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President and Congress.

From the Indianapolis News.

In persisting in his policy of non-intervention in congress...

Choking Rumor in Kansas.

From the New York Herald.

An actors' college may be founded by the English actors' association...

Miss Dorothy Frocks of New York was admitted to the bar of the United States supreme court...

A one-eyed Angora cat played the role of villain and a small fox terrier that of hero in a fire which damaged an exclusive gown shop in New York...

It has come to this: A woman dressed in knickers was called to testify in a divorce suit in Chicago...

Members of a committee charged with the selection of an executive head for the sesquicentennial exposition in Philadelphia in 1926...

Business houses of New York, particularly in the cloak suit and textile trades, have organized for protection against burglars...

After years of experimenting to stop dense clouds of dust sweeping down on Mexico City at certain periods...

The battleship Maine, named after the ship whose sinking in Havana harbor brought on the Spanish-American war...

A prediction that radio telephony would never be of any commercial value except for broadcasting and limited uses...

Kathleen Kersting, 13 year old Wichita, Kan., girl, has become a protege of Mme. Emma Calve...

Business men generally would be willing to pay extra postage on air mail provided quick and certain delivery could be guaranteed...

Bela Venseny, Budapest banker and the world's champion eater, is dead. He weighed more than 400 pounds...

Sam, a big black cat in the office of the home secretary in London, was just about to depart for a new home in America...

West Point, Neb., May 16 (Special).—Monsignor Joseph Ruesing has commenced on the \$100,000 addition to the home for the aged in this city...

Protest against the inclusion of girl students within the college walls so that to the casual observer the university has lost its quality of masculinity and degeneracy...

SUSPEND SHERIFF THURSTON COUNTY

Governor McKelvie Acts on Complaint of Citizens That Official Failed to Enforce Laws.

Lincoln, Neb., May 16.—Sheriff Charles W. Rutledge, of Thurston county, who was charged in petitions signed by Thurston county citizens with alleged "neglect, failure and refusal to do his duty in the enforcement of prohibition in Thurston county"...

No order was made affecting County Judge Frank Flynn, jointly charged in the petitions with the same alleged offenses, the governor being without authority to remove officers other than "prosecuting and peace officers"...

Attorneys for the accused officials declined to proceed with the hearing on the ground that the governor's order of suspension against the sheriff, coming before any evidence was taken, foreclosed the case so far as the defendants were concerned...

The governor's order prohibits Rutledge from performing any functions of office until the question of his official culpability has been determined by the courts...

Governor McKelvie said that on the strength of the evidence in his hands he knew nothing at this time "which would influence him to revoke the order of suspension."

Judge Flynn and the sheriff both appeared.

WIRELESS OPERATOR IS GIVEN A SHOCK

LeMars, Ia., May 16 (Special).—Nick Brauch, wireless operator at Western Union college, is nursing a swollen and bruised wrist as the result of a "backfire" while winding a phonograph for broadcasting music.

HUBBY DECEITFUL SAYS WIFE AFTER BALM OF \$30,000

Her husband, Joseph C. Bishop, New York millionaire electric light man, is "cunning, shrewd, ruthless and deceitful," asserts Mrs. Abigail Bishop, his divorced wife, who has filed suit to collect \$30,000 alimony.



Mrs. Abigail Bishop

What are Raphael's Madonna's but the shadows of a mother's love; fixed in permanent outline forever?—T. W. Higginson.

Quiet minds cannot be perplexed or frightened, but go on in fortune or misfortune at their own private pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm.—R. L. Stevenson.

"They've got company," said Mrs. Fawn Lippincott, when she saw th' Moots' cellar lit up last night.

Jake Bentley tried t' get a prescription filler at th' drug store t'day, but th' lurch rush wuz on an' th' clerk told him t' come back in th' evenin'—Abe Martin.

