

Put Missouri First in U. S. River Budget

\$10,000,000 to Be Spent Next Year Improving Big Muddy, Says Report of Gen. Brown

The largest single item in the first rivers and harbors budget under the Hoover administration is for the Missouri river. This budget, fixed at \$55,000,000, an increase of \$5,000,000 over the last budget, was submitted to congress Monday by the chief of army engineers. It is for the fiscal year starting July 1, 1930.

The Missouri river, under the budget, gets \$10,050,000. \$3,000,000 North of K. C. This is divided into \$7,000,000 for the river from Kansas City to the mouth, \$3,000,000 between Kansas City and Sioux City and \$50,000 from Sioux City to Fort Benton, Mont.

The first big "improvement budget" for the Missouri above Kansas City is set at \$2,886,000, with \$114,000 for maintenance. The budget below Kansas City is divided into \$6,020,000 for improvement and \$980,000 for maintenance.

Less For Other Rivers
For the Mississippi river proper \$4,760,000 is asked and for the Ohio \$2,036,700. The Illinois river allotment is \$855,000, the Allegheny river \$803,000, and the Monogahela \$600,000.

New York harbor and adjacent bays and river channels get \$4,430,000, and Philadelphia and the Delaware \$4,250,000. Because of unexpended balances appropriated by congress there was available on July 1 last for the current fiscal year \$76,599,937, of which \$27,349,477 was on the Mississippi system.

The sum spent in the fiscal year which ended last June 30 was \$47,771,132.

Brown Explains Plans
Major Gen. Lytle Brown, chief of engineers of the army, explained to congress in his annual report Monday how it was contemplated to use the \$10,050,000 on the Missouri during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1930.

General Brown said the work for a completely controlled and regulated river below Kansas City was about 55 per cent completed, but it would not by any means be necessary to complete all the work in order to make navigation on a large scale practicable. The \$7,000,000 asked will go a long way towards doing this, General Brown reported.

The existing project, for securing a permanent navigable channel with a minimum low water depth of six feet and a minimum width of 200 feet, is estimated to cost \$25,000,000 to \$40,000,000 as revised in 1928. The net total expenditure under the existing project amounts to \$25,162,039.

\$3,000,000 Is Asked
For the river between Kansas City and Sioux City, Ia., \$3,000,000 is asked. General Brown said the present year's operations amounting to \$1,630,892, by June 30, next, the largest portion being used in construction of dikes. Of the amount asked for the coming fiscal year \$2,500,000 would be used in channel rectification and bank protection works; \$75,000 in maintenance and repair of snag boats, and \$53,000 for superintendence and office.

The project on this stretch of the river calls for a permanent navigable channel of six feet deep, and to conform to the character and methods of improvement of the section of the river between the upper end of Quindaro bend and the mouth, namely, by means of bank revetment, permeable dikes to contract and rectify the waterway, removal of snags and occasional dredging.

STATE BUYS 2 TONS OF CANDY
Lincoln, Dec. 2.—Approximately 2½ tons of candy and 2½ tons of nuts are being purchased by the board of control this week for distribution among inmates and employees of the 17 state institutions at Christmas time. This will give each person an average of over two-thirds of a pound of candy and more than a half-pound of nuts. However, the quantities will vary considerably at the different institutions.

A Santa Claus treat of oranges will also be provided by the board of control for the state's wards. These will probably be purchased locally as needed at the various places, under specific authority from the board.

The regular quarterly letting of contracts for foodstuffs at the institutional establishments is under way this week and will last for three or four days. Other supplies are also being bought, the list including: Groceries, meats, flour and feed, coffee and tea, tobacco, laundry supplies, janitor's supplies, dishes, paper and shoes.

CHICAGO BANKER MISSING
St. Louis.—The Mississippi Valley Trust company officials announced Monday that W. J. Lavery, manager of the Chicago investment branch of the Mississippi Valley Merchants State Trust company, has been missing for more than a week and that a check of his account in Chicago disclosed a shortage of \$47,245.

Lavery, for whom a search is being made, had been speculating on the stock market and the missing securities are said to have been lost by him before his disappearance. Virtually all his own personal wealth had been wiped out.

Deeds, Mortgages, Contracts and all kinds of legal blanks for sale at Journal office.

\$1,000,000 BOND ISSUE PLANNED

Lincoln, Dec. 3.—The Interstate Transit lines applied Tuesday to the state railway commission for permission to issue an additional \$1,000,000 worth of stock to finance contemplated improvements and extensions of its motor bus service in Nebraska. The company is a subsidiary of the Union Pacific railroad and that company will subscribe for all of the new stock.

