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## PROPERTY OWNERS OF ARDMORE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EXCESSIVE RATES OF INSURANCE

W. A. Pridg, acting city building inspector, after making a careful survey of properties in the city, states that not only private property owners, but the property of the city, are paying an excessive insurance rate, when with a little thought and very little money this excess, which in some cases runs into hundreds of dollars, could be saved.

Quoting from Mr. Pridg: "In one of the business houses on Main street, which is insured for \$42,000, the owners are paying \$210 per year in excess, because of bad electric wiring and gas-hose connections. This is an absolute waste, and could be eliminated with the spending of not more than \$100, you can figure up what the \$210 will amount to in ten years—\$2,100."

Another large waste is being permitted in our city hall building. The insurance is of course, paid by the taxpayers. Because the second story windows, on the south are not protected by fire proof sash and frame, it costs \$5 more for every \$1,000 insurance carried. Use a little figuring and see what this amounts to. Suppose we carry as much as \$40,000 insurance on this building, at that rate, the taxpayers are out \$200 a year more than is necessary. In other words, if the windows and sashes were protected, as they should be, which would cost not more than \$600 we could more than make our money back in two years.

You may think that makes insurance rates so high. It is not wonder when we, as property owners and tax payers, let such things as I have told you about go on year to year. We can't blame the insurance companies, they can't take the risk, but we should do something about it.

In one of the main business blocks of Ardmore, every property owner is carrying an excessive insurance rate, because one establishment is carrying twenty millions of gasoline, for cleaning purposes, in a non-fire proof building. These business houses, of course, pay more, than the rates elsewhere. But it affects the entire block. Not only does this affect the rates, but it is a nuisance to the entire block and city, and should not be permitted.

It would take us too much space to enumerate the many excess rates the people of Ardmore are paying, because they will not take a little degree of precaution, seeing that buildings are properly wired, that all gas connections are properly installed, and their property safeguarded otherwise. For a few hundred dollars, and in many cases, less than that, hundreds of dollars could be saved.

It is of course the private owners who suffer and if Jones wants to pay the price, he should, I suppose be permitted to go his way in peace, but certainly in these days of H. O. L. tax-payers should investigate and see to it that they are not required to pay out money that could be saved.

"This is no reflection on anyone but the people themselves, and it is up to the citizens of Ardmore to see why they are paying excessive insurance."

## BRAZIL SENDS WELLSHISHES TO PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES

The Janeiro, Jan. 2.—Azevedo Marques, the foreign minister sent through the Associated Press, the following New Year greetings to the people of the United States:

"The minister of state for foreign relations of Brazil greets most cordially the government of the United States of America in the person of her illustrious president, Mr. Wilson, and sends good wishes to the American people, wishing them every happiness in the New Year."

## NEBRASKA PUBLISHER DIES AT OMAHA HOME

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 2.—Herbert M. Dushnell, of Lincoln, founder and publisher of the Trade Review, a trade journal published here, died Wednesday at a local hospital. Uremia was the cause of death.

## JURY IN VIRGINIA MURDER TRIAL FAIL TO REACH VERDICT

Manassas, Va., Jan. 2.—Unable to reach a verdict, the jury in the case of W. C. Hall, prohibition inspector, charged with the murder of Lawrence Hudson, during a raid on alleged boot-leggers, was dismissed today.

## Whiskey—Foreign Bound

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 2.—The first shipment of 3,000 barrels of whiskey for export has arrived here from Louisville. The train consists of thirty cars, carrying 3,000 barrels.

## Weather Forecast

Oklahoma—Tonight fair, below freezing; Saturday fair, slightly warmer.

East Texas—Tonight generally fair, freezing in north, heavy frost in southeast portion; Saturday generally fair, slightly warmer in the northwest portion.

West Texas—Tonight and Saturday fair, little change in temperature.

Local Temperature  
Maximum yesterday, 56 degrees; minimum last night 22 degrees.

