

Extension Of Credit Promised

Reserve Board Heads Assure McKelvie Committee More Liberal Policy Will Be Pursued, If Possible.

Means Aid for Farmers

Assurance by the federal reserve bank board of Kansas City, that, if possible, a more liberal extension of credit to the agricultural interests of Nebraska would be granted, was obtained by Governor McKelvie's committee which met with the board at the Hotel Fontaine yesterday, it was announced at the close of the meeting.

Members of the bank board said that, at the request of the governor's committee, the necessity of furnishing relief to Nebraska farmers would be submitted to the Washington officials of the reserve system. In case these officials will permit a more liberal interpretation of the bank laws relief may be expected, it was stated.

McKelvie Is Pleased. "Things look more promising," was the comment of Governor McKelvie, at the close of the conference late yesterday. "It remains to be seen how they will work out."

W. J. Bailey, former governor of Kansas, and a director of the Kansas City reserve bank, assured some 200 Nebraska bankers that the "Tenth district reserve bank will do all it can to help in relieving the situation."

"You've got to put your automobiles in cold storage—that would be a step back to normal conditions," said Mr. Bailey. "We've got to get back to the fundamental principles of business."

Defends Reserve System

Mr. Bailey defended the federal reserve system. "This country couldn't have carried on the war without it," he said. "You must remember, however, that the federal reserve act does not permit us to make loans on any but liquid assets."

"The federal reserve system was not responsible for the rapid deflation as is sometimes charged. Nor did the system start the so-called buyers' strike."

Mr. Bailey referred to the criticism of the Tenth district bank because it built a new building in Kansas City, declaring that "if Nebraska bankers could have seen the old quarters of the bank they would have been heartily in favor of a new building, and that for the first time directors in the bank knew that the vast resources of the bank were protected in safe vaults."

Committee Is Satisfied

Charles E. Burnham, chairman of Governor McKelvie's committee, in a short talk, stated that the committee was well satisfied with its conference with reserve bank directors. (Turn to Page Three, Column Two.)

Six Killed, 18 Injured In Belfast Rioting

Belfast, Nov. 22.—By The Associated Press.—Two bombs were exploded in a tram car full of shipyard workers here this afternoon, killing three of the occupants and injuring 18 others. At least six other persons were shot to death today in rioting that attended the first day's actual functioning of the new Ulster government created by the home rule acts of last spring.

Snipers began their activities in the York street area at dawn, when one man was killed and several others wounded. Two other deaths occurred later as a result of shooting affrays.

During the shooting this afternoon, a bullet pierced a gas pipe in a house on Thompson street, the escaping gas causing the death of three persons.

Notorious Bandit Killed; Two Detectives Wounded

Wichita, Kan., Nov. 22.—A gunman identified according to the police, as Eddie Adams, notorious bandit, wanted in several states, was shot and killed today by Detective Ed Bowman, after both Bowman and his companion, Detective Charles Hoffman, were dangerously wounded.

The slain man was identified as Adams by fingerprints, police said. Adams had been at liberty since August 13, when he made a sensational escape from the Kansas penitentiary at Lansing.

School Children of U. S. Present Foch With Medal

Washington, Nov. 22.—School children of America, represented by 1,500 pupils of Washington's public schools, today added their portion to the nation's homage of Marshal Foch, presenting to him a gold medal and a pledge to send funds to France for the construction of two schools for French children.

It is proposed to raise \$250,000 and to name one of the schools the Washington-Lafayette and the other the Foch-Perhing.

Revolutionary Leaders Are Arrested in Nogales

Nogales, Ariz., Nov. 22.—Three alleged leaders of a revolutionary movement in Mexico were arrested in Nogales, Sonora, across the international boundary from here, late yesterday afternoon.

Five Men Killed In Santa Fe Wreck

Inspection Car Jumps Track—Four of Dead Railway Officials.

Los Angeles, Nov. 22.—Five men, four of them Santa Fe officials in Arizona, were killed today and five injured when an automobile inspection car overturned on the Santa Fe tracks near Wickenburg, Ariz., a short distance from the California border, according to word received at headquarters here today.

