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Rail Merger Plan Scored by Lovett

Declares Consolidation Under Holden Program Would Bring "Unnatural Alliances."

Combinations Too Large

By International News Service.

San Francisco, Cal., April 2.—The plan of Hale Holden, president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, to consolidate all railways west of Chicago and the Mississippi river into four systems, recently proposed before the interstate commerce commission, was attacked by Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the Union Pacific system, at a hearing before Commissioners Hall and Campbell today on the consolidation plan.

Such a consolidation, Judge Lovett declared, would create many "unnatural alliances" and would greatly strengthen the so-called Hill group of railroads, at the same time greatly weakening the so-called Harriman group.

With Great Caution.

The commission's tentative plan, comprising seven instead of four systems, was characterized by Judge Lovett as affording the basis and groundwork which should be departed from only with great caution. The Holden plan grouping the Union Pacific with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, he strongly condemned, the witness explaining that the commission's plan of placing the Chicago & Northwestern with the Union Pacific was the only logical grouping, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul being a competitor and the Chicago & Northwestern a connection and natural ally.

Should the Hill lines merger be accepted, Judge Lovett said a remerger of the Harriman lines, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific should be authorized to meet the strong combination which would be effected by the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington. The retention of the Central Pacific by the Southern Pacific with the same conditions imposed by the commission in the recent hearing is satisfactory to the Union Pacific, he said, as they protect with reasonable adequacy the rights of the Union Pacific.

Striking Effect.

Continuing, he added: "Another striking effect of the way the Holden plan treats the old Harriman system appears when after assigning to the Southern Pacific the Rock Island it also puts with the Southern Pacific the Missouri Pacific and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas systems with which the Southern Pacific does but little business and with which it would have occasion to do even less after acquiring the Rock Island, and also the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient, which the press dispatches report is about to be abandoned; the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf and a half interest in the Denver & Rio Grande Western and the Denver & Salt Lake. The latter feature is especially significant because it would indeed effectually 'bottle up' or, as Prof. Ripley expressed it, 'short circuit' the Union Pacific, since it would give the Southern Pacific a line of its own through from San Francisco to Chicago by way of Ogden and Denver paralleling the Union Pacific from Ogden both to Omaha and Kansas City and paralleling also the lines allocated to the Union Pacific from Omaha to Chicago and elsewhere east of the Missouri river."

Constant Menace.

Judge Lovett in opposing the suggestion that all lines in western territory should be consolidated into four systems said:

"Four systems comprising from 30,000 to upwards of 35,000 miles each, and each extending from Puget Sound or the Pacific ocean to the Great Lakes, to the mouth of the Mississippi river and the Gulf of Mexico, and traversing most of the intermediate states, makes the combinations entirely too large for efficient management and service for the welfare of the corporations themselves, their creditors and stockholders and for the public good, and present a situation which probably would be a source of much undesirable friction and in many ways a constant menace, especially in case of failure."

Body of Missing Turkish Deputy Is Discovered

By Associated Press.

Constantinople, April 2.—The body of Ali Chukri Bey, deputy from Erzerum to the Turkish national assembly at Angora, who has been missing for some days, has been found buried near the home of the notorious Osman Agha. The body was fully clothed. Osman Agha has disappeared.

Chukri Bey was one of the founders of the newspaper Tan, which has consistently opposed the policies of Mustapha Kemal Pasha, nationalist leader. After his disappearance one of his colleagues hinted in a speech before the assembly that he had fallen a victim to his political opinions.

Lenine Under Complete Control of Leon Trotzky

London, April 2.—A dispatch to the Times from Riga says it has been learned that Nikolai Lenine, the Russian premier, is completely under charge of Leon Trotzky, the minister of war, who bars all persons from the bedside except Lenine's wife and physicians. Even Lenine's brother, who come from Livadia, was not allowed to see the patient.

