SURVIVOR OF SUSSEX SAYS EXPLOSION WAS DEADLY IN RESULTS

Many Were Blown Overboard, Either Dead or Badly Injured: Women Jump.

CURIOSITY SAVED LIVES

Group of Americans, Who Ead Been Standing in the Bow, Moved to

Watch Maneuvers of Aeroplane.

By John H. Hearley, Paris, March 25,-(U. P.)-Yankee curiosity saved the lives of at least a lozen Americans aboard the channel liner Sussex when she struck a mine or was attacked by a submarine off the French coast Friday afternoon. An aeroplane hove in sight just before the explosion. With a dozen other Americans. I was standing at the prow of the boat, but rushed to the stern to watch the circling birdman. While we were back there admiring

the skill of the aviator, we heard a muffled roar. I ran forward and saw the whole front of the Sussex crumpling away as a huge spurt of water threw debris upon the deck. Civilians Launch Lifeboat.

Four civilians launched a lifeboat and dropped it over the side. Our boat had just struck the water when we heard a woman scream on the upper deck. The next instant she jumped from the third deck, landing squarely in the middle of our boat. Several of us threw out our arms and broke her fall, so that she was practically uninjured.

Every one grabbed for a life pre-

server and then ran for the upper deck

"I am Miss Hilton from New York," she told us, when she had recovered her breath.

Her mother, Mrs. Edward Hilton, was also among the survivors landed at Boulogne, and included in our party arriving in Paris tonight.

Passengers Jump Into Sea. Meantime passengers were jumping

by the dozens. We picked up several had been lowered. Our boat sprang a of the contradictory reports. leak, and despite our efforts to plug the seams, threatened to sink at any

who was en route to join an ambulance corps at the French front, was the real hero of the Sussex disaster. A woman floundering in the water near our boat acreamed loudly for help and then sank beneath the waves.

Bemis leaped into the water and swam to her rescue. He brought her to our boat and we dragged her in. The gunwales by this time were so near the level of the water that to drag Bemis aboard was to insure

Bemis Swims Away.

With a wave of his hand, Bemis rolled over on his side and swam careleasly as if he were playing in the waves at a summer resort. Certainly few men have faced possible death among those reported landed at Dover, with a lighter heart. im she carried when she was struck, was two miles away from

us. Bemis spied the raft some dismaking our way slowly, for fear that a chance wave might capsize our

heavily laden, leaking boat.

We found the passengers who had not left the ship gathered forward about two mangled bodies and engaged in caring for the wounded. Many Blown Off the Ship.

The bodies of these two were the only ones found on the Sussex. Most of the dead were those who were causing further loss of life, but this blown off the ship by the shock of report could not be verified tonight. the explosion. After dark we began sending up

rockets and cracking out feeble wireless calls from an improvised wireless apparatus. At 11 o'clock the Maria Theresa and a tug came alongside and began taking off passengers.
Three Americans, Professor J. M. Baldwin, his wife and daughter Elizabeth, were not among our party of American survivors of the Sussex disaster arriving in Paris tonight. Fear Baldwins Are Lost.

A dispatch received here before our arrival said that Elizabeth Baldwin was in a Boulogne hospital, suffering from a broken leg and other injuries. It is possible that this may be true and that her father and mother re-



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AMERICANS ON SUSSEX

London, March 25 .- (I. N. S.)-Fol owing is the official list of Americans who were on board the steamship Sussex, as made public tonight by the American embassy:

GERTRUDE W. WARREN, New York and St. Louis,
MRS. TALLIOTE FENNELL. LILLIAN C. S. HARDE. SAMUEL E. BEMIS, Medford, Mass. HENRY BEER, New York.

EDWARD S. BUXLEY, New York. FRANCIS E. DRAKE. GEORGE HERBERT CROCKER JR., itchburg, Mass, CHARLES THOMAS CROCKER. WILDER G. PENFIELD, Wisconsin (Rhodes scholar at Oxford.)

JOSHUA D. ARMITAGE. EDNA FRANCES HILTON, MISS DOROTHY HILTON.

