

BIRDSALL TAKES STAND ON RATES

First of Iowa's Congressmen to Declare for Government Supervision.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 22.—Congressman R. P. Birdsall of the third Iowa district in an authorized interview for The Journal here today, declared himself unequivocally in favor of government supervision of railway rates. He also declared that a law should be enacted and put into immediate effect. He said:

"The time has arrived when further supervision is necessary. When we examine into the ownership of the great systems of railroads we find them centralized in a comparatively few hands. The Vanderbilt system embraces 19,500 miles; the Pennsylvania, 18,000 miles; the Morgan-Hill system, 43,000 miles; the Gould system, 16,000 miles; the Harriman system, 21,000 miles, or a total of 114,000 miles of railroads controlled by five systems or, in other words, by five men or five combinations. We have left out the Atchafalaya, Rock Island, San Francisco, Milwaukee and Great Western systems, aggregating say 30,000 miles, and these constitute the only important independent systems. The rest of the railroads are absolutely dependent upon these great systems for their existence. As will be seen, these five men or five groups have a monopoly of all the railway business of the country.

"Freight is a tax on everything that enters into the commerce of the country, upon the clothes we wear, the things we eat, and it is a tremendous power to rest in the hands of any five men to dictate the tribute which shall be paid.

"For fully seventy years it has been an established principle in some form or another of this country that railroads were and are public servants in the use of the utilities at their command. This proposition is not only affirmed by statute but its active maintenance is imperatively necessary for the preservation of our commerce.

"What we need and what we are entitled to as a distribution of the benefits of transportation through the country as conditions will permit.

Rebate Evil.

Railroads have failed to conduct the rate-making power on that basis, and the only way we can correct the evils of secret rebates, discriminations between individuals and corporations, and excessive rates, is to exercise the power in some proper form, supervision over the railroad rate. But one other alternative is presented, and that is, government ownership. Experience has shown us to consider, much less to adopt, this alternative, but opposition now on the part of railroads to reasonable control and supervision will tend to influence public opinion strongly in favor of government ownership.

"Do you think congress can confer the rate-making power upon the commission?"

Power of Commission.

This question has been resolved in the affirmative by several state courts, when like power was conferred upon state commissions, and I think would be answered in the affirmative by the supreme court of the United States. But we believe that question will be raised, for railway companies will hesitate to relate the question to congress (which has that power) to become a precedent upon which that body is liable to reflect the extreme of public opinion unfavorable to them. Experience in the past has demonstrated that we can not look with safety to railway management for a fair exercise of the power of rate making. But to a tribunal of impartial men possessed of power to enforce its decrees we can look for an honest and impartial review of the subject and a fair judgment upon the merits.

"If any five men are to dictate the railway rate in this country I would prefer it to be five not interested in the railway properties.

Quick Action Necessary.

When should the rate go into effect? Whether the rate is fixed by the interstate commerce commission or by some other tribunal the rate should go into effect at once. This is the only effective remedy for the shipper. If he is entitled to a reasonable rate he is entitled to it at once and all the time. He wants to do business on it every day. He cannot regulate his business on the chances of recovering the excess at some future time.

Question in Politics.

Will the question enter politics? That depends on whether railway managers are wise enough to realize the situation and are willing to approach a settlement of the question on the basis of mutual interest. All the people desire is that the highways of commerce be kept open to all on equal terms. The public mind is not hysterical, but is thoroughly aroused to the importance of the question and the people will move without malice but firmly to a proper and final assertion of their sovereignty and a settlement of the problem.

TRUST MAKER SAYS PUBLIC IS ROBBED

Samuel Untermyer, Corporation Lawyer, Would Have States Shorn of Power.

New York Sun Special Service.
New York, Dec. 22.—Corporation lawyer Samuel Untermyer does not agree with Mr. Garfield that license or franchise from the federal government would be a practical or effective means of restraint.

"It will be overcome," he says, "by organized subterfuges in the states in which the corporation does business."

