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BUSINESS NOTES

With notice that it has reason to believe that the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, of New York city, has discriminated in prices between different purchasers of its products, in violation of the Clayton anti-trust act, the Federal Trade Commission issued a formal complaint today citing the corporation to appear April 2 to defend itself.

The war trade board announced today that the Belgian Government had removed all import restrictions on wines and tobacco.

The Commercial Cable Company announced today that cable service between this country and Guam, Philippines, China and Japan has been interrupted.

Control of the Locomotive Superheater Company, of New York, has been acquired by the railroad administration through purchase from the alien property custodian of 51 per cent of the stock formerly belonging to German interests. In announcing this today, Director General Hines explained that George L. Bourne had been re-elected president and that the policy of the company would not be changed materially. The purchase will prevent the concern from passing back to German control. This is the first manufacturing enterprise of the kind acquired by the railroad administration.

Small copper sellers are quoting 16¾ cents a pound in an effort to do business. According to gossip in trade circles sales of small lots of red metal have been made at even lower levels. Large producers reduced their quotations on Monday to 17½ cents a pound, but this did not result in a buying movement of any proportions, hence copper authorities says it is only logical to expect big sellers will make a further price reduction before the end of the week.

Urgent recommendation for lower prices on iron and steel products that prices generally may become stabilized on a more normal level was made by Pressed Metal Association comprising representatives of companies engaged in production of metal stampings of all kinds, and consuming about 600,000 tons annually of sheet strip and plate steel. The organization also went on record as being opposed to the recent recommendation of the United States Secretary of Commerce relative to price adjustments.

In usually well informed steel circles it is stated today that an announcement is looked for at any time of a further decline in steel prices.

Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, mined 15,000,000 tons of coal and manufactured 1,000,000 tons of coke in 1918, being slightly below 1917. Wages averaged a shade over $6 a day, an increase of $1.75 a day over the previous year.

The bulk of the seventy-one locomotives delivered by the Baldwin Locomotive Works in January for the railroad administration were shipped as follows: Lehigh Valley, five; Pennsylvania, five; Baltimore and Ohio, thirty-three, and Philadelphia and Reading, five. The company also shipped ninety miscellaneous locomotives and completed twenty-five foreign locomotives, making grand total for the month 186.

Government purchase orders for peace time materials aggregating $18,000,000 have been placed with Detroit manufacturers during the past few weeks. Other contracts are being issued daily.

It is felt by some members of the woolen trade that there will not be a keen demand for pulled and scoured wools at the government's wool auction, which begins in Boston today. A fair number of prospective buyers are looking over the samples of wool which will be placed on sale this week. There has been comparatively little business in wool tops. Dealing in these, it was said, has been retarded by the fact that the American Woolen Company and the Arlington Mills have not purchased much wool at the government sales. The American and Arlington companies are regarded as barometers in the business in the Boston district. Unless they operate, other mills hesitate to begin dealing.

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LIGHT OFFERINGS FAIL TO HELP CORN MARKET

Prices Weaken Under Plethora of Bearish News—Oats Also Lose Ground

GRAIN BELT WEATHER FORECAST

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Illinois—Fair tonight; Wednesday increasing cloudiness.
Missouri—Increasing cloudiness tonight; warmer extreme west; Wednesday unsettled; possibly rain west.
Wisconsin—Fair tonight and Wednesday.
Minnesota—Fair tonight; Wednesday unsettled.
Iowa—Increasing cloudiness tonight; Wednesday unsettled with rain or snow west.
North Dakota—Unsettled tonight; colder west; Wednesday fair.
South Dakota—Unsettled tonight and Wednesday; possibly snow Wednesday southeast; colder Wednesday.
Nebraska—Unsettled with rain or snow Wednesday and in west tonight; colder Wednesday.
Kansas—Unsettled with rain Wednesday and in west tonight; warmer tonight; colder Wednesday.
Montana—Fair tonight and Wednesday; colder.
Wyoming—Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; probably snow southeast.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Under a plethora of bearish news, the corn market was weak today.