The dead are WILLIAM MATHIE, division superintendent at Winslow, Ariz., H. C. STORY, assistant superintendent, Prescott, Ariz., WILLIAM BOWMAN, roadmaster, and J. A. JAEGER, division engineer, OLIVER.

J. E. McNeil, general inspector of track and roadway, who was one of the passengers on the inspection car when it turned over, said that the accident occurred when an axle on the front truck of the car broke.

Cudahy Employees Accept Wage Cut

Reduction Goes Into Effect at Local Packing Plant November 28.

After a conference lasting five days of a board representing the employees of the local packing plant of Cudahy & Co., an agreement was reached by a six to four vote adopting the recent cut in wages announced from Chicago, according to C. A. Stewart, superintendent of the local plant. The conference reported yesterday afternoon that an agreement had been reached.

The reduction in wages goes into effect at the local plant November 28. The cut, similar to that recently taken by Armour and company employees, includes a 7 1/2-cent reduction for unskilled workers who have been getting 45 cents an hour or less, and a three-cent an hour cut for skilled employees who have been earning more than 50 cents an hour.

Agreement to accept the wage cut also was reached at Wichita, Kan. according to an announcement by the company here.

Plant conference board employee representatives at Sioux City have also accepted the reduction, while no action has been taken by the men at Kansas City, a meeting there having adjourned until today.

J. W. Burns, secretary of district council No. 5 of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen's union, who has expressed the opinion his organization would not accept the reduction, said yesterday he knew of no developments concerning the packer wage situation.

The union's executive board has been given power by referendum vote to call a strike if such action is deemed necessary.

Resolution to Adjourn Wednesday Evening Is Adopted by Senate

Washington, Nov. 22.—A concurrent resolution was adopted by the senate late today to adjourn sine die tomorrow night after a vote is taken on the tax bill. The resolution now goes to the house, where it is expected to be acted on favorably.

The senate, in executive session tonight, endeavored to clean the slate of presidential nominations and more than 200 were confirmed.

Nomination of Henry Lincoln Johnson, negro republican national commissioner for Georgia, to be rector of deeds for the district of Columbia, was rejected.

Plans for the adjournment of congress tomorrow virtually preclude any action on pending resolutions to order work on battleships stopped while the arms conference is in session. Senator King, democrat, Utah, sought to obtain committee action on his resolutions to this effect and was promised by Senator Page, republican, Vermont, chairman, that a roll of the committee would be taken to determine whether the question had been taken up. Republican leaders declared an adverse decision was certain.

Dry Agent Dies

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 22.—J. R. Johnson of Bernville, Ark., prohibition enforcement agent shot Sunday during a raid, died yesterday.

BILL WROTE that he had given up his job with the Marine Insurance to take up something entirely different. But the family never dreamed how very different it was.

In The Case of Bill

By Josephine Daskam Bacon

A humorous BLUE RIBBON short story in

Next Sunday's Bee

Rents Only Essential Increasing

State Economic Probe Board Discovers All Other Necessities Are Either Stationary Or Are Decreasing.

Bakers Tell Bread Cost

Lincoln, Nov. 22.—(Special Telegram)—Rents are the only essential, related to selling of necessities to the public, which are increasing at the present time, the McKelvie economic probe committee discovered today, as it continued to delve into profit percentages as they go from producer to consumer. Other essentials are either going down or remaining stationary, testimony disclosed. The hearing will continue tomorrow.

Harry Uerling, Lincoln baker, testified that W. E. Sharp, wealthy real estate owner and president of the local traction company, had notified him of a \$25 monthly rental increase. A. H. Brown, another baker, testified he was forced to move when informed of a \$100 monthly increase in rent. Other witnesses testified their rents were not being reduced.

Uerling gave the committee cost percentages which showed an actual loss on a 15-ounce loaf sold to grocers for 6 cents. When his attention was called to this Uerling said he based his figures on the cost of flour several weeks ago which was \$10.50 a barrel, while it is now costing him \$7.16 a barrel. He admitted that he was charging more for bread when flour was \$10.50 a barrel.

