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## MAY PUT THOUSANDS OUT OF EMPLOYMENT

### Chicago Business Men Menaced by Congestion by German Submarine Blockade--May Ask State Department To Arm Merchant Ships

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Chicago business men, whose business is menaced because of the German blockade, are facing the worst crisis since the threatened strike last summer. Unless relief comes at once thousands of working men will be thrown out of employment.

Railroad officials and members of the board of trade held a conference today in an attempt to find some solution for relief. The only way which is now apparent is to ask the state department to arm merchantmen or prepare convoys through the barred zone.

The possibility of thousands being thrown out of work within a few days, has aroused employers, and United States authorities here are making no attempt to hide their anxiety.

**Little Change in Prices.**  
Kansas City, Feb. 16.—With the

middle west facing the worst car shortage in history, retailers show little anxiety here today.

"So far the freight congestion has made little change in prices, either up or down," one commission man said today.

**Relief From Food Shortage.**  
New York, Feb. 16.—Relief from the dangers of food shortage is hoped for today by a plan to return empty cars for all full ones received.

The serious shortage of flour and wheat in New York will probably be relieved in this way, the roads having promised to return one empty car for each loaded one received.

The embargo will still stand until munitions and other supplies are unloaded from cars in New York and New Jersey terminals for shipment to Europe.

## ELECTRIC CO. REVISES RATES

### Lighting and Power Rates Offered in Proposal to City Made Effective by Electric Co.

A revision of rates for electric service is announced today by the Nebraska Gas & Electric company of this city, the changes being identical with those made in the company's recent proposal to the city which asked for a contract with the city for the furnishing of current for pumping water and street lighting, and which was rejected by the commissioners.

The change includes the abolishing of the connect load system of charging for current and gives a flat rate for current used regardless of the number of lights a consumer may have in his home or business place. The rates will be effective with bills rendered for service on March 1.

**The New Rates.**

The new rates as announced by the company today are as follows: Residence lighting—9 cents per kilowatt hour, subject to a minimum charge of 50 cents per month.

Commercial lighting—For lighting business houses closing earlier than 9 o'clock, 7 cents per kilowatt hour; for lighting business houses closing before 9 o'clock, but maintaining window and sign lighting until 11 o'clock, 6 cents per kilowatt hour; for lighting business houses remaining open later than 9 o'clock, 5 cents per kilowatt hour, subject to a minimum charge of 50 cents per month in all cases.

Electric power—Current for power and purposes other than those above specified to be subject to individual contract, but in no case more than 7 cents per kilowatt hour.

## Farmer Legislature Hopes To Put Program Through by 1920

Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 16.—North Dakota's farmer legislature is not going to get for its farmer constituents all the things it set out to get. This was apparent today. But they have gotten and will get a good deal, just the same. The session ends March 1.

Holdover senators mused up the program the farmers had planned for the 1917 session. These senators had been elected for four years under the old regime. They will be out in 1919, when the farmers hope to control the house and senate. This year they have only the house whose members are elected biennially.

It will therefore be at least 1920 before the farmers' legislation is completed. It may even be 1921 before it is enacted. State owned terminal elevators, state owned flour mills, state owned cold storage plants, state hail insurance, exemption of farm improvements from taxation, state inspection dockage and grading of grain, and rural credit banks operated by the state, are things the farmer legislators will seek to get.

If farmers get through this program, eventually, they will still fight to retain sufficient control of the state legislature, to prevent repeal of the laws they have enacted and to prevent persons unfriendly to their cause, being placed in control of these utilities.

## Representative Drafts Bill Giving Power To Regulate Saloons

Washington, Feb. 16.—Representative Randall of California is drafting a bill giving the president or secretary of war the power to take over all distilleries and regulate saloons in time of war.

When a woman is in her garret, she imagines she hears a noise in the cellar. And when she is in the cellar, she thinks she hears something in the garret. Outside of being very peculiar, the average woman is a fine being.—Atchison Globe.

## Railroad Chiefs Declare Embargo On Shipments

Washington, Feb. 15.—Representatives of thirty chief railroads considering the car shortage situation here today made a "gentleman's agreement" to declare a virtual embargo against all shipments for export from eastern ports, to adopt a liberal use of "an intelligent embargo" against the east-bound domestic shipments and to send empty cars west in solid train loads as fast as possible.

Representatives of the Interstate Commerce commission present at the meeting are understood to favor the plan.

The roads, working in close co-operation, will not accept further export shipments until part of the export traffic congested in eastern ports is removed. As fast as traffic is loaded on steamers new freight will be accepted.