Among the factors that influenced the lower prices were dispatches from Washington intimating that the fixed price for hogs would not be maintained after March 1, and others telling of the efforts of administration officials to bring about reductions in the cost of living.

Small receipts and light offerings from the country failed to help the tone. Weather conditions were favorable, but an extensive low area prevailed in the extreme southwest, which may work up into the corn belt and interfere with the movement.

Oats also lost ground. Much covering by shorts after an initial decline gave the market a firm tone early, but quotations weakened again in sympathy with corn.

There was talk of an inquiry for export at a little under present prices, but the domestic demand showed no snap. Lighter receipts were expected, and rural offerings were not large.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open	High	Low	Close	Yest. close
Corn (new delivery)—					
May	1.21⅛	1.22⅛	1.19⅝	1.20⅝	1.23
July	1.17½	1.18⅝	1.16	1.17¼	1.18⅝
Oats—					
May	58½	59⅝	58	59	59
July	56⅝	57⅝	56½	57¼	57¼
Lard—					
May	28.87	24.70	24.37	24.50	24.65
July	23.50	23.77	23.50	23.65	†23.82
Ribs—					
May	22.87	22.87	22.12	22.20	22.37
July	21.55	21.55	21.17	21.25	21.60
Pork—					
May	39.55	40.15	39.85	39.85	40.10
July	....	38.25	38.05	38.25	38.85

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GOLD RESERVES AT RECORD

Combined Total Held by Federal Banks Is $2,119,347,000

Total gold reserve reported by the combined Federal Reserve banks on February 14 stood at $2,119,347,000, a new high record. On February 7 the gold holdings were $2,108,183,000 and the previous record was reported on January 31 at $2,112,106,000.

Another record shown in last week's statement was in the matter of bills discounted secured by government war obligations aggregating $1,603,052,000, as compared with $1,451,147,000 on February 7. Accompanying the increase in discounts was an increase in Federal Reserve notes, although in much smaller volume, the circulation on February 14 being $2,468,388,000, against $2,454,165,000 on February 7.

The increase in the holding of war paper was in connection with the placing of the sixth issue of treasury loan certificates.

LIVESTOCK QUOTATIONS

Chicago, Feb. 18.—HOGS—Receipts, 59,000 head. Mostly 10c lower than yesterday's average. Bulk, $17.40@17.65; heavy butchers, $17.70@17.75; medium and light butchers, $17.55@17.70; light, good to choice, $17@17.55; heavy packing, $16.75@17.25; medium and mixed packing, $17.10@17.45; throwouts, $16@16.75; pigs, $14.50@16.50.

CATTLE—Receipts, 17,000 head. Beef and butchers active; prices fully steady; calves, 25c higher; feeders firm. Beef cattle, good, choice and prime, $16.75@20; common and medium, $10.75@16.75; butcher heifers, $7.60@15.50; cows, $7.50@15; stockers and feeders, good, choice and fancy, $11.25@15; inferior, common and medium, $8.25@11.25; calves, $15.50@16.

SHEEP—Receipts, 16,000 head. Strong to 25c higher. Early lambs, top, $18.10; light yearlings, $16.25.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 18.—HOGS—Receipts, 1500 head. Market higher. Heavies, $18.40@18.50; heavy yorkers, $18.30@18.40; light yorkers, $15.25@15.75; pigs, $15.75@16.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 300 head. Market steady. Top sheep, $13; top lambs, $17.75.

CALVES—Receipts, 75 head. Market steady. Top, $18.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 800 head. Steady. Calves, receipts, 200 head. Steady, $5@19.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 6400 head; 15c to 25c lower. Heavy and mixed, $17.90@18; yorkers, $17.75@17.90; light yorkers, $16.25@16.75; pigs, $16@16.25; throwouts, $12@15.50; stags, $10@13.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 2000 head. Steady to 50c higher. Lambs, $11@18.35; yearlings, $16@18; wethers, $12.50@13.50; ewes, $4@12; mixed sheep, $12@12.50.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 18.—HOGS—Receipts, 11,000 head; 10c to 15c lower; lights, $17.30@17.70; pigs, $12.50@16.50; mixed and butchers, $17.30@18; good heavy, $17.90@18.15.