## MONSTER WORK OF COUNTING NOSES OF CITIZENS OF U. S. A. IS NOW UNDER FULL SWAY

Washington, Jan. 2.—The fourteenth decennial census began today with 55,000 enumerators engaged in counting the men, women and children of the United States and collecting data on the resources of the nation. The census is expected to be completed within two weeks, but the compilation of the figures probably will require four months.

The population is estimated at between 107,000,000 and 112,000,000, compared with 92,000,000 in 1910. When the first census was taken in 1790, during George Washington's administration, the population was reported at three million.

Washington is the headquarters of the census work which is under the supervision of Samuel L. Rogers, chief of the bureau. Officials here expect to be able to estimate the population of the larger cities by the middle of March, but the returns from the country districts will be slower.

Besides the enumeration of persons the census includes the accumulation of information on farms, manufacturing, forests and oil production.

## PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE MAY BE ESTABLISHED IN MEMPHIS DURING THE YEAR

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 2.—Establishment of a Presbyterian university here at a cost of approximately \$1,500,000 is contemplated by the Southern Presbyterian church, continent, upon the planing by the local subscription of a fund of \$200,000 as part of the cost of the proposed institution, according to an announcement today by a committee of Presbyterian ministers and laymen named to confer with Memphis business and civic organizations.

The proposed institution would absorb the Southern Presbyterian university now located at Clarksville, Tenn., it was stated.

Directors of the Memphis chamber of commerce have given assurance of their support in the movement to secure the needed amount.

## FORMER TEXAS MEMBER OF CONGRESS DIES AT HOUSTON

Houston, Texas, Jan. 2.—George Farmer Burgess, Texas lawyer and former congressman, died Wednesday night at his home at Gonzalez, according to word sent close friends here.

Burgess was in congress from 1875 to 1897, and was a figure on the house, rivers and harbors committee, laborer for the development of the Texas Gulf ports.

He was born in 1801 in Wharton county, Texas.

## LEGISLATIVE BODIES RESUME CONFERENCE ON RAILWAY MATTERS

Washington, Jan. 2.—In resuming conferences today on the railroad reorganization legislation, senate and house managers met their first wide difference over the house provision authorizing the Interstate Commerce Commission to establish minimum rates for transportation partly by water and partly by rail.

The question was passed over temporarily and provisions regarding state and federal freight regulations taken up.

The house conferees are said to be insistent upon the clause authorizing the commission to establish minimum rates for water and rail transportation. A similar provision was rejected by the senate because senators interested in waterway transportation declared the commission might establish minimum rates too high in the interest of the railroads.

## ENGLISH JUDGE SAYS BRITAIN HAS AMPLE PLENTY OF ORPHANS

Grimsby, England.—"England has enough widows and orphans," declared a magistrate in imposing fines of \$225 each on seven captains of fishing vessels who took their ships into mine-infested waters in the North Sea in order to make larger catches. Agents of the British admiralty, which had banned these waters for fishing purposes, prosecuted the cases.

## Big Ship-Building Record

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 2.—Seventy-four vessels, aggregating \$15,000,000 dead-weight tons, have been launched at Hog Island since August 5, 1918.

Figures made public show that sixty-four have been delivered. All records for ship construction and delivery have been broken at Hog Island.

