

Deficiency Bill of \$108,500,000 Passed by House

Veterans' Bureau Gets Item of \$94,090,000—Provision to Limit Fuel for Navy Retained.

Washington, March 3.—Without a record vote the house today passed and sent to the senate a bill appropriating approximately \$108,500,000 to meet deficiency of various government departments. The largest items carried in the measure is \$94,000,000 for the veterans' bureau.

A provision which would limit to \$6,000,000 the amount the Navy department would spend for fuel during the next four months, remained in the bill without provoking discussion.

One of the few amendments increased the total for the enforcement of the maturity act during the remainder of the current fiscal year from \$370,000 to \$490,000. The bill also carries \$5,000,000 for initial payment to the republic of Colombia under the treaty recently ratified as a settlement of the Panama canal controversy.

With less than 100 members on the floor, an amendment which would have made \$150,000 available for development of helium gas with a view of using it to fill dirigibles, was rejected by a 2-to-1 vote. The amendment was offered by Representative Lanham, democrat, Texas, who pleaded with the house to be more liberal in providing funds for experiments in the use of the gas, which is nonflammable and of the conservation and development of the supply.

During the discussion Chairman Anthony of the subcommittee, which is studying the helium situation, asserting that congress had been "fairly liberal" in providing funds for helium production, said that he had \$10,000,000 had been expended by the government since the beginning of the war in experiments with the gas and in developing a plant at Fort Worth, Tex.

Mr. Anthony's estimate that it would have cost \$1,200,000 to have filled the airship Roma with helium was challenged by Mr. Lanham, who declared the cost would not have been more than \$246,000.

Wrestler's Wife May Get Divorce

Lawrence Rivers Fails to Appear in Suit for Decree by Common-Law Mate.

Lawrence Rivers, also known as Theodore Stice, 35, professional wrestler who advised himself as "Jekyll-Hyde of the mat," failed to make his appearance in the court of domestic relations yesterday to contest the divorce action of his wife, Alwida Timmons Rivers, 23.

After hearing the testimony of Mrs. Rivers, District Judge Sears indicated that Mrs. Rivers, common-law wife of the wrestler, would be given a decree after juvenile authorities presented their report of the case. The Rivers have a minor child.

Counsel for Rivers presented an answer which denied every allegation.

Mrs. Rivers alleges that her husband deserted her to have an ecclesiastical marriage with another woman. Mrs. Rivers showed several letters from Rivers, which bore her name, to show that she went under the name of his husband.

Rivers is said to be in McCook, Neb.

Supreme Court Postpones U. S. Shipping Board Cases

Washington, March 3.—Three United States shipping board cases were reassigned by the supreme court yesterday. The cases were set for argument next Monday, but upon motion of Solicitor General Breck the court postponed them one week. Two of the cases were brought from the state of Washington by the Astoria Marine Iron Works and the Sloan Shipyards corporation and others. The others were brought from New York city against Roger B. Wood, as trustee of the Eastern Shore Shipbuilding corporation.

The cases seek to have finally determined whether the emergency fleet corporation is a government agency or whether it has the status of a private corporation.

Radios Seek Steamer

Boston, Mass., March 3.—Radio stations along the north Atlantic seaboard today were actively seeking news from the Norwegian steamer Grontoit, Galveston for Esbjerg, which was reported sinking yesterday with 20 men aboard 500 miles southeast of Cape Race.

The latest word from the Grontoit said all its life boats had been smashed by the stormy seas. The steamer Estonia was reported on its way to the sinking steamer, and mariners here believed the Estonia had reached the Grontoit in time to save officers and crew. The Grontoit is a freighter of 1,200 tons.

Deaths and Funerals

Funeral services for Edwin Kennebeck, 78, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Kennebeck, 2215 Binney street, will be held at the residence at 8:45 this morning in Sacred Heart church at 2. Burial will be in Holy Sepulcher. He is survived by his parents, a sister, Maria, and seven brothers, Leo, Eugene, Joseph, Lambert, John, Paul and Frank.

No Work, Actresses Turn Dressmakers



Unemployment is hitting stage women hard, and above are some being taught the art of dressmaking by Anita Clarendon (standing left) and Hilda Spong (right), organizers of the Theatrical Women's exchange.

The Bee Short Story

THE BARRIER.

By EDWARD BAUGHMAN.

If anyone had ever hinted that there was a cloud on the horizon of the Camerons' married life to mar their domestic tranquility they would have been ridiculed. But there was infinitely more than a cloud—the sky was black.