Foodstuffs for domestic use will be accepted in limited quantities and will have preference over all other eastbound freight. Two fifty-car trains of grain and flour will be moved daily from Minneapolis by fast freight—the grain for New England and the flour for Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York and New England, where it is said there is a threatened shortage.

Every railroad yard in the east is reported in a state of congestion. Railroad officials have agreed to pick out the empties from the thousands of cars thus tied up and to send them west in solid trains ahead of all other traffic except passenger trains.

## Former Adams Residents Freeze To Death in Montana

A special from Morse Bluff, Neb., to the Lincoln Journal, states that word have been received from Rev. Mr. and Mrs. George M. Jones, who left Morse Bluff February 8 to go to Forsyth, Mont., that their daughter, Mrs. C. W. McConnell and her three children froze to death on the preceding Saturday.

Mrs. McConnell and family were former residents of Gage county, living at Adams about ten years ago, where the husband, Carl McConnell, was employed as manager of the telephone exchange.

The account of their death as it appears in the Journal is as follows:

Mrs. McConnell, who taught a country school thirty miles north of Vananda, had taken the children to the school house and done light housekeeping during the week preceding their death. Saturday, February 3 turned warm. Mrs. McConnell and the children had evidently started for the home ranch to surprise Mr. McConnell by a Sunday visit. While on the way home, the storm struck, which caused a drop of 40 degrees in almost as many minutes. A blinding snow blotted out their path. Tuesday Mr. McConnell started for the school house, where he supposed his family were safe. En route, he discovered the four, huddled together about some sage brush. He took the remains the thirty miles into Vananda. Interment was made at Forsyth.

## I. F. Debating Club Selects Two Teams For Season

A first and second debating team were chosen last evening by the I. F. club of the high school, which has furnished five members for the school debating team this year, at their meeting held last evening. Twelve contestants were entered in the try-out which was held in the school auditorium. The judges were Professors King, Arnold and Schultz. The boys chosen for the teams are:

First team—Johnson, Tiaht, Vasey. Alternate, Sackett.

Second team—Rogers, Stewart, Jackson. Alternate, Helmstedder.

If you must brag, let it be of what you have done, rather than what you are going to do.—Atchison Globe.

## U. S. READY TO SEND YARROWDALE NOTE

### May Dispatch Note to Germany Even If Reports That Prisoners Were Released are Confirmed--- Does not Like Germany's Grudging Manner

Washington, Feb. 16.—The United States may send its Yarrowdale note to Germany regardless of press reports that the prisoners have been released. No confirmation of these reports had been received at noon today.

The note is ready to go and since it contains details of the treatment of German sailors, German ships, and German property in the United States, the state department may feel it should be sent even if the confirmation should arrive.

Such an action, it is pointed out, would keep the records clear and serve to place on file what President Wilson and Secretary Lansing

regard as a clear-cut violation of international law by Germany.

This government, the note says, is "amused" at the "apparently grudging manner" in which Germany is doing that which she is under obligations to do.

Amsterdam, Feb. 16.—Release of American prisoners captured by the German sea raider and brought into port on the steamer Yarrowdale, was reported in dispatches from Berlin today.

**No Confirmation.**

Washington, Feb. 16.—No official confirmation of the release of the Yarrowdale prisoners has been received by the state department.

## Teuton Prisoners Freed in Japan Join Allies

Tokio, Feb. 16.—Eight German war prisoners, released from the Japanese prison camp at Nagoya, near here, because they were of French descent and former residents of Alsace-Lorraine, are today on their way to Marseilles to join the French army and fight the country which claims them as subjects.

The men left Yokohama secretly. Their families are still in German territory and the ex-prisoners fear they will suffer mistreatment from the Germans if the latter hear of the release in Japan. The eight prisoners were captured when Tsingtau fell to the Japanese. There are fourteen others in the Nagoya camp who claim to be French descent. They, too, are expected to apply for release.

## Aeroplane Mail Service Between Chicago and St. Paul

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 16.—Aeroplane mail will soon be carrying mail from Minneapolis and St. Paul to Chicago, making one round trip flight each day, and delivering in the Twin Cities each day mail written in Chicago the same day. The time now consumed by rail is twelve hours for the 450 miles. Postmaster A. E. Purdy of Minneapolis and Postmaster Otto N. Rath of St. Paul are working together on the plan.

## Serious Rioting In Holland Because Of High Cost Living

The Hague, Feb. 16.—Serious rioting in which the crowds were dispersed only after police and soldiers had fired into the crowd, took place here last night.

The riot was a result of protest against the high cost of living. Small salaried men find it almost impossible to buy coal and potatoes.

