

## EXPERTS FIX TERMS OF THE REPARATION

SYSTEM OF ANNUAL PAYMENTS FOR GERMANY.

AGREE EARLY THIS MORNING

Scheme Provides for Annuities on a Sliding Scale to Run Over a Period of Forty-Two Years.

Paris.—The session of the committee of experts of the allied supreme council ended after having reached a complete agreement on the system of annual payments of reparations by Germany and annuities of Germany's foreign trade.

It now remains only for the plenary sitting of the supreme council to endorse the agreement, draw up instructions for the Brussels experts and fix penalties for defaults by Germany.

Premier Briand declared as he came from the meeting early that the conference of the supreme council would not break up without having reached a definite decision.

The proposed scheme provides for the payment of annuities on a sliding scale of from 2,000,000,000 to 5,000,000,000 gold marks over a period of forty-two years and also a 12 1/2 per cent ad valorem tax on German exports so that her creditors will be paid according to Germany's increasing prosperity.

The sudden ironing out of differences came after two days of a continually widening breach that threatened to break up the conference, it being virtually suspended except for private conferences. Official French circles give the Belgian delegation credit for the success in reconciling the British and French viewpoints.

The project in its final form, when approved by the supreme council, will be submitted to Germany for acceptance as an agreement outside of article 233 of the peace treaty which entrusts the reparations commission with the task of fixing the amount of the indemnity. Then another conference will be called to which the Germans will be invited.

Conferences between small groups of the delegates went on in an effort to clear the tangle in the situation which had arisen. M. Briand, the French premier, after leaving the British premier, Lloyd George, consulted with his colleagues of the cabinet and later returned for another talk with Lloyd George.

Meantime, Lloyd George had received the British and Belgian representatives on the special reparations committee, and after some discussion these representatives returned to the session of the committee, which had been suspended during their absence. After the consultation with Lloyd George the members of the committee seemed somewhat more hopeful. A great deal of the discussion bore upon an ad valorem tax of from 10 to 15 per cent that it had been proposed Germany should place on exports.

Speculation was rife throughout the day as to what ultimately would be the result if an agreement were not reached. The general opinion seemed to be that, should failure result, M. Doumer, French minister of finance, would be held responsible for raising objections to a settlement of the reparations question and find it necessary to resign.

**Treasurer Faked Holdup.**  
Marion, O.—Treasurer Harry C. Forry, of Marion county, who reported that he had been robbed of \$14,303 by two bandits who knocked him unconscious in his office in the court house, was placed under arrest and confessed to the theft of the money, police announced.

**To Defend Middleman.**  
Colorado Springs, Colo.—The Western Fruit Jobbers Association will spend \$12,000 this year in a publicity campaign to combat the idea that the middleman is a useless cog in the economic machine and that the jobber is a greedy profiteer. It was announced at their annual convention here.

**Marked Reduction.**  
Washington.—The government has recognized the fact that living costs are coming down. Clerks who live in the government hotels will be charged \$1 a month less for board and room, starting February 1. The new rate will be \$45.50.

**Chinese Nervous System Best.**  
The Chinese have the most perfect nervous system of any people in the world.

**Seeks Death in Niagara.**  
Niagara Falls, N. Y.—An unidentified man is reported to have jumped into the river above the falls and was swept to death over the American brink. The man talked to a reservation officer, S. W. Rhodes, just a few minutes before he made the leap. He told Rhodes he was from Cleveland, O., and that he had come to the park to take a farewell look before leaving for Cleveland. Rhodes later was attracted by a shout and turned to see the man leaping from the railing.

## CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

Oacola is figuring on a municipal light and power plant.

Seventy per cent of Nebraska's population is classified as rural.

A farmers live stock exchange has been organized in Cheyenne county. The new \$25,000 Christian church at Weeping Water was dedicated Sunday. Norfolk is pretty proud of the new \$100,000 Grand theatre just opened there.

A business college is the latest acquisition proposed by the Holdrege Commercial club.

Miss Frances Sedlacek was killed at Crete when she was struck by a train while crossing the railroad track.

The issuance of \$15,000 bonds for the erection of a municipal lighting plant will be voted upon at Milford.

The Nebraska Retail Hardware association will hold its annual convention and exposition in Omaha Feb. 1-4.

E. M. Welling of Crawford, Neb., has discovered coal in Nebraska, according to a letter to the secretary of state.

Mrs. Naomi Criss, who homesteaded near Loup City in 1875, and who has been living there ever since, died last week.

Athletics, music, and chalk talks were features of the Joint Y. M. C. A. American legion carnival at Aurora last week.

The farm home of Roy Garwood, near Alliance, was completely destroyed by fire starting from an overheated kitchen stove.