BUILD ADDITION TO HOME FOR THE AGED

West Point, Neb., May 16 (Special).—Monsignor Joseph Ruesing has commenced on the \$100,000 addition to the home for the aged in this city. The home was started 17 years ago with a large frame dwelling...

FIRE MARSHAL IS TO TRAVEL LESS

Lack of Funds Brings to End His Career as Lecturer While Showing Films Over the State.

Lincoln, Neb., May 13 (Special).—State Fire Marshal Hartford's career as a lecturer and moving picture magazine is at an end. Secretary Hart, head of the department of which Hartford is a part, has ordered him to cease traveling about the state showing films and delivering lectures on fire-prevention. The films are supplied by the National Association of Fire Underwriters...

GOVERNOR TO SPEAK AT WAKONDA MAY 27

Wakonda, S. D., May 13 (Special).—Gov. W. H. McMaster will give the commencement address for the Consolidated school here May 27. He was here for an address two years ago on Memorial day. The graduating class, this year is the largest in the history of the school, numbering nine.

PUBLIC DEMANDS BETTER SERVICE

Patrons of Burlington Railroad Complain to Nebraska Commission About Hours of Agents.

Lincoln, Neb., May 12 (Special).—Hearing was begun today before the state railway commission on the complaint of a large number of towns along the Burlington lines that the road has changed the hours of station agents at small towns with the result that the public has been greatly inconvenienced...

RETURN SEIZED LIQUORS TO THEIR OWNERS

Des Moines, Ia., May 12.—Liquors valued at \$5,000 were ordered returned to A. L. Norman by a jury in district court here. The stock, which consisted of bonded whisky and wine, was seized by County Sheriff Robb in a raid on Norman's home last November.

GIVES BLOOD TO SAVE MOTHER-IN-LAW

Beresford, S. D., May 11.—Mrs. Orve Kundert, of this city, has proven herself something of a heroine by permitting the transfusion of blood from her veins to the veins of Mrs. William Kundert, her mother-in-law, in the effort to save the life of the latter, who is in a Sioux Falls hospital. It is reported the transfusion was successful.

SLAYTON SCHOOLS TO GRADUATE BIG CLASS

Slayton, Minn., May 11 (Special).—A class of 38 will be graduated by the Slayton schools this year. The class is headed by Orville Quackenbush. The commencement address will be delivered by J. Adam Bede.

DRAGGED UNDER TRAIN WHEELS BY SUCTION

Minden, Neb., May 9 (Special).—A miraculous escape from death occurred here when Howard Woodrick, 12, was sucked under the wheels of a freight train and his left leg was caught. The calf was pinched and two toes were crushed so badly that they were amputated. Surgeons have not yet decided whether or not the entire limb must be amputated.

NELIGH'S NEW MAYOR BEGINS RETRENCHMENT

Neligh, Neb., May 9 (Special).—A retrenchment policy has been inaugurated here by Mayor S. D. Thornton, whose first official act was to make city appointments at reduced salaries. He has already effected a saving to the city of \$70 a year.

TARA-HILL COUPLE WEDDED FIFTY YEARS

Dixon, Neb., May 12 (Special).—Mr. and Mrs. Dan Daugherty, of Tara Hill, a settlement half way from Dixon to Newcastle, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday with over 600 friends and relatives calling during the afternoon and evening. The happy old couple were married in Boston, and have resided in Dixon county over 40 years. They have five sons and two daughters. During the world war Mr. Daugherty attained fame as a champion knitter among the few men knitters.

WAS VICTIM OF HIS OWN PLOT

Man Found Dead in Burned Building at Bellevue, Neb., Was Friend of Proprietor of Place.

Bellevue, Neb., May 12.—Ernest Shriver was a victim of his own plot to burn the William Trent store Monday morning, Sheriff Startzler, of Sarpy county, who is conducting the investigation, declared. "However, we have no motive for his setting the building on fire. He sold beer to the owner, Trent, and was an acquaintance, if not a friend of his. There is a link missing which may establish the motive."