CATTLE—Receipts, 5300 head. Steady. Native beef steers, $11.50@18.50; yearling steers and heifers, $9.50@16; cows, $7.50@12.50; stockers and feeders, $10@18.50; calves, $7.75@16.25.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1300 head. Strong. Lambs, $16.25@17.35; ewes, $8.50@11.25.

South Omaha, Feb. 18.—HOGS—Receipts, 18,000 head. Steady, 10c to 15c lower. Range, $18.90@17.75.

CATTLE—Receipts, 8000 head.

SHEEP—Receipts, 500 head.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 18.—HOGS—Receipts, 15,000 head. Steady. Heavy, $17.40@17.90; packers and butchers, $17.35@17.75; lights, $16.90@17.35; pigs, $12@16.

CATTLE—Receipts, 10,000 head. Steady. Prime steers, $18@19; southern steers nominally $7@13; cows, $7@14; heifers, $8@14.50; calves, $7@14.

SHEEP—Receipts, 8000. Steady. Lambs, $17@12.50; yearlings, $14@15.25; wethers, $10@12.50; ewes, $10.50@11.25.

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GOSSIP OF THE STREET

BANKERS, GENERALLY, FAVORABLE TO IDEA OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Believe Such Covenant Will Have Decided Effect on Financial World—Expect Final Adoption in Some Form—Gossip of the Street

WHILE financers generally side-stepped any discussion of the league of nations yesterday, there was more freedom of expression on the subject than there was on Saturday. Whatever opinions were given were friendly to the idea, and it seems to be generally accepted that a league of nations will be finally adopted in some form, if not in the original draft already published.

A prominent banker, the principal of a large and old-established banking and brokerage concern, when asked if in his opinion the league of nations would have its effect on the financial world, answered that the stock market showed yesterday it was having its effect already. Prices have moved up and the market is firm. This is particularly noticeable, he remarked, in Mexican securities. For a long time, he said, Mexico has been a source of annoyance to the United States, swaggering around with a gun on her shoulder. The league of nations will, when on force, put an end to all such blustering and shortly Mexico will find out that the United States is her best friend and best customer, and that the league of nations will assist in her development in a way that a century of the present propaganda could never accomplish.

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Another banker said he looked upon the league of nations as the latest unfolding in the process of evolution. The time is not far past when things were run in this country in a loose way, but the better sense of men gradually wakened to the fact that open gambling, crooked horse racing, duelling, etc., were not good for the coming citizens, and while many things could be better today even in our own city than they are, yet any one who remembers can look back and see that we have advanced.

So in the league of nations we have advanced beyond the hideous brutalities of war, he remarked, and come to the point where by solemn agreement the nations agree to settle their disputes in an orderly manner, and gradually one thing will develop after another till the league of nations will be looked upon by the nations as we regard our Constitution. He also said that while he did not regard the change in the market conditions yesterday as being due to the league of nations, he had no doubt that it will, as time goes on, have a very decided effect for the better.

New Ruling by New York Stock Exchange

A banker called attention yesterday to a new ruling by the New York Stock Exchange governing board to the effect that a broker is not under any obligation to pay to his customer the proceeds of a sale of stock made by the customer's order till the broker had himself received the cash. Conversely, the customer must be prepared to pay in cash for any stock purchased by a broker for the customer's account as soon as the stock is ready for delivery.

This ruling, it was said, arises from a custom which has grown up where a broker frequently gives his own check to a customer when handed stock to be sold, and where brokers carry purchases for several days till the customer finds time to call and pay for it. In all such instances the broker is required by this ruling to charge full interest for the time elapsed.