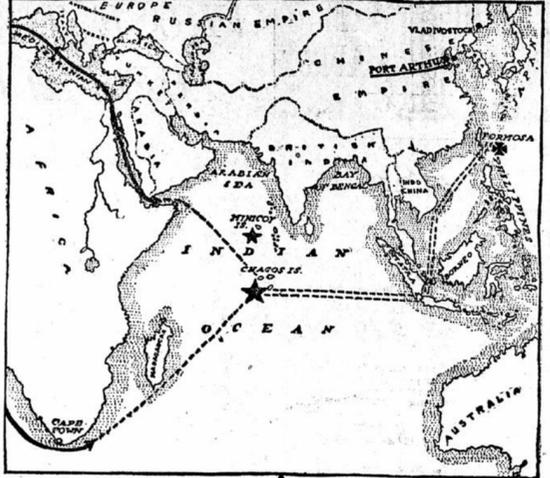
Discussing the commissioner's report Mr. Untermyer said:

"All fair-minded men must admit that the present situation is deplorable. The several states of the union have been forced to compete with one another in a race of legislation for the regulation of corporations. Even the judiciary of states that are ambitious for the patronage, have been drawn into the competition. The result is a condition that may fairly be called scandalous. The public is being gradually robbed of every security and a premium is put upon fraudulent practices.

"The only effective remedy is one which absolutely takes away from the states the right to grant charters to corporations which are engaged in interstate commerce and places this power in the hands of the federal government."

The Fashion Center.
The great Plymouth Clothing House.

RUSSIA'S LAST WAR FLEET NEARS EAST FOR CONFLICT



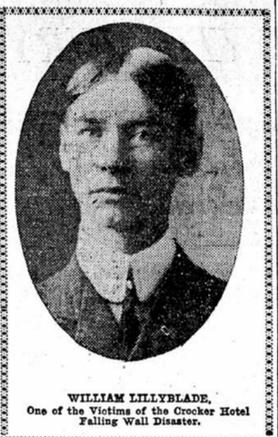
combined squadron will, according to London naval officers familiar with the eastern seas and the necessities of a large fleet of warships, be shown on the map. The same experts expect the Japanese to begin to harass the Russians when they reach the East Indies, about Jan. 1, and the great battle with Togo to take place near the Japanese island of Formosa.

PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF EACH OF THE TWO DIVISIONS OF THE FLEET. PROBABLE MEETING PLACE OF THE TWO DIVISIONS. PROBABLE ROUTE AFTER A POSSIBLE SCENE OF BATTLE WITH TOGO.

Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, with the heaviest ships of the Baltic fleet, has passed Cape Town. Rear Admiral Villiers, with two battleships, five cruisers and a dozen other vessels, is believed to be still at Jiddah, on the southern exit from the Red sea. The two divisions are expected to meet about Christmas Day, probably at Chagos. From Chagos the route of the

WHOSE THE BLAME FOR FALLING WALL?

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relatives in Sweden were wealthy and sent him \$150 every two months. Fern and Erickson have made arrangements for the funeral, and will try to communicate with his relatives in Sweden.

MRS. WILLIAMS' SAD FLIGHT
One Who Escaped Unable to Sleep Because of Hallucinations.

Mrs. Evelyn Williams, who was miraculously rescued from the ruins of the Crocker hotel, is a nervous wreck as the result of her terrible experience. The woman has been unable to sleep since the catastrophe occurred and is in a hysterical condition.

"I am never at rest for a moment," she said yesterday. "I am constantly falling—falling, and Oh, the dreadful feeling of it all! I am in constant dread of falling walls. It seems every moment as if the walls about me were to come tumbling down. Oh, I wonder if I shall ever know rest again? It seems as if I can hear that awful cracking of timbers every moment, close my eyes for a second in an effort to sleep and then I start up in horror. It's awful."

Mrs. Williams, with Mrs. Boyce and Mrs. Crocker, is stopping over Fike's drugstore, corner Fifth street and Second avenue S.

Thousands of Women Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect It.