Bread Shows Profits. A story of good net profits on bread was told by Clyde E. Masterman, manager of the Gooch bakeries in Lincoln. Masterman declared that when every cost item was included in a 15-ounce loaf of bread, known to the public as a pound loaf, it amounted to 43.2 cents and added 6 cents to the grocer and went from the grocer to the consumer for 9 cents today.

Original figures presented showed a greater cost, but under cross-examination by Assistant Attorney General Reed, the witness admitted he had arrived at the cost at a time when flour was higher than it is today. The state officers then figured the profit the baker makes today.

C. H. Freadrich, Lincoln grocer, testified he purchased small packages of cornmeal for 10 cents and sold for 15 cents.

"That is a 50 per cent profit, isn't it?" Reed asked.

"Yes, a 50 per cent cost profit, but we figure it a 33 1/3 per cent selling profit," Freadrich replied.

"Continuing," Freadrich declared he endeavored to average a 25 per cent gross profit on his turnover of stock which he estimated occurred eight times a year.

"Is that cost or selling price profit?" Reed demanded.

"Selling price," he replied. "Figuring cost profit it would be 33 1/3 per cent."

Frederick operates a grocery in connection with his grocery and testified he sold grocery articles from 10 to 15 per cent less than in the regular grocery.

"The grocery cuts out clerk expenses, delivery expense, and book-keeping expense," he said.

"Today's buying and selling price of poultry as quoted by Freadrich who also operates a meat market, follow.

Chickens bought for 22 cents sold for 26 cents; ducks, 25 and 34 cents; geese, 20 and 29 cents; turkeys, 39 and 49 cents.

Freadrich testified he made a profit of 50 cents on every two ordinary sacks of flour sold. The cost of the two sacks is \$3.70, the selling price, \$4.20.

F. D. Halverstedt, a grocer, testified he bought for 22 cents sold for 26 cents; ducks, 25 and 34 cents; geese, 20 and 29 cents; turkeys, 39 and 49 cents.

Trial of A. C. Burch for Kennedy Murder Begun

Los Angeles, Nov. 22.—The trial of Arthur C. Burch, indicted on a charge of the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, began today in the superior court after a motion to try Mrs. Madalynce Obenchain, Burch's co-defendant, had been denied. Drawing of a jury started at once. Mrs. Obenchain's case was continued until tomorrow which, attorneys said, meant it would be continued from day to day to follow the Burch trial.

Deficiency Appropriation Measure Passed by House

Washington, Nov. 22.—The house today passed the deficiency appropriation bill carrying approximately \$104,000,000. The measure, which goes to the senate, provides \$65,000,000 for the veterans' bureau; \$23,000,000 for the refunding of internal taxes erroneously collected and \$56,000,000 for the postal service.

3,000 N. Y. Milk Strikers Vote to Stay Out All Winter

New York, Nov. 22.—Three thousand milk strikers at a meeting in Brooklyn yesterday voted to remain on strike all winter, if necessary to win the strike. It was announced that the distribution of strike benefits would begin immediately.

Mrs. Jas. J. Hill, Widow Of Rail Magnate, Dies

St. Paul, Nov. 22.—Mrs. James J. Hill, widow of the late James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, died at her home here this morning, following a long illness.

She was 75 and had been in failing health since the death of her husband in May, 1916. She will be buried beside her husband on the Hill estate, North Oaks farm, just north of St. Paul.

Born in New York City in 1845, Mrs. Hill came to St. Paul and after completing her education in a convent at Milwaukee, was married to Mr. Hill here in 1867.

Mrs. Hill is survived by six daughters and three sons. They are Mrs. Samuel Hill of Washington, D. C., and Seattle; Mrs. Anson McCook Beard, Mrs. Michael Gavin and Mrs. George T. Slade of New York City; Mrs. E. C. Lindley and Mrs. Egil Boeckmann of St. Paul, and James N. Hill of New York, and Walter J. and Louis W. Hill of St. Paul.

Neal Murder Case To Be Given Jury Tonight, Is Plan

Widow, on Trial for Slaying Husband, Will Be Last Witness for Defense—May Know Fate Soon.

