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### BLAME PLACED ON GUNMEN

Washington—Representative Kunz  
Thursday blamed Chicago gang guns  
for his defeat at the polls last month  
and demanded a congressional investi-  
gation. Kunz, a democrat, asserted  
officials knew of a conspiracy to de-  
feat him, but were unable to stop it;  
that altho police machine guns were  
sent into a few districts the gang-  
sters were out all day and all night  
"forcing officials to change straight  
democratic ballots." He said court  
records showed the brother of his vic-  
torious opponent, Peter C. Granata,  
to be a secretary of Al Capone, the  
gang king.

### BLAZE IS UNDER CONTROL

New York—A half-million dollars  
fire in the Pratt works of the Stand-  
ard Oil company on the Brooklyn  
water front was under control Thurs-  
day but firemen were still watching  
it. The fire broke out just before  
midnight, and Thursday forenoon af-  
ter it had been quenched a new alarm  
brought extra firemen to the scene.  
The fresh alarm was caused by a  
minor flurry of flame which gained  
no headway.



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and Older Folks

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## Bill Boosts Federal Aid for State

Road and River Fund in \$2,500,000  
Allotment for Nebraska; House  
Committee Cuts Request

Nebraska and the Missouri river  
along its boundary may get \$2,500,000  
from the \$110,000,000 bill to  
expand public construction, passed  
Tuesday by the house as part of the  
government's program to relieve un-  
employment. The bill was sent to the  
senate.

The biggest two items affecting  
this state are \$1,708,031 additional  
federal aid in highway construction  
and \$600,000 additional for improv-  
ing the Missouri river between Kan-  
sas City and Sioux City.

Under Nebraska's present road pro-  
gram and state revenue laws, the  
state has been unable to match the  
regular federal road aid. The \$1,708,031  
will be available for building  
roads in Nebraska before Sept. 1,  
1931, without the state's matching  
dollars, and will be deducted from  
future allotments from the government  
over a period of five years.

During the past year the govern-  
ment funds on the "upper" Missouri  
river have been expended almost en-  
tirely on the St. Joseph-Kansas City  
stretch, beyond Nebraska's borders,  
and it is not certain that this year  
any major portion of the upper river  
funds will be used on Nebraska's  
boundary.

The \$600,000 allotted the upper  
Missouri is in addition to the \$800,000  
requested by Gen. Lytle Brown  
in the regular rivers and harbors  
bill appropriation, making \$1,400,000  
in all for the upper river. The  
upper river boosters on Monday asked  
President Hoover for \$8,000,000.  
They were headed in conference  
with the president by Governor  
Weaver of Nebraska.

In the "employment" road aid al-  
lotments, Iowa will get \$2,111,369  
and Kansas will get even more, \$2,192,301. Wyoming gets \$1,029,333  
and south Dakota, \$1,337,973.

In addition, Colorado, western  
Wyoming and South Dakota will get  
\$225,000 for building roads and trails  
through national forests.

The house committee cut pres-  
ident Hoover's request for \$150,000,000  
by \$40,000,000 which the president  
would be considered in regular  
appropriation bills and approved if  
found to contain real employment  
relief.

## Penitentiary Break Attempt is a Failure

Confessed Bank Robbers Gain Cor-  
ridor, But Are Captured—  
Had No Weapons.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7.—Two con-  
fessed bank robbers serving 40-year  
sentences made an unsuccessful at-  
tempt tonight to break from the Ne-  
braska penitentiary.

The men, John F. Giles, 23, and  
Joseph B. Fisher, 30, were in the  
corridor of the cell house and seeking  
an exit when sighted by two guards.  
They were without weapons made  
no resistance to being returned to  
their cells.

### Tore Out Plumbing.

Warden W. T. Fenton said the  
men had smuggled to their cell some  
two-foot stakes used for horseshoe  
games in the enclosure. While a ra-  
dio program was in progress about 10  
p. m., they tore out some of the pipe  
used for plumbing in the cell. Using  
it and the stakes as levers, they pried  
out of the back of their cell. Thus  
they gained access to the corridor.

Fenton said he has put the men  
in the prison jail, small set of cells  
used for refractory prisoners.

