

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS

Springfield.—The state public utilities commission issued the following orders: Granted increased toll rates effective July 15 to the People's Mutual Telephone company of Davis, on exchanges in Peatonaca, Davis, Grand and Freeport; dismissed the application to the Murphysboro and Southern Illinois Railway company and Central Illinois Public Service company, relative to hazardous conditions at Carbondale because of the railway company's transmission line there; suspended until October 20, 1918, the proposed increase in gas rates at Mount Vernon of the Central Illinois Public Service company; suspended until November 18, 1918, proposed increase in street railway fares in East St. Louis of the East St. Louis Railway company who ask a flat rate of 7 cents; suspended until December 30, 1918, proposed increase in general gas rates at Peru and La Salle of the Citizen Lighting company.

The state institutions are suffering by a serious situation. A large number of the most expert in the various departments of the state government have been requisitioned for service in Washington. Many others have enlisted in the army, and still others have been tempted by high wages to enter private industries. We have seen in a great number of instances the large contribution to the winning of the war. We realize that many branches of the state service must be inevitably crippled during the war. There are, however, at which our losses on account of the war have reached the danger point. This is in the conduct of our state institutions. Other departments of the state government must content themselves with doing the best they can, no matter how many men they lose in the government. The departments of public welfare and public health, however, are in every essential a part of any sound war program. Our people have become so engrossed in the war that they are forgetting the obligations of service to the state. It is to do everything that is possible to help win the war, we must remember that the state institutions may not be closed, and one people must realize that service in the state is every essential to the necessary and just as patriotic as service at the front. It will avail us nothing to win battles for humanity abroad unless we maintain the obligations to humanity which these institutions impose upon us at home. The hospitals for the insane, the correctional institutions and the homes for defective and helpless members of society must be kept going. To keep them going, we must have men and women to do the work. It must be made known that those who enter the institution service of the state will serve their country precisely as well and as usefully as though they enlisted in the army, the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A. or the Y. W. C. A. In some instances our entire medical staff, with the exception of the superintendent and assistant superintendent, have gone into the service of the government, with the result that we are had to take whatever untrained help we could get. The nursing service is as bad. Practically all trained nurses below the grade of chief nurse have gone. Young women are needed as hospital attendants, clean and profitable positions of essential service. The situation is alarming and we must have the co-operation of the public if we are to keep the institutions going.

