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GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP BILL

May be Passed at Present Session of Congress for Taking Over the Telephones.

FIXING OF THE VALUE

It Might Take Years of Work to Figure Out the Price to be Paid For the Systems.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines may be authorized by the present session of congress. House leaders admitted today that their legislative plans contemplate introduction of a measure, framed under Postmaster General Burleson's direction and designed to reaffirm the existing law permitting the government acquisition of these public utilities as well as to grant appropriations for its actual operation. The administration measure probably will be introduced by request by Chairman Moon of the house post office committee and house leaders plan to submit the project to a democratic caucus for consideration. Postmaster General Burleson and President Wilson have held conferences on the subject. The president is understood to favor the general plan of government ownership. The only question at issue is whether it would be good politics to initiate it at this time. Burleson has told the president that in as much as there exists at present a real surplus in his department, the time will soon be ripe for one cent postage. He has expressed his belief that with the reduction of the postal rate there should be initiated comprehensive plans for taking over at least the telegraph lines of the country. The postoffice department is already operating the Alaskan cable and making money on it. First Assistant Postmaster General Roper said that a report of the committee which for six months has been studying the government ownership plan, will be made public in a few days. "I feel English law decisions holding that a telegram is a letter and that the telephone to all intents and purposes is the telegraph, will sustain the government in any move for government ownership," Roper said to a United Press correspondent today. Roper indicated that government ownership is still far off because of the fact that valuation of the properties would be a task entailing perhaps years of work.

BLIND TIGER OPERATOR KILLED

Resisted Arrest and Shot Two Men Before Being Finally Brought Him Down.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
DONNER SPRINGS, Mo., Dec. 18.—A posse surrounded the city hall here early today when Rolla Harvey, alleged bootlegger, refused to surrender to Marshal Easing and in a fusillade of bullets, Harvey was killed and Easing and E. H. Weber, a member of the posse, wounded. Harvey and his family occupied rooms on the second floor of the city hall building and had been conducting a "blind tiger," according to the police. Harvey fired twice at Marshal Easing when the latter attempted to arrest him on the street and then ran to his home, pursued by the marshal and a dozen citizens. Mrs. Harvey met her husband at the door and handed him a revolver. He began firing but fell a minute later, riddled by several bullets. Mrs. Harvey was found barricaded behind a door and the two Harvey children hiding in closets.

VAIL IS OPPOSED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(By long distance telephone from Lyndonville, Vt.)—Talking over one of the telephone lines which Postmaster General Burleson recommended be taken over by the government, Theo. N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company today declared he was opposed to the scheme of government ownership. "My experience has been that government ownership is not as satisfactory as private ownership," said Vail. "Public ownership in other countries has not been satisfactory. If the government wants to take over the telephone and telegraph lines they will do it. A great appropriation will be necessary and it is a long step between appraisal of the properties and taking them over."

Domestic Animals and Poison.

Some of the domestic animals are far less sensitive than human beings to poisons of certain kinds. On the other hand they show less resisting power than men in other poisons of a different nature.

ALL BUT THREE CORPSES REMOVED FROM THE MINE

Victims of Explosion Are to be Buried Tomorrow in the Little Cemetery.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

NEW CASTLE, Colo., Dec. 18.—James Dalrymple, state mine inspector, today began an investigation of the explosion in the Vulcan mine

PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYED

Federal Government to Have Supervision of Idle Men is the Suggestion of Sears.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Federal supervision of the problem of the unemployed was advocated today by Walter L. Sears, superintendent of the Massachusetts free employment office, at a meeting of thirty officials of labor and employment bureaus from the states of Massachusetts, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri and Michigan. "The federal government should provide for a proper distribution of men out of work," said Sears. "It should put idle men in touch with markets for their labor and warn them away from fields where they cannot obtain work."

Sears scored the methods of private employment bureaus. He said that thousands of men are shipped into Canada every summer by labor bureaus in Chicago, Detroit, St. Paul and Minneapolis, on the promise that they can obtain jobs in the harvest fields and finding no work, are forced to beg for a living. Sessions of employment bureau officials will continue for two days. Among the speakers are P. P. Hart, secretary Illinois labor commission, W. J. Lelerson, superintendent of Wisconsin free employment office; H. J. Beckerly, superintendent Milwaukee free employment office; Thomas Brawley, of Indiana bureau of statistics; James V. Cunningham, Michigan, commissioner of labor; John T. Fitzpatrick, Missouri commissioner of labor, and Charles Duffin, superintendent of Indiana employment bureau at Terre Haute.