Shriver's charred body was found in the basement of the building, beneath piles of debris. A terrific explosion had immediately preceded the time when the building was enveloped in flames at 3:05 a. m. yesterday.

"He was not trying to blow the safe," said Sheriff Startzler. "Neither dynamite nor nitroglycerine would cause the building to immediately be consumed in bright red flames. There is but one answer—gasoline. It is my belief and that of other investigating officers, that Shriver had saturated the basement and top floor of the building with gasoline and had lighted a match preparatory to throwing it into the basement."

"Fumes had formed in the structure, which had no air circulation because windows and doors were closed. When lit the match the gasoline explosion resulted. The result was a terrific explosion and blaze. All witnesses agree that the flames were such as would come from a gasoline fire."

"But what was the motive? Robbery? It is possible. Perhaps he was burning the building to cover up his tracks of a robbery committed before the explosion."

BEGIN HEARINGS ON RAILROAD ASSESSMENTS

Lincoln, Neb., May 12.—Hearings will begin this morning by the state board of assessment on the complaints of the Union Pacific, Northwestern and M. & O. roads that their property is being valued for taxation purposes higher than that of the farmer and city real estate owner.

The roads have been preparing showings to back up their claims. The Northwestern alone of all the protesting roads last year went into federal court, and its suit is still there. In order not to cause trouble to the spending agencies the road paid a part of its tax, but contests the legality of the remainder. The roads have presented these showings nearly every year, but have been invariably turned down.

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HUGHES NOTE AVOIDS RUSS NEGOTIATION

Reply Is Drafted After Secretary's Discussion of Invitation with Harding—Text of Answer Is Given.

Universal Service. Washington, May 16.—This government Monday declined to participate in the economic conference to be held at The Hague starting June 15 for consideration of the Russian problems.

The reply of Secretary Hughes, drafted after a White House conference with President Harding late Monday was made public at the state department Monday night.

Text of Reply. "This government has carefully considered the invitation extended to it by the president of the Genoa conference, under the conditions set forth in the agreement of the inviting powers to join the proposed commission to meet at The Hague on June 15. This government is most desirous to aid in every practicable way the consideration of the economic exigencies in Russia and wishes again to express the deep friendship felt by the people of the United States for the people of Russia and their keen interest in all proceedings looking to the recovery of their economic life and the return of the prosperity to which their capacities and resources entitle them. The American people have given the most tangible evidence of their unselfish interests in the economic recuperation of Russia."

"This government, however, is unable to conclude that it can fully participate in the meeting at The Hague as this would appear to be a continuance under a different nomenclature of the Genoa conference and destined to encounter the same difficulties if the attitude disclosed in the Russian memorandum of May 11 remains unchanged."

Productivity Ultimate Question. "The inescapable and ultimate question would appear to be the restoration of productivity in Russia, the essential conditions of which are still to be secured and must in the nature of things be provided within Russia herself."

"While this government has believed that these conditions are reasonably clear, it has always been ready to join with the government extending the present invitation in arranging for an inquiry by experts into the economic situation in Russia and the necessary remedies. Such an inquiry would appropriately deal with the economic prerequisites of that restoration of production in Russia without which there would appear to be lacking any sound basis for credits. It should be added that this government is most willing to give serious attention to any proposals issued from the Genoa conference or any later conference, but it regards the present suggestions, in apparent response to the Russian memorandum of May 11, as lacking, in view of the terms of that memorandum, in the definiteness which would make possible the concurrence of this government in the proposed plan."

The inviting powers referred to in the cabled summary of the proposed plan are understood to be Italy, Belgium, Great Britain and Japan.

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HOUSE URGES PROSECUTION OF GRAFTERS

Passes Daugherty's Bills for \$500,000 Fund to "Stick" Crooks and One for New Grand Jury—More Scandal.

