

## Legislature is Near End of Its Appropriations

With Most of Importance Measures Yet to Be Acted on Members May Exhaust Allowance.

The Nebraska legislature that has since the first of January been in session and still has much of the important work yet to accomplish, may be working without remuneration for the latter part of their term.

A checkup today showed \$133,629 of the \$200,500 appropriation for salaries, mileage, printing, employes and all other expenses of the legislature has been spent. There remains \$26,600 to be paid on salaries of the 133 legislators, leaving \$40,280 for other expenses in the rest of the session, including bills now outstanding.

Speaker W. H. O'Gara (dem.) of Laurel warned the house of the impending deficit, and said he would give the closest scrutiny to further expense vouchers.

**Costs Near \$3,000 a Day.**  
The warning followed a decision by the house to permit radio broadcasting of the liquor debate. Opponents of broadcasting said it would prolong speeches and cause delay, thereby increasing expenses. Expense for each legislative day has run almost three thousand dollars.

Expenses in the one hundred member house to date total \$90,280 and in the 33-member senate \$43,341.

Urged as a plan to stop illicit transportation of gasoline into Nebraska to avoid payment of the state gasoline tax, the administration-sponsored bill to establish ports of entry for motor vehicle fuels was advanced to third reading in the senate. The proposal was drafted under

direction of Dwight Felton, state agricultural department secretary.

**Property Vote Limit Fails.**  
By unanimous vote, the senate discarded a house bill, already passed by the house of representatives, which would have restricted voting on questions of raising money by taxation, borrowing money or issuing bonds in an amount over two thousand dollars to owners of real property.

The Callan state police bill, carrying a 50-cent auto wheel tax provision, was advanced without opposition.

The senate postponed indefinitely a bill which would have permitted cities below five thousand population to increase from 1 to 2 mills their levy for park purposes. A companion bill, which dealt only with first-class cities, was passed yesterday.

**Mrs. Cochran Gains a Point.**  
Mrs. R. L. Cochran, wife of the governor, moved a step nearer victory in her fight for a system of county-state libraries in Nebraska as the senate educational lands and funds committee approved two enabling bills.

Mrs. Cochran appeared before the committee to urge approval of the library system.

Her plan was opposed by Gilbert Deane, librarian of the University of Nebraska, who wanted the system under the direction of the university librarian instead of under a commission of five members.

The governor's wife, who was superintendent of schools in Lincoln county for eight years before her marriage, outlined the need of Nebraska's rural residents for books and said the program had worked successfully where it has been tried.

Governor Cochran recommended passage of the library bills in his radio address last Sunday.

**Pay Out Bill Pushed.**  
The two bills would permit the establishment of libraries, authorize

a special tax of 1 mill for their support and would re-establish the state library commission of five members, appointed by the governor, which was abolished in 1933.

Reduction of county officers' salaries, one of the burning issues of the 1933 legislature, was given a push toward consideration by the house. Representative Charles Vogt, jr. (rep.) of Liberty asked and won house approval for taking his county salary reduction bill out of the hands of a committee and placing it on general file.

### WAR DENOUNCED AS RACKET

New York.—Denouncing war as a "racket" which brings millions to the few and misery to the many, Maj. Gen. Smedley D. Butler presented a three-point program to prevent another armed conflict. In trenchant phrases the retired marine corps officer lashes out at the capitalists and industrialists who profited from the World war, warns that storm clouds again are darkening the international horizon, and concludes with the exclamation: "To hell with war!" Summarizing his program, he says: "We must take the profit out of war. We must permit the youth of the land who would bear arms to decide whether or not there should be war. We must limit our military forces to home defense purposes."

After observing that "possibly the profits of 300 and 600 and 1,600 percent of those who turned blood into gold in the World war would be limited to some smaller figure," General Butler goes on: "Apparently, however, the plan does not call for any limitation of losses—that is, the losses of those who fight the war. As far as I have been able to ascertain there is nothing in the scheme to limit a soldier to the loss of but one eye, or one arm, or to limit his wounds to one or two or three, or to limit the loss of life."