110 PERISH WHEN BOAT SINKS IN ILLINOIS RIVER Steamer Columbia Hits Log and Goes Down at Night at Wesley, Ill. MOST OF DEAD FROM PEKIN Victims Were Returning From Excursion to Peoria—Federal Officials Open Inquiry—Captain Denies the Report Vessel Was Condemned—Seventy-Eight Bodies Recovered. Pekin, Ill., July 8.—Seventy-eight bodies were recovered on Saturday from the wrecked steamer Columbia, which sank in 20 feet of water in the Mississippi river opposite Wesley, Ill., at one o'clock Saturday morning after striking a log. Seventy-one have been identified. No bodies were removed from the vessel on Sunday, owing to a heavy storm. Twenty-two persons are still reported missing. The majority of the victims were from this city. U. S. Inquiry Started. With the arrival in Peoria of George Green, supervising federal inspector of steamships, government investigation of the Columbia tragedy got under way. A preliminary inquiry was held at the federal building, to which Capt. Herman Mehl and several members of his crew were summoned by Steamship Inspectors George Bowers and Reese Downs of St. Louis. Deny Hull Was Rotten. Captain Mehl and his crew, pale and shaking, talked in subdued tones while awaiting their interviews with the officials. They are being guarded by secret service men. They denied the hull of the ill-fated ship was rotten or that there was anything wrong with the keel. They explained the collapse of the frail boat by saying the stanchions under the ballroom deck must have given way. "The hull was pierced by a stationary log," declared Tom Williams, veteran Mississippi river pilot, who was at the wheel when the Columbia went down. Steamer Never Condemned. Captain Mehl said: "The Columbia was purchased from Capt. Walter Blair of Daysport. She never was condemned. That report is untrue. She never went under any other name. "The safety of a wooden boat," said Mr. Downs, "depends altogether on the skill with which it is handled. Williams and Sivley were experienced pilots—the best on the river. They knew every eddy and current of the stream. We considered the Columbia the safest boat on the river." "The object of our investigation," said District Attorney Dougherty, "is to determine whether there were any violations of the federal law. We are here to see that full justice is done and not to whitewash anyone." The Columbia was valued at \$35,000 and was not insured. Nearly \$20,000 was spent last fall for repairs at the Mound City ways. Left Peoria at Midnight. The Columbia put out from its wharf in Peoria shortly before midnight Friday. Those aboard for the larger part were members of the South Side Social club of Pekin and some friends from Kingston Mines. They had come to Peoria earlier in the evening, bringing their children with them to attend a war work carnival in progress in Peoria. The Columbia was about 125 feet in length and of the usual broad beam of river boats. The hull, like all river boats, was flat of bottom and regarded as incapable of being capsized. Upon the departure of the boat most of the passengers sought the lower deck and the dancing floor. Captain Mehl said his first intimation of danger was when the vessel sustained a slight shock. The lights had flickered off and on again. Captain Mehl megaphoned his hands and bellowed aloft: "Everybody get upstairs. She's going down." There was a second and more violent jolt which caused the unwieldy vessel to shiver and groan aloud. The lights went out. There was a rush for the exits. The hull parted amidships and the whole superstructure crumpled into kindling and the boat sank into the mud bottom 20 feet below. An indescribable chaos of things and persons swept down against the wall of the dancing salon and struck there. Those who had come out alive were given temporary care in the huts of fishermen. Italy Launches New Ships. London, July 8.—Italy has launched 53,000 tons of merchant ships this year. It was officially announced. Twenty-three steamers totaling 108,000 tons are under construction, besides 71,000 tons of steel vessels. U. S. to Build Greatest Ships. Washington, July 8.—Two of the 40,000-ton battleships authorized by congress will be constructed at the Brooklyn navy yard. Secretary Daniels, it was learned, has approved the building of ways there. Officer Killed at Rifle Range. Camp Dodge, Ia., July 8.—Second Lieut. Grant A. McDonald of Grafton, N. B., died on Saturday as the result of a gunshot wound accidentally inflicted while the officer was on the rifle range Wednesday. Two Killed as Train Hits Auto. Galesburg, Mich., July 8.—Two farmers were killed when a train hit an automobile. The men were driving to Camp Custer with a truck filled with produce. The dead are Laverne Clark and Mack Laporte.

