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SEA POWER AND AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

Everybody, who thinks at all, knows exactly what happened when the war broke in July of 1914. Ship sailings were cancelled. Stock exchanges closed. Cotton could not be sold at four cents a pound and wheat was embargoed on rail sidings at Buffalo, New York and Baltimore, so that the great grain exchanges of Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Winnipeg wired to their country buyers to stop buying grain altogether. I happened to have as a guest in my home a veteran board of trade operator from Chicago. "Unless the sea lanes open," he predicted, "you will see wheat down to 60 and 40 cents by Christmas." Cotton operators and growers saw looming ahead of them the total loss of the year's crop. At one fell swoop grain growers saw wheat at prices that would not pay the cost of seeding and threshing; for it now costs $7 an acre to seed and harvest wheat; and when the price of thirty bushels to the acre drops to forty cents, you have not enough left to pay man hire and team hire.

For the first time in history, the middle west realized, what does the sea matter to us? For the first time in history, the middle west sat up and asked —What's a merchant marine to us? What's a navy to us? All the world knows the rest—the flustered, frantic efforts to provide national funds to finance cotton, to buy freighters, to provide a federal merchant marine—in a word, to lift ourselves by our bootstraps out of the commercial slough in which messy methods and blind bullheadedness had plunged our export trade. With huge cotton, corn, and wheat crops, prices dropped plumb to bottom. Why? Because the sea was closed, and we couldn't ship the output. I had friends in the west with ten thousand bushel crops. Ruin seemed to be staring them in the face.

Suddenly something happened. Instead of selling at forty cents, wheat moved up to $1, and $1.50, and $1.65. Cotton was back to pre-war levels, while experts were still discussing how to avert ruin. What had happened? The sea lanes had opened. Every sea lane all over the world was open wide, and safe. What had produced the miracle? Sea power—a great navy patrolling the lanes of the sea, and keeping the seas broad highway wide open. If the British navy had not been powerful enough to do this, it is inconceivable to what depths of depression American foreign trade would have fallen in the last two years. Pending the depression of the last half of 1914, there were 350,000 idle men in New York City alone. There were literally millions of workers unemployed all through the country. Factories closed. Wheels stopped going around. Railroads ran on half and quarter time. Today factories are running on three time shifts. There is not an idle wheel in the United States and there is hardly an unemployed person, who can work, from Atlantic to Pacific. Wages are the highest ever known in the history of the country. Why? Because the sea lanes opened and permitted Uncle Sam to feed, clothe and provision the warring world.—American Review of Reviews.

On November 1, the treasury department reported a deficit of $76,000,000 as compared with a deficit of $36,000,000 on the same day a year ago. Last year **we thought** the Wilson administration could not be surpassed in running the government into debt. Its new high record indicates that we shall have to acknowledge its ability to excel its own previous accomplishment even when in the midst of a campaign.

Noting heavy imports of corn from Argentina, the grain entering our ports free of duty, we are reminded that the Payne tariff of fifteen cents a bushel would come in mighty handy now that we are in such need of revenue, lost through the operation of the Underwood free trade law, that we are paying onerous war taxes in time of peace. But free corn is to the benefit of the whisky maker, who is importing it. If he passes the advantage along to the consumer—but are you concerned about keeping whisky "within the reach of all?"

The first step toward improving the roads of the state, is to get them properly routed and graded. Then several treatments of oil will keep them in good shape for traffic until it is decided what further improvement to make.

This is no time to stand around and lament on how the country is going to the dogs. This is the time to get your own financial affairs in shape for what is going to happen when the war ceases and Europe begins selling to us instead of buying from us.

The Courier's political position has been fully endorsed by the people in the territory served by The Courier. Probably no other like territory in the country was as solidly republican on national and state issues.

A social and moral survey of Ottumwa shows that there are very few things to find fault with. This city is just about as busy and just a little better than the majority.