## American Steamers Rochester and Orlean Near Barred Zone

New York, Feb. 16.—The American steamers Orlean and Rochester are today close to the barred zone. They are running almost abreast and are expected to stop at Fayal in the Azores some time today or early tomorrow to take on coal.

If there were no foolish people in the world wouldn't the world be a dull place to live in?—Atchison Globe.

## RACING DATES ARE ARRANGED

Races to Be Held in Beatrice June 26, 27 and 28—Speed Associations are Combined

Fifty Nebraska horsemen met in Omaha Thursday afternoon for the purpose of arranging dates for circuit races to be held the coming summer. At the meeting the old Midway racing association was disbanded and the Nebraska speed association and the Midway were combined.

There was some contest for dates for the midsummer racing program, Lincoln putting in its bid for midsummer dates. The Lincoln horsemen were given July 3, 4 and 5. Beatrice secured June 26, 27 and 28, which dates are satisfactory to the local driving club. Beatrice was represented by Chas. Murray.

The horsemen were entertained at a banquet in the evening, after which business was disposed of such as the outlining of classes and purses.

The dates arranged for the consolidated circuit are as follows:

Kearney—May 30, 31 and June 1.  
Aurora—June 5, 6 and 7.  
Omaha—June 13, 14 and 15.  
Nebraska City—June 19, 20 and 21.  
Beatrice—June 26, 27 and 28.  
Lincoln—June 3, 4 and 5.  
Fremont—July 10, 11 and 12.  
West Point—July 17, 18 and 19.

## Investigating Into Freight Conditions And Blockade

Washington, Feb. 16.—An investigation by railroad heads into freight conditions and their relation to the German submarine blockade was asked by the government, it became known today.

The investigation has now broadened into a discussion of plans for the protection of all seaboard localities and railroads in the country in event of war.

## Johnson Resident Dies At Hospital Last Evening

Mrs. Laura Boop of Johnson, Neb., died last evening at a local hospital where she had been receiving treatment. She was thirty-five years of age and is survived by her husband and two children.

The remains will be taken to Johnson this afternoon for burial, they having been removed to the Scott undertaking parlors last evening.

## ROB UNI PLACE BANK OF \$2,500

First National Bank at University Place Entered at Noon—President Locked in Vault

Lincoln, Feb. 16.—The First National Bank at University Place was robbed at 12:30 o'clock this noon by an armed bandit, according to the president of the bank, B. H. Schaberg. The burglar forced Mr. Schaberg into the vault and locked him in, after which he escaped with \$2,500 taken from the cash drawer.

The robber is described as a man twenty-three or twenty-four years of age and wore a cap. A merchant across the street from the bank reports that he saw a Ford runabout drive up to the bank about 12:30. One man got out and went into the bank leaving another man in the car. When the one returned from the bank, the two drove away toward the south.

## \$50,000 Fire Loss In Business District at York

York, Neb., Feb. 15.—Seven fires within two hours here tonight, leads local authorities to believe that a fire "fiend" had "it in for the town." At 10 p. m. the Cain block on Lincoln avenue was on fire. The fire was confined to the roof and upper floor. The fire started between the roof and the ceiling. At midnight, the fire was still burning, but had been confined to this one building.

Gould & Northrup, notions, the Olympia candy kitchen and Dean & Co., wall paper and paints, had shops in this building. Most of their stock was carried out. The building, however, is practically ruined by water and fire and will have to be remodeled before it can be used. Firemen cut the roof down in order to reach the blaze. The loss was roughly estimated in the evening at \$50,000.

At 11 p. m. a brisk blaze started in the Woods block on the west side of the main business square. This was quickly quenched before much damage had been done. About the same time a fire was discovered in the ten-cent store. Little damage was done. Two fires, one on the second and one on the third floor of the First National bank were extinguished before they gained much headway.

A vacant store building, soon to be occupied by another ten-cent store, was the scene of still another blaze, which was confined

## Food and Economic Conditions in Germany Growing Worse

By Carl W. Ackerman  
Paris, Feb. 16.—Germany is under-nourished. Food and economic conditions throughout the country are growing steadily worse. There is endless graft in the food distribution plan, but Field Marshall von Hindenburg's plan goes ahead just the same.

Under his plan the whole nation is considered as the strength of the nation. A million women have been organized with women officers to take the place of one million men needed in the German army.

Efforts were made to purchase the food supplies of those embassy officials leaving Germany. One offer was made of two marks, about \$1.50 for a pound of fat from the embassy's store.

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WEATHER FORECAST.  
\* Fair tonight and Saturday;  
\* slightly warmer tonight;  
\* colder Saturday afternoon  
\* or night.  
\* Temperature at 3 o'clock 64.  
\* Temperature at 8 o'clock 26.  
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