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Pensioners of the Methodist Episcopal church, which includes its retired ministers, their widows and dependent orphans, received \$2,500,000 in 1921. Report to this effect was made by Dr. Joseph B. Hingley, Chicago, corresponding secretary of the board of conference claimants. The amount for pensions in 1920 was \$600,000, he reported, while now the amount needed is \$3,000,000 a year. The pensioners include 3,255 ministers, 5,787 widows and 754 children. Twenty-seven retired ministers are over 70 years old. The grand patriarch of the church is Rev. Seth Reed, of Flint, Mich., who was born June 2, 1822. Rev. Edward S. Best, of Malden, Mass., was born September 4, 1824.

Warren G. Harding, the most accomplished rooster in the world, died. He passed away at a poultry show at Muncie, Ind., after he swallowed a large piece of bread, which proved too much for his digestive apparatus. Besides being worth a small fortune W. G. H. had other distinctions. He was the only bird that could ride a motor car radiator, smoke a cigar, and dance. He was owned by Earl Wilson, Columbus, Ohio, and received his name when he gave a performance at the famous front porch of the Harding home at Marion.

Diogenes may now put up his lantern, for an honest man has been found. He plays poker, too. Also it may not be generally known but there is a provision of the internal revenue law which provides that all winnings at poker, other card games, or gambling of any kind, shall be reported as income. Losses may not be deducted. Arthur O. Kreitz, of Los Angeles, has reported that among his income tax clients was a man who declared himself winner of \$200 in a poker game and wanted to include that in his statement of income.

Ernest Brandt, the "Rip Van Winkle" of the Sierra Madre, has staged a come back, and is now occupying the front porch of a California bungalow in Los Angeles. He was driven by a naturally cold weather from his haunts in the Mount Wilson hills, where he lived as a hermit. He drove three mountain burros, his sole companions for 25 years, into Los Angeles. He was penniless and hungry, but refused food until the animals were fed.

Fine china, as good as can be found anywhere in the world, is being made in America, and is more in demand than ever before. A service plate, gold decorated, its value given at the rate of \$10,000 a dozen, is on exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. It was made to show what could be done in beauty and quality. English china has been until comparatively recently the finest of the modern world in workmanship and good in quality.

Half a dozen patrolmen were dispatched pell mell in Chicago to a soft drink parlor when six shots were heard. They burst in the place and saw another patrolman with a smoking pistol. Drawing weapons they advanced to his aid. He turned and faced them sheepishly. "I thought I was the star of the range," he said, "but I'm not." He had fired the shots at a rat and succeeded only in shooting a leg from a chair and another from a table.

Goaded by unceasing song, a New York lawyer has brought suit in supreme court to restrain a vocal teacher from using the premises, separated from his apartment by a thin wall, as a studio where her pupils practice their singing exercises. He declares it is "business" and not art and therefore comes under restriction laws. The shrill, shrieking, strained, and piercing tones have got on his nerves, the nerves of his servants, and his friends, he asserts.

Some congressmen are so uninformed they think Easter Sunday is Billy Sunday's sister, and that Yom Kippur is some kind of herring, declared Congressman Charles L. Underhill, Massachusetts, in an address at Boston. He said that when a certain Massachusetts member asked a congressman to join in a celebration in honor of Longfellow's memory his colleague replied: "Why, nobody ever heard of Longfellow until he married Alice Roosevelt."

Finding the streets of Buenos Aires too well policed for daylight holdups, a pair of robbers accosted a middle aged man of prosperous appearance, showed him detective badges, and took him to some vacant rooms in police headquarters. They removed from him everything of value. Then, indicating the door of a room where his protests of innocence would be attended to, they vanished.

Conrad J. Koch, clock winder for the rich and repairer of old clocks and long connected with Tiffany & Co., was found dead in his shop in New York. He had special days to visit customers and test, repair and wind their old wall clocks and jeweled time pieces. He was a native American of German extraction and had been winding clocks for 35 years.

The discharge of all women employees in the public service, their places to be taken by jobless married men, was the chief demand at a mass meeting of unemployed in Vienna. Another demand was the abolition of overtime and overtime pay in all industries. It is estimated there are 30,000 unemployed union workers, an increase of 50 per cent. in two months.