The Knoxville Express says the hog looks like a millionaire when he sells for 11½ cents on foot.

You generally lose an argument when you begin by losing your temper.

Finding Work for Women

By Frederic J. Haskin

Washington, D. C., Nov. 10.—Not long ago an elderly couple entered the office of a government employment agency in the middle west and told the matron in charge that they wanted to engage a daughter. "We wish to adopt a suitable orphan," the old lady explained to the somewhat amazed matron, "and so we thought we would consult the services of the government."

"Any preference as to color of eyes and hair?" inquired the matron, recovering her usual business like composure.

It appeared that they had none. They lived on a farm far out in the country, and what they wanted, the old lady said, was a pleasant "homey" sort of girl, who would keep them from being lonely, and whom they could make heiress to about two hundred thousand dollars' worth of property. After interviewing four hundred applicants for this position, the matron finally selected one girl she thought would do and introduced her to the old people. They immediately liked her, drove her proudly home in their motor car and after a trial period of ten months took out legal papers of adoption.

This is only one girl out of thousands who have been placed in good positions of one sort or another during the past year by the employment agencies of the United States bureau of immigration. The demands for daughters are scarce, but calls for servants, companions, chaperons and commercial employes are numerous. There are now eighty-two national employment agencies in the country, which are placing on the average of 16,000 men and women every month, and in perhaps a third of these the organization is devoted entirely to the placement of women and girls. The government representatives in charge are women, who understand labor conditions that affect their sex and are keen judges of ability and character. For, not only does the government find jobs for its unemployed, but it often directs their abilities and chooses occupations for them.

A few weeks ago a tired looking woman camt into the agency at Baltimore in quest of employment. Her husband had died, leaving her penniless when she had supposed that they were wealthy, and she was forced to seek work. The matron, after tactful and diligent inquiry found that the young woman knew both French and Italian, played the cello, and was well versed in social etiquette, but know nothing about business. Hence, the matron decided, she would not do as a social secretary, which requires a head for detail, but that she would make an excellent companion for some rich old lady. With the cooperation of another agency in the north, the matron soon placed her in such a position.

On the same day that this case was settled, two young girls appeared at the matron's desk and filed applications for employment. When asked what they could do, they looked distressed and said they didn't know, but that they had to do something. They were obviously of good family, intelligent and well bred, and yet apparently they had no particular accomplishment that would earn them a living. The matron was becoming distressed herself when the older girl suddenly leaned forward and picked up a small brass candlestick from the matron's desk. "Why, that's Syrian," she exclaimed enthusiastically, "and very antique—where did you ever get it?"

"How did you know it was Syrian?" asked the ever alert government vocational guide.

Oh, she knew all about antiques, the young girl explained, and also had plans of how the various historic periods could be used in houses with good effects. "Very well, you're going to be an interior decorator," declared the matron, "and now what can your sister do?" The sister, it appeared, had a knack for designing costumes for her family and friends, but she was afraid they would not have any commercial value. The matron paid no attention to the last part of the girl's remark, but called up a couple of business men and a certain prominent club woman. Today, both of these girls are doing the work for which they are fitted in reliable business establishments.

Sometimes a girl will apply to the government agency for a certain kind of position and be advised to change it to something else by the vocational guide in charge. Waitresses are placed in candy stores; cash girls have been turned into parlor maids and saleswomen into country domestics. Each employment agency puts great emphasis upon the fact that every woman should be self supporting, either in the home or out of it, and that no work is menial so long as the person concerned feels that it is not. Positions are secured for girls only over 16 years of age, and no girl is sent to any place which has not been thoroughly investigated.

A few years ago the number of unemployed in the United States approximated six million. Every winter the bread lines of the big cities were so long that municipal measures had to be adopted to take care of them. The majority of the bread liners were willing to work, but could not get it or did not know how to go about it. Ohio was the first state to establish a free employment agency with state officials in charge who were authorized to investigate industrial opportunities for the benefit of Ohio men and women. Offices were opened in five different cities and the experiment proved very successful. Twelve other states followed suit during the next decade, but while conditions were greatly improved there was need of greater cooperation.