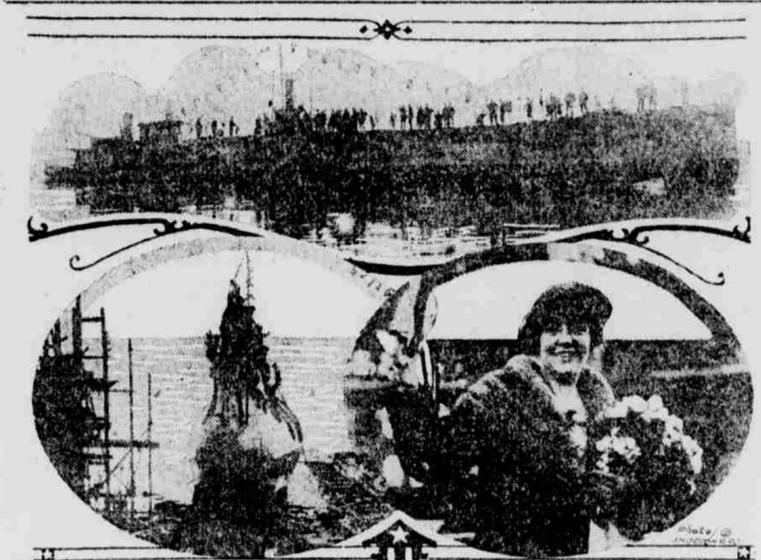
## Burned When Bomb Explodes

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 2.—A bomb placed on the porch of the East Bay Water Company's pumping station exploded last night, when it was picked up by James S. Hamilton, an employe of the company. The station is in an exclusive residence district. Hamilton was badly burned about the hands, face and eyes.

## Man Frozen to Death

Chicago, Jan. 2.—With the thermometer registering five below zero at six o'clock this morning an unidentified man was frozen to death in the snow.

## NEWEST U. S. SUBMARINE CAN CRUISE TO JAPAN AND BACK



U. S. submarine S-16 after launching, the sub sliding down the ways, and Mrs. Archibald McNeil, Jr., sponsor. America's newest submarine, the S-16, recently launched at the Lake Submarine Boat Company's yards at Bridgeport, Conn. has a cruising radius that will enable her to go to Japan and back without refueling. She carries a crew of fifty-four men. Mrs. Archibald McNeil, Jr., Bridgeport, Conn. christened the ship. She formerly was Miss Ann Orr. She is shown breaking the bottle on the ship.

## LEADERS BOTH PARTIES GIVE ATTENTION TO POSSIBILITY OF PEACE TREATY COMPROMISE

Washington, Jan. 2.—Republican and democratic leaders of the senate gave attention today to negotiations for a peace treaty compromise, conferring with various members of their respective parties.

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, and the republican leader, and Senator McNary, Oregon, leader of the mild reservation republican and discussed with him how far the republicans could go in modifying reservations approved by the senate majority at the last session of congress. Several other senators also saw Mr. Lodge.

On the democratic side, Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, party leader, conferred with Senator Swanson of Virginia, a consistent supporter of the administration in the treaty fight and Senator King, Utah, who voted for reservations in the last session. It was understood that the article ten reservation was given the greater share of attention by members of both parties and that so far neither side had advanced a solution which the other would consider favorably.

## VETERANS OF 90TH WILL HOLD REUNION AT DALLAS

(Special to The Ardmoreite.)  
Dallas, Texas, Jan. 2.—Preparations for the 1920 reunion of the 90th Division Association are already under way, according to Secretary A. J. Reinhardt who has headquarters in this city. The 1919 reunion was held in Dallas. At that time it was announced that the 1920 reunion would be held somewhere in Oklahoma. Secretary Reinhardt said today that no definite plans as to the meeting place had been made, but that the executive committee of the association was considering the selection of a reunion city.

The 90th Division Association numbers 24,000 members. It has headquarters in the Southwestern Life Building, this city. The division was composed of selected service men from Oklahoma and Texas. It was known as the "Texas-Oklahoma Division." It went overseas in 1918, saw service from August until the signing of the armistice and played a leading role in both the St. Mihiel and Meuse Argonne drives.

More than 1,000 members of the association are expected to attend the 1920 reunion.

## GERMAN PROBE TO FIX BLAME FOR WAR GOES ON



Bethmann-Hollweg, indicated by arrow, reading his testimony before state committee. Recent reports that the investigation conducted for some time by state officials in Germany to fix responsibility for starting the war had been dropped very quietly were vigorously denied later by the German government. When the allies first discussed the plan to place ex-Kaiser Wilhelm on trial for starting the world war Bethmann-Hollweg asked to be tried in the ex-empire's place, stating that he took full responsibility for Germany's acts during his term in office.