TINGLEWOOD S. TULBERTSON. DANIEL SARGENT, Boston. EDWARD MARSHALL, New York. War correspondent.) EDNA HALL, New York J. MARK BALDWIN. HELEN BALDWIN (Reported

MISS ELIZABETH R. BALDWIN (Reported killed). ALICE W. RUISE. JOHN W. HEARLY, Albany.

GERTRUDE BANES, New York. Other Americans who are reported to have been on board but whose names do not appear on the list, are: MRS. CLARENCE HANDY, P. W. CULBERTSON, Pittsburg.

GEORGE HENRY PARKER JR. It is probable that these names have been confused in telegraphic transmission with similar names of the official list.

mained behind with her at Boulogne. though none of the Americans reaching Paris tonight could recall having the Baldwins after the explo-The fear is growing that they have been lost.

P. W. Culbertson of Pittsburg, of the American survivors who was en route to France to join an ambulance orted to the American embassy that he last saw Miss Baldwin lying in the midst of wreckage aboard he Sussex, bleeding from a wound in the head. A woman was attempting to staunch the flow of blood

Ambassador Gets Affidavits. Ambassador Sharp obtained affidavits from several American survivors. He told us upon our arrival expedition here that he is not yet convinced that Gavi around us and so did other boats that any Americans lost their lives, in view

The naval and military attaches of night for Boulogne to begin an investi-Samuel Bemis of Medford, Mass. gation for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Sussex was torpedoed or struck a mine. They plan to question the officers of the channel steamer and to examine the hull of the Sussex When she is drydocked.

At least a dozen persons must have been killed outright when the explosion wrecked the forward part of the Sussex, as she was nearing the French

Survivors Seeking Relatives. Others were mangled and hurled,

into the water. How many of these perished before the boats reached them could not be learned exactly tonight. Women survivors, separated from husbands or children are running about frantically seeking to learn if their relatives are

Women Jump Overboard. A man dived overboard a moment after the explosion. That started a panic, Several women jumped, carrying children with them. Boats were put over on either side and began picking up those that jumped but offime they were certain several were drowned. It was reported that one of the rescue boats capsized

Though the wireless house was wrecked, the operator miraculously escaped serious injury. He rigged up a temporary apparatus after several hours' work and sent out the distress signals that finally brought the Maria Theresa, a French trawler, and a

British destroyer to our aid. The three Americans who declare they saw a torpedo approaching the hip will make affidavits for presentation to Ambassador Sharp.

SUSSEX STRUCK BY TORPEDO IS OFFICIAL CLAIM

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and only her watertight compartments saved her from sinking. Nine third lass passengers and five others were killed by the explosion or blown into the water and drowned. Fifteen to 20 others were drowned by the capsizing of a lifeboat. Eight or 10 others were washed off rafts and drowned.

None of the survivors who has thus far arrived in London saw a periscope a submarine. Miss Baldwin Reported Dead.

A Lloyds dispatch from Dover to-night reported that Miss Elisabeth Baldwin, the American girl reported injured, is dead. The dispatch also added G. H. Crocker of Fitchburg, Mass., to the number of injured, stating that Crocker and W. G. Penfield of Hudson, Wis., have fractured skulls. Lloyd's listed among the missing Americans Miss Gertrude Barnes of New York, a buyer at Wanamaker's, who was en route for Paris and Miss Hilton of New York. Both Miss Barnes and Miss Hilton, however, are re-ported rescued in United Press dispatches from a staff correspondent at Boulogne.

Civil War Eagle to Have a Monument

"Old Abe" Was Carried by Eau Claire

Carpenter has just given birth to her fifteenth child. None of them has

U. S. Troops Secure View of Villa Force

Villistas Are Seen But No Engagement Pollows, Though Carransistas Have Brushes With Other Bandits.

By H. D. Jacobs, With the American Army, Colonia Dublan, Mexico, via Radio to Columbus, N. M., March 25 .- (U. P.) - American troops engaged in an encompassing movement with Carranzistas near Namiquips today got their first sight of Villistas. There was no fighting between the bandits and the United States forces, but the Carranzistas had two brushes with other bands, reports PRESIDENT SEEKS SPEED General Pershing's headquarters

The pursuit was continued today in snow storm. The bandits the Americans sighted were a small body, and it is not known whether Villa himself was among The reports to headquarter gave their location as 120 miles south by southeast of Dublan. The dispatches indicated that Villa has split

This was the first word that the American vanguard was so close to the Villistas, and reports of fighting, were expected momentarily.