### Looted Genoa Bank.

Giles and Fisher started serving  
time October 11 for the holdup of the  
First National bank at Genoa  
September 22. They had been arrest-  
ed at Reno, Nev. Money in their  
possession was traced to the Genoa  
job and the men returned here.

They confessed also to a large num-  
ber of other robberies in several  
states, including the shooting of an  
officer. They pleaded guilty to the  
charge of robbing the Genoa bank.

Money taken at the Genoa bank  
totaled \$6,700. When the two first  
arrived here, Giles made a futile at-  
tempt to escape. He jerked away  
from his guard but was overpowered.  
—World-Herald.

### MORE FISH FOR LOUISVILLE

Superintendent A. C. Torguson, of  
the state fish hatcheries, planted  
4,000 big mouth black bass in bass  
pond at the state reserve here Mon-  
day. He recently planted a large  
number of rock bass from four to  
six inches long which will be large  
enough to take next season.

It has been reported that Superin-  
tendent Torguson has tendered his  
resignation and will accept a similar  
position with the state hatcheries of  
Minnesota, his former home.—Louis-  
ville Courier.

The U. S. Constitution, which origi-  
nally consisted of a preamble and  
seven articles, was ratified by a con-  
vention of the states, Sept. 17, 1787.  
The Government under the constitu-  
tion was declared in effect the first  
Wednesday in March, 1789.

### ANTISEPTICS ARE STUDIED

Ithaca, N. Y.—Discovery of how  
antiseptics destroy bacteria was made  
public at Cornell university Tuesday.  
They cook them cold—that is, coagu-  
late as in boiling, but without the  
use of extra heat. Thus is bared a  
side of microbes hitherto little  
known. The parboiling weakness of  
the "bugs" was found by Dr. Wilder  
D. Bancroft, noted chemist, and Dr.  
G. Holes Richter, national research  
fellow.

They report that medical remedies,  
instead of producing chemical  
changes as many authorities have be-  
lieved, nearly always make direct,  
physical attack on the bodies of bac-  
teria. The medicines stick to the  
germs, or cause other substances of  
foreign nature to stick—and in either  
event if enough of the substance  
adheres, it is all up with Mr. Microbe.

### CUT RUNNING TIME

San Francisco—Running time of  
Southern Pacific trains from Chi-  
cago to San Francisco will be reduc-  
ed one hour and twenty minutes,  
while the eastward trip will be cut  
forty minutes, beginning Dec. 28.  
The running time between San Fran-  
cisco and Chicago on the fast trains is  
fifty-eight hours.

### WORK TO SHIELD WAR MOTORS FROM RADIO

Washington, Nov. 30.—A radio de-  
vice that could stop all airplane and  
automobile motors at once is a theo-  
retical possibility in war machin-  
ery, the bureau of standards here  
states. The bureau is working al-  
ready on an "ignition harness" to  
shield ignitions from such a device.

## Rural Schools Consolidated in Arkansas Plan

Approval of State Income Tax Opens  
Way for New Progress—Con-  
structing New Buildings

Fort Smith, Ark.—The one-room  
schoolhouse was speeded on its way  
to oblivion by the general election in  
Arkansas Nov. 4, following two years  
of intensive progress in consolidation  
of rural school districts, construction  
of new buildings and raising stand-  
ards of country schools.

The state income tax, enacted in  
1929, and advocated for years by  
school people, was approved by a ma-  
jority of more than four to one in  
a referendum election, forced by op-  
ponents of the tax.

The overwhelming approval of the  
tax and the defeat of several ob-  
jectionable amendments leaves the  
way open for a continuation of the  
school program, which has made  
astounding progress in the last two  
years.

The income tax is regarded by  
educational leaders as vital to the  
school improvement program. Until  
it was enacted the State had pro-  
vided no funds for the state school  
equalizing fund, with which the  
State Board of Education attempts  
to give such aid to every district as  
is required to bring the schools up  
to a minimum standard.

To make possible such standards,  
a vigorous program of consolidation  
of school districts has been carried  
out in the last two years. The  
equalizing fund in the school year

1929-30 totaled \$760,829.23, of  
which about one-third was provided  
by the income tax.