Nebraska college of agriculture stock judging team took second place in the western live stock show at Denver last week.

Considerable grain is being moved on the Beatrice market just now. One milling firm is handling over 500 bushels a day.

Nearly 500 guests attended the women's "Onward Omaha" dinner at the Chamber of Commerce at that place last week.

Nebraska, with 3,308 miles, leads all states in the proposed road building program for 1921, according to figures from Washington.

Private safety deposit boxes at the Guide Rock State bank were rifled by robbers. Attempts to blow open the vault were unsuccessful.

John Placek was killed when his Ford upset while coming down a steep hill near Loup City. Death is supposed to have been instantaneous.

The value of Omaha public school property has been appraised at \$11,000,000. There are 56 public schools in which 1,110 teachers are employed.

Edgar Griffith, a barber at Cozad, has patented a chair which enables him to sit while working upon customers. It is on display at a local shop.

Following the appearance of three cases of smallpox in the Columbus schools, the superintendent issued an order requiring the vaccination of pupils.

The Tri-County Teachers' Institute, composed of Pawnee, Nemaha and Johnson counties, is to be held this year at Auburn from May 31 to June 3, inclusive.

Nebraska leads every other state in the union in the number of automobiles in proportion to population. In this state there is one automobile to every 5.9 persons.

Pete Lopez pleaded guilty to the slaying of Jonas Sanchez, another Mexican at McCook a few weeks ago, and was sentenced by Judge Eldridge to thirty years in the penitentiary.

The Bankers' Automobile Insurance company of Lincoln, having been turned over to the state department of trade and commerce by a district court order is now in charge of W. E. Barkley as special agent of the department.

Pending legislation, the bureau of markets, and the advisability of establishing departments of research, will be the chief topics of discussion at the meeting of the state farm bureau federations of the midwest group at Lincoln this week.

Crystal Elmira, a school mistress near the village of Miller, was found by the roadside near the school with her clothing in flames and parts of her body burned to a crisp. Her condition was such she could not explain the cause of the fire. Physicians who were summoned say she cannot recover.

Ford Winkelman, a section hand, was struck by a train near Howe, receiving injuries from which he died a few hours later.

Nebraska led all other states in the production of alfalfa hay during 1920. Its total production from the 1,232,947 acres planted was 3,527,680.5 tons, showing an average yield of 2.85 tons per acre.

Box cars borrowed from eastern lines to haul grain that has never been loaded are proving a burden to Nebraska railroads. It is estimated extra cars lying idle on sidetracks are costing one railroad \$3,300 a day.

Mrs. L. J. Newman, 91 years old, died at her home in Bellwood last week. A year ago, when she celebrated her 90th birthday she had 140 direct descendants living, six children, forty-three grandchildren, seventy-one great grandchildren and twenty great great grandchildren.

Officers elected by the state board of agriculture at its meeting last week were: President, J. F. McArde, Omaha; first vice president, Charles Graff, Bancroft; second vice president, George Jackson, Nelson; secretary, E. R. Danielson, Lincoln; treasurer, William B. Banning, Union.

Faving projects were rejected at a mass meeting at Randolph by a vote of 75 to 14.

The contractors putting up the new quarter million dollar hotel at McCook think it will be finished this year.

The John Adrian general merchandise store at Hansen, was robbed of 70 cents and goods valued at \$150. The postoffice in the store was robbed of \$4.00.

Mary Nebraska Watkins, the first white child born in Nebraska City, in 1854, when that place was but a trading post, is dead at her home at Bayard.

Hebron citizens are worrying over a couple of fires that occurred there lately. Both were of mysterious origin and are thought to be the result of incendiarism.

Thirty-five homes at Blair are under quarantine for smallpox, including those of Mayor Henry Christensen and two physicians. The majority of the cases are of light form.

The American State bank of Merriam, in Cherry county has been taken over by State Bank Examiner Eastman and closed at the request of the directors of the institution.

The Kiwanis district convention, composed of clubs in Iowa and in Nebraska, will hold its semi-annual convention in Omaha sometime in March. Over 300 persons are expected.

A drive is being made in Johnson county in an effort to get the total membership of the county farm bureau to one thousand. Men from the state bureau are in charge of the drive.

Two masked men held up and robbed a private poker party in a house on the main street of Wynora. Seven members of the party donated \$300 cash to the gunmen who escaped.

W. M. Doval of Peru shot what he took to be a hawk, which was making off with a chicken. The fowl proved to be a bald eagle whose wings measured seven feet from tip to tip.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dammann and the latter's father, residing near Grand Island, were killed when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Union Pacific motor train.