VILLA HARD PRESSED BY PURSUING FORCE IN EL OSO DISTRICT

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of Pearson on Monday. Many of the soldiers were injured, but none fatally. A number of cavalry horses on the train were injured and had to be shot. Earlier reports attributed the wreck to Villistas.

Only One Opinion.

Gavira's was the only official opinion of the day. He interpolated a long explanation of the present military situation in Chihuahua with emphatic declarations of cooperation of the Carranzista soldiers. He denounced Villa and joined with Consul Garcia. of El Paso, in a telegram to the state department at washington denying that the Juarez garrison had been increased since the Columbus raid. He ridiculed reports that Carranza sol-

Gavira Indicates Positions Pointing to a military map, Gavira showed that if Villa was in the Santa general leasing bills and other impor-Clara canyon he was virtually surrounded by Colonel Dodd's column_at his rear and Carranza troops near the eastern mouth of the canyon at Ojo de field was marked by pins, yellowheads for Americans and whiteheaded pins the de facto government's forces. The Villa band Gavira located in the canyon and a smaller group reported just south of San Leovenzo were marked by black pins. Other American forces were indicated by pins 10 miles north of Cruces, another near the Cumbre

nd the main division Gavira stated Pershing himself is, near Casas Grandes. The remaining Carranza detachments cooperating in the pursuit were at Tepehaunes, Cruces Santa Clara, Babricora, Temoachic Santa Ana, Madera, Casas Grandes and Advices Blow in Coming.

Gavira admitted, however, that his of the absence of advices on clear weather, were on deck, despite account of interrupted communicathe sharp atmosphere. It is incon- tions. The Villistas had cut wires tance away, swam to it and clam- ceivable that many of these could south of Casas Grandes at two points. bered on. The Sussex finally came to have escaped in the terrific blast that In his opinion, if Villa is in the band a dead halt. When we observed that broke and splintered the forepart of bold is following, the chase will be she was not sinking, we pulled back, the Sussex. over in days, instead of months. He estimated Dodd was 30 miles behind the bandits at last reports.

of the 200-mile long canyon, Gavira admitted, but would then be confronted by large numbers of Carransa troops along the Mexican National railway. nil, in Gavira's opinion.

Canyon Has Outlets. There are outlets up the canyon's vira says. The defile abounds in Chicago. springs, but can furnish an army little

mountains toward Sonora.

The possibility that he has taken advantage of one of the Santa Clara capyon's outlets to reach the Hidalgo was also suggested. He has many followers in that section.

Villistas Leave El Paso. El Paso officials turned from trying to locate Villa to ridding the city of Villista "generals," Mahuel Medinavieta and Manuel Banda, who were caught in the dragnet thrown out following the first "spy" scare, were ordered to leave. They departed for Havana via New Orleans. The city officials also considered

passing a resolution by Mayor Lea making the sending out of false reports about local conditions punish-able by a fine of \$200. El Paso business men planned

support the resolution introduced by Senator Shepherd at their instigation for making Fort Bliss here a brigade post entitled to 5000 soldiers.

Rapid Transporting Of Troops Wonderful

Captain Rieinschmidt Says Zo Ras Seen 40,000 Men Taken From West to East Front in 00 Hours.

New York, March 25. - Germany's system for the rapid transportation of troops from one battlefront to another was described by Captain Frank E. Kleinschmidt, who has returned after 16 months with the Austro-German forces on three war fronts.

"The rapidity of movement of the German armies," said ne, 'may be long debate in the second line in the Hay military bill is a provision for a pitrate manufacturing plant sion for a pitrate manufacturing plant realized when it is seen that entire that has received little attention, but to the eastern fronts, or back, in two It has no limitation in cost, location or Company; Memorial Also to Vetand a half days. What the limit of
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Abe," the famous war eagle of the
Civil war, carried by Eau Claire's
eagle company, is finally to have a
monument erected in his honor.

A meeting with that and laid also.