Auburn, Neb., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—The presentation of the fingerprint wall paper and door casing from the room in which Billington Neal was found slain, was presented as an exhibit here today in district court in the trial of Mrs. Lucy Neal, his widow, now on trial for his murder. The presentation of the gruesome exhibit created a furor among the spectators at the trial.

Charles Buck identified the paper and casing as that which he removed from the room last Thursday, at the order of the attorneys for the prosecution and defense.

Fifteen defense witnesses were examined during the afternoon session of the court. The majority of them testified to the general condition of Neal's health. It was brought out that 15 years ago, while he was a resident of Oklahoma, he purchased what he supposed was a quantity of quinine, but which in reality was strychnine powder, due to the error of a druggist's prescription clerk, and took it. This mistake nearly caused his death, it was testified, and in following years, it was further stated, when he became angry with anyone he generally would call them later and apologize, claiming that he had always suffered from a case of irresponsibility, since he had taken the strychnine poison.

Other witnesses testified that he often had made threats of suicide and that on other times he became angry and took it. This mistake nearly caused his death, it was testified, and in following years, it was further stated, when he became angry with anyone he generally would call them later and apologize, claiming that he had always suffered from a case of irresponsibility, since he had taken the strychnine poison.

Martha Cameron testified that she was a schoolmate of Ava Neal, his stepdaughter, and that while at the Neal home one Sunday prior to his death, the family was preparing to attend a military funeral at Brownsville and Mrs. Neal urged her husband to wear his hat suit. "This suit he declined to do, saying, 'No, I'm going to wear my old clothes for I want to be buried in my new suit,'" Hayden Stanley, a defense witness, told of finding Mrs. Neal's black stockings, which she had worn on the Sunday following the shooting. These were sought by the county authorities for several days following the tragedy and were supposed to have been the dark object which Charles Buck, a neighbor, said he saw in Mrs. Neal's hands when she informed him of the murder.

Tells of Tragedy Night. Mrs. Buck was called and told of Mrs. Neal's coming to the Buck home on the night of the tragedy. She likewise told of repeated acts of cruelty which Neal is alleged to have committed on his wife for many years.

Police to Probe Death Of Coast Film Actress

Los Angeles, Nov. 22.—The authorities here planned, to investigate today the death of the film actress, Cella, 45, film actress, who was found dead in her apartment, Sunday night. The investigation, it was stated, would focus about empty phials said by the police to have been found near the body. The countess was the wife of H. C. Bunting of Buffalo, N. Y.

Two-Thirds Excavation For New High School Finished

Contractors working on the site of the Omaha Technical High school, Thirty-third and Cumming streets, made a report yesterday showing 40,000 cubic yards of dirt have been moved of a total of 60,000 to be moved altogether.

60 Die as Flood Wipes Away Sicilian Town

London, Nov. 22.—A landslide caused by heavy rains has overwhelmed the Sicilian town of Palcone, according to a Rome dispatch to the Central News. Sixty persons are reported dead.

Bank Merger Announced

New York, Nov. 22.—Announcement was made today that the National City bank had bought controlling interest in the Second National bank and would operate it as a branch. The capital of the Second National is \$1,000,000, with profits of \$4,841,800 and deposits of \$17,718,900.

Noted Balloonist Dead

Paris, Nov. 22.—Alfred Le Blanc, noted balloonist and aviator, died here today after a long illness. In 1907 he finished second in the James Gordon Bennett cup balloon race at St. Louis.

"Are We Going to Have a Thanksgiving With Armament Reduction Turkey an' Everything, Are We?"



Fremont Suffers \$100,000 Loss By Disastrous Fire

Wroe Variety Store Destroyed And Three Others Damaged By Blaze That Rages All Day.

Fremont, Neb., Nov. 22.—(Special Telegram)—Fremont suffered one of its worst fires in years today when the Wroe variety store and three others were destroyed by a fire that raged until late this afternoon in the Wroe Variety store building on Main street. The loss is conservatively estimated at \$100,000.