MARCHED IN BODY TO THE GOVERNOR

Half Thousand Labor Leaders Demand That He Recall the Militia.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
DENVER, Colo., Dec. 18.—Five hundred union labor leaders early today marched in a body to the state house to voice a demand that Governor Ammons recall the state militia from the southern Colorado coal strike fields and remove from office Brigadier General Chase, Judge Advocate Boughton and Major Townsend. It was announced that should he refuse, recall petitions would be circulated against him at once. The movement started as the result of the night's session of the special convention of the Colorado Federation of Labor, called to discuss a state wide strike in sympathy with the striking miners. The fiery oratory of "Mother" Jones roused the delegates to a high pitch and they voted to march in a body on the state house today. Resolutions setting forth demands regarding the militia and empowering the executive committee of the federation to call a state wide strike without notice, were unanimously adopted. The governor indicated today that he had no intention of acceding to the demands.

Black Hand Bomb.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The explosion of a bomb in front of the grocery of Salvatore Sambatori early today threw residents of the Italian quarter into a panic. Sambatori and family occupied rooms in a basement beneath the store.

Bomb Wrecked Store.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A bomb explosion wrecked the east side grocery store of Carlo Aiello early today. A score of families living in the tenement in which the store is located, ran screaming to the street, but no one was injured.

CHICKEN HEADS IN HIS POCKETS

How Father Hans Schmidt Spent His Boyhood Days While in Germany.

SAT ON A TOMB STONE

Set Up Miniature Altar at Home and Gave Clothing Away to the Poor People.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—When his trial for the murder of Anna Ammueller was resumed here today, Hans Schmidt gave every evidence of having recovered from his nervous collapse of yesterday. There was still some discussion among counsel as to the advisability of placing the priest murderer on the stand. Depositions taken in Munich as to Schmidt's early life were read. How Hans Schmidt was accustomed, in his boyhood, to endeavor to make all of the poor children of his neighborhood happy by giving them clothing and would go out to the cemetery and sit on a tombstone for hours in thought, was told by Mrs. Elizabeth Schadler, a sister of Schmidt, during his trial. The defense resumed its introduction of testimony in an effort to show Schmidt insane. Mrs. Schadler said her brother displayed a peculiar religious fervor from childhood. He set up a miniature altar in the house and obtained vestments which he wore. One of his greatest delights, she said, was to watch neighbors kill chickens. He would play with the heads, she said, and put the heads in his pockets and carry them about for days. Although morose and moody, Mrs. Schadler said Schmidt was always extremely charitable. He was continually giving away the garments belonging to others of the household as well as his own.

Commission Ruling.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
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Fresh Reporter.

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RULING CANNOT COME IN TIME

Illinois Supreme Court Will Decide the Case After the Mischief Has Been Done.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 18.—Unless the supreme court of Illinois sees fit to change its method of procedure at the February term, April 1, the date of the spring elections, will be the earliest possible date at which it can give a ruling on the constitutionality of the women's suffrage law and decision will probably be deferred several weeks later. An examination of records of the court term just closed today disclosed that court denied the motion to change its procedure made by attorneys in the test case of Scown vs. Czarnicka, appealed from Chicago. If it continues to do so at the February term, decision on the case will not be reached until after the elections. Under the usual procedure the case will be received at the February term, acted upon during the April term, and decision handed down at the close of that session. In the case brought in Chicago, Scown, a contractor, sought a petition for injunction to restrain the Chicago election commission from appointing women as election judges and clerks.

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ESCAPED DEATH BY A MIRACLE

Engineer and Fireman Dug From Under Wreckage of Train Without a Scratch.