Butchkavitch Not Yet Executed by Soviet

Moscow, April 2.—The death sentence imposed on Vicar General Butchkavitch has not yet been carried out, it was announced at noon today.

New Price Scale for Beet Field Workers

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Scottsbluff, Neb., April 2.—A new scale of wages for workers in sugar beet fields was agreed on here today, subject to approval of the Colorado headquarters of the Great Western Sugar company. It provides for a minimum of $21 for work on fields yielding 12 tons of beets or less per acre and 50 cents for each additional ton harvested.

The agreement was made by the Co-Operative Beet Growers' association and Edmund Simmons, Nebraska district manager for the sugar company, and Gus Heldt, agricultural superintendent. It will make necessary rewriting contracts for beets already signed by the company giving the flat $21. Growers and workers both objected to this as unfair to those working large fields and placing a premium on poor labor.

Red Cross Will Withdraw From Greece June 30

Hughes Suggests Co-Operative Agreement Between Interested Nations to Care for Refugees in Near East.

Washington, April 2.—Secretary Hughes has informed the British, French, Italian and Greek governments, in identical notes handed their representatives in Washington, that the American Red Cross will terminate its emergency relief work in Greece on June 30.

The note declared that solution of the relief problem in the near east "can hardly lie in measures of temporary relief alone" and suggested a co-operative agreement between the nations interested which would make it possible for the thousands of refugees "to be absorbed as promptly as possible into the normal economic life of the country where they find themselves."

In the event that the British, French and Italian governments are disposed to concur in a co-operative endeavor, Mr. Hughes said, the Washington government will welcome "an early exchange of views." He said that "if a constructive plan" could be agreed upon and the relief task apportioned, American relief agencies would be read to co-operate even after the termination of the emergency relief work of the American Red Cross" in June.

Will Help Children.

The near east relief was said to be prepared to continue child welfare work, including the support of 65,000 wholly dependent orphans now in its charges in the Caucasus, Greece, Syria and elsewhere. Secretary Hughes said, however, that the near east relief was anxious to terminate at the earliest possible moment, the emergency relief to adult refugees, of whom approximately 100,000 now are receiving assistance from that organization.

In a summary of the note, Secretary Hughes said the problem presented by the evacuation to Greek territory of almost a million refugees has appealed to the humanitarian sentiment of all countries and has severely taxed the resources of the relief organizations, supported in their work by the generosity and initiative of the governments and peoples of many countries.

Cannot Continue Feeding.

"It is clear, however," the statement continued "that the feeding of great camps of refugees cannot and should not continue indefinitely. The solution of the problem can hardly lie in measures of temporary relief alone, though they are essential to meet an emergency such as has recently arisen in the near east, but rather, in such a disposition of the refugees as will enable them to be absorbed as promptly as possible into the economic life of the country where they find themselves."

It was for these reasons and to give the Greek authorities opportunity to make suitable provision for the future, the statement added, that the Red Cross decided to withdraw from Greece. To postpone such action and to continue the mass feeding, it was stated, might only tend to delay vigorous measures for a more permanent solution of the refugee problem.

Soviet Officers May Spare Father Butchkavich's Life

Moscow, April 2.—Soviet officials today refused to announce the date on which Rev. Father Butckkavitch, condemned Catholic prelate, would be put to death on the ground that the "public was apathetic." This statement was taken as confirmation that the churchman had not yet been executed and that there was a possible chance that his sentence might be commuted despite the fact that the executive committee of the government had confirmed the death sentence of the court.

Woman Convicted of Selling Narcotics Sent to Prison

Tacoma, Wash., April 2.—Gertrude Johnson, one of the 17 persons arrested last week in a roundup of alleged peddlers of narcotic drugs, was sentenced to serve from three to 10 years in the state penitentiary after she had pleaded guilty in Judge W. D. Askren's court today. This is the first sentence imposed under the narcotic act passed by the recent legislature.