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## D. A. R. Conference to Have a Big Attendance

Miss Vestetta Robertson of This City Selected as One of the Pages for the Meeting.

The thirty-third annual Nebraska state conference of the D. A. R. which opens Tuesday noon in Omaha, is expected to have an attendance of at least three hundred. Miss Sara Finch of Kearney, state chairman of pages who is assisted by Miss Martha Hanford of Omaha, has announced the list of girls who will serve as pages during the three day session.

Platform pages are Miss Helen Cary of Kearney who is attending school in Lincoln this year, Miss Mildred Williams of Lincoln and Miss Milla Baid of Platte Center. From Elizabeth Montague chapter in Beatrice will be Mrs. Maurice Havelone and Mrs. Lawrence Black; from Lincoln Mrs. Glen Buck, from David Bryant chapter, York, Mrs. John Riddell and Mrs. John E. Dougherty, from Fontenelle chapter in Plattsmouth, Miss Vestetta Robertson; Mrs. Don Campbell from Columbus, Platte chapter, Mrs. Pauline Madgett Welton of Niobrara chapter, Hastings; Mrs. Margaret Sabata of David City chapter, David City; Miss Ruth Shanahan, Mrs. J. W. Lewis and Mrs. Joe W. Lewis of Mary Katharine Godard chapter, Omaha; Mrs. L. B. Parsons, Mrs. Harold Peterson, and Mrs. Thomas Terry of the Omaha chapter and Mrs. Harry Temple, Mrs. J. E. Evans and Mrs. J. A. Farber, of Major Isaac Sadier chapter of Omaha.

The newly organized chapter "Republican Valley" chapter at Alma of which Miss Mayma Thompson is regent will receive official recognition Tuesday afternoon, Tuesday evening Mrs. Horace J. Cary, state regent, and Mrs. Frank W. Baker, state vice regent will entertain the state officers and the past state regents at dinner at the Blackstone. There will be a Dutch treat dinner in the main dining room for members. One of the outstanding events of the evening session will be a pageant arranged and directed by Mrs. J. C. Lawrence, "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" This will be given in connection with the work of the Americanism committee of which Mrs. Lawrence is state chairman. Wednesday morning the outstanding speaker will be Dr. A. C. Stokes of Omaha who has recently returned from the International Red Cross meeting in Japan. He will be presented by Mrs. Walter Whitten of Lincoln, state chairman of the Conservation and Thrift committee and his topic will be "Conservation of the Red Cross."

Mrs. E. H. Wescott, president of the state officers club, has arranged a luncheon at the hotel for Wednesday noon, and Mrs. Becker of Washington, national chairman of National Defense committee and Mrs. Pouch of New York, national chairman of Approved Schools will be guests. The tour of the Joslyn Memorial that afternoon will be personally conducted by Professor Gruman of the Memorial and promises to be most interesting.

The formal dedication of the beautiful bronze marker in the Union station will be at 3:30. Mrs. Cary will dedicate it, and Mrs. Frank Cline of Auburn will formally present it to Mr. W. A. Jefferies who will accept it for the railroad. Bishop Shaylor will deliver the benediction. Miss Mary Parker, chairman of this committee, will tell something of the history of the event and Mayor Roy Towl will also speak.

In the receiving line at the tea at the Metcalf home following the dedication will be Mrs. W. A. Becker and Mrs. Pouch, Mrs. Cary and Mrs. Baker. The regents of the three chapters, Miss Ruth Sumner, Mrs. James Ainecow, Mrs. Suttle and Mrs. Metcalf, will preside at the tea table. Thursday morning there will be a very interesting musical program given by the chapter of Broken Bow, General George A. Custer. This will be an arrangement of colonial music prepared by Mrs. Miriam Squires.