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Would Provide Mitrate Plant.

"That to provide for the fixation of
atmospheric nitrogen by the development of water power, or any other
means necessary to establish an ad-

MAY EXTEND SESSION

Efficiency of Upper House before the house committee on naval Sacrificed for Dignity While base at the mouth of the Columbia Sacrificed for Dignity While base at the mouth of the Columbia river, Representative Hawley has been Business Suffers.

Chief Executive Does Not Believe Legislative Program Should Be Out Short for Political Beasons.

Washington, March 25 .- (WASHINGground TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)-Logic and expediency may combine some day in reforming the rules of the senate. Until that day comes, there will always be congestion of important business, congress will be kept almost ontinuously in session, and the threat of filibuster will keep many a worthy measure in the background.

There is no question as to the responsibility of the senate for the legislative jam that threatens. In more than three months the senate has voted on only three bills in the contested counting preparedness House Debate Limited.

In the house 10 hours were allowed for general debate on the Hay army reorganization bill. It had been worked out in detail after weeks of hearings before the committee on military afthe bill was molded. It is doubtful if anything important would have been added to what was said if the debate had been extended to 10 days, or 10 months.

In the senate the Chamberlain reorganization bill has also just been reported. Up to this point senate and house are neck and neck with preparedness, for their committees have finished the task assisted to them at ap proximately the same time. The difdiers between Pershing and the border ference comes in the attention hereaftconstituted a menace to the American er to be given. Instead of taking 10 hours for general debate, the senate will talk indefinitely, while rural credits, the water power development bill, fairs are compelled to wait.

More Dignity Than Dispatch The senate thus lacks in efficiency Agua, Moctezuma, Lagunt and Villa what it gains in dignity. In a handful Ahumada. Each detachment in the of its members lies the power of wasting away weeks of time; and this waste goes on every day. Some day the country will realize that cloture is something more than a detail of senate procedure. Then it will be made a major issue, and the senate will become an actual legislative body.

Talk of finishing the session of congress before the national conventions, which was heard at one time, is now remembered as a dream. No one dares to predict when congress will adjourn. Not until September, some say. Others declare that campaign pressure will be so great before that time that adjournment will be taken, whatever the state of business by that date.

President Wilson has found it neces-

By this time the Sussex, under the before the explosion, Several dozen pins had not been moved for 36 hours the senate twice during the present session. Probably he will find it necessary to-do so again, for word from the White House indicates that the president does not believe the legislative program should be cut short to fit political exigencies.

Primaries Play Pranks. Presidential primaries are playing Villa might reach the eastern outlet pranks this year. That is the universal verdict of the politicians.

Four years ago, with Taft and Roosevelt racing in one ring, and Wilson cantering around with Champ Clark in The country east of the outlet is level the other, the show was interesting and Villa's chances of escape will be This year there is no Democratic contest, and the favorites have not been entered in the Republican test. This has robbed the primaries of their sides to the Guerrera mountains, Ga- thrills. The excitement is reserved for

With Roosevelt, Hughes, Root and or no food. Its indistinct trails over Borah all so coy, there is not even an rocks and along precipices are the exciting contest in sight among the only means of travel in the canyon. lessor lights. La Follette, Cummins American ranchmen and mine own- and Brumbaugh have a gentleman's ers received contradictory reports agreement whereby they avoid confrom their Mexican properties regard- tests with each other; Burton maniing Villa's whereabouts. One stated fests no desire for indorsement outside Villa and a small following were go- of Ohio; Fairbanks is satisfied with ing west through the Sierra Madre Indiana, and Sherman seems content with Illinois.

Frimary Is Not Losing Ground. So, with primaries more in vogue than ever before, peculiar circumstances of the year have combined to detract from their importance. Names most in the mind are not on the ballot. Massachusetts seems nearest to a real fight; but, with Roosevelt himself pulling the reins on the leaders who are trying to carry the state into his column, the issue is clouded,

Democratic unanimity and Republican chaos have brought about this temporary eclipse of the presidential primary. But, as a reserve weapon for expression of the sentiment of the voters, it is as potent as ever, and in nearly every state it is providing lively sport for local contests. In this way it is steadily working toward dethronement of the bosses, and there is no ground for believing that the direct primary is losing ground anywhere, indeed, with no pressing reason for adoption, the people of Vermont, probably the most conservative of the union, have just adopted the presidential primary by referendum vote.

