	60
Denver	60
Butte	60
Helena	60
Bozeman	60
Spokane	60

U. S. Orders 10 Per Cent Reduction

"Will Tend to Stabilize Conditions of All Business"—Will Not Affect Farm Products.

Slash Largest in East

Washington, May 24.—(By A. P.)

Horizontal and nation-wide reductions in freight rates averaging about 10 per cent were ordered today by the Interstate Commerce commission.

The cut was fixed by the commission at 14 per cent in eastern territory, 13 1/2 per cent in western territory, and 12 1/2 per cent in the southern and Mountain Pacific territories. All reductions ordered are effective July 1 and constitute a greater cut than was generally expected.

The commission, in ordering the decreases, held that the nation's railroads are entitled to earn 5 1/2 per cent on the value of their property rather than the approximate 6 per cent fixed as a reasonable return in the transportation act of 1920.

Farm Products Not Affected.

Transportation charges on passenger travel and Pullman charges were left unaffected by today's decision.

Agricultural products will not be affected by the reduction. The reduction of 16 1/2 per cent made in the western hay and grain rates last fall and the voluntary 10 per cent cut made in all agricultural products by railroads January 1 will be substituted for the decision on these commodities.

Exceptions to the general territorial decreases will put the average of the cuts at approximately 10 per cent, instead of close to 13 per cent, as would seem apparent by a mere consideration of the 4 per cent reduction.

The commission in its decision declared a general reduction in rate levels "as substantial as the condition of the carrier will permit, will tend to stabilize conditions" of all business.

Impede Commerce.

"Transportation charges have amounted to the point where they are impeding the free flow of commerce," said the commission's decision, which ordered a far greater reduction of rates than had been anticipated in any quarter, "and are thus tending to the defeat of the purpose for which they were established, that of producing revenue which would enable the carriers to provide the people of the United States with adequate transportation."

Only two members of the board, Commissioners Lewis and Cox, dissented, holding that the adjustments should have been made in commodity rates rather than on a personal basis. Chairman McChord and other commissioners accepted this view in a supplemental opinion concurring with the majority.

Commission's Order.

The order of the commission fixing the new level of rates defined the percentages of reduction as follows:

"In the eastern group (also between points in Illinois territory, and between Illinois territory and the eastern group), 26 per cent instead of the 40 per cent authorized (Turn to Page Two, Column Two.)

Nebraskan Author of

"Poison Pen" Letters

Chicago, May 24.—A man declared by the police to have written more than 200 "poison pen" letters which have carried mysterious threats to Mrs. A. H. Shotwell was arrested tonight when he called at a restaurant to collect a sum of money he had demanded.

The captive gave his name as Eugene Bryant, 33. He said that he was an art student and that his father was Wilbur F. Bryant, a judge in Cedar county, Nebraska.

Bryant confessed to writing the letters, according to the police.

States Urged to Develop

Chain of Public Parks

Bear Mountain, N. Y., May 24.—With the city parks growing annually more and more congested and the national parks still comparatively inaccessible, delegates to the second national conference on state parks advocated that the various states develop recreational areas which would serve as a link between the two.

J. H. McFarland, president of the American Civic association, defines a state park as one which contains one acre for each 1,000 persons in the population of the state. As a step toward the development of a chain of state parks, roadside camping reservations, maintained by the state for automobilists, was urged.

Democrats Enter Race

for State Legislature

Lincoln, May 24.—Thomas H. Serck, Meadville, and R. R. Jones, Springfield, filed with the secretary of state as democratic candidates for the lower house from the Seventy-eighth district.

Voters' petitions from Stamford and Orleans also were received, proposing H. B. Schellenberger as a democratic candidate for state senator from the Twenty-eighth district. A filing receipt from Alma accompanied the petitions.