In answer to a crying need congress last session passed a bill authorizing the department of labor to establish a national employment bureau under the direction of the bureau of immigration to assist the unemployed in the United States. The country was divided into twenty zones, with an employment headquarters in each zone and sixty-two branches scattered among them. In addition to this the local postoffices throughout the states were used to gather and disseminate information through printed application blanks that were handed to each workman and employer who came to mail a letter. The blank filled in by the workman stated that he desired work; gave his qualifications and the kind of job he wanted. The employer's blank stated the terms upon which the employer was willing to employ; the kind of workmen wanted, and whether or not labor disputes existed. When laborers were required in large numbers for harvesting or building and construction, placards were pasted on the walls of the postoffice advertising the fact.

In securing employment for women great assistance and cooperation has been pledged by the women's clubs of the nation who are enthusiastic in their support of the movement. At the convention held last January the National Federation of Women's clubs formally voted to assist the bureau as much as possible, and since then twenty-one women's organizations have entered the campaign. Anthony Caminetti, director of the bureau of immigration, who is traveling over the country, putting the employment propaganda into effect, believes that with the cooperation of the women's clubs the national employment agencies for women may be made the greatest benefit to the sex that has yet been accomplished. Already women who were too timid and reserved to seek employment from other exchanges have no hesitancy in taking their troubles to the government, which treats all personal information as confidential.

Thus the government is clearing the industrial road for women and as a result more and more women are becoming bread winners. Even women who have home responsibilities but are in need of money have been able to secure a few hours' work a day through the offices of the bureau. With the strength of the women's clubs behind the movement, it seems that the share of the nation's work done by women will increase for some time to come.

Dinner Stories

Sir Robert Ball, the famous astronomer, once met his match when dining with some fellow scientists at Stratford. "Madam," he said to the landlady when she presented her bill, "I am going to give you a lesson in astronomy. In twenty-five million years all things must return to their original condition. We shall all be here again eating a dinner precisely identical. Will you give us credit until we come back?" "Well," replied the landlady, "you were here twenty-five million years ago and you left without paying the bill then. Settle that account and I will trust you for what you have had today."

"Papa, the little boy next door says his father wants to know if he can use our lawn mower for a little while."

"You may tell the little boy, Bobbie, to tell his father that we shall be glad to let him use our mower whenever he likes, but be sure to tell him that he mustn't take it out of our yard."

At one time Sir Godfrey Kneller, the artist, and Dr. Ratcliffe lived next door to each other and were very intimate. Kneller had a very fine garden and as the doctor was fond of flowers, he permitted him to have a door into it. But Radcliffe's servants gathered and destroyed the flowers so Kneller sent to inform him that he should nail up the door, to which Radcliffe, in his rough manner, replied:

"Tell him he may do anything but paint it."

"Well," replied Kneller, "he may say what he will, but tell him I will take anything from him except medicine."

ELDON

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson went to Keosauqua to visit Mrs. Johnson's parents.

Geo. Hissem of Douds-Leando was in the city on business Friday.

Mesdames Weggandt, Howk, E. H. Finney and Hummel attended White Shrine in Centerville, Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edd Easton and W. O. Sapp and family are going to Ottumwa Saturday for a visit at the Edd Huey home to celebrate the 27th birthday anniversary of H. M. Sapp.

The Eldon basketball team left Friday for Stockport to play their home team, there being a double header between the two town teams and two high school teams.

John Grosvenor of near Selma is in the city as a booster for Hughes.

Mrs. Frank Kohl of Des Moines visitted her mother, Mrs. W. A. Crawford this week.

Chas. Miller who while painting his new barn near Fairview, and the wind blew him off the ladder and broke his right hip, is improving this week.