Didn't Know I Had Kidney Trouble

I had tried so many remedies without benefit that I was about discouraged, but in a few days after taking your wonderful Swamp-Root I began to feel better. I was out of bed and run down generally.



had no appetite, was dizzy and suffered with headache most of the time. I did not realize that my kidneys were the cause of my trouble, but I thought I might be, and I began taking Swamp-Root, as above stated. There is such a pleasant taste to Swamp-Root, and it is so easy to take, and certainly does not cause any of the system. It has cured me, and I cheerfully recommend it to all sufferers. I am truly,
MRS. A. L. WALKER,
21 McDaniel St., Atlanta, Ga.

WOMEN suffer untold misery because the nature of their disease is not always correctly understood; in many cases when doctoring they are led to believe that womb trouble or female weakness of some sort is responsible for their ills, when in fact disordered kidneys are the chief cause of their distressing troubles. Perhaps you suffer almost continually with pain in the back, bearing down feelings, headache and uterine exhaustion.

Your poor health makes you nervous, irritable, and at times despondent; but thousands of just such suffering or broken-down women are being restored to health and strength every day by the use of that wonderful discovery, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

Why Swamp-Root Gives Strength.

Not only does Swamp-Root bring new life and activity to the kidney, but the cause of the trouble, but by strengthening the kidneys it acts as a general tonic and food for the entire constitution.

The mild and extraordinary effect of the world-famous kidney and bladder remedy, Swamp-Root, is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. A trial will convince you. If you do not may have a sample bottle sent free by mail.

In taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root you afford natural help to Nature, for Swamp-Root is the most perfect healer and gentle aid to the kidneys that has ever been discovered. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

To Prove What SWAMP-ROOT, the Great Kidney, Liver and Bladder Remedy, Will do for YOU, Every Reader of the Journal May Have a Sample Bottle FREE by Mail.

SPECIAL NOTICE—No matter how many doctors you have tried—no matter how much money you may have spent on other medicines, you really owe it to yourself, and to your family, to at least give Swamp-Root a trial. Its strongest friends today are those who had almost given up hope of ever becoming well again. So successful is Swamp-Root in promptly curing even the most distressing cases, that to prove its wonderful merits you may have a sample bottle and a book of valuable information, both sent absolutely free by mail. The book contains many of the thousands upon thousands of testimonial letters received from men and women cured. The value and success of Swamp-Root is so well known that our readers are advised to send for a sample bottle.

In writing to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure to say that you read this generous offer in the Minneapolis "Daily Journal." The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer. If you are already convinced that Swamp-Root is what you need, you can purchase the regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles at all drug stores everywhere.

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KILLED HUSBAND WITH AXHANDLE

Confession Wormed from Mrs. Winier Is Feature of Trial at Little Falls.

Special to The Journal.
Little Falls, Minn., Dec. 22.—The state has rested in the Winier murder trial after having made what appears to be a strong case against Kate Winier for the murder of her husband. The last witness for the state was Mary Melsheski of St. Cloud, who related the confession made to her by Mrs. Winier while the defendant was in the St. Cloud jail on July 6.

Miss Melsheski was employed in the family of Sheriff Bernick and represented to Mrs. Winier that she was a prisoner. She thus gained the confidence of Mrs. Winier, who told her that she killed her husband with an axhandle and then said that traps did it.

On cross-examination the defense failed to shake the testimony of this witness, or in fact any of them. It is hoped to get the case to the jury by Saturday.

S. M. White of the state university was on the stand yesterday and testified that the marks and stains on different articles were human blood.

The defendant sits beside her attorneys and weeps much of the time.

BONDS TO GO ON A COMMON BASIS

Liabilities of the Canadian Northern Railway to Be Centered in New Issue.

Special to The Journal.
Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 22.—To obviate a certain amount of confusion among certain investors as to various issues of Canadian Northern railway bonds, the company has taken over previous issues for conversion into the company's own bonded issues. The company has at present some \$7,000,000 of bonds outstanding as its total liability. They are known as Lake Manitoba & Canal bonds, the Southeastern railway bonds and Canadian Northern proper issues.

To do away with these, the company, with the assistance of the Manitoba government, proposes to transfer all the previous issues to a common basis by the issue of \$9,000,000 of stock to be known as Canadian Northern consolidated bonds.

