

Bryan Charge of Road Deficit Held Baseless

False and Misleading Charges Injured State's Credit, Investigating Committee Asserts.

The charges made by Governor Charles W. Bryan that huge deficits existed in state funds are without foundation. The broad publicity given to them, because they were uttered by the governor of the state, has injured the credit of Nebraska and lowered the standing of the state government in the eyes of the rest of the nation.

This indictment of Governor Bryan is brought by the special senate investigating committee appointed to look into the charges made by the governor shortly after his inauguration.

For the first few months of his administration Governor Bryan gave much of his time to throwing slurs at "the previous administration" and bringing charges of maladministration. Conspicuous among these were accusations that huge deficits existed in state funds.

In order to make his point "stick" the governor for a considerable period failed to send the requisite vouchers upon which to receive the funds available at Washington in connection with federal aid road work. This latter feature of his activities was exposed at the time by The Omaha Bee and he was forced to take steps which finally resulted in the payment of hundreds of thousands of dollars due for road work.

Committee Submits Report.

The general charges that deficits existed were turned over to a committee appointed by the state senate, composed of Senators John W. Robbins of Omaha, republican; George Wilkins of Emerson, republican, and W. E. Banning of Union, democrat. The committee worked diligently for months and its report submitted to day was unanimously adopted and bears the signatures not only of the two republican members but of the democratic member as well.

In its concluding paragraphs the report of the committee recites: "The committee is of the opinion that the governor's charges in his messages are without proper foundation, are extremely misleading and do not state the facts as recorded in the offices of the state treasurer and state auditor.

"Governor Bryan, in the opinion of the committee, by alleging large de-

fiencies in the funds of the state departments that did not actually exist then or since, has discredited the true financial standing of the state as the state government is in excellent financial conditions and has been so for years."

One of the striking features of the report is a recital of the contempt with which Governor Bryan treated the committee. Upon four different occasions Bryan was invited to appear before the committee and submit the facts and figures upon which he had based his charges of deficits in the state funds. All of these invitations he ignored. He sent to the committee instead long rambling letters in which he quoted figures for which he gave no authoritative source. In these letters he did not even refer to the fact that his personal appearance before the committee was requested.

In each of these letters the figures were different from those in the other letters and the committee in disgust was compelled to finally close its sessions without the appearance of Bryan and without any help from him. The committee members went over all of the records of the state, examined a number of state officers and based upon the figures thus obtained its report that instead of a deficit there was in the state funds on June 30 last a balance of \$419,844.23.

On this date there were outstanding charges against the state road funds of \$273,522.86. Much of these charges, however, were for work in process of completion and for which bills would not be submitted until the work was finished. Therefore this figure could in no way be called a deficit as it would be taken care of through receipts that would come into the treasury in time to meet the bills when submitted.

Humorous Feature.

A humorous feature of the findings of the committee is, in the many different figures given by Governor Bryan at different times as to the amount of the deficits which he charged. At one time he charged that there was a deficit of \$295,000, again that it amounted to \$581,513.47, at another time that it amounted to \$2,225,000, and again that it amounted to \$4,040,387.93. Included in these varying amounts were alleged deficits in both the state road fund and in the general funds.

All of the charges the committee unanimously finds were without foundation and that their publication was an injury to the state.

Further, the committee finds that if there had been in fact a deficit in the state road funds, or the danger of a deficit, Governor Bryan at all times had the matter of road expenditures under his control. There is a clause in all road contracts which gives the state an effective whip handle. Had Bryan used this whip

handle he could have put an immediate stop to road work that he thought was running over the funds available. This clause in the contracts is as follows:

"This proposal is made with the understanding that the various items of work may be necessarily increased or decreased, and that the unit prices will apply to the increased or decreased quantities as fully as to the estimates of quantities herein given."

Even the item of \$273,000, which the committee finds has run over the funds on hand on June 30, could have been cut out had Bryan acted under this clause. The inference is that Bryan either did not know that this clause was in the contracts as he should have known or he purposely permitted the contracts to run on with the intent of having an apparent basis of complaint. On this point the committee states:

"Under this clause, it can be seen that the highway contracts in force when Governor Bryan came into office were not binding upon the state as to quantities, so that if the governor had any reason to believe that the cost of the work contemplated under these contracts would be greater than the funds provided for payment, he had the power to adjust the contracts so as to keep within the funds he considered available."