## CHICAGO POLICE JAIL BIRDS YELL GATHERING MANY UNDESIRABLES IN MESH OF THE LAW PASSES INTO THE GREAT UNKNOWN

Chicago, Jan. 2.—More than 200 radicals, members of many organizations and clubs, taken in raids directed by State's Attorney Maudy Hoyne, were in jail today awaiting action of federal and state authorities. Railing parties continued the search for radical suspects today following the desert yesterday and last night upon 200 open and secret gatherings of radicals. The raids were carried out simultaneously by police officials and detectives working under Mr. Hoyne and marked the culmination of five months' investigation into radical activities here by agents of the state's attorney's office, private detective agencies, and military intelligence agencies.

Federal authorities did not receive state in the raid. AM of the department men of police and the lieutenant (Hoyne) Mr. Hoyne declared that although Mr. Palmer had agreed several months ago to turn over to the New York attorney general, he received a letter at noon yesterday asking him not to proceed with the plan.

The attorney general based his request on the grounds that the raids might interfere with government activities, said Mr. Hoyne.

Attorney General Palmer and some of his friends are playing party politics with the situation and are pursuing a "suspect" policy, he declared in a statement.

It also asserted that radicals had been "tipped off" by some employe of the government of justice that the raid was to take place.

The wholesale investigation, the state prosecutor said, had revealed the activities of radical organizations fully revealed the overthrow of the government and distribution of arms, literature and New York, Cleveland, Detroit and Seattle were the centers of the "radical conspiracy," the investigation disclosed, he said.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—With more than 200 alleged radicals in jail and arrests continuing this morning, Chief Justice Robert E. Cross, prepared today to call a special grand jury Monday to investigate the entire "red" situation in Chicago.

Thomas Whitehead, secretary and treasurer of the L. W. W. was among those arrested this morning, but his chief, William D. Byr, also Haywood and a number of other leading officials of the organization are being sought.

State's attorney Mackey Hoyne, under whose direction the control up was made declared today that the prosecution will proceed under a new state law against syndicalism, and independently of the department of justice.

## CAPTAIN DETZER ON TRIAL FOR CRUELTY DENIES ALLEGATIONS

New York, Jan. 2.—Captain Karl W. Detzer, court-martialed for alleged brutality to prisoners at Le Mans, France, where he was commander of a military police company today continued his categorical denial of all charges against him. He told the court that he never struck Private George Williams, as had been asserted by witnesses for the prosecution and he also denied beating Private George Napier.

Detzer declared that Napier was first arrested in a raid on a camp which was a rendezvous for disreputable women. Napier was struck by Sergeant Frank Hoyt, after he had attempted to strike the sergeant with his fist encased in brass knuckles, according to a report made to the captain by Hoyt at that time.

Hoyt turned the brass knuckles over to Captain Detzer, who said he used them as a paper weight on his desk.

## WE MAY GET CHANCE UMPHY-UMPH STEENTH TO VOTE FOR WILLIAM

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 2.—William J. Hyman will be entered in Michigan's preferential primary as a candidate for endorsement as democratic nominee for president, according to local friends of the former secretary of state. Petitions in his favor which will require only 100 names will be in circulation shortly, it was said. The primaries will be held April 5.

## TWO KILLED AND ONE INJURED IN EXPLOSION

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 2.—One of the grinding mills of the Hagley plant of the DuPont Powder Company blew up this morning. Two workmen were killed and one was injured.

The building was of flimsy construction. The plant is on Brandywine Creek three miles from here.

## British Statesman Dead

London, Jan. 2.—Sir Frank Cavendish, British ambassador to Germany from 1908 to 1909, died here today. He was born March 23, 1841.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Two hundred prisoners in Cook county saw Rafael Durango die on the gallows this morning despite requests from Governor Lowden to Sheriff Peters last night that the hanging be delayed.