W. A. Starkey of Ottumwa was in this city on business.

Mrs. Elza Canny was called to Agency by illness of her grandmother.

The club dance given at the Moose hall was well attended. The boys formed a club for the winter's dances. Walter Flint was elected president and Ross Shipler treasurer.

Obituary

R. M. Lauderback.

R. M. Lauderback died Thursday morning, November 9 at the home of his son, L. E. Lauderback, 113 North Davis street, at the age of eight-one years, three months and one day. He is survived by two sons, L. E. of Ottumwa and W. E. Lauderback of Belknap, being preceded in death by his wife and three other children.

A brief funeral service was held at the residence today at 12:30 o'clock, with Rev. I. S. Bussing of the Davis street Christian church in charge, the remains being taken to Belknap at 2:40 o'clock. A service will be held there Saturday at 2 o'clock from the home of the other son, and burial will be made in the Breeding cemetery. The deceased was born in Illinois and came to Davis county in 1889. For the past year he has resided in Ottumwa.

John Dawson.

John Dawson died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ed Carr, 110 Grand avenue, this morning at 6:10 o'clock.

Mr. Dawson was born in County Limerick, Ireland, June 27, 1839, and came to the United States forty-six years ago. He landed in Boston where he lived for four years, then removing to Illinois where he remained for ten years. Thirty-eight years ago he came to Iowa, locating at Dudley on a farm. He came to Ottumwa twenty-six years ago.

He was preceded in death by his wife eight years. He is survived by four children: Mrs. Ed Carr, Mrs. Clarence Sutton and James Dawson of Ottumwa, and John Dawson of Canada.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 8 o'clock from the residence and at 9 o'clock from St. Mary's church. Requiem high mass will be sung. Interment will take place in Calvary cemetery.

CHARITON.

Robert Crawley and wife of Riceville, are spending a few days with relatives and friends here. Mrs. Crawley had been visiting in Plaquemine, La., with their daughter Mrs. B. M. Karn and Mr. Crawley joined her here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Greks Throckmorton who had been residing in Des Moines the past few years, are guests at the parental Dr. T. M. Throckmorton home enroute to Lake Worth, Fla., where he will have charge of the electrical system of the city.

Charles Goltry, son of Dr. C. F. Goltry, of Westboro, Mo., who had been visiting relatives here and at Russell for two months, left a few days ago for Chicago, where he expected to join the United States navy.

T. Hogue Roberts expects to leave soon for a visit at his boyhood home in Ohio and will probably be absent several months.

Rev. W. M. Scull has accepted the pastorate of the M. E. church at Essex and leaves this week for that place. His wife will not go until later.

Mrs. J. T. Smith of Cedar township has returned from a few days' visit with relatives in Humeston.

Geo. H. Poucher has returned from Bedford where he had been engaged in contracting and building during the summer.

Mrs. Joy of Grand Junction has returned home after a visit with her son F. L. Joy and family.

Robt. W. McCoy has returned from Chase county, Nebr., where he had gone to look after business matters.

Guy Foster and family who had been residing at Van Wert for several months, are again residents of Lucas county, having moved back here this week.

Earl Poush has sold his barber shop to Albert Mitchell and has given possession. Mr. Poush expects to go to Montana next week and may locate there if he likes the country.

Lyle Campbell, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. D. A. Howard of Chattuck, Okla., who had been visiting here, is spending a few days with relatives in Shenandoah.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kelsey of Cedar township expect to leave soon on a trip to the Pacific coast.

ALBIA.

Henri L. Gaddis of Lovilia was a business visitor here yesterday.

A. N. Clouse of Des Moines was looking after business while here, enroute to Centerville.

Martin Knowles, special administrator of the estate of Patrick Deevey deceased, late of Melrose, Monroe county, was granted an order by the district court on Tuesday, authorizing and empowering him to continue the business in which deceased had been engaged during his life time, which was of a grist mill, until the will of the said deceased had been probated and the executor thereof appointed and qualified.