The unreliability of Governor Bryan's estimate is indicated in the appendix to the committee's report, in which appears the committee's correspondence with the governor in its effort to have him appear before it. The committee asked that he testify in support of an allegation that there was a deficit of \$1,670,000 in the highway funds and a deficit of \$2,225,000 in the state treasury. In a letter of meeting the committee and furnishing facts as requested, Governor Bryan, the committee's file shows, sent it copies of reports made by subordinate officials, one of which asserts the existence of a \$295,000 deficit in the highway funds. A week later, in response to a further request, the governor addressed a letter to the committee in which he alleged a deficit of \$581,513.47 in the various state funds. The statement was un-

RADIO

- Program for Friday, October 17.
- (courtesy of Radio Digest.)
- By Associated Press.
- W.A.R., Buffalo, 219: 5:30, music; 6:30, 8:00, political address; 9:30, recital; 10, dance; concert; 10, W.Q.J., Chicago, 448: 7, concert; 10, 10:30, 11:30, music.
 - W.G.N., Chicago-Tribune, 370: 6, concert; 8, concert; 10, orchestra; 11, 11:30, 12, music.
 - W.S., Chicago, 248: 8:30, organ; 6:45, 10, songs; orchestra, quartet, ballads; farm; program; 10, orchestra; drama; songs.
 - W.F.A., Dallas News, 476: 8:30-9:30, recital.
 - W.V., Dayton, 484: 7, Sandman; 7:30, educational lecture; 8, musical.
 - W.H.O., Des Moines, 135: 7:30-9, concert; 10:30, 11:30, music.
 - W.W.J., Detroit News, 517: 6, News orchestra; 7:30, musical.
 - W.B.A.P., Fort Worth Star-Telegram, 479: 7:30-9:30, college concert; 9:30-10:15, music.
 - W.D.A.F., Kansas City Star, 411: 8:30, 4:30, string trio; 6-7, School of the Air; 8-9:30, orchestra, minstrel; 11:45, Night Savers.
 - W.H.A.S., Louisville Times, 400: 7:30-8 concert, instrumental trio.
 - K.P.I., Los Angeles, 452: 8:45, organ; 10-11 a. m. instrumental, vocal, dance; 12, 1:30, 2:30, orchestra; 3, ballads; 4:30, 5:30, cafeteria orchestra; 11, mid-night concert.
 - W.J.Z., New York, 458: 9 a. m., educational; 10 a. m., music, organ, stock report; talks.
 - W.J.Y., New York, 408: 6:30-9:30, orchestra, talks, concert.
 - W.E.A.P., New York, 492: 5, music; 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, music; 7, Happiness Boys; 7:30, soprano; 8, orchestra.
 - W.O.L., New York, 483: 8 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 1:30 p. m., solo, talks.
 - W.D.A.R., Philadelphia, 495: 6:30, talk; 7, talk; 7:10, dance, radio play; 9:05, dance; 10, concert.
 - W.C.A.Z., Pittsburgh, 452: 8:30, concert; 9:30, recital; 10:30, recital; 9:03, recital; 10 dance.
 - W.C.A.R., Pittsburgh, 452: 8:30, concert; 9:30, recital; 10:30, recital; 9:03, recital; 10 dance.
 - R.D.K.A., Pittsburgh, 326: 8:30, organ; 9:30, 10:30, 11, talk; 7:15, book talk; 7:30, quartet, soprano, baritone.
 - W.G.Y., Schenectady, 380: 6:45, minstrel; 9:30, orchestra.
 - W.B.Z., Springfield, 237: 5, concert; 6:10, book review; 6:30, bedtime; 8, solo; 10, concert; 10:30, singing orchestra.
 - K.S.D., St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 548: 8, concert; 10, concert.
 - W.C.A.P., Washington, 469: 6:30, concert; 8, talk; 8:15, recital; 9, orchestra.
 - W.R.G., Washington, 469: 8, children.

WOAW Program

Friday, October 17.

