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THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service
 Lincoln, Nebraska — The growing deficit in the general fund is now receiving the attention of the legislature.
 By July 1, it is estimated that the state will be in debt \$3,000,000. Unless some provision is made for an extra levy, warrants will have to be registered.
 Governor Cochran, following the same plan that he pursued two years ago is executing a series of Lambeth walk approaches to the problem of adequate financing of the state's needs. He has sent in several messages to correct errors in the main budget communication. One of these documents adds \$910,000 to the amount required for financing Nebraska's institutions for the next biennium.
 Chairman Brady of the senate appropriations committee and State Treasurer Bass continue to discuss the budgetary requests of the executive. It is now predicted that the question of financing the state institutions may cause a prolonged session of the legislature.
 After a series of reversals, the unicameral has ordered an investigation of the state insurance department and the activities of the blue sky bureau. The sum of \$2,600 was appropriated. Lieutenant Governor Johnson, acting ex-officio, and five senators will make up the committee to push the probe.
 The action of the legislature, it is stated by insurance men, is a victory for the insurance department and the Nebraska companies. It is believed that the failure of an investment house in Omaha and the sale of several insurance companies will be the chief concern of the committee.
 Distinctly unfriendly to "home" companies and the Department was the proposal to appropriate \$50,000 and extend the investigation over a two-year period. Dr. A. L. Millow is credited with friendship for the governor; it is claimed that he diverted enough votes to make Senator Diers speaker. The insurance department worried somewhat after the proposal was revived. However on the day before the resolution passed the legislature, Insurance Commissioner Smrha expressed complacency and announced that he was at "peace with the world."
 Governor Cochran has come out in opposition to further legislation fixing prices and boondoggling business. Several price fixing bills have been killed by the legislature. Last week, LB33, the cream testing bill, was emasculated and the price-fixing features knocked out. As sent to final reading, the bill establishes a uniform \$2.00 fee for creameries, eliminates coloring for cream unfit for human consumption, and leaves out the definition of "Broker."
 The Nebraska Automobile Dealers' Association approved the price-fixing feature of the dealers licensing bill. A. C. Tilley, state engineer, addressed the convention and explained his price guide for used cars.
 The state government got economical in January, according to a recent summary of warrants made by State Tax Commissioner W. H. Smith. It shows that while \$2,586,980 was spent to operate the government of the state during December, only \$2,160,241 was spent during January. State assistance costs, however increased from \$655,143 in December to \$691,008 in January. The present unexpended balance for the remainder of the biennium since July 1, 1937 is \$8,557,254.
 The long battle begun by farmers in the Alliance area to obtain fed-

eral funds for pump irrigation, and carried on by farmers of the Platte valley, has at last borne fruit. Formal pump irrigation districts have been organized under S.F. 310 in Box Butte, Merrick, Dawson and Hall counties, and Representative Harry B. Coffey says federal 3 per cent water supply loans will soon be available in about ten western counties of Nebraska.
 H. E. Engstrom of Lincoln is to supervise the project, and co-operation will come from the works progress administration, the soil conservation service, and the farm security administration. A representative of the federal department of agriculture, who is now in Nebraska, will announce the counties in which the loans will be made as soon as he returns to Washington.
 The money is to come from a part of the five million dollar deficiency appropriation for the water facilities act, and the plan is to make loans of not more than \$50,000 each to farmers and cooperatives for small pump irrigation projects.
 Admission that the farmers are eligible to PWA funds was made when attention was called to the fact that they had organized into districts under S.F. 310, but no PWA funds could be found available. Previously, the farmers had been refused such funds on the ground that the groups were not co-operatives.
 Frank B. O'Connell, secretary of the state game, forestation, and parks commission, prophesies a big flood of tourists in Nebraska next summer, and he says that highways No. 6, No. 20, and No. 30 will bear the brunt of the most travel. Many inquiries from easterners, he says, have been received in his department in regard to Nebraska points of interest, and a folder is being prepared which will be available for distribution about the middle of March.