Joseph Bartons, pumppan at the Anvik-Palms mine, Bessmer, Mich., is growing flowers and vegetables by the aid of electricity 1,100 feet below the earth's surface. He has a trough three feet by two and a half feet filled with earth from the surface and mixed with fertilizer. In it he raises beans, onions, lettuce and other vegetables and flowers. The plants grow just as well as on the surface, due to the warm temperature and the excellent quality of water.

From \$500,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000 is stolen annually from the pocket of the American public by confidence men and fraudulent brokerage houses, an official of the New York stock exchange estimates. A fever in speculation has brought about an increase in fraudulent deals.

Chinese eggs, shipped to New York, are sold chiefly to cheaper class retail stores and bakeries. They do not compete with fancy, fresh eggs from nearby stations. Egg producers are opposed to importations from China.

Charles Silver is the composer of music to an arrangement of "The Farming of the Shrew," by Henri Cain and Edouard Adenis, that is to be given at the Paris opera this month. Mlle. Chenal will create the role of Catarina.

OIL EXCITEMENT RUNS ITS COURSE

Wakefield, Neb., People Are Told by Chemists That Samples Tested Show No Natural Deposits.

Wakefield, Neb., March 7 (Special).—The excitement here the past few weeks, due to the apparent discovery of oil, and which has been the source of quite a little publicity, is subsiding. Samples of the oil had been sent for analysis by expert chemists, and while not all the reports are in, the results so far are far from encouraging. The excitement had reached the point where several parties had secured oil leases on considerable land near here.

NEW PARTY HOLDS CONVENTION AT NORFOLK

Norfolk, Neb., March 7 (Special).—The progressive party was organized in the third Nebraska congressional district during a mass meeting of 56 delegates from 12 counties here Saturday afternoon. Ferdinand Crowley, of Battle Creek, and Jesse Green, of Tilden, both former non-partisan league leaders, are president and secretary, respectively. Edgar Howard, who is declared to be a third party candidate for congress in this district, was the principal speaker. A. H. Bigelow, of Omaha, was declared to be the only United States senator candidate of the party.

This is the sixth congress convention held by the party. W. H. Green, the secretary, indicates the campaign program calls for many speakers, including Dr. Beebe, who is "studying the money question." State Chairman Edmiston states five workers will be in each precinct and ward of the state. Candidates are filing by petition.

CRIMINAL ACTION IS RESULT OF ESTATE FIGHT

Omaha, Neb., March 7.—The county attorney at Hastings, Neb., has filed criminal proceedings against James B. O'Connor, a Kansas City, Mo., attorney, and 10 of his relatives, charging that a will of the late John O'Connor of Adams county, Neb., they filed for probate, was a forgery and that they knew it was when it was offered, according to advice received here today. The value of the estate is estimated at \$100,000.

The defendants, who claim to be relatives of the late John O'Connor, recently filed application in county court at Hastings to submit proof of heirship, hearing being set for March 23. County court denied probate of the will they filed, but it was upheld on an appeal to district court, but the Nebraska supreme court, in a subsequent decision, held it was a forgery.

LEGION TAKES HAND IN LANGUAGE FIGHT

Lincoln, Neb., March 6.—As a friend of the supreme court of the state, the American Legion has filed a brief in support of the constitutionality of the Reed-Norval foreign language law, an enactment of the last regular session of the legislature.

The Reed-Norval law is similar to the Siman law, which the court recently sustained.

The brief of the American Legion is on an appeal from an action brought by the Lutheran synod, in which the contention of the synod was sustained in part by the district court of Dodge county.

Vigorous issue is taken by the legion to the contention that the law infringes on the constitutional guarantees of religious freedom. "We have never before heard," says the brief, "that the Omnipotent One is better acquainted with one language than with another. It may be that certain of the citizenry would prefer to hear their children's prayers lisped in the language of their forefathers, but this is far from saying that any religious liberty is violated."

Eleven firms of attorneys, representing a total of 23 lawyers, signed the brief presented by the legion.

OMAHA BANDITS ROB MANAGER OF CAFE

Omaha, Neb., March 6.—Two youthful bandits held up a cafe near Sixteenth and Farnam streets early today and escaped with \$600 after locking the night manager, W. Singer, in an ice box. Five minutes after the robbery, Singer was released by two policemen who entered the place for lunch.