6 P. M.—"Uncle Sam's" story hour (World-Herald), conducted by his daughter, Doris Claire Secord.

6:30 P. M.—Dinner program, the Greater orchestra; Wallace Johnston, manager.

8 P. M.—Community program; Randolph, La. Arranged by C. R. Cook, soprano; C. B. & J. R. H. Co. 10:30 P. M.—Dance program. King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table at Brandeis restaurants.

KFNF Program

Friday.

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ported by evidence or records and the committee finally gave up hope of reconciling the governor's self-conflicting charges.

The committee's figures are based upon cash receipts. It has taken no account of belated revenue, uncollected due the state and, to a very large extent, paid within a few months. If this were counted as a resource of the treasury, the balance would be materially higher than the figures cited. On this point the committee says:

"The governor, in his messages to the legislature and in his communication to the committee, in figuring his alleged deficits, has persistently failed to fairly take into account outstanding resources of the state, the larger portion of which has been collected since he made his charges, so that he has not shown fair offsets against his estimates of the state's liabilities for any given period."

Another ludicrous feature of the report is contained in the copies of letters attached. One of these letters is from Governor Bryan and in it he reveals his partisan political bias in the entire transaction. This letter is dated January 24, 1924, and contains the following statement:

"I submitted to the legislature all the information which it had been possible for me to obtain from the heads of the departments directly under my charge. The heads of these departments were held over officials from the former administration, and it was not until after they had been replaced that I was able to find out the true condition of the public road funds and other financial matters contained in these messages."

This was the final statement received from Governor Bryan, in which he contradicted all of his previous charges of deficits, finally setting the figure at \$581,513.47. Even this figure has been shown to be without foundation by the committee report which also exposes the governor's effort to cause a serious fire in the Walter Hunsie farm, northwest of here. Neighbors aided in putting out the fire. Considerable damage was done.

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had not jurisdiction in the case and that the postmaster had not been named a party to the suit.

Reserves Decision.

Justice Stephens was not particularly impressed by either his argument or Attorney Coffy's reply and reserved decision on the objection until after Saturday's hearing.

In the meantime La Follette mail is being held up at the postoffice. No delivery has been made since yesterday afternoon and no delivery will be made until the court has established to the satisfaction of the postmaster the proper recipient of letters addressed to La Follette headquarters.

That was at 2. An hour and a half later Mattley, Coffey and Mutz were before Justice W. A. Hawes, who issued the writ of replevin which checked Mutz yesterday.

The justice did not even take the judicial chair. Mattley announced that an agreement had been reached and asked the court to dismiss the writ. The court graciously acceded.

Tonight a constable is in possession of La Follette property and will remain in possession until the fatal Saturday hearing.

Harrison has promised Mutz that he will not touch the disputed property.

Mutz has promised Harrison that the constable will be the sole guardian.

Mutz Ready to Fight.

And Harrison has further promised that he will abide by the decision of Justice Stephens. Not so Mutz. If Justice Stephens finds against him the district court will hear from him and, if that is necessary to "secure vindication," the state supreme court.

Harrison, apparently unperturbed by Mutz's action, late this afternoon carefully exhibited a telegram from Kansas announcing the resignation of the state chairman in that state.

"I recommended it," he said, and the quizzical smile that is his usual expression crinkled up around his eyes.

"Harrison wants to be the whole show," Mutz told a friend this morning. And, with the telegram from Kansas to add to the interneine troubles of La Follette's leaders there was no one here tonight to argue the question with the dismissed Nebraska chairman.

OMAHANS AID BRIDGE RITES

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and southeastern South Dakota, there were many hands. Omaha's who came to Yankton by special train marched, wearing white hats and carrying umbrellas of Ak-Sar-Ben-

colors. It was a gala occasion. There were more speeches, amplified many times by microphones.

"It is glorious," beamed "Miss Nebraska" enthusiastically, and her description was echoed by hundreds of others, "to think that I have taken part in such an important historic event."

"Yes, and it was wonderful of you to come all the way from Omaha to take part in it," replied "Miss South Dakota," hugging Miss Nebraska impulsively. It seemed quite fitting that "Miss Nebraska" and "Miss South Dakota" should become such firm friends.

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