The application shows that the company now has outstanding more than 59,000 shares of stock valued at \$10 a share. The Union Pacific owns 47,505 shares and the Chicago & North Western Railroad Co. owns 22,417 shares. The company has heretofore been capitalized at \$1,000,000. Its capital is to be increased to \$3,000,000, according to the application.

Sears May Not Head the Claims Committee

Clash with Underhill Last Spring Possible Factor in Today's Decision.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Appointment of Representative Willis G. Sears, of Omaha, to the chairmanship of the house claims committee will be considered by the committee on committees in a meeting her tomorrow.

Sears has been occupying the office of the chairman of that committee for several months, and is in line for that chairmanship post, but expressions late today indicate grave doubt the house leaders will confirm him in that position. Reason for this hesitancy is said to revolve about action last spring when Sears fell into a dispute with Representative Underhill (Mass.), over the committee post.

Underhill vacated the claims position to take the chairmanship of the accounts committee, but refused to resign from the former until Sears' action in moving into the committee rooms forced his hand. Underhill stated at the time that Sears should have ascertained whether the committee on committees would confirm him before changing his office. Sears replied that it was customary for the ranking member of a committee to pursue such a course when the chairman was advanced to another committee.

The dispute led to a congestion of legislation in the claims body during the last session of the Seventieth congress which made night sessions of the house necessary to clear up the committee's docket.

Sears indicated today that he expects to retain the committee chairmanship if he is confirmed tomorrow, although last session he refused to attend a meeting of the committee. Representative Irwin (Ill.), presided at that session last spring, and is now actively engaged in a campaign for the committee post as ranking man next to Sears. Influential Illinois members claimed today that Irwin would get the post tomorrow, and that Sears would not be confirmed.

Sears is the Nebraska member of the committee on committees, and probably will attend the meeting tomorrow. His friends state he will get the chairmanship if he makes an active bid for it before the committee.

HUSBAND WINS DECISION

Washington.—The husband who gives his wife money to pay cash instead of having her buy on credit won Monday in a decision by the District of Columbia court of appeals, which excused Representative Huddleston of Alabama, of liability for a \$245 debt for furs bought by his wife, Bertha. The Alabamian had said he gave Mrs. Huddleston \$75 in cash each month for her personal expenses and had forbidden her to pledge his credit, nevertheless, paying \$8 down on a coat and fox scarf costing \$253.

Judgment in favor of the husband was rendered in the municipal court, and the fur merchant sued out a writ or error. Justice Charles H. Robb in Monday's decision said it would tend "to check extravagance (one of the most pronounced modern evils) and at the same time protect husbands who, in good faith, have made such provisions for their wives as such means and station of life warranted, from debts thoughtlessly and needlessly contracted and often beyond the capacity of the husband to pay."

WOMAN COUNTY TREASURER

Franklin, Neb.—Miss Ida Lieneman, daughter of S. Lieneman of Bloomington, was elected treasurer of Franklin county by the board of commissioners late Tuesday. She succeeds George A. Carter who was sentenced to prison and fined \$64,000 last week for embezzlement of county funds. Miss Lieneman was chosen from a group of nineteen applicants. She will take office Thursday morning.

Miss Lieneman formerly attended the University of Nebraska. For the past several months she has been employed as a stenographer for an attorney at Alma.

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Mrs. Marvin Allen was among the visitors in Omaha today where she was called to spend a few hours attending to some matters of business and visiting with friends.

Negro at West Point Says He is Treated Fairly

Cadet Deplores Publicity "Singling Me Out as an Object for Pity," Joins in Activities.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 2.—Alonza Parham, Negro cadet appointed to the United States Military academy from Chicago, in an interview today said the treatment he has received since he entered the academy July 1 has been absolutely fair and impartial.

The permission granted the cadet to talk for publication broke a policy which had been in effect at the academy for more than a century.

Parham objected to publicity recently given him and remarked that it was "discouraging to see my position so badly misrepresented and to be singled out as an object for pity."

"Published reports that cadets never talk to me or that my relations with them are strained are absolutely false," Parham said.

"Since July 1, when I entered, my treatment at the hands of officers and cadets has been fair and never under any circumstances has there been any sign of discrimination or prejudice. All the officers are giving me a square deal."

Joins in Activities.

"I have participated in every activity with other fourth class men from the minute of my arrival and in addition to the military drills have participated in intramural sports, playing baseball, basketball, football and several others. At the football trips to Boston, New Haven and New York City, I marched with my company and sat in the stands exactly as the other cadets."

Major General William R. Smith, superintendent, also deplored the publicity Parham has received and stated that it was having a most harmful effect.

"This young man is absolutely on his own," the general said, "exactly as every other cadet and to single him out merely because of his color is un-American."

Mathematics Standing Low.