Controlling Future Borrowing by Government

As a rule the criticisms over the request made by Secretary Glass to Congress for legislation to control future borrowing by the government are favorable. A certain banker when discussing the subject said that he was afraid many people outside banking circles do not properly understand what Mr. Glass really wants. As a matter of fact, he remarked, Mr. Glass has made it clear that he wishes to be placed in a position where he can use his own good judgment to issue $10,000,000,000 of bonds or $10,000,000,000 of Treasury certificates or $10,000,000,000 of noncirculating bank paper. "I have found a few people," he said, "who had concluded that he wanted to issue all three of these securities in the amounts named, when all he wants probably is to issue not more than $10,000,000,000 altogether. But in these days of quick financial changes he wants to be in a position to act quickly and issue any of the three in such amounts and on such terms as in his judgment will insure the success of the undertaking. In other words, Mr. Glass's action shows he has courage to deal with any financial condition which may develop, and he merely asks to be permitted to assume full responsibility."

New Taxpayers Reached by Revenue Bill

The Victory Loan is always a fertile topic for discussion in financial circles. A banker pointed out today that the strain on the country brought about by the raising of a $6,000,000,000 tax fund simultaneously with the floating of a $6,000,000,000 war loan would be an accomplishment unprecedented in this country. But, he added, there is an important factor which must not be overlooked in this connection, and that is the 10,000,000 new taxpayers which will be reached by the new revenue bill.

According to present arrangements, he remarked, both the tax payments and the Victory Bonds can and will be paid largely in installments. At the same time, he remarked, it is to be hoped that too much strain will not be placed on the banks and trust companies, as at this time of the year, and especially during the present period of the readjustment, to keep the wheels of industry turning as manufacturers, merchants and farmers will be calling on their banks for every available dollar.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS

GRAIN AND FLOUR

WHEAT—Receipts, 7682 bushels. The market was unchanged, with a quiet business. Following were the quotations: Car lots in export elevator, government standard inspection standard prices—No. 1, red winter, $2.39; No. 1, northern spring, $2.39; No. 1, hard winter, $2.39; No. 1, red winter, garlicky, $2.37; No. 1, red, smutty, $2.36; No. 2, red winter, $2.36; No. 2, northern spring, $2.36; No. 2, hard winter, $2.36; No. 2, red winter, garlicky, $2.34; No. 2, red, smutty, $2.33; No. 3, red winter, $2.32; No. 3, northern spring, $2.32; No. 3, hard winter, $2.32; No. 3, red winter, garlicky, $2.30; No. 3, red, smutty, $2.29; No. 3, red, $2.30; No. 4, garlicky, $2.28; No. 4, smutty, $2.27; No. 4, garlicky, smutty, $2.26; No. 4, red, $2.28; No. 5, garlicky, $2.26; No. 5, smutty, $2.25; No. 5, garlicky, smutty, $2.24.

CORN—Receipts, 6898 bushels. Demand was light, but prices were steadily held. We quote yellow in car lots for local trade, as to quality and location, at $1.37@1.45 per bushel.

OATS—Receipts, 21,375 bushels. Offerings were moderate and the market was quiet at former rates. We quote: Car lots, as to location—No. 2 white, 69½@70c; standard white, 69@69½c; No. 3 white, 68@68½c; No. 4 white, 66½@67½c.

FLOUR—Receipts, 5,590,126 lbs. in sacks. There was very little doing and no important change in prices. The following were the quotations: To arrive, per 196 lbs. in 140-lb. jute sacks—Winter straight, western, $10.25@10.50; do, nearby, $9.50@10; Kansas straight, $10.50@10.75; do, short patent, $10.75@11.25; spring, short patent, $10.75@11; do, patent, $10.50@10.75; do, first clear, $9.25@9.40.

RYE FLOUR was inactive and unchanged. We quote at $7.50@7.75 per bbl. in sacks, as to quality.