Omaha jobbers and manufacturers are making elaborate preparations for the annual "Market Week" festivities that will begin March 7. There will be four days of continuous entertainment.

Creighton, a town of 1,800, has an 8 o'clock curfew law, and boys and girls under 18 must be accompanied by a chaperone at dances, moving picture shows and the skating rink.

The Nebraska interscholastic meet will be held on the University athletic field May 13, according to plans announced by Director of Athletics Fred W. Luehring, and Superintendent Brooks.

Fifteen cars of grain and hay a day is the average outgoing freight at Cozad. A railway official states that Cozad is the only town along the route that has kept up its usual good business record.

From January 12 to 14, old soldiers at the Grand Island Soldiers' home died at the rate of one a day, according to a supplemental report from Commandant Addison Wait to the state board of control.

At a special election in Tecumseh for bonds, amounting to \$25,000, for extension of water mains and installation of a purifying plant to use Nemaha drainage ditch water, the bonds carried by a large majority.

Mrs. Elmira Thomas of Nebraska City, a resident of the state for nearly sixty years, and at one time the only white woman living on the overland trail from Kearney to Denver, died of heart trouble last week.

The Platte river is the highest it has been in years at this time of year. It is running bank full and flooding the low lands south of Fremont. It is over the Cornhusker trail for 300 yards north of the Fremont bridge.

Arthur J. Lynch, foreman at the Fremont light plant, was held up and robbed by two masked men as he was returning home from work about 10:30. The bandits emptied his pockets of money and valuables amounting to over \$75.

Mrs. C. F. Williams, living near Knuball, was the victim of a peculiar accident recently, when a kettle of soap she was making exploded throwing the boiling hot liquid over her face, neck and arms and scalding her in a very painful manner.

Last Wednesday's South Omaha hog receipts are estimated at 16,000 head, one of the heaviest runs received there since last May. This is an increase of nearly 3,000 head over the supplies received the day before and a like number over the receipts of a week ago, which were 13,045.

Fillmore county commissioners have voted to permit Sunday baseball outside of villages and towns in the county.

While kneeling to tie a bandage around the ankle of a man to whom he was delivering a message from an Omaha drug store, a runaway, 16-year-old messenger, slipped and fell, and was injured.

The announcement that the Omaha chamber of commerce is planning to give financial aid to worthy students of agriculture has brought applications for loans from twenty students, according to Dean E. A. Burnett.

Adam Bredele, of the Hastings Tribune, was one of the winners in the contest for the best editorial on "Saving," sponsored by the government savings division of the Tenth Federal Reserve district which comprises the states of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming and major portions of Missouri, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

J. N. Plessinger, an extensive feeder of Polk, brought a three-load string of Whiteface steers to the South Omaha market last week, which sold at \$9.50. The price was not only the top by 25c per hundred, but the highest price that was paid any time within the week.

## BUDGET SUBMITTED

GOVERNOR PRESENTS TO LEGISLATURE ESTIMATE OF STATE'S NEEDS FOR NEXT TWO YEARS

DELIVERS SPECIAL MESSAGE

Almost Twenty-Seven Million Dollars Asked for Defraying State Government Expenses During Coming Biennium

Lincoln.—In a special message to the Nebraska legislature, delivered in person at a joint convention, Governor McKelvie said he wanted appropriations sheared down to the limits of revenue; that necessary purposes shall be taken care of without imposing unbearable tax burdens, and that the creation of new activities should be avoided.

The amount to be raised by taxation, as he gave it, is \$16,218,000 for general purposes and \$2,295,000 for construction of the new state capitol, based on a valuation of \$765,000,000. This will be supplemented by federal funds, cash fund receipts, and revenue from other sources.

Mr. McKelvie takes strong ground against the practice of incurring deficiencies. He would make it a felony for any spending agency of the state to spend more than the legislature appropriates for its use.

He urges economy and efficiency, and suggests that tax burdens have grown to such proportions that wide discontent exists among the people because of them. At the same time, he declares real economy to consist in the money appropriated, rather than getting the maximum of benefits from it merely holding down appropriations.

**Budget Calls for Increase**  
Conceding that the budget calls for an increase of \$4,364,840 in the appropriations this year, Governor McKelvie says this amounts to only 17 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation.

As new sources of state revenue, Mr. McKelvie proposes taxing inheritances, registration of mortgages and a higher occupation tax on corporations doing business in the state. License fees and other special charges could also be increased, he says, in preference to raising property taxes.

The budget was prepared by Finance Secretary Bross, and it is the first complete budget ever submitted to a Nebraska legislature.