WHEN AGE ARRIVES Rules That One Man Promises He Will Observe. Of Course There is a Proviso, but the World Would Be Sweeter If They Were Kept Generally in Mind. When I am old I will observe the following items (perhaps): I will not try to act nor dress nor talk so as to make people think I am younger than I am. I will not pretend to be young, nor be angry when called old, nor ashamed of my age. I will not complain of being old. I will not continually remind people of my old age to secure their sympathy, or to hear them say I am not old after all, or do not seem so. I will not form the habit of indulging in reminiscences. I will be particularly careful not to repeat the same anecdotes over and over. I will not complain of the present and claim the past was much better. If I am deaf, weak-eyed, lame or otherwise afflicted I will not advertise my infirmities, but avoid obtruding them upon the notice of others as much as possible. I will not talk of myself, my works, or my achievements, even of my mistakes, any more than is necessary. I will speak cheerfully or keep still. I will never indulge in cynicism, never sneer at youth, and I will try always to appreciate what younger folks do. I will be as little bored as I can, and never say I am bored, nor, if possible, act as if I were bored. I will not give advice unless it is asked, and not often then. I will not be irritable. I will not be a nuisance nor an encumbrance, so far as I am able. I will not be offended by neglect, but I will remember the words of the sage: "Those who come to see me do me honor; those who do not come to see me do me a favor." I will be as little disagreeable as possible, and will never use my natural disagreeableness as a means of getting my way. I will cultivate the friendship and companionship of young children, who alone understand old age. I will learn to love to be alone. As Ibsen says: "The freest soul is the soul that is alone." I shall try to show the world that old age is spiritual opportunity and not physical calamity. Forced to become a by-stander, I shall try to be a hopeful one. I shall try to sweeten like the pear Doctor Holmes describes that mellow and becomes full flavored before it drops from the stem, and shall try not to sour and dry and rot. I shall conceive my life's triumph to be to grow triumphantly, victoriously old. In a word, I shall try to adjust myself to old age, as to all other facts of life.—Life. Lucky Photographer. It is not always that things turn out so happily for the rash person who ventures to take snapshots on the east coast of England, as they did in the case of a young lady in the following story: She was seen photographing on a point of the coast, and was promptly approached by a special, who informed her of the enormity of her offense, took her name and address, and removed her camera. She heard nothing more of the matter for some time, but one morning she was amazed at receiving a check running into three figures, and a letter from headquarters informing her that her photographs were not only very good, but resulted in the capture of an enemy submarine. Confidence in the Cause. The champion optimist of America is private B., now on active duty with his regiment somewhere in France. The regiment, after a turn in the trenches, was willing away its time in a rest camp, and the officers were seeking to get the men to use some of their spare minutes in the study of French. The men did not take very kindly to the idea, and one of the officers sought to chide them for their lack of interest. Private B. cut him off with the following query: "What in h— do I want to learn French for? They don't speak that in Berlin, do they?" Drawing Lots for a Wife. I love the way they once faced the grim realities of life, and fought fire with fire. Marriage was a lottery, so they settled it by lot. The way of a man with a maid might upset the calculations of the wise man in Proverbs, but it didn't faze the early Moravians. They got out the lot bowl, put the names in; prayed that the drawing would be providentially guided, and went ahead in faith. And those marriages so arranged were such successes that one is almost tempted to wish for a return of the custom, in disuse now for many a year.—Exchange. Positive Not Negative. Be one thing or the other. Don't be a dummy for life to hang theories upon. Be a real person, with likes and dislikes, with interests and activities, with something that is positive. Be pleasant, not merely not unpleasant; be sweet, not merely not disagreeable; be good to look upon, as far as in your power; be well informed, as far as possible. But whatever you are, be that thing to the utmost. Give to those who are around you your very best and unconsciously they will give their very best to you. Try it and see. Pickling Olives. A new method of pickling ripe olives which, it is claimed, will increase the capacities of the factories over 200 per cent has been discovered by the University of California. Heretofore it has taken 15 days to pickle ripe olives. By this new method it can be done in six days or less. The process is a result of four years of experiments.

A Great Responsibility. THE responsibility attached to the preparing of a remedy for infants and children is undoubtedly greater than that imposed upon the manufacturer of remedies for adults whose system is sufficiently strong to counteract, for a time at least, any injurious drug. It is well to observe that Castoria is prepared today, as it has been for the past 40 years, under the personal supervision of Mr. Chas. H. Fletcher. What have makers of imitations and substitutes at stake? What are their responsibilities? To whom are they answerable? They spring up today, scatter their nefarious wares broadcast, and disappear tomorrow. Could each mother see the painstaking care with which the prescription for Fletcher's Castoria is prepared: could they read the innumerable testimonials from grateful mothers, they would never listen to the subtle pleadings and false arguments of those who would offer an imitation of, or substitute for the tried and true Fletcher's Castoria. Children Cry For Fletcher's CASTORIA Extracts from Letters by Grateful Parents to Chas. H. Fletcher. G. J. English, of Springfield, Mass., says: "It was your Castoria that saved my child." Mrs. Mary McGinnis, of St. Louis, Mo., says: "We have given our baby your Castoria ever since she was born, and we recommend it to all mothers." N. E. Calmes, of Marion, Ky., says: "You have the best medicine in the world, as I have given your Castoria to my babies from first to last." Mrs. Albert Ugucky, of Lawrenceburg, Ind., says: "As I have had your Castoria in use for nearly three years, I am pleased to say it is just as represented. My children are both well and happy—thanks to Castoria." E. P. Stockton, of New Orleans, La., says: "We began giving your Castoria to our baby when he was eight days old and have kept it up ever since, never having had to give any other medicine." Mrs. Dolph Hornbuckle, of Colorado Springs, Colo., says: "We commenced giving your Castoria to our baby when she was four weeks old. She is now seven months and weighs 19 pounds. Everyone remarks 'What a healthy looking baby.' We give Castoria credit for it." GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS BEARS the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY

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Not Like Other Men. Grubs—"What gives Jinks such confidence in his own opinions?" Stubbs—"Pure obstinacy. That man is determined to be different from anyone else." KIDNEY TROUBLE NOT EASILY RECOGNIZED Applicants for Insurance Often Rejected. An examining physician for one of the prominent life insurance companies, in an interview of the subject, made the astonishing statement that one reason why so many applicants for insurance are rejected is because kidney trouble is so common to the American people, and the large majority of those whose applications are declined do not even suspect that they have the disease. Judging from reports from druggists who are constantly in direct touch with the public, there is one preparation that has been very successful in overcoming these conditions. The mild and healing influence of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its remarkable record of success. We find that Swamp-Root is strictly an herbal compound and we would advise our readers who feel in need of such a remedy to give it a trial. It is on sale at all drug stores in bottles of two sizes, medium and large. However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper.—Adv. Can't Fool Chickens. Jim Humbert, general manager of the Hutchinson street railway, one of the best known chicken fanciers in Kansas, says that the chickens are not fooled by the new daylight-saving law. "No, sir," he remarked, "you cannot fool a chicken. I've tried it. When this new daylight law came along I wanted my chickens to act according to regulations, but they wouldn't budge. They simply refused to come off the perch until the regular sun time gave them the hour. You can fool a man on this daylight business, but you can't a chicken.—Hutchinson (Kan.) Dispatch. Atrocities in the Bronx. In view of hundreds of spectators two sea lions engaged in mortal combat in the large tank east of the lion house at the New York Zoological park the other day. Peter, six years old, comparatively a newcomer at the park, was the victor, conquering Teddy, eight years old, who had been at the park for the last six years. The fight was started by Peter, who is believed to have been crazed by the heat.—Fishing Gazette. Buy Bonds or Fight. Mother (shocked)—Goodness gracious! Willie, your nose is bloody and your clothes torn. You've been fighting. Willie (sulkily)—Well, how could I buy a Liberty bond? At the Museum. "What an extraordinarily long bill that bird has!" "Must be dealing at the same provision store that I do." When Your Eyes Need Care Try Murine Eye Remedy. Murine—Just Eye Comfort. It cures all eye troubles and restores vision. Sold at all drug stores. CHICAGO

Hot Weather Poisons Hit The Stomach First How to Keep Your Stomach Strong, Cool and Sweet. Hot weather always starts those quick chemical changes which produce poisons in meats, fish, fruits, vegetables, milk and food products. Such summer poisons in foods not only make well stomachs sick but develop with dangerous rapidity in sensitive, sick or ailing stomachs and bowels. These poisons not only generate gases and fluids which cause that bloated, lumpy feeling, heartburn, sour stomach, belching, acidity, but inflame other stomach and bowel linings, inflammation and sure relief of stomach and bowel disorders produced by hot weather poisons. Then if EATONIC fails to satisfy you—then it is your stomach, when you have an EATONIC every day but the best evidence is to let your stomach tell you the truth. Go to your druggist and get a big box of EATONIC. Tell him you want it for the prevention and sure relief of stomach and bowel disorders produced by hot weather poisons. When EATONIC fails to satisfy you—then it is your stomach, when you have an EATONIC every day but the best evidence is to let your stomach tell you the truth. Go to your druggist and get a big box of EATONIC. Tell him you want it for the prevention and sure relief of stomach and bowel disorders produced by hot weather poisons. When EATONIC fails to satisfy you—then it is your stomach, when you have an EATONIC every day but the best evidence is to let your stomach tell you the truth. Go to your druggist and get a big box of EATONIC. Tell him you want it for the prevention and sure relief of stomach and bowel disorders produced by hot weather poisons.

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