Bank Statements Asked

Lincoln, April 2.—The state banking department, it is announced, will issue a call for a statement of state banks at the close of business March 28. It is the regular call issued by the department at intervals of about three months. It will go to 957 commercial and savings banks. Three months ago there were 963 banks under the call

House Kills County Jail Feed Bill

Bloc Joins Douglas Dem[illegible] Delegation Opposing P[illegible] of Chambers-Lark[illegible] ure—Vote [illegible]

Appropriation Bill Fails

By P. C. POWELL.
Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, April 2.—The appropriations bloc won several more votes for high appropriations today when it joined a handful of Douglas county democrats and killed the Chambers-Larkin bill which called for turning several thousands of dollars in profits from feeding prisoners in Douglas county from the pockets of the sheriff to pockets of the taxpayers.

Not only did a majority of those in charge of the bloc join the personal friends of Sheriff Endres but several others interested in killing certain bills, many of them now dead, joined in putting this bill to death. The vote was, 50 to 27. Twenty-three didn't vote.

Representative Ed Smith of Omaha led the fight for pasage of the bill. He showed that at the county poor farm where the county is obliged to hire help, inmates are fed on an average of 30 cents a day while with trusties doing the work the sheriff is allowed 50 cents a day for county prisoners and 75 cents a day for federal and state prisoners. State prisoners kept in the Douglas county jail the last two years cost the state $10,000.

Spite-Work Charge.

Representative Elsasser, G. B. Collins and G. S. Collins led the fight to kill the bill. They asserted spitework was behind the measure and denied knowing that the sheriff of Douglas county is making thousands additional from feeding prisoners.

Ed Smith asserted the regular salary of the sheriff was $4,000 per year, that he makes $2,500 annually from mileage and $2,000 annually from a store he runs in which he sells articles to prisoners.

Representative Theodore Osterman, democrat floor leader, stood valiantly behind Smith in his fight.

"It shouldn't be a political question," Osterman said. "If the sheriff isn't making any money from these prisoners I should think his one ambition would be to remove the charge that he was and instead of fighting this bill as he has, he should be fighting to get it passed.

Endres' Paint "False."

"The very idea of anyone making money from cutting rations of an unfortunate is obnoxious to an American. The argument that this will cripple him i nenforcing law is false.

"This bill doesn't touch law enforcement in his office. It gives him the right to order and feed these men what he desires, and the only difference is that the bills are paid by the

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Senate May Block Bryan Appointee

Governor Seeks Confirmation of Will H. Smith as Tax Commissioner.

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Lincoln, April 2.—While the public at large has not heard much of the controversy over the appointment of Will H. Smith of Seward as state tax commissioner, to succeed W. H. Osborne, and the governor's request for confirmation of this appointment by the senate, it is a much discussed proposition in political circles.

Three days ago the governor sent Smith's name to the senate for confirmation. Senator Charles L. Saunders asked to have action delayed. Since then the governor's request has been gathering dust in a pigeon hole.

Word has gone out from the governor's office that all the "faithful and hopeful" must put their shoulders to the wheel and force confirmation.

There are two other important bits of legislation to be ground out in the senate. One is the Mathers key bill reposing in the senate miscellaneous subject committee and the other is the $10,000,000 soldiers' bonus bill, which has been unofficially killed in the senate finance committee after it had passed the house by an almost unanimous vote. Official action on this bill will be taken Tuesday. In the house the blanket appropriation bill probably will be under consideration for many days.

Either today or tomorrow the Douglas county sheriff's feeding bill is to be considered.

Sell Your Services Through Advertising

Big business has learned to look to advertising to supply its wants just as it depends upon advertising to sell its products.

If you are looking for a better position—or are out of work—sell yourself through a "Want" Ad in the "Situations Wanted" column of The Omaha Bee.

Remember, Omaha Bee "Want" Ads Bring Better Results at Lesser Cost.

Three lines—three times ten dimes.