The local death chamber quiet was broken by the 200 involuntary witnesses who loudly shouted for their breakfast while the condemned man was being hanged and the noise adjusted in his neck.

Sheriff Peters, who planned to leave the witnesses present for the "moral effect," the hanging would have on their being through an hour and a half before the gallows time to prevent a last minute reprieve.

Prisoners were crowded of handcuffs and Mrs. George Gargano, with whom he lived, was present.

Among the 200 prisoners who watched the execution were a number wearing red and blue and scores held for robbery, homicide, assault and of times against young girls. Several government prisoners were also in the cell.

The majority of the prisoners appeared little impressed. They had been required to wait past the usual hour for breakfast and their shouts for food drowned out the chant of the priests who accompanied the condemned man to the scaffold.

Durango was the quietest and most composed man in the death corridor. He walked to the gallows with a firm step, to his place on the trap apparently unmoved, and never spoke while waiting for death.

Sheriff Peters declared after the execution that Governor Lowden's suggestion that Sheriff Peters, telephoned the full police, Cleveland and scores held for robbery, homicide, assault and of times against young girls. Several government prisoners were also in the cell.

Sheriff Charles W. Peter later issued a statement ordering critics who opposed his action in permitting prisoners to witness the hanging as an object lesson. His statement follows:

"In my opinion, the modern codding of criminals by well meaning but misguided sympathetic, theoretical reformers and self-constituted organizations is one of the greatest causes of the present crime wave in this city. Their interference with the vigorous enforcement of the law has destroyed the fear of punishment by criminals to the extent that it is no longer a deterrent to the further commission of crime to be incarcerated in our penal institutions. A large number of prisoners openly acknowledge that they would prefer to be incarcerated in the county jail where they are better fed and where sanitary conditions are far better than in their ordinary environments.

"The reformers are constantly advocating the adoption and enactment of laws which are for the purpose of alleviating the punishment of the criminal, forgetting and losing entire sight of the protection that the law abiding and peaceable citizen is entitled to against these human parasites.

"If one-half of the energy now spent in sympathy on murderers and criminals would be devoted to the families of the victims and the other half to bringing to justice the brutes who have blotted out the lives of law abiding and peaceable citizens and darkened forever the lives of others, this would be a happier and safer world to live in."

Just before the execution the receiver of the only telephone connecting the jail with the outside world was removed from its hook in Jailer Davies' office.

It was reported that this action was taken to prevent a possible reprieve of the condemned man at the last minute. When asked for an explanation Jailer Davies smiled and said:

"I can't say why it was done. You see the telephone is out of order."

## FEDERAL JUDGE GRANTS INJUNCTION AGAINST THE ENFORCEMENT FAIR PRICES

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 2.—In the federal district court here Judge Pollock granted a temporary restraining order against putting into operation prices fixed on groceries, and meats by the local fair price committee. An injunction proceeding was instituted by a committee representing local grocers, charging that the federal act under which the committee acts is unconstitutional and confiscatory. The prices were to become operative tomorrow.

## OLDEST AMERICAN HEN FLIES TO HER ROOST

Danielson, Conn., Jan. 2.—The death of Eusebia Fuller, aged 83, a Spanish-black hen, said to have been the oldest hen in the United States, is announced by the owner, James Blanchard of Dayville.

In her youth Eusebia was a prize-winning pedigreed beauty. When 15 years old her black plumage became white. She mated a brood last spring and laid eggs in the fall.

## Fort Worth Electricians Out

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 2.—Seventy Fort Worth electricians struck when contractors refused their demand for a \$10 a per day wage. They have been getting \$7 per day.

## Trainmen Killed

Clear Springs, Md., Jan. 2.—Three trainmen were killed and three others seriously injured late yesterday by the explosion of the boiler of one of two locomotives pulling a train on the Western Maryland railroad.