The daughters have been very active this year and many of the state chairmen have prepared very interesting reports. Miss Alice Hawes of Lincoln, Better Films chairman, will report the signing of many "Pledge of Decency" cards among chapters through the state. Mrs. Oscar Olsen of Lincoln, state chairman of the Student Loan fund reports a total student loan fund among the chapters of \$3,123 which is used to assist students who would otherwise be unable to finish their schooling. Some goes to high school students and some to university and college students. An achievement of the Na-

tional Defense committee and particularly of Fort Kearney chapter, has been the presentation to the state legislature of the Teacher's Oath bill.

Mrs. L. E. Peterson of the Arbor Lodge reports the addition of two lovely spinning wheels to the D. A. R. room at Arbor Lodge and many pictures and clippings have been received for the new scrapbook presented by Otce chapter of Nebraska City.

The Approved schools committee of which Mrs. W. W. Wilder of Kearney is state chairman will have a large display of work done at some of the southern mountain schools aided by the organization. There will be many articles for sale, the proceeds of which are sent to the schools. Many of these schools have had displays on a smaller scale at various chapter meetings.

The Lue R. Spencer traveling genealogical library will have a room to itself on the eighth floor of the hotel during the conference and it is planned to have members of the committee there at all times to assist those wishing to use them. There will also be a room for the display of coats of arms and antiques.

Another committee which will also present an interesting report is the Ellis Island committee of which Mrs. W. W. Wilkinson is chairman. Nearly every chapter has sent some kind of a contribution this year of either money or materials to be used by the immigrants detained there. Owing to the fact that Mrs. Magna, the retiring president general of the society is so anxious to leave office with the entire debt on the new Constitution Hall wiped out, it will be interesting to hear the report of the Nebraska state chairman, Mrs. E. B. Hardeman of Crete as to the amount contributed by Nebraska chapters.

All in all this promises to be a most interesting conference for this group of patriotic women.

### DEFINITION OF LADY GIVEN

Washington.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt lectured her press conference on what constitutes a lady, in "disagreeing violently" with Dr. Henry Noble MacCracken, president of Vassar college, who recently said there were no more of that species. The president's wife, who commented that she knows Doctor MacCracken well, interpreted his remarks as really meaning there were no "ladies of the old school," while "gentlemen" of the old school still exist. But even on this point she did not agree.

She said it all depended on the definition of a lady. Hers was "naturalness and kindness of spirit first." "In essentials a lady remains exactly what she always was," said Mrs. Roosevelt. "But as customs and times change the superficialities change."

## Earning That \$20,000



Vernon "Lefty" Gomez

The Yankee star hurler, Senor Vernon Lefty Gomez, works out at the St. Petersburg, Fla., camp to prove to Col. Ruppert that he didn't make any mistake in signing him up to a \$20,000 contract. Gomez got \$13,500 last year.

### CHARGED WITH SMUGGLING

New York.—George K. Arthur, movie actor, was arrested as he stepped off a liner charged with smuggling in connection with an international jewel theft. A New York City police detective, Walter Miller, who made the arrest, said Arthur was held on a federal indictment after information was supplied by Scotland Yard and the department of justice.

Arthur is accused of stealing a diamond and sapphire bracelet from Stephen Raphael, British banker, and duping a New York society girl, Miss Mary H. Joplin, into bringing the bracelet into the United States. Miss Joplin, a social registerite, met the actor at Cannes. Arthur, Miller said, told the society girl he was worried about losing it, that it belonged to his mother, and asked her to keep it until he called for it in New York.