Brandels' Confirmation Assured. William H. Taft, and six other expresidents of the American Bar Association, who have informed the senate that they view Louis D. Brandels with alarm, are not believed to have per-suaded the senate sub-committee of in-

vestigation that he is unfit. Confirmation of Brandels as a justice of the supreme court is expected in due time. It will require probably two weeks for analysis of testimony before reports are presented, and there may be long debate in the senate.

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Fifteen Children Are Well.

Penfield, Ill., March 25.—Mrs. Mont

Carpenter has just given birth. expending \$24,000,000 at Muscle Shoals, on the Tannessee river, where the Alabama Power company is heavily interested. Frank S. Washburn, who

HONORED BY CHINESE RULER

was chief witness at nearings on the nitrate question, is chairman of the board of directors of this power firm. HAWLEY GATHERS DATA **FAVORING NAVAL BASE** AT MOUTH OF COLUMBIA

Washington, March 25.—(WASHING-TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)— In preparation for argument to be made marshalling some of the testimony given by naval experts during recent preparedness hearings.

Rear-Admiral C. M. Winslow, com-

manding the Pacific fleet, testifled that he does not consider two navy yards on the Pacific coast sufficient. "There is no question but that eventually we must be made to maintain a fleet on the Pacific coast," he said. Before deciding on the location for an additional navy yard, said Admiral Winslow, he would advise sending out an expert naval board to look over the

Rear-Admiral Victor Blue, chief of the bureau of mavigation, declared that, under the present conditions, the question of defense for the western coast of the country depends on the time required for a fleet to reach the scene of operations from an Atlantic base.

Rear-Admiral A. W. Grant dealt with the question of submarine bases. He stated that there are three submarines in service on the Pacific coast, and there should be 48. He advocated a base at San Diego, and said he did not know north coast conditions, but had class, and has taken up another, not heard the Columbia river favorably mentioned. He declared that, with \$1, 000,000 for a submarine base, he could take care of 20 submersibles.

While most of the testimony does not strike directly to the point involved in the Hawley bill, the comment of these authorities as to conditions generally is thought to be worth repeating to the naval affairs commit-

Secretary Daniels has stated that no new naval bases will be asked from the present congress, but Mr. Hawley in tends to present the argument for the Columbia base fully before the committee, and thus help to keep it at the front for action at the earliest time possible.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED IN THE INTEREST OF SETTLERS IN OREGON

Washington, March 25 -- (WASHING-TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)lecognizing that penalties provided for settlers on reclamation projects who have been tardy in accepting provisions of the extension of payment act are too severe, as they have been fixed in a bill recently passed by the house, the reclamation commission, with the approval of the interior department, has submitted an amendment to be offered in the senate.

Protest regarding this bill came to Representative Sinnott from waterusers on the Klamath project in Ore-He conferred with Assistant Secretary Jones, of the interior depart ment about it, and the amendment now proposed is expected to meet objec-

The bill as passed by the house imposed a penalty of 1 per cent a month of the full construction charge from the time notice of the extension act

John Watson Foster, former secretary of state and father-in-law of Secretary of State Lansing, who has just been honored by the Chinese emperor with the decoration of the Order of the Golden Grain for his services to the Chinese government. This order is the highest within the gift of the emperor. Mr. Foster served in that country in the United States diplomatic service and took part in the peace negotiations with Japan. He is 80 years old.

was formally given in the case of settlers who have not accepted its provisions, but desire to do so. It is proposed to change this to impose a penalty merely equal to 1 per cent of the installment of the construction charge that would have been paid had the act been accepted within the time fixed. The extension act was passed August

2. 1914, and authorized reclamation settlers to pay up construction charges in 20 annual payments, instead of 10 annual payments, Many settlers, through indifference or lack of information, failed to accept this provision within the six months' time limit after notice was given, which in the case of the Klamath project was September 24,

Legislative Committee Named. Washington, March 25.—WASHING-TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)

ence of reclamation delegates from western states. The committee will remain here for hearings on Senator bill guaranteeing irrigation districts bonds. The conference eniorsed the bills of Jones and Smith of Idaho. The house irrigation com mittee has agreed to report favorably

Would Close Flood Gates.