Alice Cameron sat locking into space. There was no use denying it, she told herself a dozen times, love between them, if there really ever was any love, was dead.

Up to this morning they had kept up the pretense, but this morning he had come to the office without kissing her; the first time in three years! The neglect was mutual, though; she had been indifferent at his departure.

She smiled a rather bitter little smile. Three years ago she had been heralded as making a brilliant match when she married John Cameron, self-made man. But almost before the honeymoon ended she began to see her ideal fade. Soon she became aware she had married a common, ordinary man. His business mind grated horribly on her supercultured mind. Driving far-ther apart each day, they had kept up a show of pretense until this morning when the open rupture occurred. They were face to face with the bare facts now. No more sham; no more hypocrisy.

There was only one way out. She had resolved that—divorce. Not very pretty sounding, but a cure for all marital ills.

Started out on her bitter reverie by childish prattle and the patter of tiny feet, she turned.

"Mamma up! Mamma up!" two year old Caroline cried impatiently, trying to climb into her lap.

Taking her up, the mother caught her fondly to her bosom.

Divorce—no! Here was a barrier! For the sake of her child she would have to keep up the hollow mockery.

In his office John Cameron sank dejectedly into his chair. It had come at last—the open breach. He had been fearful from the first of the outcome. It was a mistake ever to think of living up to Alice Manning—he, a common, ordinary fellow from common ordinary parents—parents of the working class—ever to aspire to the hand of a girl brought up in wealth and luxury.

Her very culture was a menace to their happiness. There was no use of keeping up the sham of marital relations like so many mismatched couples did. He detested hypocrisy. Hypocrites because they trembled before public opinion. Divorce was the only remedy. Alice and he had nothing in common—absolutely nothing.

Then with a sudden start, he remembered—Caroline.

Divorce—no! For her sake he would have to live a lie. The very thing he detested in others. With an air of resignation, he turned to his work.

"Black diphtheria!"

White-faced and blue-lipped Alice Cameron turned from the doctor to her husband's face. "If she dies it will kill him," she thought. Stranger; not of herself first, but of him.

John Cameron felt as though someone had suddenly clutched his heart in a strong grip.

"My God, doctor, not that!" he exclaimed. But he wasn't thinking of himself. He turned to Alice and helped her to a chair. "If she dies," he thought, "it will break her heart."

They were kneeling by the child's bedside when the crisis came. The feverish tossing of their loved one suddenly ceased and their hearts all but stopped. Then they heard the doctor's voice as though miles away: "The crisis is past. She is sleeping."

John Cameron's hand groped over the coverlet. Halfway it was met by his wife's. With professional authority, the doctor gently forced them from the room.

Outside they stood facing each other for what might have been an eternity for all conception they had

Famine Said to Be Increasing in Ukraine Region

100,000 Persons in Odessa Alone Starving—Steamers Can't Unload Until Harbors Repaired.

Riga, March 3.—Famine in the Ukraine, that district of Russia which has supplied the majority of the Russian immigrants to America and which is only second to the Volga region in fertility, is growing worse, according to the daily reports of the Rosta, the official soviet news agency. Recent dispatches state that in Odessa alone 100,000 persons are starving when the soviet government is making all possible efforts to repair the railroads and to dredge the harbor to a sufficient depth so that the large steamers bringing grain from America can unload.

A soviet official here commented cheerfully that in case the grain arrived too late for effectual relief in the Volga, where millions are now starving, then it can be used with good effect in the Ukraine and would save the soviet government the trouble of freighting it to the Volga districts.

Today's Rosta states that in the Yekaterinoslav province 600,000 persons are starving and that 150,000 of these are children. Only 10,000 children are being fed at the present time by the soviet food kitchens, according to the report. In the Kherson district the conditions are reported even worse. The American relief administration has not yet finished its survey of this section of Russia and no kitchens have yet been established.

South Side Three Robberies in South Omaha

Drug Store, Bottling Works and Cleaning Establishment Looted.

Three robberies were reported to South Side police yesterday. Burglars pried open the front door of the Maple Avenue Drug store, 6107 Railroad avenue, and made away with \$50 worth of safety razors, cigars and cigarettes. This store has been robbed several times in the last year.

Three automobile thieves worth \$100 were taken up by the grain elevator near the front door of the Curo Mineral Springs Bottling company at Eighteenth and N streets.