Half of Partridge, Kan., Wrecked by Tornado

Hutchinson, Kan., April 2. — According to reports here, a tornado struck Partridge, this county, at 5:30 this evening. Half of the village is reported to have blown away, and several persons hurt.

Reno, Nev., April 2.—Air mail service to and from San Francisco was [illegible] off by the storm in the Sierra mountains today.

Pilot Winslow, on his third attempt to get over the Sierras to San Francisco, was swept back by a wind so powerful, he said, that it drove him back, although his engine was running at full speed.

Bandits Raid U. S. Mails in Two Cities

Hold Up Truck in St. Louis, Mo., and Get 9 Pouches—Stage Gun Battle in Springfield, Ill.

By International News Service.

Banditry that fully equaled deeds on the wild U. P. trail and the hard boiled Yukon flared up in the metropolitan middle west Monday out of the smoke of barking .45's and red spitting shot guns.

Loot, whose value was estimated in the hundreds of thousands, was obtained by six outlaws who held up a St. Louis mail truck at dawn. This followed a spectacular raid on a Chicago & Alton mail train in Springfield, 100 miles distant, where shooting resembling a miniature Custer massacre preceded the theft of six mail sacks.

In each instance the desperadoes were killers believed to be members of St. Louis and Chicago gangs, whose murder and thievery extend to Kansas City, the Springfields of Missouri and Illinois, and other cities.

By International News Service.

St. Louis, Mo., April 2.—Six men in an automobile staged a daring holdup of a government mail truck here early today and escaped with nine registered mail pouches containing large sums of money.

Postal authorities cannot estimate the amount taken until a check is made.

The robbery occurred in the downtown district of the city. A chauffeur and guard on the mail truck were locked in the cage of the machine when the bandits commandeered it.

The truck was then driven to the river district where the nine mail bags were taken from the cage and loaded into the bandits' car.

Authorities announced that the amount taken may run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars as the mail was for distribution among business houses.

General Alarm Sounded.

Large amounts of cash and money orders are contained in the mails on the first of the month.

A general alarm was sounded for the apprehension of the bandits, who sped away in their machine.

The robbery occurred at 6:20 o'clock this morning, an hour when the river district is practically deserted.

Adrain G. Dorlac, messenger, and Edward M. Cunningham, chauffeur, were in command of the truck. Both were armed with .45 calibre pistols.

According to both, the robbers drove up from the rear and covered them before they had a chance to reach for their guns.

Springfield, Ill., April 2. — Mail bandits fought a battle with guards and police here yesterday and escaped from the Chicago & Alton railroad depot with six bags of mail. One bandit was captured. More than 50 shots were exchanged.

The raid was spectacular and daring. James Harney, driving a mail

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Crowd Cries for Lynching of Motorist Who Killed 2

Los Angeles, April 2.—Police, with drawn revolvers, kept back a crowd of several hundred who menaced Markers Carter after his automobile had run down and killed Mrs. G. Harrison, 35, and her daughter, May, 9.

The crowd was crying, "Lynch him! Lynch him!" when police reinforcements arrived and took Carter to a police station.

Carter declared he sounded his horn to warn two men who failed to move. To avoid striking them, he swerved his car and did not see Mrs. Harrison and her daughter, who, he asserted, stepped directly into the path of his machine.

$1,250,000 Bond Issue Is Killed by Lower House

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, April 2.—The lower house of the state legislature today killed the Timme bill. This bill provided for submission of a $1,250,000 bond issue to the voters of Douglas county en enlarge the court house society and county offices could be housed in the same building. Provision was made in the measure for renting part of the proposed new addition to the county building to private offices and stores.

N. Y. Governor Advocates Use of Water Resources

Albany, April 2.—Declaring that the St. Lawrence and Niagara rivers are capable of furnishing sufficient electrical power for the needs of every resident of the state, and that the energy easily can be transmitted to every municipality, Governor Smith has sent a special message to the legislature urging development and control of the water power resources by the state.