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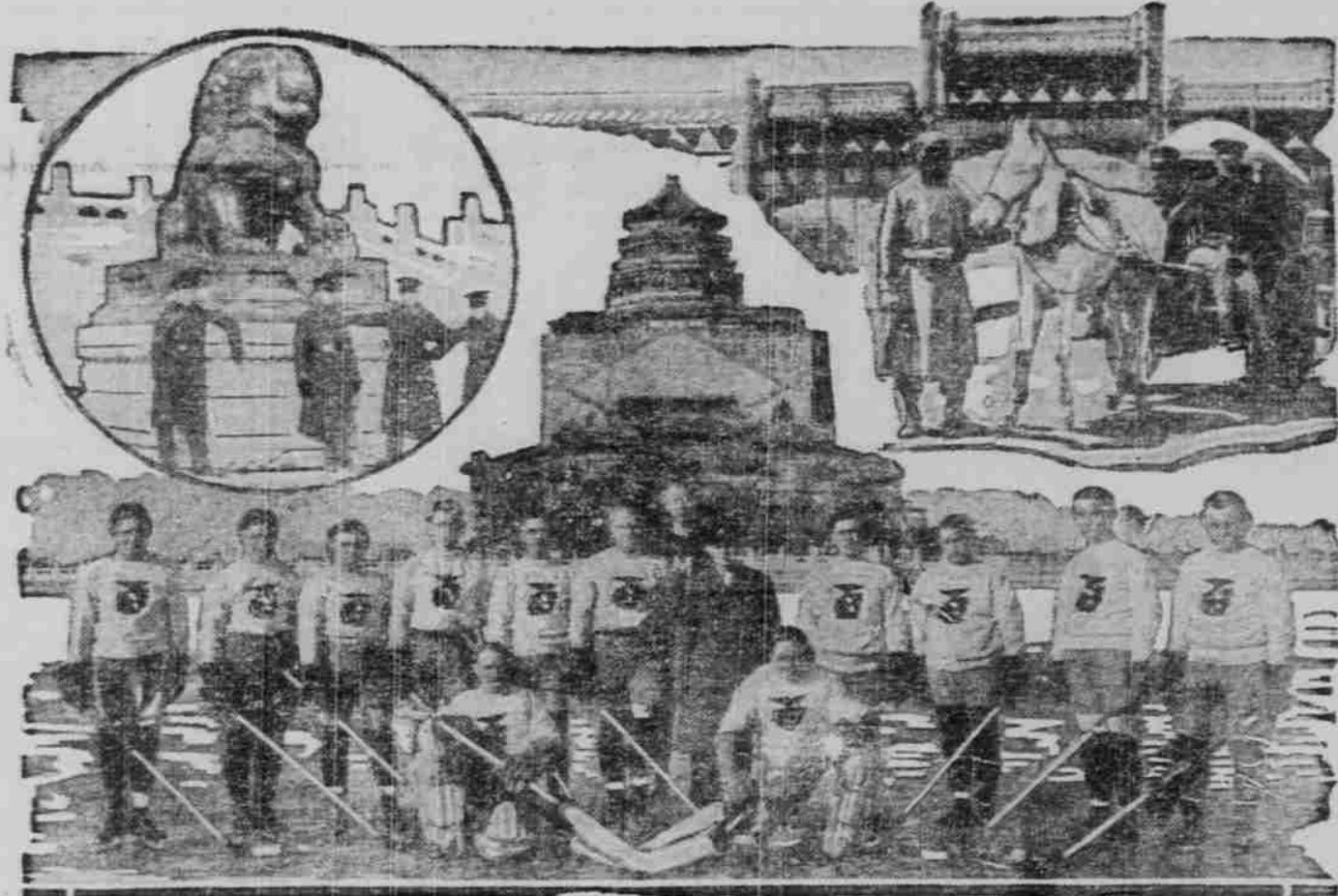
### WILL REPAIR COURTHOUSE

Kearney, Neb.—Repair of the fire-scarred Buffalo county courthouse rather than construction of a new building has been decided upon by the board of supervisors. A recent fire caused \$20,000 damage to the building.

Commissioners said sentiment for the erection of a new building did not seem sufficient to warrant calling a special election. Examining engineers and architects reported the structure was fundamentally sound and worthy of repairing. Vaults in the building will be made fire proof, and also heat and smoke proof. A large portion of the walls and flooring will have to be replaced, probably with concrete.