To encourage reforestation in Nova Scotia, Frank J. D. Barnjum, Annapolis, is offering a cash bonus of \$2 an acre to farmers for planting seedlings on their farms.

YOUNG WOMAN IS HER OWN SLEUTH

Causes Arrest of Man Who She Says Betrayed Her—Believed He Followed "Game."

Omaha, Neb., March 6.—"Several weeks ago I was looking for work, and I answered an advertisement. I didn't get a job, but I became engaged to a man. He took me to the Loyal hotel, said he would marry me, registered me as his wife and then assaulted me. He disappeared. This week, I wanted a job so I answered an advertisement by telephone. I heard his voice, I called police."

Miss Louise Ranch, 17-year-old and pretty, so testified in police court against William H. Morris, commission man, who is charged with attack, and with having lured young girls to his business establishment for immoral purposes through the medium of newspaper advertisements offering a combination bookkeeper housekeeper position. "That's the man," she said pointing at Morris.

Detective Treglia made the arrest. He produced a small notebook, containing the names and addresses of 18 Omaha girls, some said to be only 15 years old, which was taken from Morris.

"I just happened to answer two of his advertisements," continued Miss Ranch. "Otherwise I wouldn't have found him."

That "improper measuring of girls who apply for jobs" was a practice of Morris, was the assertion of the police.

He has a son, who has been placed in Riverview home by the juvenile authorities.

Police Judge Wappich bound the defendant over to the district court on a charge of attack, and fixed his bond at \$2,500.

BROTHERS FACE CHARGE OF REAL HIGH FINANCING

Lincoln, Neb., March 6 (Special).—H. W. Kenyon and his brother, Earl, who promoted the Bankers' Fire Insurance company in Lincoln, were arrested under indictments of the grand jury. The accused is charged with embezzling cash in the sum of \$6,422.50 and with using for his own personal purpose \$16,000 worth of insurance company stock that had been left with C. E. Malxner, an officer of the company, and which Kenyon knew Malxner had embezzled. Earl is charged with having aided his brother in the embezzlement of the cash.

The Kenyons came here from Chicago in the flush times, and promoted this company. They organized a \$900,000 brokerage company, bought all the bankers' fire stock for \$15 a share, gave their notes in payment, and then sent out agents to sell the stock at \$25. They disposed of over a million and a quarter.

LYONS TEACHER BRIDE OF AN OMAHA MAN

Lyons, Neb., March 6 (Special).—Miss Gertrude Fleck, daughter of H. C. Fleck, of Lyons, was married to William Steffen, of Omaha, at Fremont, Wednesday, March 1. Rev. Spencer, of Omaha, former pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lyons read the ceremony. Miss Fleck has been an instructor in the Fremont schools for the past year.

MAGNIFIER NEEDED TO READ SMALL BIBLE



A magnifying glass is necessary to read from the diminutive bible shown here. It is the smallest completely printed bible in the world and fits snugly in the palm of the hand. It was made to show how tiny a book may be printed.

LEFT MANY DESCENDANTS.

Galesburg, Ill., March 3.—Mrs. Sarah Thompson, aged 87, a great great grandmother, died near this city yesterday afternoon, being survived by 55 descendants, three daughters, 14 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren, the youngest of whom is two weeks old.

Unable to move a railroad crossing which has resulted in several deaths, the town of Reahton, near Bowling Green, Ohio, has moved its 80 inhabitants a half mile from the original townsite.

GRAND JURY HAD A BUSY SESSION

Former "Giants in Finance" Indicted and Surrender to The Proper Authorities.

Lincoln, Neb., March 1.—Eight men charged with various offenses in grand jury indictments handed down last Saturday, surrendered to Sheriff Ira Miller Monday. They are:

Arthur G. Hebb, former president of the Patriot Motors Company, charged with selling securities of the company without license.

Warren J. Lynch, president of the Farmers Investment Company, obtaining money under false pretense.

George W. Walters, former secretary of the Nebraska Building and Investment Company, obtaining money under false pretense.

John W. Tulley, former vice president of the American State Bank, Lincoln.

David D. Clark, former cashier of the American State Bank.