Washington, March 25 .- (WASH INGTON BUREAU OF THE JOUR-NAL.)-Interior department has submitted a proposition through Representative Sinnott to the Klamath drainage district, Oregon, for permanent closing of flood gates on railroad right of way, to the effect that he district must pay \$23,000 to enable the government to supply water to people who would be deprived of water by the closing of the gates. The pre-

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Project, It is Declared.

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couraging Stephen Carver

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to Prevent Construction of Road," It Is Asserted.

Charges made by Stephen Carvet

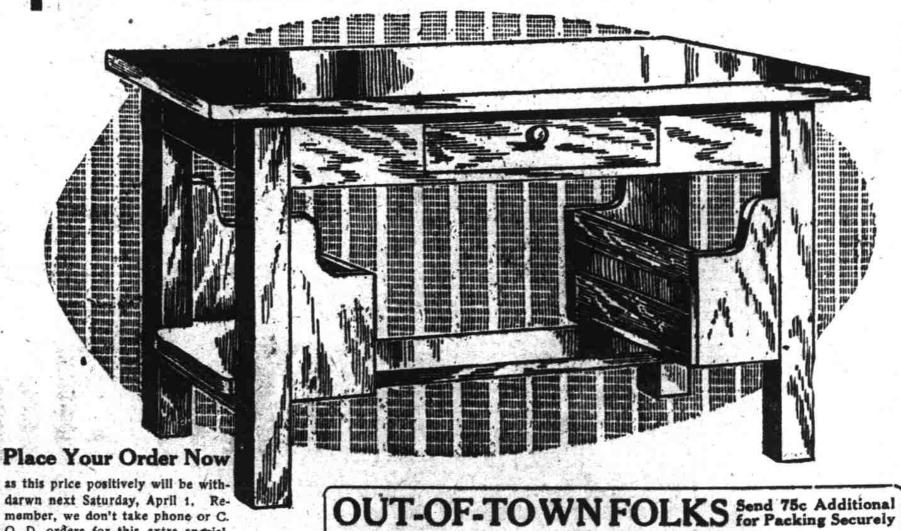
before the city commission that the ect of building the Portland & Oregon ity interurban line were denied yes terday by J. P. O'Brien, vice presiden and general manager of the O-W. R & N. company who declared that, o e contrary, the established lines ar On March 11 Mr. Carver explained letter to Commissioner Daly that hi construction work in being bampered by a lack of cooperation by the P. R L. & P., the S., P. & S., and the O W. R. & N. He said the roads were trying to "put him off" on the com for in city franchises.

So far as the O-W. R. & N. is cor erned. Mr. O'Brien authorized the mation he had had that Mr. Carver proposed to use part of the O-W. N. trackage was contained in a let from Carver dated January 6 1916, when he applied for the rights of common use of the Elest Third street track between Hawthorne aveue and Morrison street. On January 10 Mr. O'Brien replied saying the franchise matter was be-

ing looked into and that full reply would be made later. This full reply was made to Mr. Carver on January 8, when Mr. O'Brien wrote that the O-W. R. & N. was prepared to admit the Portland & Oregon City to the use of the tracks upon payment of the proper proportion of the cost, i accordance with ordinance No. 20,479 the Carver company to pay all the called attention to the necessity consulting the S., P. & S., which he been admitted to common user right previously under ordinance No. 26,513 Certain contracts on file with the ity auditor were also referred to with the suggestion that Mr. Carver make his plans in accordance with them. On February 10, Mr. O'Brien said, Mr. Carver had asked for a copy of the trackage agreement with the S. P. & S., which was mailed to him on Febru-

This sum up all our negotiations with Mr. Carver for the use of our Third street tracks," Mr. O'Brien said. "It will be seen that we have acceded to every request he made of us and have agreed to admit his line under the provisions of our franchise ordinan and with only those restrictions the the ordinances impose. The O-W. R & N. at least is making no effort to prevent the construction of his line.

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