The issue and preferences will be made by the National Trust company of this city, and the bonds will bear interest at 4 per cent and be guaranteed by the Manitoba government and the government of the province of Ontario. The new issue will have the option of exchanging their bonds for the consolidated issue at par.

The surplus issues will be applied to the payment of the road and all future issues will bear the same title. Premier Roblin, the minister of public works and the provincial treasurer are now countersigning the issues.

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TRI-CHURCH UNION TALKED IN CANADA

Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists Will Hold Joint Conference.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 22.—A deputation from the maritime provinces has come to Toronto to attend a conference which seeks to arrange a union of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches in Canada. The churches concerned have not given their representatives authority to commit them to any line of action, but the delegates have been instructed to consider details of the proposed amalgamation.

According to the last census the Methodists in Canada numbered 616,862; the Presbyterians 842,301 and the Congregationalists 28,253.

BLACK IN THE OPEN AS DEPEW'S OPPONENT

Black's Name in the United States Senatorship Contest, Said Today That Mr. Black is a Candidate for Senator Dewey's Place.

New York, Dec. 22.—Louis F. Payn, one of former Governor Black's supporters in the United States senatorship contest, said today that Mr. Black is a candidate for Senator Dewey's place. Mr. Payn continued:

"Mr. Black's friends know all along that he was in the field, but now he is ready to come out openly and make his fight for a seat in the senate. It is certain that he will be elected. All this talk about the sentiment of the party being for Dewey is nonsense, and that conference yesterday did not concern the senatorship contest at all. Mr. Black's name is not amounting to a row of pins."

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"U" ALUMNI AT CAPITAL FORM AN ASSOCIATION

Washington, Dec. 22.—There are about twenty graduates of the University of Minnesota residing in Washington, and they have been talking for some time of forming an alumni association. Yesterday a meeting was held in the journal bureau, at which a temporary organization was effected, with Max West as president, Carl S. Schofield vice president, Roy Y. Ferner secretary and Bert Kusse treasurer.

CHICAGO BELLBOYS IN BAND TO ROB GUESTS

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Thru the confession of a bellboy, Detectives Healy and Buttner last night recovered jewelry and money, said to amount to nearly \$1,000, which the police say was stolen from guests at downtown hotels.

PRESIDENT POINTS OUT BAD TARIFFS

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tion now as a matter of economic and political expediency. It is a question of what is "best" rather than a question of what is "right." He does not consider that there is any occasion for a break between himself and congress, and he will not permit such a thing to happen. It is not, he says, a "moral issue."

But this does not mean that Roosevelt does not intend to use all the influence he has to secure tariff revision. He believes the public sentiment demands it and regards that sentiment as the only one for the republican party to follow.

VOLSTEAD GIVES UP FIGHT ON DRAWBACK

Washington, Dec. 22.—Representative Volstead, who on Monday let it be known that he would join Representative Davis in the preparation of a bill to counteract the effect of Secretary Shaw's liberalizing of the drawback regulations, now says that he has heard of the bill and has abandoned his intention of preparing a measure.

BUFFALO BILL IS TO BECOME A FRENCHMAN

Denver, Col., Dec. 22.—His Denver friends state that William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill"), who is here on a business trip, intends to abandon his home country and become a citizen of France. Mr. Cody will leave the United States in February with his wild west aggregation, and if he can dispose of his suit for divorce filed by his wife, and settle other business matters pertaining to his Wyoming possessions before the time of his departure, it is said that he will never return to America.

PAUPER CHARGES CITY OFFICERS WITH GRAFTING

Sheboygan, Wis., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Neitzel, a city pauper, was permitted to bring an urgent request to appear before the city council, as she wanted to "address them in regard to the city's aid to the poor."

FIRE IN DES MOINES SUBURB

Loss on Eight Houses at Mitchellville is \$30,000.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 22.—Eight business houses at Mitchellville, a suburb of Des Moines, burned today, entailing a loss of \$30,000, partly covered by insurance. The fire was caused by the explosion of a gas stove in a restaurant kept by A. E. Lyons.