Albert S. Sandlovich, former director of the American State Bank.

Dr. Frank P. Dwigigns, former president of the American State Bank.

A. G. Kloteky, former officer of the Lincoln Public Markets.

In the same indictment against Dwigigns for alleged borrowing of funds of a bank while an officer, were included Tulley, Clark and Sandlovich, charged with a similar offense.

IS FINALLY GIVEN CITIZENSHIP PAPERS

York Neb., March 1 (Special).—After a strong fight was made, both for and against his admission to citizenship in the United States, Emil Krugel, of Benedict, was made a citizen by Judge Good. A score of witnesses from the Benedict neighborhood were on hand. The government and Krugel both hired attorneys.

Krugel came to America and took out his first citizenship papers in 1866. He had served in the German army when a young man. Among other remarks alleged to have been made by him were, "the American boys will last about as long with the kaiser's army as a snowball in hell," and "Gray (a young man going to training camp) will be used to clean officers' spitoons."

TRAIN SERVICE IS TO BE RESTORED

Lyons, Neb., March 1.—The early and late trains on the Omaha branch of the North Western, which were taken off a year ago will be put back on March 18. This will make it possible to go to Omaha and return the same day. The train will leave Lyons at 7:30 a. m. and return at 8:20 p. m.

RETURNS OF ROADS AT 3.31 PER CENT. IN 1921

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Net operating income of railroads in the United States, sum available for interest, dividends, rentals and surplus

NEW DISORDERS IN BELFAST AND LIMERICK CITY

Civilian Slain in Ulster Metropolis—Revolt of Volunteers Under Forde Is Viewed Seriously by Irish Army.

Special Cable Dispatch. London, March 7.—Disorders in Belfast continue and sniping in several streets was renewed Monday night. According to dispatches received here one civilian was killed.

BY DENNIS O'CONNELL. Special Cable Dispatch. Dublin, March 7.—The revolt in Limerick city of the volunteers under Commandant Forde, is viewed seriously by the Irish republican army here.

The mutineers commandeered the principal hotels of the city and hold the strategic positions with machine guns and are reinforced by snipers. Forde mutinied two weeks ago when he issued a proclamation refusing to obey the headquarters of the Irish republican army because "they are letting the Irish republic down."

Envoys Barely Escape; One Shot. Envoys from the headquarters staff here, who went to Limerick to interview Forde, barely escaped with their lives and one was seriously wounded. Forde was relieved of command and Commandant Michael Brennan, of the East Claire command took charge, but with the men at his disposal he was unable to cope with the mutiny.

Monday night a specially selected company of the guards brigade left Dublin in full war equipment, headed for Limerick. Each man carried 300 rounds of ball. They arrived in Limerick at 9 o'clock Monday night. All of these men served in the flying columns during the Irish war.

A commandant general attached to the headquarters staff told me Monday night that the headquarters authorities hope at all costs to avoid fratricidal war, but that they will take the most drastic measures possible to put down the Limerick mutiny.

"The whole discipline of the army is at stake," said this general. "Politics must not be allowed to enter. We shall teach Forde and any other mutineer that the army is the servant of the people and not their master."

The revolt under Commandant James Robinson in Tipperary continues. Robinson has moved several of his men into Limerick to help Forde, who has been repudiated by all of his staff officers. However, those remaining loyal to headquarters are experiencing difficulties at every turn.

Rebels Arrest O'Shaughnessy, Chief of the Division Officers for Limerick, Monday was arrested by the rebels, but was later released.

More help in the way of men, arms and ammunition are said to be on the way from Tipperary, but if the body sent from Dublin Monday night is not strong enough to cope with the mutiny, the headquarters will move another contingent to Limerick Tuesday.

Harding Receives Wireless Greetings From 48 Governors

Washington, March 7.—President Harding in the White House Monday night received radio wireless messages from every governor in the 48 United States, congratulating him on the completion of his first year in the presidency.

This was arranged by officials of the American Radio Relay League, whose national headquarters are in Hartford, Conn. Its president, Hiram Percy Maxim, "listened in" as did Vice President Charles H. Stewart and Secretary K. Z. Warner.

Thousands of radio operators, mostly skilled amateurs, listened in all parts of the country.