PROVISIONS

The market ruled steady, with a fair jobbing demand. We quote: Beef, in sets, smoked and air-dried, 46c; beef, knuckles and tenders, smoked and air-dried, 47c; pork, family, $52@53; hams, S. P. cured, loose, 31@32½c; do, skinned, loose, 33½@34c; do, do, smoked, 38@34½c; hams, boiled, boneless, 51c; picnic shoulders, S. P. cured, loose, 24½c; do, smoked, 25½c; bellies, in pickle, loose, 30c; breakfast bacon, 36c; lard, 26c.

REFINED SUGARS

The market was quiet but steady on a basis of 9c for fine granulated.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

CHEESE was quiet but steady. Quotations: New York and Wisconsin, whole-milk, current make, 27@28c; New York and Wisconsin, whole-milk, fancy held, 35@36c; specials higher; New York and Wisconsin, whole-milk, fair to good, 33@34c.

BUTTER—The market was unsettled and 2c lower under more liberal offerings and a light demand. Quotations: Solid-packed creamery, extras, 54c; lighter-scoring goods, 53@57c; the latter for jobbing sales; extra firsts, 52@53c; firsts, 47@50c; seconds, 43@45c; fancy brands of prints jobbing at 60@62c; fair to good, 58@59c.

EGGS—Trade was less active and the market was a shade easier under more liberal offerings. Quotations: Free cases, nearby firsts, $13.60 per crate; current receipts, $13.35; western extra firsts, $13.50; firsts, $13.05@13.35; inferior lots lower; southern, $12.90@13.05; selected candled eggs jobbing at $1@33c.

POULTRY

LIVE—The market was again higher, with demand readily absorbing the limited offerings. Quotations: Fowls, as to quality, 34@36c; broiling chickens, fancy, soft-meated, weighing 1½@2 lbs. apiece, 42@45c; spring chickens, soft-meated, large sizes, 38@40c; stags, young roosters, 30@32c; old roosters, 24@26c; ducks, Pekin, 30@32c; do, Indian Runner, 28@30c; geese, per lb., 20@22c; turkeys, young hens, 34@36c; do, young toms, 32@34c; old, per lb., [illegible]; pairs, 90c@$1; pigeons, old, per pair, 45@50c; do, young, per pair, 40@45c.

DRESSED—Receipts were light and the market was firm with a fair demand. The quotations are as follows: Turkeys, nearby, fancy, 44@45c; do, western, fancy, 43@44c; do, do, fair to good, 38@42c; do, do, common, 30@35c; do, old toms, 38@40c; do, old hens, 39@41c. Fowls, fresh-killed in boxes, weighing 4 lbs. and over apiece, 36c; fancy selected, weighing 3½ lbs apiece, 35c; weighing 3 lbs. apiece, 33@34c; smaller sizes, 28@32c; fresh-killed fowls, in bbls., fancy, dry-picked, weighing 4 lbs. and over apiece, 36c; weighing 3½ lbs. apiece, 34½c; smaller sizes, 28@32c; old roosters, dry-picked, 27c; roasting chickens, western, dry-picked, in boxes, weighing 5 lbs. apiece, 36@37c; weighing 4 lbs. apiece, 35c; weighing 3½ lbs. apiece, 34c; weighing 2½@3 lbs. apiece, 33c; staggy, 27@30c; roasting chickens, western, in bbls., weighing 4 lbs. apiece, 34c; weighing 2½@3 lbs. apiece, 32@33c; staggy, 25@29c; capons, western, weighing 7½ lbs. and over apiece, 44@45c; smaller sizes, 40@43c; ducks, western, 38@40c; geese, western, choice, 29@30c; fair to good, 26@28c; squabs, per dozen, white, weighing 11@12 lbs. per dozen, 18@8.25; white, weighing 9@10 lbs. per dozen, $7@7.50; do, do, weighing 8 lbs. per dozen, $6@6.50; do, do, 7 lbs. per dozen, $4.50@5; do, do, 6@6½ lbs. per dozen, $3@4; dark, $1.50@2.50; small and No. 2, $1@2.50; guineas, young, per pair, $1@1.75; old, 75c@$1.