PARDON IS HER CHRISTMAS

New Orleans, Dec. 22.—Governor Vardaman today issued a pardon to Lena Wilmon, the only white woman in the Mississippi penitentiary. She was charged with killing her two children and got a life sentence.

WEBSTER CITY JURY DISAGREES

Webster City, Iowa, Dec. 22.—The jury in the case of L. N. Gerber, county superintendent of schools, charged by L. H. Ford, city superintendent, with an assault and battery with intent to do great bodily injury, disagreed this afternoon. An altercation occurred between the two men last May, and for several days Ford is said to have been at the point of death from a blow in the head.

COURT-MARTIAL FOR DREYFUS IS FAVORED

Paris, Dec. 22.—It is unofficially reported that the attorney general who is examining the Dreyfus case has decided to recommend a re-trial before a court-martial. This, it is added, is subject to the approval of the court of cassation, which meets in February next.

MOURNS FOR HER PETS

SUBVIVOR OF DISASTER HAS DEEP GRIEF OVER THE LOSS OF HER OLD FRIENDS.

Perhaps no more bitter tears were shed over the victims of the Peck building wall disaster than those Mrs. Anna McNevin shed over the loss of her two cats, Monk and Trix. Early Tuesday forenoon the firemen uncovered the dead body of Monk and threw it into the alley, little dreaming that the dead cat was almost as dear to Mrs. McNevin as a child could have been.

Yesterday when Mrs. McNevin was able to leave her room, she went to the ruins and found the dead cat. She secured a paper crepe, which she strapped to the body and carried it to her room. She then returned and begged the firemen to look for Trix, also supposed to be buried in the debris.

"I loved those cats more than I could have loved a child," said Mrs. McNevin. "I raised them from kittens. My husband, who died last spring, thought a great deal of them, and when I saw him in the hospital the day before he died, he told me to take good care of them and buy them some kidney every day. I have done that, and at times when I didn't have much money, I have fed the cats and gone hungry myself."

"I have poor Monk's body and am keeping it until Trix's body is found. Then I will buy a casket and give them a decent burial. I have had them with me for two years and it breaks my heart to have them killed."

The cats were both in Mrs. McNevin's room when the crash came, and also the woman escaped without serious injury. They were not so fortunate. Monk's body was found in the basement directly beneath the room and Trix's body is supposed to be nearby.

DEATH OF HENRY OTIS, JR.

Special to The Journal. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 22.—Henry Otis, Jr., of Marine Mills, died yesterday at South St. Paul, Minn., after a long illness.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. R. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.



P. C. Hirschey, for the past twenty years well known as expert optician in Minneapolis, has for a number of years been spending much time in studying instruments for the relief of people with defective hearing. He is now agent in the northwest for the Acousto Ear Phone company. This instrument is of a very recent invention and extremely simple in operation. It is an electrical device and can be carried very handily in a shirtwaist or a vest pocket, and is practically invisible. The instrument is fitted to each individual ear much the same as spectacles are fitted to the eye, and there is a perfect fit in each case. The instrument is known as "Nubear," and is in no respect similar to the ordinary trumpets and conversation tubes.

Mr. Hirschey would be pleased to show one of the instruments to any one interested, at his offices, 518 Nicollet avenue, second floor.

BARGAIN FRIDAY

- HERE ARE SEVERAL SPLENDID BARGAINS, EACH OF WHICH WOULD MAKE SOME ONE A NICE CHRISTMAS GIFT.
- Children's nice quality red felt lace shoes, with leather soles, sizes 2 to 8; these are spending 50c value, but today only 29c.
 - Men's all felt house slippers, felt soles, regular 50c value, at pair, tomorrow 29c.
 - Children's Jersey cloth storm overcoats, sizes 8 to 10, our regular 48c tomorrow, 29c.
 - Ladies' red and purple velvet slippers, in lot, all sizes, regular 38c, today 29c.
 - A large lot of Misses' and Child's high grade felt Colonial house slippers, also fur trimmed Juliettes, sizes 7 to 11 and 12 to 2, regular value 59c, 69c, 79c, 89c, choice tomorrow 39c.
- Home Trade Shoe Store
219-221 Nicollet