John Akes of this city left tonight on a short business trip to Nebraska.

S. M. Grant of Verndale, Minn., is visiting with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Snow and son Herbert expect to start this week on a western auto trip. They expect to reach California.

Dr. R. P. Miller has returned from a short visit in Oskaloosa.

Dr. C. J. Lukens has returned from the Ottumwa hospital much improved.

Mrs. Martin Malley of Des Moines is the guest at the parental J. E. Benton home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Elder and daughter of Ottumwa have returned home after a visit with relatives here.

RICHLAND.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Nordyke were iver to Ottumwa recently.

Alvin Allen and wife visited relatives in Wayland Sunday.

Chas. Swayze and wife were Ottumwa visitors Monday.

Rev. Hawk and family of Farmington were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Leech Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Espy of Ottumwa were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dowell.

Roy Brandle of Canton, O., who visited relatives north of town departed Monday for his home.

A. C. Brady and son Carlton left on Tuesday for Oskaloosa where after a visit with the W. A. Brady family will go to Clear Lake, their future home.

Mrs. Lester Thompson and son, who visited the R. E. Dowell home departed Tuesday for Ottumwa.

Otto Wilson and wife of Knoxville who visited relatives here Monday have gone home.

Mrs. Fannie Chapy's cottage is nearing completion in the northwest part of town.

David Bruns has purchased the R. E. Callister property and will in the spring build a fine modern house.

E. E. Steele is putting on a large addition to the garage building on the east side of the square.

R. S. Jones, the proprietor of the Cottage hotel has sold his business to Sam Lewis who will take charge in a few days. Mr. Jones becomes possessor of the Lewis property.

The house belonging to George Ash, some four miles southeast of town was burned Monday, supposed to have been caused by a defective flue. He carried insurance and most of the furniture was saved.

Cedric Williams of Marshalltown who has been here wtih his grandfather Dr. H. A. Swayze during his illness, returned to his home Sunday night.

Mrs. J. E. Payne went to Davenport recently, accompanied by her sister Mrs. Blanche Bragg of Ollie.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Collett who have been visiting a son in Plumas, Man., Canada, and also in Monroe county of this state, with a daughter, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Jones spent Sunday at Knoxville with their daughter Mrs. Vera Wilson.

George Reams and family motored to North English Sunday to spend the day with friends.

Mrs. Florence Johnston and son of New Sharon are guests at the B. H. Grover home.

Robert Hicks and wife of Kalona were guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harkins.

VILLAGE CREEK.

Mrs. Chas. W. Kirfman and baby returned to their home in Des Moines after visiting at the W. B. Allred home.

Mrs. E. A. Paul of Eldorado, Kans., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gates and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Goff were entertained Sunday at the Fred Goff home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tillot Blanchard and children spent Saturday night and Sunday at the parental O. Albertson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Montagne of Los Angeles, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Anderson of Ottumwa and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Montagne were visitors Sunday at the B. Kosman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ruffing and daughter Mary of South Ottumwa spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. John Roreh.

Mrs. F. L. Dexter and daughter Helen spent Tuesday with Mrs. Harriett Pollard of Ottumwa.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swenson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller and son Joe and Mrs. J. W. Workman were entertained Sunday at the G. W. Workman home.

Mrs. R. Tetmeyer and children, Lena, Walter and baby Helen and Miss Anna Myers spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. F. L. Dexter.

HOPEWELL.

The Huber force of men have completed Emmett Walker's cattle barn.

Libby Nixon has been among the sick but is improving.

Mrs. Hamilton returned last Saturday from an extended stay in St. Joseph, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Swinney of Bloomfield spent last week with their daughter Mrs. Emmett Walker and family.

Walter Swasick and wife attended church at Union Chapel Sunday and visited at the parental Schoech home.

Harry Smith and wife called at the Laris Glosser home Sunday evening.