The entire stock of the Wroe company, consisting of dry goods, shoes, notions, groceries and other merchandise, invoiced at about \$50,000, is considered a total loss. The building itself, purchased by John Sonin, local merchant, some time ago for \$50,000, practically is a total loss.

Three Stores Damaged. The offices of Drs. M. H. Hunter and C. F. Weiland were destroyed at a loss of at least \$5,000. The walls of the Gumpert Department store building, adjoining were considerably damaged and smoke caused much damage to the second floor of the Olson & Co. shoe store suffered damage by water and smoke, as did the Dudley music store.

All the possessions of Mrs. Emma Taylor, widow, and her four children, were destroyed in their small apartment on the second floor of the burning building. The mother and the children were carried from the building in their night clothes, shortly after the fire was discovered by Orville Stiles, newspaper vendor, when he took a morning paper to the front door.

Firemen Are Hurt. Two volunteer fire fighters, Byron Paine and John Mathews, are in the hospital recovering from injuries received when the ladder which they ascended to the third story, buckled beneath their weight and sent them crashing to the icy pavement. Six other firemen were carried to the smoke-filled building in an unconscious condition.

They were Walter Broderson, Walter Adams, William Brunning, Bert Edwards, Max Trochtberg and McAllister. Equipped with smoke masks, the men were lowered by ropes into the basement of the building, where they guided the nozzle of a hose at the base of the flames. None were able to stand the strain more than 10 minutes when they were replaced by other contractors.

The fire is believed to have been the worst suffered in many years, even surpassing in loss, the destruction of the Fremont State bank building last winter.

Harding Commutes Sentence Of Espionage Act Prisoner

Washington, Nov. 22.—President Harding has commuted the 10-year sentence of Emil Herman, confined at McNeil's Island, Washington, to expire December 24, it was said today at the Department of Justice. Herman was convicted in Seattle, Wash., in June, 1918, of violation of the espionage act.

Woman Slays Son, 7, And Then Kills Herself

Irwin, Ia., Nov. 22.—Mrs. Dye Leretter, 38, wife of a farmer living near Irwin, yesterday murdered their 7-year-old son and then committed suicide. The double tragedy was not discovered until the husband returned from the cornfield. The woman is believed to have been violently insane. It is said three of her near relatives committed suicide.

American Engineer Slain During Rioting at Bombay

London, Nov. 22.—A dispatch to the Morning Post today from Bombay stated that William Francis Dugherty, an American engineer, was killed during last week's rioting in that city. The coroner's verdict after an inquest, says the dispatch, was that he died of injuries from sticks thrown by the rioters.

McGrew and Cohn Slated to Appear In Court Today

Both Coming From California To Answer Charges in Connection With Cattle Loan Company.

Ray W. McGrew, former vice president, and N. G. Cohn, stock salesman, indicted by the federal grand jury for conspiring to defraud in connection with the Missouri Valley Cattle Loan company, are expected to appear in court this morning. J. C. Kinsler, United States district attorney, announced yesterday.

Both men are returning from California to answer charges against them. Their bonds were fixed at \$25,000 each, but may be reduced. Trial is set for January 9.

An order of removal went out yesterday for the arrest of Vern W. Gittings, former secretary, who has failed to get in touch with the district attorney. Gittings is said to be in Seattle. He is on a list of C. K. Gittings of Superior, a graduate of the state university and charter member of Sigma Nu fraternity at Lincoln.

A sister, Miss Ina Gittings, was formerly athletic director for women at the university.

E. C. Nance is the only one of nine indicted not yet accounted for. William B. Chipley, indicted with Jacob Masse, Charles Wohlberg and W. A. McWhorter in the William Berg potash case, also is sought for trial the coming term of court.

Christine Nilsson, Noted Soprano, Dies

Copenhagen, Nov. 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—Christine Nilsson, the noted operatic soprano, died here this morning.

Christine Nilsson was one of the brightest luminaries of the operatic stage of a generation ago. Called by many the "second Swedish nightingale," as a fit successor to the marvelous Jenny Lind, she won triumph after triumph in the famous lyric roles of her day, both in Europe and America, being a frequent visitor to this country from 1870 to the time of her retirement in 1891.