Maxim, Stewart and Warner were called to Washington by Secretary of Commerce Hoover as experts to help devise radio regulations.

THREE CLERKS HELD AS GIRL COMPLAINS

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 7 (Special).—Charged with contributing to the delinquency of a 17-year-old girl, W. H. Walker, Matt Brown and James Davis, clerks of a Sioux Falls hotel, were arrested Monday and taken before Judge Lewis Larson of the juvenile court, for a hearing.

All were placed under \$1,000 bonds to await a hearing.

The arrests were made following questioning of the girl by juvenile authorities. In her confession to Judge Larson, the girl implicated all under arrest and others. The clerks denied knowing anything about the case.

DEMOCRATS HAVE GREAT CHANCE TO CONTROL CONGRESS

In Capital He Says None of His Party Imagined G. O. P. Leaders Would Defy Masses As Arrogantly as They Have.

Washington, March 7.—William Jennings Bryan here Monday night declared that the democrats have "a splendid prospect of carrying the next congress, and this would enable us to lay the foundations of a winning campaign in 1924."

He made a direct attack on the economic policy of the Harding administration.

Florida Rumor Brings Old Smile. Mr. Bryan was asked: "How about your prospective nomination for United States senator from Florida?" He smiled the old yard wide Bryan smile and replied: "I don't know anything about it."

He spent part of the afternoon at the capitol but was non-committal as to whether his conversations with democratic senators were political.

From Commoner's Statement. He issued a prepared statement, in which he said, in part: "The democrats have a great opportunity in the coming congressional campaign, assuming, of course that the candidates will be worthy of the confidence of and in harmony with the party attitude. It seems to me that we have a splendid prospect of gaining the next congress and this would enable us to lay the foundations for a winning campaign in 1924."

"As might have been expected, the weakest point in this administration is its economic policy. This was to be expected because the republican party is made up of two distinct groups: The reactionaries, who control the leadership, and the progressives, who furnish the bulk of the votes.

"Reactionary leadership could not possibly be satisfactory to the rank and file of the republican party, but no democrat imagined that the republican leaders would defy the masses as arrogantly as they have."

BRITISH PREMIER TO STICK LONGER

Holds Resignation in Abeyance As Temporary Settlement Is Forced by European Situation.

Special Cable Dispatch. London, March 1.—(2:30 a. m. Tuesday).—It is authoritatively stated Premier Lloyd George will hold his resignation in abeyance for the present.

The premier's own organ, the Daily Chronicle, this morning speaks of a "temporary settlement forced by the European situation."

The Daily Mail sums up the situation by saying the "crisis is over until it breaks out again," possibly giving the most accurate summary of the position.

Well informed political persons say the premier was in a mood at the week end to resign but Lord Birkenhead and Austin Chamberlain gave him to understand that while they were willing to work with him they would not guarantee to follow him in his retirement.

Another crisis may be precipitated by the action of "backwoods" lords on the Irish treaty bill. There are rumors afloat this intended action will be strengthened by threats made in the House of Commons this evening of Ulster members walking out as a protest against the measure.

Why Not Take Look Into Edghe's Lager Package?—Norris

Washington, March 7.—Senator Edge, republican, of New Jersey, submitted to the Senate Monday a petition which he said carried the names of 10,000 citizens of his state, asking for modification of the Volstead act to permit the sale of light wines and beer. The physical proportions of the petition moved Senator Norris, republican of Nebraska, to ask humorously whether it might not be wise for the Senate to appoint a temperance committee to examine the package because, the Nebraska senator said, "something illegal could easily be concealed in it."

DAWSON MEXICAN CONSUL.

Mexico City, March 7.—Claude I. Dawson, Sunday, assumed his duties as United States consul general in Mexico. He succeeds Cornelius Ferris, jr., who has been acting consul general for nearly two years.

POSTPONE GOV. SMALL'S TRIAL UNTIL APRIL 3

Waukegan, Ill., March 7.—The trial of Gov. Len Small, charged with conspiracy to defraud the people of Illinois of \$819,000 while he was state treasurer, was postponed Monday until April 3.

The governor asked that the trial be postponed because he was engaged in supervising construction of good roads.

An indictment charging the governor with embezzlement was nolle prossed by the state last December.