Alex Smtih is working for John Glosser.

Emmett Walker and family spent Sunday near Ash Grove at the Roberts home.

CHARITON.

Miss Marie Snow left for a visit in Columbus Junction with her grandmother Mrs. Samuel Lambert, who formerly resided in this county.

Mrs. W. B. Graves of Mound City, Kans., who had been spending three weeks in Chariton at the Charles White home and with other relatives, left yesterday for a brief visit in Osceola before returning to her home.

Ray Reed left yesterday for Minneapolis, Kans., called there by the death of his grandmother.

Mrs. S. C. Hickman was hostess to a number of lady friends at a luncheon yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Tracy of Red Oak have returned home after a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Israel.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Beebe and son Edward and the latter's daughter Marjorie all of Centralia, Ill., who had been visiting in Chariton with the W. W. Beardsley and A. B. Gookin families have returned home. They resided in Chariton several years ago.

Mrs. Edwin Jarl entertained the employes in the Jarl store and a few friends at a 6:30 dinner and miscellaneous shower on Tuesday evening, complimentary to Miss Anna Braden, who has been cashier at the store for several years, and whose marriage to Oscar Lindquist occurs next Wednesday. A most enjoyable time was had and the prospective bride was the recipient of a number of useful gifts.

Miss Agnes Ferris of Lockman and Mrs. Mary A. Buck and daughter Jane of New Comertown, O., arrived Tuesday evening for a visit at the home of Mrs. Buck's brother T. J. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Eckerman of Fairfield arrived Tuesday evening for a visit in Benton township at the Marion White home. They formerly resided in this county.

Mrs. Jessie Snyder of Cambria came for a visit with her brother-in-law John Bay and family.

The Misses Lurene and Irene Poucher returned from a visit of six weeks with relatives and friends in Aurora and Chicago, Ill., and Mt. Pleasant, Fairfield and Ottumwa, Iowa.

Mrs. G. M. Oehler of Ottumwa returned home last evening after a few days' visit with her sister Mrs. Ralph Tisue.

Mrs. John Renz and little daughter Mary of Albia who had be nespending a few days in Chariton with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Richard Powell, returned home last evening.

EDDYVILLE.

John Donahue and family moved this week from the De Wilde property in East Eddyville to the Wm. Lucas property on North Fourth street.

Miss Jennie Vance of Wisconsin who has been visiting relatives in Albia the past two weeks came over Wednesday for a visit with her aunt Mrs. Chas. Palmer.

Mrs. John Fowell spent Wednesday in Albia visiting her sister Mrs. Grant Rund.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Doan who have been visiting at the Frank Whitsel home returned to Belle Plaine Wednesday.

Clark McKenna who is employed as pump man for the M. & St. L. at Eddyville had the misfortune to have a finger caught in the pump and torn off at the first joint.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Whitsel have returned to their home at Brighton after a short visit with relatives here.

The P. E. O. society was pleasantly entertained Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Minnie Wormhoudt.

HIGH LIVING COST WORRIES MINERS

OHIO ORGANIZATION CALLS UPON WILSON FOR INVESTIGATION.

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 11.—The executive board of the United Mine Workers of Ohio, representing 50,000 wage earners, today addressed to President Wilson and Governor Willis of Ohio a copy of a resolution adopted by miner officials demanding that the various branches of the state and federal governments conduct an investigation of the high cost of living.

The miners' officials declare that the earnings of the wage earners are not sufficient to purchase the necessities of life for even a small family.

FEE, TWO POTATOES.

Waukegan, Ill., Nov. 11.—"Admittance, two potatoes."

This sign, applying to boys and girls only, appears over a moving picture house here. Owing to the high price of tubers many poor persons are unable to afford them and the accumulation at the theater will be distributed among them Thanksgiving day.

WAR EXPORTS BIG

New York Journal of Commerce Finds Munitions Constitute Twenty-two Per Cent.