PREVENTED A COLLISION

Freight Train of Coal Cars Was Thrown From the Track One Minute Before Passenger Arrived.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 18.—Engineer Jno. T. Sutherland, of Rockdale, Ill., and Fireman Henry Bausell, of Blue Island, Ill., escaped death by a miracle today when a runaway freight train was derailed to prevent a collision with a Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific passenger train bound for Chicago. The brakes failed to work when Sutherland attempted to bring a string of coal cars to a stop at a signal point one mile from Joliet. The passenger was due in one minute but the automatic switch providing for such an emergency threw the freight from the tracks, the locomotive and several coal cars overturning. The engineer and fireman were dug from under the wreckage, ten minutes later without a scratch.

Split a Switch.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
YATES CENTER, Kans., Dec. 18.—Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 120, due at Kansas City at 8:55 a. m., split a switch here early today and four cars left the track. No one was killed or seriously injured. A south bound train was turned, taking the injured to Kansas City. Another train made up at Coffeyville, carried southward passengers to their destinations.

TWO DAUGHTERS USED AS TOOLS

Family Conducted Matrimonial Swindle and Was Growing Rather Rich.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 18.—With their two daughters ready to testify against them, Martin W. and Emma Ferris, an elderly couple of Princeton, Ind., in jail here today blamed Louise, the prettiest daughter for conducting a matrimonial swindle which netted the family a small fortune in cash and jewelry. Louise, who pleaded guilty, released on \$1,000 bail to await sentence, was at one time engaged to marry fifty men in different parts of the country. Mabel, the other daughter, was granted immunity by her testimony before the grand jury. She said the members of the family used to make a grab for the mail and how each kept what the letters from the dupes contained. "There is no truth in the charges," both Mr. and Mrs. Ferris said in jail today. They refused to discuss and apparently could not explain their pleas of guilty in federal court yesterday. Afterward Judge Anderson allowed them to change their pleas to not guilty and their trials were set for January 21.

Editor Hanged Himself.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
AURORA, Ill., Dec. 18.—When John Nolan, 45, owner and editor of the Shobona Chief failed to return home, his wife early today started to search for him. She found his body hanging from a gas jet over a desk, on which lay an unfinished editorial. Ill health caused Nolan to lose his mind.

Did Not Grieve Long.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
JANNETTE, Pa., Dec. 18.—William Clifford, seventy, a prominent manufacturer, who left here for England last July with the body of his wife, will return on Saturday with a bride of two months, according to messages received by friends today. While abroad he married Miss Amy Harris, of Croyder, England.

Could Not Accept.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 18.—Dean Thayer of the Harvard law school cannot leave his duties in Cambridge to accept Governor Fos's appointment to the Massachusetts supreme bench, he stated today. Prof. Roscoe P. and who has been mentioned for the place also declares he could not accept if appointed.

WHITE WIFE OF CHINAMAN

Mrs. Sing Goes to Trial, Charged With Murder of Husband and Says That God is With Her.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Bending her head in prayer, Mrs. Alice Davis Sing, who left her home on a Missouri farm to become a mission worker among the Chinese, went on trial today for the murder of her husband, Charles Sing, wealthy Chinese restaurant keeper, who was stabbed to death in his bedroom early in the morning of September 3. "God is with me," said the young white girl, who entered the court room garbed in deep mourning. "Since this trouble I have trusted everything to Him and He has been good to me. He has told me what kind of jurors should try this case and what my attorney shall do. I have implicit confidence in Him." Mrs. Sing's mother, Mrs. Nora Davis, of Kansas City, arrived unexpectedly today to comfort her daughter during the trial. Judge McDonald had not yet taken the bench and Mrs. Davis entering the court room unnoticed, bent over her daughter's shoulder and kissed her. The accused woman turned with a little cry of joy and threw her arms about her mother's neck. "I knew you would come," she sobbed. "I didn't dare to write you, but I prayed to God to send you and I know He would." Claude Smith, attorney for Mrs. Sing, declared he would respect his client's wishes in choosing a jury and that if she believed she received divine inspiration he would reject talesmen she was opposed to. Business in Chinatown was almost suspended, orientals filling the court room. P. H. O'Donnell, prominent criminal lawyer, who was hired by a Chinese Tong, of which Sing was a member, is aiding Assistant States Attorney Witty in the prosecution. In the examination of talesmen, the state indicates it would base its case on circumstantial evidence and that it might ask the death penalty. Sing's body was found in his luxuriously furnished apartment beside that of his young white wife who lay unconscious on the bed. She told of a terrible death struggle in the bed room between Sing and two strange orientals. One man suspected by the police fled, and shortly afterwards Mrs. Sing herself was arrested and indicted for the murder.