Born in Stockholm in 1843, she made her debut in Paris in 1864 as Violetta in "Traviata."

Mrs. Nilsson married August Rouzeaud of Paris in 1872. He died 10 years later and in 1887 she married Count Casa Di Miranda.

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Final Enactment Of Tax Revision Measure Assured

Senate Adopts Unanimous Consent Agreement for Vote on Bill by 5 O'Clock Today.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Final enactment of the tax revision bill and adjournment of congress sine die tomorrow was made certain today by the adoption of the unanimous consent agreement in the senate for a vote on the revenue measure by 5 p. m. tomorrow.

Immediately after passage the bill will be sent to the president. The only important section to be put in force immediately is that relating to the income tax, the other changes going into effect January 1. The present surtax rates will be continued for this year, reductions going into effect next year and being reflected in tax payments in 1923.

In laying the conference report before the senate today, Chairman Penrose of the senate committee described the bill as a "temporary makeshift."

"The bill," he said "does not place the tax system on a stable or scientific basis. But it is better than the law which it will supersede, because of the reduction of the tax burden and the technical or administrative improvements."

Debate was opened by Senator Simmons of North Carolina, who declared that when the conferees got through with the bill even some of the most prominent of the republican managers could not "conceal their disgust" with the measure.

Attacking the majority senate managers, he said they had made an "unjustifiable surrender" on the corporation income tax and had "given up in glee" the 15 per cent rate in favor of the 12 1/2 per cent rate.

Harding to Study Records Of War-Time Prisoners

Washington, Nov. 22.—President Harding soon will begin a study of the records of all persons convicted of war-time offenses with a view to the extension of pardons.

U. S. Wins \$990,000 Case

Washington, Nov. 22.—The government yesterday won in the court of claims a suit for \$990,000 growing from the commandeering in October, 1917, of the output of the Allegheny Steel company.

The Weather

Forecast. Unsettled weather Wednesday and Thursday, with possibly snow or rain in east and central portions Wednesday; rising temperature Wednesday.

Hourly Temperatures.

Table with 3 columns: City, Temperature, and Time. Cities include Chicago, Denver, Kansas City, St. Paul, Omaha, etc.

Autonomy For China Discussed

Conference Tackles Problem Of Removing Restrictions With View to Solving Financial Tangle.

Subcommittee Is Named

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Special Wire

Washington, Nov. 22.—The international conference today tackled the problem of removing foreign restrictions upon the government of China with a view of enabling the country to get on its feet financially.

The committee of nine on Pacific and far eastern questions discussed "the matter of limitations upon the administrative autonomy of China, with particular reference to those connected with revenue, and on Senator Underwood's proposal, decided to appoint a subcommittee consisting of a representative of each of the nine powers for the purpose of examining facts and stating their conclusions to the full committee, the subcommittee to have power to call in such expert opinion as it may desire," the committee stated.

How far the conference intends to proceed in the direction of restoring "administrative autonomy" to China remains to be seen. "If it goes much farther than consideration of revenue restrictions it will bump into the problem, the results of all the aggressions on China including the political control acquired by Japan under the 21 demands and by several other powers in connection with spheres of influence.

Tariff Now Limited.

The first step, however, is toward a reform of the international arrangements under which China is deprived of freedom to impose and collect customs duties and internal taxes sufficient to support the government.

Under a series of treaties, the tariff on imports into China has been limited to 5 per cent ad valorem but as the valuation of articles was fixed in 1897 and prices have doubled since then, China, for many years, received no more than 3 per cent of the value of imports. Recently, an international arrangement was made which raised the duties, increasing the yield to about 4 per cent. China's revenue from customs is less than \$55,000,000 annually and that amount is heavily mortgaged as security for foreign loans.

The duties collected on the land frontiers are still lower than the maritime rates under arrangements forced upon China by Russia, Japan, England and France.

Duty on Commerce.

Commerce in China is also subjected to transit dues called "likin" the transportation tax, which is a charge from one district to another. The powers, however, compelled China to exempt foreigners from the likin upon payment of 2 1/2 per cent in addition to import or export duties. Chinese traders the likin is much higher.

In