The South Side branch of Dressler Bros., at 4653 South Twenty-fourth street, was robbed of a suit, dress and two fur neck pieces valued at \$200 by thieves who pried open the rear door.

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During the last year street car conductors collected 18,907,734 transfers, and 18,938,721 during 1920.

Following is a comparative financial statement of the company during 1921 and 1920: Gross revenue, 1921, \$4,615,889.14; 1920, \$4,807,529.58; operating expenses, 1921, \$3,482,283.77; 1920, \$3,603,678.17; taxes assignable to railway operation, 1921, \$437,620.83; 1920, \$427,861.60; operating and nonoperating income, 1921, \$734,651.49; 1920, \$880,903.72; deductions from gross income, 1921, \$637,457.00; 1920, \$637,490.00; net income, 1921, \$78,986.59; 1920, \$160,860.96; dividend requirements, 1920 and 1921, \$200,000.00; deficit, 1921, \$121,013.41; 1920, \$39,139.04.

The Nebraska State Railway commission will return to Omaha next Monday to resume the hearing on the application of the street railway company for a permanent passenger rate.

World's Greatest Hotel to Be Built in Chicago

Chicago, March 3.—Plans for the world's largest hotel, to contain 3,000 guest rooms and to be built on Michigan boulevard, at a cost of more than \$12,000,000, were announced here yesterday.

The announcement followed the sale of a block of land south of the Blackstone hotel for \$2,500,000 on which the new hotel, to be known as the Stevens, will be built. Construction, it was said, will start soon after May 1. The building will be 25 stories in height.

More Brokers Caught in Eddy of Misfortune

Failure of George W. Kendrick and Charles A. Bertrand Companies Announced at New York.

New York, March 3.—The whirlpool of misfortune continued to drag down brokerage houses today. The failure of George W. Kendrick, III, & Co. of Philadelphia was announced from the rostrum of the New York Stock exchange, and the Consolidated Stock exchange announced the suspension of Charles A. Bertrand of C. A. Bertrand & Co. of this city. An involuntary bankruptcy petition against C. A. Bertrand & Co. was filed in federal court. No estimate was made of liabilities and assets.

Suspension Announced.

Philadelphia, March 3.—Suspension of George W. Kendrick, III, & Co., stock brokers, was announced today.

The suspension was announced on the New York exchange, although the main office of the firm is in Philadelphia. Members of the firm are George W. Kendrick III, who holds the New York seat, and Clarence H. Clark III. The suspension was regarded in local financial circles as one of the most important of the series of failures among stock brokers that has occurred here in the last two weeks.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States district court today against L. A. Gerson & Co., stock brokers. No statement of liabilities was filed, but counsel for creditors said they would amount to \$125,000 and assets to about \$55,000.

Fire in Fort Madison Pen

Fort Madison, Ia., March 3.—Fire started in the Fort Madison penitentiary buildings early this morning swept the chair industry shop, carpenter shop, tailor shop and dining room building.

Bride of Priest Says Husband Tricked Her

Newark, N. J., March 3.—A bride of three days, Mrs. Julia Mahanna Yonan, 21, last night caused the arrest of Rev. M. Simon Yonan, 57, a Nestorian priest, who said his pastorate was in New Britain, Conn., charging that he first tricked her into marriage and then threatened to kill her because she refused to live with him. The priest was paroled on his

promise to answer the charge in court tomorrow.

Reared in Palestine, the girl came here a year ago. She told the police that Yonan, with stories of great wealth, had induced her to enter his household "to take charge of the servants." She signed a "contract" at the city clerk's office, she said, but did not learn until later that it was a marriage license. At a church ceremony before the Rev. William Leslie she said she was unable to make her protests understood because she could not speak English.

Aged Shenandoah Man Is Stricken in Front of Home

Shenandoah, Ia., March 3.—(Special)—W. H. O'Neal, 70, was found by passersby unconscious on the sidewalk in front of his home. He was carried into the house and a doctor called. He died a few minutes later.

Heart disease caused the death of the aged man, who lived alone. He had been chopping wood just before he died. His wife lives with two sons, Mark and Luther, at St. Joseph, Mo.

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Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Hoge, 78, member of Forest Home, will be held today at 2:30 at the residence, 2219 Dinwiddie street. Burial will be in Forest Hill cemetery.

Funeral services for Mrs. Celia Polinsky, 50, wife of Frank Polinsky, will be held Monday at 2:30 at the residence, 3933 Pratt street, and in Sacred Heart church at 3. Burial will be in Holy Sepulcher cemetery.