The income tax will contribute a  
maximum of \$750,000 a year to this  
fund, when its total revenue amounts  
to \$1,250,000 a year.

Through the equalizing fund and  
the consolidation program, the num-  
ber of school districts in the State  
has been sharply reduced in the last  
two years, eliminating one and two-  
room schools. The number of dis-  
tricts reached the maximum in 1920  
with 5118 districts. On July 1, 1928,  
the number was 4598. The districts  
were reduced to 4302 in 1929 and to  
3478 on July 1, 1930. By the end of  
1930 it is expected that 500 more dis-  
tricts will have been eliminated by  
consolidations.

The equalizing fund in the school  
year 1929-30 was used to aid 403  
consolidated school districts in 67  
counties out of the 75 in the State.  
In these districts 22 per cent of all  
school children below high school  
and 44 per cent of all high school  
children reside. Out of the equalizing  
fund, \$188,122.45 was spent to aid  
construction of 50 consolidated school  
buildings in 35 counties.

In addition to the equalizing fund,  
the State has a revolving school loan  
fund out of which loans are made to  
school districts at a standard low  
rate of interest. The revolving loan  
fund had distributed \$586,229 to 96  
consolidated schools in 43 counties  
up to July 1, 1930.

Through the consolidation pro-  
gram, made possible by the equalizing  
and revolving loan funds, the num-  
ber of pupils transported to  
school in buses increased in the  
school year 1929-30, from 13,000 to  
36,000. High school enrollment in-  
creased 19 per cent. High school  
graduates increased 16 per cent.

Try a Journal Want-Ad.

## Say Poison Found in Body of Mrs. Shepard

Murder Prosecutor Also Shows Love  
Message to Girl—One Be-  
fore Death

Kansas City, Kans., Dec. 9.—The  
more intimate details in the life of  
Major Charles Shepard, charged with  
the poison murder of his wife, Zen-  
ana, were brought into his federal  
court trial late today after nearly  
two days of expert medical testimony.

Government witnesses testified  
concerning telegrams and gifts sent  
by Shepard to Miss Grace Brandon,  
23-year-old stenographer at Brooks  
Field, San Antonio, Tex., for love  
of whom, the government contends,  
the 59-year-old army medical offi-  
cer took the life of his second wife.

Chemists Testify.  
Two chemists today told the jury  
their chemical analysis of the vis-  
cera of Mrs. Shepard showed she had  
died of a slow-acting poison. The  
experts were Colonel Edward B. Ved-  
der of the Army Medical corps labo-  
ratory in Washington, D. C., and  
Dr. W. C. Muehleberger, assistant  
director of the crime laboratory at  
Northwestern university, Chicago.

Mrs. Theodore McCoskey of Los  
Angeles, a sister-in-law of Major  
Shepard, identified the handwriting  
of a telegram which was sent by  
Major Shepard to Miss Brandon,  
from Waco, Tex., June 29, 1929,  
within a week after the burial of  
his wife. The telegram read: "Will  
phone on arrival about 10. Must see  
you tonight. Love, Charley."

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### Other Messages.

Another telegram, similarly identi-  
fied by Mrs. McCoskey, was sent from  
Junction City, Kans., March 29,  
1929, (two and one-half months be-  
fore his wife died) It was an order  
to a San Antonio florist for flowers  
for Miss Brandon. Another telegram  
to Miss Brandon, dated June 21,  
1929, the day Major Shepard arrived  
in Los Angeles with the body of his  
wife, ended affectionately.

John Taylor, associated with the  
Max Geisler Bird company of Omaha,  
Neb., told of Major Shepard's order  
for a canary to be shipped to the  
stenographer in May, 1929, before  
his wife became fatally ill.—World-  
Herald.

### BERT LYTELL FINED \$100 FOR 1925 TAX EVASION

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 8.—Bert  
Lytell, screen actor, was fined one  
hundred dollars today in federal  
court for evading part of his 1925 in-  
come tax. United States attorneys  
recommended the small fine, saying  
Lytell had already paid 25 thousand  
in tax penalties.

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