New York, Nov. 11.—Exports of war supplies for the nine months ending September 31 amounted to $997,970,000, or more than 25 per cent of the country's total export trade for the period, according to figures published here today by the Journal of Commerce.

The value of explosives sent to belligerents was more than half a billion dollars, and automobiles, horses and mules, metal working machinery and wire ranked next in that order.

According to a table published covering war supply exports since the movement began in January, 1915 their value for the twenty-one months was $1,617,845,000, or about 22 per cent of the country's total exports. More war supplies were sent abroad during the first nine months of this year than throughout 1915.

BEGIN FIGHT ON ADAMSON LAW

Chicago, Nov. 11.—An avalanche of suits seeking injunctions against the Adamson law are expected to be filed all over the country next week, according to reports here today.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad today filed a petition for an injunction in the matter of the Adamson law. It was similar to those filed by other roads.

The Chicago & Eastern Illinois and Chicago & Alton and the Illinois Central are expected to file petitions here next Monday. They will make allegations similar to those already made in suits filed by the Union Pacific, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, the Louisville & Nashville, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and the Chicago Great Western.

The general solicitor of a prominent railroad said that suits were not filed before election as the railroads might then have been accused of seeking political effect. The so-called eight hour law goes into effect January 1.

The first of the Chicago cases is set for hearing in the United States district court here December 4.

DEAD MAN UNKNOWN.

Davenport, Nov. 11. —Efforts today to identify the body of a man, who cut his throat from ear to ear in a rooming house here last night, have been unavailing. He was about 42 years old, five feet five inches tall, weighed 130 pounds, had a small scar above his right eye and wore spectacles. He was dressed in a blue flannel shirt, old trousers and a raincoat.

BONAPARTE.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Aiken of Yankton, S. D., came Saturday for a visit with Bonaparte relatives. Mrs. Aiken will be remembered as Clyde Eason.

Mrs. Winnifred Brown of Los Angeles, Calif., visited here recently with old time friends.

L. M. Ware was a recent guest of relatives in Warsaw, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Mauck and daughter Goldie of Topeka, Kans., Mrs. J. W. Shriver and G. W. Harper of Stockville, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Shapre and Chester Lock of Bethleham, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Harper of Acasto, Mo. and Mrs. Scott and daughter of Croton, Ia., were called here Saturday to attend the funeral of Jas. A. Davis.

Mrs. N. W. Glasgow of Milton was a recent ugest of her daughter Mrs. K. Roy Park and family.

Miss Margaret Johnson entertained a number of friends at a Hallowe'en party. The guests came masked and enjoyed a most delightful evening.

R. E. Wilson is enjoying a vacation and visiting his sister at Red Oak, Iowa.

Mrs. W. O. Thompson has been visiting her daughter at Mt. Sterling.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Roberts visited Keosauqua relatives last week.

Miss Corinne E. Coolidge returned Monday from a several weeks' visit wiht friends at Peoria, Manito and Prophetstown, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Russell have a baby girl which they brought from Ottumwa, with the intention of adopting her.

E. C. Williams and family expect to leave the farm here and go south for the winter.

KANSAS EDUCATOR DIES.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 11.—Dr. Walter S. Sutton of Kansas City, Kan., professor in the School of Medicine of the University of Kansas, died here last night, following an operation.

DEMOCRATS TO PARADE.

Chicago, Nov. 11. —Chicago democrats planned a demonstration for tonight to celebrate the return of President Wilson. A parade is to be its chief feature.

OREGON "BONE DRY."

Portland, Ore., Nov. 11.—It was apparent early today that "bone dry" prohibition amendment would carry by more than 3,000.

CARRANZA ARMY IS HUNTING FOR VILLA

HOPE IS EXPRESSED THAT BANDIT LEADER WILL SOON BE IN FLIGHT.