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## China Land of Mystery Plays Host to Marines



When the Empress Dowager once ruled, U. S. Marines, attached to the American Legation at Peiping, play hockey on a lake in the shadow of the Summer Palace. Left: they are shown beside one of the grotesque figures which stands near a Buddhist temple, and (right), enjoying a ride in a Chinese taxi. Marines have guarded the American Legation for thirty years.

By RICHARD RILEY  
Beneath the frowning hills of North China, where hordes of nomadic Tartars once ravished the land, lies Peiping, one of the most famous cities in the world today. Centuries before Columbus ventured forth in quest of a New World, Peiping was recognized as the center of Chinese culture and civilization.  
Since 1200 B. C. dynasty after dynasty has left the imprint of its rule upon the Forbidden City.  
Where Chinese Emperors were once carried aloft on their glittering litters and fierce looking Mongol chieftains swaggered in their fighting finery, today the rhythmic tread of Uncle Sam's Marines blends with the soft padding steps of Chinese coolies.  
Peiping today is far different from the Peking of fifty years ago.  
Today the flags of the United States, England, France, Italy and Japan, fly over their separate legations in the City of Northern Peace. More than 2,000 men serve under those banners as a guarantee of protection to their nationals.  
In this respect, particularly, the ancient walled city is an unusual city. It is the only metropolitan center in the world where so many troops are banded together in one common cause—protection.  
With practically no exception, the men comprising the guards of the foreign legations live in comparative peace. Few disagreements among them have been recorded. High praise has been heaped upon them by Chinese officials for the valuable assistance they have rendered to the Chinese government.  
The legations are laid out in such a manner that they form a formidable retreat in case of siege. Space has been provided for the nationals in case of an attack. The Boxer Rebellion of 1900 was the primary factor which moved these nations to

establish legations and station troops at Peiping.  
In the late 1890's secret bands of young radicals and rowdies formed societies which were known as "Righteous Harmony Bands." Their numbers grew rapidly. In 1899, when thousands of fanatical Chinese had rallied to the banners of the Boxers, as they were called, they began molesting Chinese Christians. The agitation grew. Hundreds of Chinese were murdered outright by the Boxers. An English missionary was shot.  
Frightened consuls dispatched word to the Empress Dowager. She, instead of offering relief to the persecuted worshippers, was led by her advisors to fan the fire of hatred which was sweeping the land. Hundreds of Boxers began converging on Peking. Hurried calls were sent out by the various consuls for assistance.  
Orders were issued for troops to go to the aid of the beleaguered foreigners. They encountered many delays. No co-operation was afforded them on their trip overland. Many days after their start they arrived at the gates of Peking.  
In this group twenty-three marines and bluejackets under the command of Captain John T. Myers, who retired recently with the rank of major general, made up the defence force of the American Legation.  
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American Legation and the 9th Infantry Regiment, U. S. Army, replaced them. After five years of service at that post, the Army was replaced by the Marines by order of President Theodore Roosevelt. They have served there continuously since then.  
In thirty years of continuous service in the North China city, the leathernecks have seen many changes. They were at Peking when China changed her government from a monarchy to the republican form. They were there when the capital was changed from Peking to Nanking, where it still flourishes.  
Peking has since become Peiping, but it still ranks among the first few cities of China, in both foreign and domestic commerce.  
While Peiping is situated in the heart of a territory, which is alive with plots and counter-plots, the Marines have found their duty particularly quiet. To enliven their everyday life they compete with the other foreign detachments in many forms of sports.  
The only hockey team in the Marine Corps chases the puck over the ice in Peiping. They are the present hockey champions of China.  
There, too, we find one of the few mounted detachments in the Marine Corps. It has been found that the leathernecks can cover their patrols more efficiently by using horses.  
During the present unrest which is sweeping North China, the many Americans living in that area undoubtedly breathe a sigh of relief with the thought of 500 stalwart sons of the Stars and Stripes stationed nearby.  
While it's tough going when duty takes a man far from home and friends, most any leatherneck will tell you that Peiping is one of the most interesting posts left on the Marine Corps itinerary.

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