"Parham's academic standing in mathematics has been commented on in the press. While he is deficient in that subject, at one time there were 18 other cadets with lower marks than his and at the present time there are 10 below him. In Parham's class at present a total of 42 cadets are deficient in mathematics, while in the third class there are 61 cadets below our required standards."

"Parham isolated from the other cadets in any way outside of rooming alone?" General Smith was asked.

"He is not!" was the emphatic reply.

"Have orders been issued requiring cadets to refrain from talking to Parham or having social relations with him?" the general was asked.

"No," General Smith replied.

"If I discover any officer or cadet issuing such orders or joining a movement or clique to do such a deplorable thing I would immediately bring him before a court-martial. In fact I might almost consider that hazing if cadets were involved, and under the law in such cases congress has authorized me to peremptorily dismiss hazers." —World-Herald.

GIRL'S PARENTS TESTIFY

Rockford, Ill.—The aged parents of the girl alleged to have been wronged by the former Rev. J. A. Warren Friday took the witness stand in behalf of 5 defendants being sued for \$50,000 for statements which the exminister charges caused him to be unfrocked and ousted from the Methodist Episcopal church at Durand, Ill.

The couple were Newell E. Lamb, janitor of the church, and his wife, Mary. It was on the affidavit of their daughter Hazel, now Mrs. Hazel Lathery of Kansas City, that the church board voted to have Rev. Mr. Warren removed. The girl declared that Warren, for whom she worked as a domestic in 1927, took indecent liberties with her on several occasions.

Newell Lamb, who is seventy-nine, said that his daughter began working for Warren in the fall of 1925. He said that he had asked her point-blank on Jan. 14, 1927, whether certain "rumors" which he said he had heard about her and her employer had foundation. Newell said that Hazel Lamb, who was then eighteen, confessed intimacy with Warren.

BURNS PROVE FATAL TO NEBRASKA WOMAN

Sioux City, Ia., Nov. 29.—Mrs. Edward Rhode of Emerson, Neb., who was burned in a fire in her home Thursday evening, died Friday in a local hospital. Mrs. Rhode was walking into the cellar with a kerosene lamp in her hand when the explosion occurred. The basement had filled with gas, which was believed to have been thrown off by a lighting plant.

WOMAN MAY LOSE HER MAN FRIDAY

Reno, Dec. 2.—David Friday, former president of Michigan agricultural college, statistical adviser to the United States treasurer in 1918 and noted economist and tax expert, filed suit in the district court here Monday against Genevieve Lockwood Friday, charging desertion.

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Stop Public Land Abuse, U. S. Warns

Interior Secretary Wilbur Says Nebraska, Other Western States Face Barrenness.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The west will become a vast expanse of man-made barrenness, a prey to floods, erosion and decay, unless abuse of public lands is ceased.

This disquieting assertion was made by Secretary of the Interior Ray Lyman Wilbur in his annual report to congress, made public Sunday.

"From Nebraska west, water and water alone is the key to our future. There must be great western strategy for the protection of our watersheds and the plant life on them."

"Plants hold the snow and the rain, prevent rapid run-off and soil erosion, and build a balanced set of natural conditions which can only be broken at the peril of those bringing it about."

Domain Abused.
"The public domain has been abused, overgrazed and not respected in many sections of the country. Unless we care for the lands now in the possession of the United States, in forests and public domain, the west will repeat the degradation of Korea and parts of China with man-made barrenness, floods, erosion and decay."

It is because of this situation that President Hoover proposed that public lands be transferred to the various states for administration, Dr. Wilbur pointed out.

The proposal is now being studied by a commission headed by former Secretary of the Interior James A. Garfield. It has been opposed in some quarters because only the surface, and not the mineral rights would be ceded. Taking cognizance of this opposition, Dr. Wilbur said:

Mineral Rights.
"With regard to mineral rights, inasmuch as the great bulk of revenues collected by the United States reverts to the states, either directly or indirectly or through the reclamation fund, and inasmuch as federal expenditures for the development of the mineral resources

have far exceeded the government's portion of receipts, no hardship will result to the states for the continued administration of these national assets by the federal government."

The secretary also sounded a warning against petroleum waste, another matter now under consideration by a Hoover commission. He said:

"Petroleum is our fastest dwindling irreplaceable asset. It is acknowledged that there is a considerable preventable waste in the handling of our oil supplies."

With regard to hydroelectric power, the secretary said:

"The proper office of the federal government ends with construction of dams and incidental structures for federal purposes only, leaving to municipal or private initiative to develop and market the power under lease of rights to the falling water."

It was this policy that was followed in working out the many problems in connection with the Boulder dam, he added.—Omaha Bee-News.