Lenine Growing Worse.

Riga, April 2.—The condition of Premier Lenine of Russia is rapidly growing worse, according to advices reaching here today

Sprung a Leak Again

Memorial to War Heroes Dedicated

General Pershing Speaks at Unveiling of Bronze Tablet at Lincoln.

Lincoln, April 2.—Gen. John J. Pershing delivered the dedicatory address Monday afternoon at the unveiling of a bronze tablet and planting of trees in "Memorial avenue" in Antelope park in honor of the 93 Lancaster county men and women who gave their lives in the world war. General Pershing stressed the fitting example of a living tribute to the dead and praised the valor and courage of America's men and women who fought for democracy, with particular tribute to those who gave their lives.

Mrs. W. W. Whitfield, president of the Lincoln Woman's club, introduced General Pershing and the speech of acceptance was made by Mayor F. C. Zehrung. The bronze tablet, bearing the names of Lancaster county's fallen heroes, was the gift of the Woman's club. Ninety-three trees were planted, one for each of the soldier dead. Legionnaires in uniform planted the trees and are to stand sponsors for them.

6 Ex-Bulgarian Cabinet Members Get Life in Pen

By The Associated Press.

Sofia, Bulgaria, April 2.—The supreme court has sentenced to life imprisonment, six members of the Radoslavoff cabinet which held office at the time of Bulgaria's entry into the European war. They are:

Vasell Radoslavoff, former premier and minister of the interior.

Dimitri Tontcheff, minister of finance.

Pierre Peshef, minister of public instructions.

Dr. P. Dintcheff, minister of agriculture.

Ivan Popoff, minister of justice.

Dobry Petkoff, minister of public works.

General Naidenoff, former minister of war, was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment and five other generals from 5 to 10 years.

The convicted men were ordered to pay war damages amounting to 32,700,000 lire.

2 Texas Stock Men Shoot to Death 2 Inspectors

Fort Worth, Tex., April 2.—Tom Ross, 40, and Will Good, both stockmen at Brownfield, Terry county, are in jail at Seminole following the shooting to death last night of H. L. Roberson and W. D. Allison, inspectors of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers association. The double killing took place in the lobby of a hotel at Seminole.

Both men were held for murder.

Federal Farm Loan Board Calls Bonds for Redemption

Washington, April 2.—The federal farm loan board today called for redemption May 1 of all outstanding bonds of the 12 farm loan banks issued May 1, 1918. The total of the issue by the 12 banks is $55,032,000.

"Gas" Up 1 Cent at Houston.

Houston, Tex., April 2.—Gasoline prices today were advanced in Houston 1 cent a gallon, the new price being 23 cents retail.

Dallas, Tex., April 2.—Gasoline prices in Dallas increased from 1 to 4 cents per gallon over Sunday, being quoted today at from 18 to 23 cents.

Radio Fan Starts Cough Drop Fund for Audience

Chicago, April 2.—The address of Dr. Robert Bruce Taylor of Queens' university, Quebec, before the Sunday Evening club here last night was interrupted by the arrival of a uniformed messenger with a note and 25 cents from a radio listener to "start a fund for cough drops for the audience."

The program was being set at naught for the distant audience by the whooping and sneezing of the assemblage, the fan said. The fund was augmented by the visible audience and Dr. Taylor continued his address.

N. Y. Crime Wave Broken by Cops

Threatened Outbreak on Easter Checked by Police Vigilance.

New York, April 2.—Police officials, with the city's force still working overtime, declared today they had broken the crime wave which struck New York last week. The increased body of patrolmen and doubled precautions will be continued for a time, it was announced. Police Commissioner Enright was reported home from Florida, ready to take charge of the situation.

A threatened widespread outbreak of crime on Easter Sunday was checked, the police said, through the department's preparations. Through lengthened working hours, curtailment of holidays, the addition of clerical officers to patrol duty and the use of all of the city's detectives on the streets, the force was increased an estimated one-third.