FRESH FRUITS

Apples ruled firm. Strawberries were more plentiful and again easier. Other fruits were generally firm. Quotations: Apples, New York, per bbl.—King, $7@10; Baldwin, $7@9.50; Northern Spy, $6@8.50; Hubbardston, $7@9; Greening, $7@9.25. Apples, Pennsylvania and Virginia, per bbl.—Delicious, $9@8; Gano, $6@8; Winesap, $8@10; Stayman Winesap, $8@10; York Imperial, $7@9; Rome Beauty, fancy, $7@9. Apples, western, per box, $2.50@4.25. Lemons, per box, $2.50@5.35. Oranges, Florida, per crate, $2.50@3.45; do, California, per box, $2.50@5. Tangerines, Florida, per crate, $3@7. Grapefruit, per box, $2.50@4.50. Cranberries, Jersey, per bushel box, $3.50@6; do, do, per barrel, $15@20. Strawberries, Florida, per quart, 50@75c.

VEGETABLES

White potatoes were in ample supply and quiet at former rates. Sweet potatoes and onions were again firmer. Quotations: White potatoes, Jersey, per ¾-bushel basket—No. 1, 75@80c; No. 2, 50@60c. White potatoes, Pennsylvania, No. 1, per 100 lbs., $1.75@2. White potatoes, western, per 100 lbs., $1.80@1.90; do, New York, per 100 lbs., $1.75@1.90. Sweet potatoes, Jersey, per basket—No. 1, $1.75@1.90; No. 2, $1.25@1.40. Sweet potatoes, Eastern Shore, per bbl.—No. 1, $5@6.50. Sweet potatoes, Delaware and Maryland, bushel-hampers—No. 1, $2.50@2.75; No. 2, $1.50@1.75. Cabbage, Danish seed, per ton, $28@35; do, southern, per hamper, $1.25@2. Onions, yellow, per 100-lb. bag—No. 1, $1.75@2.75.

BUTTER, EGGS AND CHEESE

New York, Feb. 18.—BUTTER—Lower and unsettled. Receipts, 12,445 tubs. Higher-scoring, 53½@54c; extras, 53c; outside firsts, 47@52c; seconds, 43@46c; State dairy, 51@52c; imitation creamery, 40@42c.

EGGS—Weak. Receipts, 16,626 cases. Extras, 44@44½c; extra firsts, 44@44½c; firsts, 44@44½c; seconds, 41@43½c; dirties, No. 1, 41@42c; No. 2, 39@40c; checks, No. 1, 38@39c; checks, No. 2, 36@37c; storage, 53@54c; State and nearby henery whites, 56@57c; gathered whites, 51@52c; pullet whites, 52@54c; Pacific coast whites, 55@56c; western and southern whites gathered, 51@53c; State and nearby henery browns, 48@49c; gathered colors, 46@50½c.

CHEESE steady. Old cheese irregular. Receipts, 2015 boxes. State, whole-milk, fat current make, colored, specials, 30½@30¾c; fair to prime, 29@30c; do, current make, white, 30@30½c; fair to prime, 29@30c; do, old, colored, average run, 30@30½c; do, old, white, 30@30½c; skims, full to specials, 20@20½c; skims, average run, 19@19½c; skims, fair to prime, 17@18c; skims, common, 15@16c; skims, poor to prime, 10@14c; skims, old, per lb., [illegible]; twins, [illegible]

LAURIER TO LIE IN STATE

Casket Will Be Placed in Canadian House of Commons

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 18.—(By A. P.)—The body of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, ex-Premier of Canada, who died at his home here yesterday, after being stricken with paralysis, will lie in state in the House of Commons from Thursday until Saturday, according to tentative plans for the funeral services.

Saturday morning the casket will be taken to Sacred Heart Church, where mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Mathieu, of Regina, an intimate friend of the late Opposition leader. Further details of the state funeral will be arranged at a meeting of the cabinet today.