Mr. McKelvie advises that one appropriation bill be drawn and passed to include everything except the salaries of constitutional and statutory officers so that the legislature may know the total amount of appropriations while it is considering this bill.

**Calls for \$26,845,207**  
Appropriations in the gross sum of \$26,845,207, representing an increase of \$3,709,484 over actual expenditures for the biennium ending March 31 next, are suggested by Governor McKelvie in the budget.

Besides the \$21,368,000 to be realized for state purposes from taxes and fees for the general fund, the budget shows there will be available in two years to come \$5,476,787 of other income from so-called "cash funds" in institutions and departments and from federal aid to highways, education and agriculture.

**Classified Departmental Needs.**  
The appropriation estimates for all purposes for the next two years is as follows:

Legislative—Total amount, \$182,800; decrease of \$96,498, because of unusual expense the past biennium for constitutional convention and two extra sessions of the legislature.

Judiciary—Total amount, \$786,700; increase, \$374,307.

Executive offices—Total amount, \$706,590; increase, \$222,633.

Code departments—Total amount, \$5,147,183; increase, \$672,627.

Military department—Total amount, \$163,880; increase, \$105,351.

Capitol commission and other boards and commissions—Total amount, \$2,869,550; increase, \$2,163,169. (The actual increase is only about \$800,000, as the accumulated capitol building fund remains on hand from the old biennium and was not included in its expenditures.)

Educational—Total amount, \$5,904,079; increase, \$900,649.

Charitable and penal institutions—Total amount, \$3,896,140; increase, \$646,423.

Sundry activities—Total amount, \$71,497; increase, \$281,207.

Classified as to character of outlay, the expenses for two years are as follows: Salaries, \$8,266,000; supplies, \$3,818,000; lands and buildings, \$4,397,000; miscellaneous expense \$2,170,300; fixed charges \$1,225,000; repairs for upkeep, \$504,000; public investments, \$5,424,000; equipment, \$605,000; revolving funds, \$422,000. Total, \$26,845,000.

For the new board of pardons, a total appropriation of \$26,250 is asked, and for the tax commissioner's office, \$45,000.

The legislature will also have to appropriate \$343,208 for deficiencies, excesses over appropriations. The one big item is the board of control, \$258,000, and the next largest, vocational education, \$45,000.

New expenditures include: Child welfare requests, \$358,760; printing statutes, \$50,000; oil and gas development, \$15,000 each, and \$5,000 for coal.

**Estimates Pruned \$3,000,000**  
Before submitting the budget, Governor McKelvie eliminated about \$3,000,000 from requests filed with Finance Secretary Bross. Most of this sum was deducted from university and normal school estimates, and from certain activities in the code departments.

## Prominent Western Man Praises Tanlac



G. W. Logan, Peabody, Kansas

"Tanlac has completely restored my health and I feel finer than in years," was the straightforward statement made recently by Mr. George W. Logan of Peabody, Kansas, one of the most prominent stock-dealers in the Middle West.

"It has not only made a new man of me but I have actually gained thirty-five pounds in weight and feel as well as I ever did in my life. I am telling all of my friends about Tanlac, but they can see for themselves what it has done in my case.

"When I began taking Tanlac I was in an awfully run-down condition. I was away off in weight, felt weak and nervous all of the time and couldn't take any interest in my work or any-

thing else. My main trouble was indigestion. Nothing seemed to agree with me. At times I would have dizzy spells and at other times my back would ache so bad that I could hardly get up and down in my chair. This is just the condition I was in when I started to take this medicine. It took just six bottles to make a well man of me. I now have a fine appetite, everything tastes good and my digestion is perfect.

"My wife was also troubled with indigestion at times and it relieved her the same way. You may publish my statement wherever you like and if anyone doubts it, just tell them to see me."

Tanlac is sold by leading druggists everywhere.

**Observant Paw.**  
"Paw, what is an advertisement?" "An advertisement is the picture of a pretty girl eating, wearing, holding or driving something that somebody wants to sell."—Nashville Tennessean.

**A Little Game.**  
"Did you make any New Year deuces?" "An unfortunate one on four deuces."

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**Present Enough.**  
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Not only are these pimples and blotches disfiguring, but they lead to serious skin diseases that spread and cause the most discomforting irritation and pain. Sometimes they foretell Eczema, boils, blisters, scaly eruptions and other annoyances that burn like flames of fire, and make you feel that your skin is ablaze.

If you are afflicted with this form of skin disease do not expect to be cured by lotions, ointments, salves and other local remedies, as they can not possibly reach the source of the trouble, which is in the blood. Begin taking S.S.S. today, and write a complete history of your case to our chief medical adviser who will give you special instructions, without charge. Write at once to Medical Director, 152 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.