

U. P. LAND BILL IS KILLED

House Postpones Representative Osterman's Measure by Vote of Two to One.

LANIGAN LEADS OPPOSITION

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 16.—(Special.)—Representative Lanigan took the floor today several times in opposition to the Osterman bill known as S. S. 412 intended to deny the Union Pacific the right of condemnation...

MRS. MABEL RUGGLES

has failed to win a divorce from Lieutenant Francis A. Ruggles, United States Army, on cruelty charges in a trial replete with sensational features.



MRS. FRANCES A. RUGGLES

SENATORS TO PROBE

DODGE-M'KELVIE MIX

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of Lincoln offered a resolution asking for an investigation. Inasmuch as the conference committee in question, appointed by Mr. McKelvie, was discovered to have had as its membership in the senate end, Ollis of Valley...

Dodge Repeats Charge. But Dodge rose immediately to repeat his previous statement, and to say that he welcomed the investigation. He referred to certain evidence that would enable him to prove his charge...

Resents "Corruption" Charge. The Lancaster county member admitted that he had defended Mr. McKelvie and that it was his personal wish that he be excused from the committee...

Dodge Felt "Sore." Dodge said that he always had felt "grievously sore" over the conference committee and also the fact that he, the author of the amendments that were defeated, should have been left off the committee...

Culivan Appeals To Supreme Court

HASTINGS, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—John T. Culivan today filed a motion for a rehearing of the O'Connor will contest. If the motion should be denied he will appeal to the supreme court.

NEWSPAPER MEN CHOSEN TO ATTEND PRESS CONGRESS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 16.—(Special.)—While Nebraska could not afford to have a public building at the Panama-Pacific exposition, it will have a delegation at the National Press congress...

Governor Morehead this afternoon in response to a request to appoint five delegates named the following newspaper men: E. N. Marvin, Beatrice Sun; L. B. Tobin, Lincoln Star; H. T. Dobbin, Lincoln News-Journal; E. B. Gaddis, Lincoln representative, World-Herald; P. A. Barrows, Lincoln representative, Omaha Bee.

SENATE NAMES ITS SIFTERS

Kohl of Wayne Chairman of Body that Will Lift Bills in Upper Body.

NEARING END OF THE SESSION

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 16.—(Special.)—The beginning of the end of the thirty-fourth session of the Nebraska legislature here in sight today with the appointment of a sifting committee in the senate.

The personnel of this powerful committee is as follows: Kohl of Wayne, chairman; Maties of Otoe, Grace of Harlan, Buhman of Howard, Bedford of Douglas, Ruden of Knox and Spencer of Gage. The committee was named in a motion put by Howell of Douglas, after the democrats had caucused the previous evening.

The minority party is given its usual representation of two, Ruden and Spencer being the republican members. Minority representation on this committee is never more than two.

But ten legislative days remain for which the senators may draw pay. The senate has but eight more legislative days. As usual, the legislature will not be able to finish within that time, but the extra days that the members will serve will not be as numerous as on previous occasions.

Electric Light Bill Reported Without Recommendation

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The Omaha water district electric light plant bill was reported out by the house committee on telephones and telegraphs this morning without recommendation by a vote of 5 to 4.

Crete Invades State Office for Official

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 16.—(Special.)—G. A. Gregor, an inspector employed in State Superintendent Thomas' office, has been offered the superintendency of the Crete city schools. It is not known yet whether he will accept.

Compulsory Voting Bill Up in House

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 16.—(Special.)—The house committee of the whole considered H. R. 634, the compulsory voting bill, by Anderson of Boyd. It imposes a poll tax of \$5 on each voter, but provides that \$3 of this shall be remitted when his vote is cast in the primaries and the other \$2 when he votes at the general election.

BEACHEY FUNERAL IS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—If a plan which has been approved by the city's Board of Supervisors is carried into effect a monument will be erected in Golden Gate park to the memory of Lincoln Beachey, the aviator who was killed here Sunday.

LEMARS DOCTOR SHOOTS HIS WIFE THREE TIMES

LEMARS, Ia., March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Dr. J. L. Reeves, a well known physician of this city, shot his wife at noon today, inflicting three wounds, one bullet striking her in the neck, another in the chin and one in the abdomen. Domestic troubles in the cause ascribed. They were only married about a year, she being his second wife. The woman is in a serious condition.

BRITISH SHIP CAPTAIN TELLS OF MEX TREATMENT

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 16.—The United States cruiser Des Moines accompanied the British steamer Wyvianbrook from Campeche to Progreso, Mexico, after the Wyvianbrook had been detained by Mexicans, according to Captain Sidney Muir of the Wyvianbrook, which arrived today. He said the Mexicans took \$212,000 in Mexican currency from his ship and did not return it.

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Legislative Proceedings

Sifting File in the House Reported. On March 16, H. R. 408, Drucesodw—Double shift for Omaha firemen.