Father of Mother's Pensions.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Judge Henry Nell, "father of mothers' pensions" whose work in Illinois and Ohio was largely responsible for the passing of mothers' pensions law in those states, today began a campaign in New York. Judge Nell's plan is to have the new legislature which convenes at Albany on January 1, pass such a law.

Lord Murray Sails.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
PANAMA, Dec. 18.—Lord Murray of Elibank today was on his way to New Orleans aboard the steamship Albangaraz, after a tour of the canal zone and Central America. In the party with the head of the Pearson oil syndicate is Robert Lloyd George, son of the British chancellor of the exchequer. Lord Murray while here denied that his visit was one of business and characterized as false the rumors of friction with the United States over Colombia oil fields.

First Street Dance.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Dec. 18.—Programs, issued today for San Francisco's "first street dance" to be held tonight, include the tango and Boston div. The city will furnish music, lights and police to bar "strange holds." Dancing starts at 8 p. m. and will continue until 11 p. m. The street dance is being tried as a substitute for dances at public halls closed three months ago.

CAMPING JUST OUTSIDE CAPITAL

Zapata, With Two Thousand Men Are Waiting Sixteen Miles From the City.

CITIZENS ARE UNEASY

An Attack Upon Mexico City is Rumored With Assaults From Various Sources.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 18.—A feeling of uneasiness was noticeable today in the capital because of the persistent rumors of impending rebel attacks on Mexico City. From Chihuahua came a report that General Pancho Villa with 15,000 men, is planning to march on the capital. Refugees from Tampico reported that the constitutionalists repulsed there, were planning an attack on either this place or Vera Cruz. Zapata with 2,000 men remained within sixteen miles of Mexico City. Information from rebel sources was that they did not intend to attack the capital, but were waiting to take possession when the Carranzistas brought about the downfall of the Huerta government. The near presence of the Zapatas though gave the people a feeling of uneasiness.

Brand New One.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 18.—Announcement of a brand new Mexican revolution entirely separate from the Carranza movement created a sensation here today. It is headed by Gomez Diaz and General Orozco, and its troops are made up of former federals and scattered bands that have not been allied with the Huerta or Carranza factions. Orozco has been a Huerta supporter and controls an army of 4,000. This accounts for the recent break at Ojinaga between these generals and General Mercado, former military governor of Chihuahua state. The leaders of the new movement assert General Zapata in southern Mexico will soon join forces with them. Six hundred more refugees mostly Mexicans arrived today from Chihuahua City.

Off for Monterey.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Dec. 18.—A troop train bearing 250 well equipped constitutionalists, left Matamoros today for Monterey, about which the rebels of this section are concentrating. Rebels have destroyed the railroad between Monterey and Nuevo Laredo, evidently to cut off the federal force at the latter place.

PINDELL IS NOT APPOINTED YET

Another Hitch When Editor's Name Comes Up for Action by Senate Committee.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Expecting to act upon the name of Henry M. Pindell, appointed ambassador to Russia, the senate committee on foreign relations met today, only to find the sub-committee not ready to report. The correspondence between Representative Stone and Pindell has not been given to the sub-committee because Representative Stone has not received an answer to his telegram Monday, asking permission of Pindell to release this correspondence. It is believed that unless the correspondence between Pindell and Congressman Stone should develop a new angle, Pindell will be confirmed as members intimate the Lewis letters are not sufficient to prevent confirmation.

ABOLISHING FREE LUNCHES AS MEANS OF ABOLISHING HOBOES

Every Saloon Keeper But One Agrees That It Would be Good Scheme.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Leading members of the hobo's union, emerging from "flophouses" today threatened to ask for congressional investigation

of an "attack upon their constitutional liberties" when they learned free lunch in Chicago saloons in all probability will be abolished. Fifty saloon keepers joined with reformers before the council health commission in urging the passage of the anti-free lunch ordinance and only one saloon keeper opposed. The men favoring the law said it would rid the city of winter floaters. The health commission will give the bill favorable recommendation to ask for congressional investigation.

ONLY 5 More Shopping Days Until Christmas