Several arrests were made yesterday, some of them after the police had engaged in fights with criminals. The most spectacular incident of the day was the pursuit of two supposed fur thieves through Riverside drive, in front of the home of Charles M. Schwab, with thousands of gaily dressed Easter paraders scampering to safety in an endeavor to escape possible shooting. The two were caught with three of their companions. The police said the five had just stolen many thousands of dollars' worth of furs, most of which were recovered.

Boy Saves Family of Four From Death by Drowning

Tacoma, Wash., April 2.—The lives of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Welch and their two children of Oyster Bay, were saved Sunday evening by Clifford Roundtree, 16, who rescued them from drowning. A launch carrying the Welch family took fire a quarter of a mile from the shore and the family took to the water. Clinging to the gunwales ,they were picked up by Roundtree, who was out in a boat, just in time.

Turk Assembly to Dissolve.

Angora, April 2.—The Turkish national assembly has voted to dissolve. New elections will be held in two months.

The dissolution proposal was a government motion and its adoption is regarded as having strengthened the position of Mustapha Kemal Pasha at this juncture.

The present assembly will continue to function until the elections are held. The peace negotiations meanwhile will proceed. It is expected the Turkish reply to the allied communication with regard to the near east negotiations will be delivered by the end of this week.

May Be Cousin to Famous Feudist

Smith With "Y" or "I" One Question in Colonial Company Trial.

Did Richard Smith, who lived something more than a century ago in what is now West Virginia, spell his name "Smith" or "Smyth"?

This may be an important point in the trial of 15 men in federal court on charges of using the mails to defraud in flotation of the colonial Timber & Coal corporation here in 1919.

After W. F. Morrison, jr., of the land office at Charleston, W. Va., had testified yesterday that the Richard Smith lands were forfeited for nonpayment of taxes in 1843, the defense attorneys declared that the man on whom the Colonial concern bases its claim to the land spelled his name with a "y." Morrison was instructed to look up the records further.

Tolliver Hatfield of Madison, W. Va., agent for 14,000 acres included in the 700,000-acre tract, testified that in his judgment 20,000 people dwell upon the 700,000 acres today.

On cross-examination E. B. Perry demanded of the calm, imperturable witness:

"Are you any relation to Sid Hatfield?"

"Well, theh's a tol'able lot of Sid Hatfields in Virginia."

"I mean the illustrious Sid Hatfield of the feud."

"Reckon I am some relation," said the witness.

Private Slays Sergeant's Wife, Then Commits Suicide

El Paso, Tex., April 2.—Private John S. G. Anderson, 41, of Fort Bliss, shot to death Mrs. Christopher Cudmore, 24, wife of a master sergeant at the post, this afternoon. After killing the woman, Anderson ran half a mile and then ended his own life, according to officers at the post. Private Anderson's home was in Homer, Ga. Sergeant Cudmore's is in Washington, D. C.

Officers said they were investigating two possible theories for the double killing, one Private Anderson's sanity, and the other a possible secret courtship.

The shooting took place in Cudmore's quarters at the post.

Victorian "Pork Pie" Hats Now Modish in London

London, April 2.—Women are to wear the "pork pie" hats and poke bonnets of the '70s and '80s this spring, according to the latest fashion displays.

The reintroduction of the crinoline and other modes of the nineteenth century is said to be responsible for the new hats, which are completely different in shape from those of last season.

Every one is different, some having flowers on them, while others have wide, old-fashioned ribbon work.

The Weather

Forecast.

Tuesday probably showers and colder.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	56	1 p. m.	61
6 a. m.	55	2 p. m.	54
7 a. m.	54	3 p. m.	54
8 a. m.	55	4 p. m.	54
9 a. m.	57	5 p. m.	53
10 a. m.	58	6 p. m.	50
11 a. m.	60	7 p. m.	47
12 noon	62	8 p. m.	[illegible]

Uncle Sam to Condemn Pacifists

War Department Preparing Strong Statement Declaring So-Called Peace Societies Menace to Country.