MONEY FOR ROAD BUILDING

Washington.—Secretary Hyde Sunday ordered an apportionment among the states of a fund of \$73,125,000 authorized by congress as federal aid for construction of roads in the fiscal year of 1931. Calling attention to President Hoover's suggestions for acceleration of public building programs to promote business departments would be given authority to make immediate preparations for expenditure of the money. He added there was still an unexpended balance of \$28,000,000 from funds previously apportioned, which added to the new fund, made a total of \$101,125,000.

All of the forty-eight states and Hawaii share in the appropriation on the basis of their respective areas, populations and milages of post roads. With an allotment of \$4,545,830, Texas will receive the largest amount under the secretary's apportionment. Next in order are New York, with \$3,605,965, and Pennsylvania, with \$3,314,707.

The funds allocated to other states include: Colorado, \$1,390,524; Iowa \$2,005,944; Kansas, \$2,048,585; Nebraska, \$1,586,526; South Dakota, \$1,232,296.

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Bodies of 75 Soldiers Arrive at New York

Military Honors Shown as the Dead from Archangel Reach Home —To be Taken to Detroit

New York, Nov. 29.—The last of the returning American world war dead—75 who died in Russia—are home today. They received the full military honors of the nation as the United States liner President Roosevelt arrived shortly before 3 o'clock this morning.

Official honors started at Quarantine with the destroyer Kane, the municipal tug Macom, and an airplane escort assigned as a guard of honor for the 10-mile trip up the harbor to the liner's Hoboken pier.

Delegations aboard the two escorting ships represented the nation, the cities of Detroit and New York, the cities of Michigan, which furnished most of the men for the Russian campaign, and representatives of patriotic orders.

Flags on public buildings in New York were at half staff, while at the Hoboken pier elaborate military ceremonies were arranged.

A special room was set apart for the dead and soldiers of the Sixteenth infantry, assigned as a guard of honor. The Rev. Wallace Hayes, of Rutland, Vt., national chaplain of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, thru whose efforts the bodies were brought back to this country, was in charge of a memorial service. Another brief service will be held at the Pennsylvania railroad station here tomorrow after which 56 of the bodies will be started by special train for Detroit.

En route to Detroit honors will be paid to the funeral train by various cities. At North Philadelphia, the first stop, a firing squad and a bugle corps will greet the train; at Harrisburg, Pa. a troop of national guardsmen will stand at attention while Governor John S. Fisher delivers an address. At Pittsburgh as the train passes there tomorrow night other honors will be paid by world war veterans.

Arriving in Detroit Sunday afternoon, the train will be met by an official delegation headed by Governor Greene and troops from Fort Wayne. After services at city hall square the bodies will be placed in vaults until next Memorial day, when they will be placed in a special plot.

Of the other bodies, three will be sent to Washington for burial in Arlington National cemetery; two to Chicago; one to New Richmond, Wis.; one will be buried here, and the remaining 12 will go to various other points.—World-Herald.

FLEAGLES UNDER ARREST

Garden City, Kas.—Jack Fleagle, sr., and Walter Fleagle, father and brother of Ralph Fleagle, condemned leader of the Lamar, Colo., bank robbers and slayers, have been placed under arrest on charges of concealing taxable funds. Fred Fleagle, another brother, is sought. The funds were said to have been deposited in banks of Finney and nearby counties by the Fleagles, using assumed names over a period of years. The total is reported to be nearly \$100,000, of which about \$12,000 was said to be in Holcombe and Garden City banks in this county. About \$2,000 in back taxes is said to be due on the cash and securities.

Water Fleagle was released on \$2,500 bond but his father has been in jail since mid-November. Some of the property is said to have been taxable for five years. When Ralph Fleagle and other members of the family were arrested as suspects in the Lamar robbery several months ago and existence of deposits came to light, officers expressed the belief that the money represented part of the loot from a series of bank robberies laid to the "Fleagle gang."

TEST FLIGHT OF AMPHIBIAN

Chicago.—The Century Aircraft corporation announced Sunday that a huge new amphibian, known as the "Sea Devil," constructed for trans-Atlantic flights, will be given its trial flight within the next fortnight. Work on the plane has been done in secrecy during the past nine months.

The "Sea Devil" was constructed under the direction of John H. Wendt, former German war pilot. It is a huge metal airliner, with capacity of fourteen persons and a cruising range of 4,200 miles. It is powered with three Hispano-Suiza motors of 325 horsepower each, and will have an estimated speed of 110 to 120 miles per hour.

P. Copeland, vice president of the Century Aircraft corporation and former professor of gasoline engines at the University of Alabama, said that the "Sea Devil" is the forerunner of a huge 125-passenger plane now being designed.