Chihuahua City, Mex., Nov. 11.—The division under General Murgia, it is officially announced here, has begun to advance northward from Escalon in two columns. One column is said to be proceeding up the line of the Mexican Central railway repairing the track, while the other, consisting of 3,000 cavalrymen, is paralleling the track on a hunt for bandits.

Military authorities here say Villa is near the Durango border so that this movement will cut him off to the north, or in event of his escape northward, place him between the forces of Murgia and the cavalry that General Trevino would dispatch from Chihuahua.

The temporary fortifications encircling Chihuahua City, nine miles in circumference, are being enlarged and strengthened. They were visited today by an Associated Press correspondent, who found a double row of barbed wire entanglements outside of the infantry trenches, while within three strong earthen redoubts were being finished. These redoubts hold 300 men each and are provided with artillery. Santa Rosia, the hill dominating the approach to he city, is fortified and armed with seven large caliber guns.

General Gonzales Cuellar, in charge of the fortifications, commands 3,000 men, mostly veterans of the siege of Ebano which held out seventy-two days against a force double its size led by Villa.

General Trevino states that he has plenty of ammunition for present uses including shells for the artillery which is commanded by Colonel Sanchez. His cavalry force of 4,000 men is equipped with machine guns and is held here ready to take the field at the first warning. There is also a machine gun to each infantry battalion of 300 men.

NEW GRAIN RECORD

Review of the Week Shows That Wheat Made Some Remarkable Advances in Quotations.

Chicago, Nov. 11.—New high price records and substantial net gains of 3¼ to 7¾c were scored by the wheat market in the week which ended last night. Bullish Argentine advices resulting in larger export sales from the United States and from Canada were of much effect in lifting quotations till May delivery of wheat climbed to $1.95¼ a bushel.

Highest prices yet this season and therefore the highest in many years were thus reached yesterday chiefly because frost damage in Argentine added to the injury already done to wheat there by drought and locusts.

Election results affected wheat prices only indirectly and in a transient sort of fashion if at all.

Corn and oats gained respectively about 6 and 2½c a bushel for the week. The export call was active for both cereals and the Argentine crop situation as well as the strength of wheat were bullish factors.

Stiff advances formed the rule in provisions, the jumps ranging from $1.00 to $2.15. Foreign demands with upturns in the value of cereals were ascribed as leading causes.

U-BOAT IS LOADED

German Submarine Merchant Ship Is All Ready to Begin Its Second Trip Back to Europe.

New London, Conn., Nov. 11.—The German undersea merchantmen Deutschland, ready to proceed to sea for its return voyage to Germany, was still tied up at the state pier under the shelter of the steamer Willehad this forenoon. There were no signs of an immediate departure.

No information was obtainable from a reliable source as to the probable time of sailing.

Captain Koenig has the choice of three courses to reach the Atlantic ocean. One would be through the race at Long Island sound and either of two which would put his craft into waters near Martha's Vineyard.

TO PROBE SHORTAGE

Investigators Will Inspect Freight Yards And Find Out Why Cars Are Being Held.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 11. —Every yard and sidetrack on the Pennsylvania lines between Pittsburgh and Chicago and between Pittsburgh and St. Louis will be visited within the next few days by an army of investigators in an effort to establish the cause of the car shortage and to return foreign cars to their home lines. They will take the name and number of each car being detained and why, reporting at frequent intervals to J. W. Roberts, superintendent of transportation, under whose direction the investigation is being made.

WEATHER OUTLOOK.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 11.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday issued by the weather bureau today are:

Great lakes region—Snow over southern portion of district at beginning of the week, followed by generally fair until Thursday or Friday when local snows are again probable.

Plains states and upper and middle Mississippi valley—Generally fair during next several days except snow is probable Sunday in middle Mississippi valley. Cold first half of week; latter half warmer.

WOMAN GOES TO CONGRESS.

Helena, Mont., Nov. 11.—Latest returns assure the election to congress of Miss Jeanette Rankin, republican.