H. R. 407, Hunter—Anti-bucket shop bill. Provides for payment of improvement taxes for paving West O street road.

H. R. 406, Anderson of Boyd—Requires all absentee electors to vote and exempts them from poll tax.

H. R. 405, Negley—Provides for advertising of candidates for selecting delegates to county convention.

H. R. 404, Negley—Prevents public utilities from right of strains after expiration of franchise through adverse possession.

H. R. 403, Saunders—Provides for methods in which charitable societies incorporated under the law may extend period of incorporation.

H. R. 402, Rimeslund and Meredith—Provides for taking of public property for extension of cemeteries.

H. R. 401, Peterson—Authorizes county commissioners and supervisors to lay out and construct gravel roads.

H. R. 400, Reiser—Permits religious societies to sell or encumber property without assent of trustees.

H. R. 399, Jell—Original petitions with attached court judgment exempt from lists of grounds for attachment in civil actions for recovery of money.

H. R. 398, Hunter—Enjoins persons or firms from aiding or abetting the operation of bucket shops.

H. R. 397, Maitson—Provides that sheriff act as probation officer in counties of less than 30,000 where commissioners do not have such offices.

H. R. 396, Crinklaw and Liggett—Abolishes juvenile courts.

H. R. 395, Naylor—Provides for cancellation of tax sale certificates after five years.

H. R. 394, Bygland—Fixes limit of 15 mills for second class cities and villages in levying municipal taxes.

H. R. 393, Bygland—Allows guardians, Superintendents of Public Welfare, and trustees held by them in trust.

H. R. 392, Buhaue—Authorizes irrigation districts to pay for water and levy a tax to pay for it.

H. R. 391, Bedford—Authorizes a levy of 2 mills in Douglas county for aid to the poor.

H. R. 390, Brookley—Forbids sale of habit-forming drugs except on physician's prescription and requires dealers to keep a record of their sales.

H. R. 389, Buhaue—Provides that irrigation season shall close October 1, instead of November 15.

H. R. 388, Buhaue—Reduces percentage of collection fee on irrigation district bonds.

H. R. 387, the governor—Providing for nomination and election of Lincoln school board members.

WILSON DISLIKES ORDER IN COUNCIL

British Ban on Neutral Trade Will Provoke Strong Protest from United States.

WILL AFFECT COTTON MOST

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Chevillier Van Rappard, Netherlands minister, informally opened negotiations at the State department today to determine what action may be taken by the United States and the Netherlands to obtain an amelioration of the restrictions laid down in the British order in council.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—President Wilson indicated today that the unofficial outline of the British order in council shutting off trading with Germany was very displeasing to the United States government.

He declined, however, to enter into a discussion of the order with callers because he had not had opportunity to go over the official text. Discussion among other officials, however, was taken to indicate that the government would make to Great Britain and its allies a protest more vigorous than any of the most hitherto sent.

In some official quarters it was thought this protest might take the form of insistence on a compliance with international law. Officials at the State department who have studied the British order say it raises new and embarrassing complications for neutral commerce to which it never before has been subjected in maritime war.

Diplomats declared that the next note from the United States would require some positive terms. His Neutral Trade Hard. Interference with trade between this country and neutrals, suggested in the order is giving officials here most concern, for as they read the British order, commerce to those countries which have not placed export embargoes on contraband articles practically will be held up.

The United States contends there is no warrant for such interruption unless legal proof exists at the time of the detention proving beyond doubt that the goods are destined to a belligerent.

Cotton shipments would suffer particularly under the order and cotton growers are preparing, through their representatives here, to insist upon a strong declaration from the government on the subject.

With reference to the holding up of neutral commerce, the burden of proof, the United States contends, should be on the belligerent, whereas Great Britain has transferred it to the neutral shipper.

Austria is Not Samed. Officials were most interested to know whether the terms of the British order would be enforced against Austria and Turkey, because Germany's allies were not mentioned in it. The Austro-Hungarian embassy here has repeatedly notified the Department of Commerce, which has in turn notified shippers that cargoes of cotton could be shipped without difficulty to Trieste. If that avenue of communication is open for non-contraband goods their shipment by rail through Austria to Germany would, in the view of officials, alleviate the situation considerably.

The official text of the British order arrived during the day and State department officials began a study of its terms.

WILL CONTINUE HORSE RACING IN ENGLAND

LONDON, March 16.—The Jockey club has decided to continue racing in spite of the war. The only change from times of peace will be the necessary curtailment of social functions in connection with the Epsom and Ascot meets.

The club held that the continuance of racing was necessary to the interests of horse breeding and of the thousands of men employed in connection with the sport.

Department Orders. WASHINGTON, March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Postmasters appointed: Mrs. Florence Hanson, McLean, Pierce county, Neb.; Mrs. H. F. Krusman; Paul H. Putnam, Norris, Weld county, S. D.; vice Roy Brazil, resigned.

Nebraska Postmasters reappointed: Duncan, Platte county, Mike A. Twardzinski; St. Helena, Cedar county, John B. Bruns.

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