Fries Offends Women

By Universal Service.

Washington, April 2.—The War department will issue a strong statement in a few days, declaring that certain so-called peace societies are a menace to the country, it was learned today.

One of these societies, the National Council for the Prevention of War, is so close to the War department building that a miniature war will be waged across the street.

The Women's International league for Peace and Freedom, a branch of the above named organization, will come in for considerable of the War department's epistolary darts, because of its activities, which army officials consider misguided and dangerous.

These societies are planning some "warfare" of their own, Frederick J. Libby, executive secretary of the national council, declared.

"We welcome any facts the War department may have, and hope a wide distribution will be given them. We say let the people have the facts and they can judge."

Gathering Data.

The department, it is understood, is busy getting its data together.

The showing will include charts and a comparison of the military establishments of this country and the countries of militaristic Europe and Japan, population comparisons and other pertinent matters.

Brig. Gen. Amos A. Fries, chief of the chemical warfare service, delivered a speech Sunday night in Baltimore by which he added fuel to the smouldering embers in this situation. The national council sent a letter recently to Secretary of War Weeks protesting against speeches made by Fries in which he charged that the council was the vehicle of communism in America. Secretary Weeks replied that he could not undertake to censor the opinions of army officers, delivered unofficially.

Raps Women's League.

In his Baltimore speech, Fries is alleged to have charged that the Women's International League of Peace and Freedom exacted the following oath of members.

"Believing that true peace can only be secured through reconciliation and good will, and that no cause justifies the organized destruction of human life, I urge immediate and universal disarmament and promise never to aid in any way the prosecution of war."

The women's league has sent to Fries a demand for retraction of these sentiments, and he is requested to retract when he next speaks, Tuesday night in Columbus.

It claims that this clause was adopted in another form by the "women's peace society of New York. This society is said to be a smaller organization, independent of the other two. The clause quoted, it was further stated, was voted down in the recent convention of the national council.

Fries is the army officer chosen to lay a barrage of oratory around the pacifistic groups. The controversy promises to develop a sensation, since it has been simmering under the surface a long time.

Kleagles of Northwest Hold District Powwow

Walla Walla, Wash., April 2.—One hundred and eight kleagles of the Ku Klux Klan opened a northwest district convention here today. L. E. Powell of Seattle, king kleagle of the northwest, presided and Fred L. Gifford of Portland, grand dragon of Oregon, was present. The kleagles came from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Hawaii.

It was announced that a parade in full regalia would be held on the city streets, if permission could be obtained from city authorities.

The convention will continue three days, with a "naturalization" ceremony Tuesday night, when a local class of 200 will then be admitted to membership.

The imperial grand lecturers from Atlanta, are here at present. Grand Kleagle Powell announced that the next meeting would be held in Spokane next month.

Political Hatred Blamed for Murder of Investigator

Chicago, April 2.—Revenge bred of political hatreds was held responsible today for the murder of Theodore Kirsch, a private investigator for State's Attorney Crows. Cash and jewelry approximating $1,000 in value was left untouched and discredited robbery theories. Kirsch was shot through the heart in a cigar store he operated. No one saw the killing done.

Great State Petroleum Company Is Indicted

New York, April 2.—A federal grand jury returned an indictment today against the Great State Petroleum Company, Inc., of Texas and 10 individuals, charged with using the mails to defraud investors in the stock of the corporation. The corporation is capitalized at $5,270,000.

Liner Battered by Storm.

Halifax, April 2.—The White Star liner Pittsburgh, with 740 passengers aboard, arrived here today badly damaged, after having been buried under thousands of tons of water 600 miles east of Sable last Friday. Captain Thomas Jones was badly cut by glass and a third officer injured.