Universal Service. Washington, May 16.—The House Monday passed, without formality of a record vote, the bills requested by Attorney General Daugherty creating a special \$500,000 fund for prosecution of war fraud cases and establishing an additional grand jury in the District of Columbia to handle indictments in these cases. Both measures now go to the Senate.

Consideration of the bills was marked by further denunciation of the failure of the department of justice up to this time to proceed against the guilty contractors. There were also charges that the attorney general and the republican leaders are striving to head off the proposed congressional investigation into the war fraud scandal.

"Daugherty Seeks Block." Representative Woodruff, republican of Michigan, co-author of the resolution for an investigation, flatly charged the attorney general with seeking to block the inquiry. But, he added, Mr. Daugherty's action "in no way affects my determination to press for action on the resolution."

Representative King, republican of Illinois, declared if a genuine campaign is instituted against war grafters congress will have to "create a multitude of new jail apartments." He continued:

"Although great obstacles will be thrown in the way of the investigation and many faithless men will have to be removed from positions of influence, nevertheless this is the people's movement and its momentum cannot be permanently delayed."

"Most Powerful Apaches." Characterizing the guilty war contractors as "the most powerful group of grafting Apaches that ever infested and threatened the life of any government since history began," Representative King added:

"If justice prevails there will be the greatest exhibition of ever obtaining of thievery, speculation and exploitation of a patient people and their government, surrounded by a scene as black as hell and as rotten as the ancient state of Denmark."

In attacking the attorney general for failure to act earlier, Representatives Byrne, of Tennessee, and Moore, of Virginia, pointed out that Mr. Daugherty had appeared before the House appropriations committee as late as March 6, but had said nothing about war fraud cases. The department of justice appropriation bill was under consideration at that time. Both representatives charged that the Woodruff-Johnson charges had spurred on the department to activity at a "belated hour."

"Meyers Opposes Prosecutions." Assailing the designation of Abram F. Meyers to take charge of war fraud cases, Mr. Woodruff said he had heard Meyers is opposed to prosecutions and judging from his activities, "I am inclined to believe my informant was entirely correct as to his attitude in these matters." Mr. Woodruff continued:

"In a letter of recent date, he stated he was a friend and had the confidence of Mr. George Wickersham, Mr. Wickersham was at one time attorney general and now is one of the recognized British propagandists of the country, and also a member of the firm of Cadawader, Wickersham and Taft, attorneys for Mitsui & Co. in their dealings with the government on their aircraft contract."

"Mr. Wickersham is very active in protecting his Japanese clients and apparently to date has prevented the department of justice from presenting to the courts the government's claim of from six to 10 millions of dollars, notwithstanding the fact that months ago the department was notified that these two concerns were undergoing liquidation and their assets were being rapidly dissipated."

"It is either a significant fact or a coincidence that within a few days after Mr. Wickersham had been retained by Mitsui & Co., Mr. Meyers was placed in direct charge of these cases and no action has been taken by the department of justice to protect the public's interest in either case, although neglect to do so has unquestionably cost the treasury from six to 10 millions of dollars."

Representative Connally, democrat of Texas, expresses hope that one out of the 150,000 "grafters under suspicion" will be captured, put in a cage and exhibited throughout the country "in order that the people may know that at least one of these guilty has been brought to justice."

Representative Madden, of Illinois, chairman of the appropriations committee said some of those now criticizing the department of justice "may have a different story to tell before the prosecutions are ended." He added "they will be prosecuted more vigorously, perhaps, than you would like to see them prosecuted. Some fellows who may think they have power in the nation today will find themselves behind the bars as the result of Attorney General Daugherty's activity."

"OLD APPLE TREE" COMPOSER IS DEAD

Universal Service. Oakland, Cal., May 16.—Harry H. Williams, a musical composer of note, died Monday in the Merritt hospital following a brief illness.

Williams formerly wrote a collaboration with William Van Alst and later with Neal Moret. His greatest successes were "In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree" and "In Almond Time Go Home in the Dark."