PAGE MAY RESIGN

Expected to Quit Post at Rome at End of War

Rome, Feb. 18.—(By A. P.)—With reference to rumors that Thomas Nelson Page, the American ambassador to Italy, is to resign, the Associated Press learns on good authority that Mr. Page has said he always expected to return to the United States when the war ended.

It was added that Mr. Page felt he had done all he could to serve the interests of the United States in Italy and to further the efforts of President Wilson to make more firm the ties between the two countries.

Governor Harding, of Iowa, in Hospital

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 18.—Governor W. L. Harding is in a hospital at Carroll, Ia., suffering from a glandular infection near his ear, which may keep him indoors for several days. It was said today no operation would be necessary.

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STATE QUESTIONS ACT

Law Under Which the City Sued State Unconstitutional

Attorney General Schaffer and his deputy, William M. Hargest, appeared before Judges Martin, Staake and Monaghan in Court No. 5 today and attacked the legality of the act of June 22, 1917.

Under the authority of this act the County of Philadelphia brought suit against the commonwealth to recover $419,034 expenses incurred by the County Commissioners providing for and conducting the primary elections in the years 1911, 1912, 1913 and 1914.

The state refused to pay the bill, the Auditor General contending that many of the items in the account were exorbitant and extravagant and that the charges for the printing and other supplies were excessive.

Mr. Schaffer maintained that the act of June, 1917, was unconstitutional, as there were some other methods of getting the money from the state without having a special act of Assembly passed.

The court reserved decision.

SUES BANK FOR DAMAGES

Man Alleges Checks Not Honored When Money Was There

Meyer Wolf, 1212 South Fifth street, today sued the Southwark National Bank to recover $1500 damages. The alleged damage was done to the plaintiff's credit.

Wolf says he gave his creditors several checks, drawn on the defendant bank. Payment on the checks was denied, the banking concern saying that there were not sufficient funds to the plaintiff's account to cover the amounts named. Wolf charges that his account was sufficiently large to cover each check.

When Wolf threatened the suit, he alleges, the bank officials told him that if he brought suit they would "blacklist" him so that he could not get credit with any bank in the city. He, however, refused to withdraw his action. Later he applied to the Pennsylvania Bank for permission to open an account and he says he was told by the president of the latter bank that he could not open an account there unless he released the Southwark Bank from the claim he had against it.

At both banks this afternoon the existence of a "blacklist" was denied.

Shipping Board Will Time Charter Wooden Ships

Notice is hereby given that the United States Shipping Board will receive sealed bids, to be opened in the office of the Director of Operations, Washington, at 11 A. M., on March 1, 1919, for the time charter, for March delivery, on the Board's form of time charter-party for wooden steamers, of the following named vessels:

At New York—CALLOOH, BOILSTON, ALVADA, BLANDON, CATAWBA
At Brunswick, Georgia—MORITZ
At Jacksonville—BAGOSO, BEDMINSTER
At New Orleans—ALPACO, BILOXI
At Hampton Roads—ALANTHUS, KICKAPOO

Charters will exclude carriage of explosives. The Board may, in its discretion, require charterers to furnish security for faithful performance, and also reserves the right to reject any bids. Charters will be for any period not exceeding six months after final treaty of peace. Trading limits as follows:

Between safe port and/or ports in British North America, and/or United States of America, and/or West Indies, and/or Central America, and/or Caribbean Sea, and/or Gulf of Mexico, and/or South America, and/or Europe, and/or Africa, and/or Asia, and/or Australia, excluding River St. Lawrence from October 1st to May 1st, White Sea, Black Sea, Behring Sea and Baltic out of season, Magdalena River and all unsafe ports. Also excluding the Baltic east of 13 degrees E long. between 1st of October and 1st of April; also excluding west coast of Africa; also excluding Cape Horn or Straits of Magellan; also excluding trans-Atlantic north of the line from Cape Hatteras to Gibraltar between September 1st and March 1st; also excluding any port in Europe north of Bergen.

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