Harry C. Stein, who recently resigned his position as assistant adjutant general of the Nebraska national guard and surrendered his commission as major in the guard, last week filed suit against H. J. Paul, former adjutant general, for \$9,861. Stein, who on Aug. 1, 1919, was appointed United States property and disbursing officer for the guard on the alleged recommendation of General Paul, and who, on the same recommendation, was made assistant adjutant general on July 1, 1920, claims that because of "repeated threats, intimidations, and coercions" made by Paul and because of fear of dismissal, he has been forced to pay Paul, during the last twenty years, the total of \$9,861. General Paul, who is still in Lincoln, although he had planned to go to California last week, has refused to make any comment on the matter.
 The total delinquency of Nebraskans for property taxes since Nebraska became a state in 1867 is 2.69 per cent, or \$5,438,087, according to State Tax Commissioner W. H. Smith. The total delinquency for the last fiscal year was 11.54 per cent, and Commissioner Smith says that conditions are "worse" now. When asked by legislators whether a bill strengthening intangible tax collections would help the situation, the commissioner said that he doubted whether his maintenance allowance would be increased much by such a bill. Most of the burden, he said, would have to be borne by the counties.
 The unicameral legislature has received a letter from PWA offices listing project applications in or near Lincoln amounting to \$4,222,736. Five of these projects are connected with the University of Nebraska, including the university library, \$800,000, of which \$360,000 is federal; the university physical education building at the north end of the stadium, \$275,000, of which \$123,750 is federal; university engineering laboratory \$600,000

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 The congressional mail is unusually heavy in spite of below zero and snowy weather at home. Scores of letters come from constituents asking whether or not there are war indications in Washington. In reply to that it can be stated that from behind closed doors in great committee rooms comes the assurance from the best informed that at present there is no danger of America getting mixed up in any war. The house is pretty well satisfied that Americans are opposed to mixing in foreign entanglements and opposed to any warfare except purely national defense. Even the most outspoken friends of the professional Army and Navy officialdom say that all armament expenditures are aimed at national defensive preparedness only.
 Debate Florida Ship Canal
 Congressmen have returned from Florida following inspection of the Florida ship canal site. There is a lot of divided opinion on this venture. There are lobbyists here from north of the canal telling members what a great thing the canal would be. They urge the expenditure of money for it. There are lobbyists here from south of the canal site who say the entire venture is "cockeyed" and discourage the expenditure of any more money on it.
 Debut Racketeers
 The social racketeers continue to dupe the innocent mothers and daughters in the Nation's capitol. These "debut" racketeers get a lot of money to put on "coming out" parties for young ladies whose mothers want them to "make" the social stage here. Thousands of dollars are paid to these racketeers who by some marvelous technique know how to get favorable publicity, photographs and "connections" for the eager people.
 Jobs For Students
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"Longest Remembered American"
 For many days now members have been making Lincoln speeches. They will be followed by Washington speeches. Digging into old records, members find that Lincoln was a member of congress in 1847 and that he was but 38 years old when he sat in the house chamber. Most people, however, go down to the river and visit the Lincoln Memorial—the most impressive in the city of many monuments. There is something about the Lincoln statue in that great stone memorial which awes visitors. Most of them on their first visit leave with tears in their eyes. Nearly everybody these days know that the high toned people of Lincoln's day did not like the great Emancipator. Everything here indicates that Abe Lincoln was no society man. But every indication here is that he will be the longest remembered American.
 World War Costs of Today
 Members who oppose war because of the tragedy they see in the past war cases of veterans find that not alone was it costly to fight the war, but that we are now expending, annually, 420 million dollars in pensions for those who fought the battles of the nation. There are now 393,135 World War veterans receiving compensation from their government, and in addition there are 110,940 dependents of deceased veterans receiving compensation—so that the total for the World War of only 21 years ago is 504,075. That is what the war of so short a time is costing. This legion of despair can hope for no armistice according to many of the veterans' representatives who are praying for peace.
 World War Mental Cases to Reach Peak in 1949
 Evidence produced before congressional committees concerning the rapid growth of N. P. cases reveals one of the most pathetic aftermaths of the World War. These are the neuropsychiatric men in the present with the past and the whom the slender cords that binds the present with the past and the

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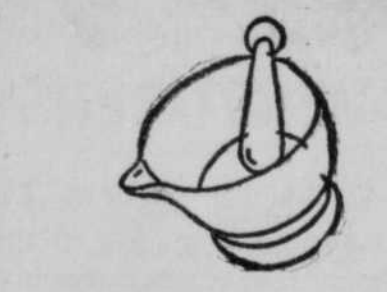
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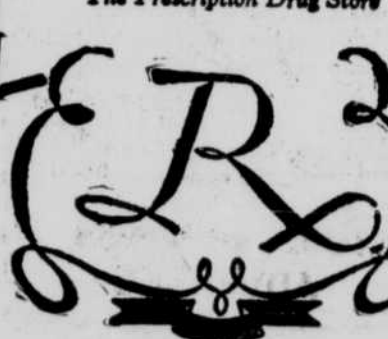
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