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### COEDS' ANNOYER FIRES FOUR SHOTS AT POLICEMAN

Lincoln, March 12.—Repeated annoyances to University of Nebraska coeds on the campus after nightfall was climaxed Monday night when Policeman L. C. Begler was the target for five shots fired at him at close range by a man who had accosted four girls.

The officer stood his ground and escaped unscathed though one bullet whizzed past his ear. The four coeds, directly in line of fire, dropped to the ground to avoid injury. Emptying his weapon, the stranger darted between nearby buildings and escaped. As a result of the affair, police protection on the campus will be doubled.

## Senate Wades Through Ghrist of Minor Bills

### Final Action Is Delayed on House Measure Defining Insolvency of State Banks.

Lincoln, March 12.—Two minor measures were indefinitely postponed and seven were advanced during a short session of the state senate Tuesday afternoon. During the day considerable progress was made in clearing the board of bills on general file and tomorrow will find a large number of the measures up for passage.

The first bill to be done to death was S. F. 194, which provided that where the beneficiary of any policy of insurance, including fire, or both real and personal property brings an action to recover thereon, a reasonable sum shall be allowed for attorney fees.

House Roll No. 48, designed to prohibit the use of tokens, slugs and other devices in coin boxes or pay stations of telegraph and telephone companies in obtaining service, was the other measure to be killed.

Final action was delayed on the advancement of H. R. No. 98, a bill defining the conditions under which a state bank may be declared insolvent, when Senator Dwight Griswold objected that the provisions might be too stringent for safety.

Under the provisions of the measure a bank could be closed when the actual cash market value of its assets are insufficient to pay the liabilities, when the bank is unable to meet the demands of its creditors, when the bank fails to make good its reserve as required by law, and when the stockholders fail to make good impaired capital of the bank.—Omaha Bee-News.

### FRESHMEN BARRED BY DEAN FROM ALL N. U. ACTIVITIES

Lincoln, March 12.—"University students cannot participate in extra curricular activities unless they have 27 hours in two preceding semesters," declared W. C. Harper, assistant to the dean of student affairs at the University of Nebraska, when interviewed Tuesday concerning an ultimatum issued by the administration office to enforce eligibility rules.

This ruling will eliminate freshmen entirely from outside activities. "These rules are the same as now apply to athletics," said Mr. Harper, "and not only freshmen but upper classmen are included in their scope."

"Many students take too many activities and neglect their scholarship. Some come just for social life and make scholarship secondary. Their grades show it."

The rules, which were laid down by the university senate last year, had not been enforced strictly up to the present semester. Such a ruling, according to authorities, is destined to eliminate students coming to Nebraska primarily for activities and to bar freshmen in order to give them more time to study.

Lee Bennett departed this morning for Omaha where he goes to take a course of treatment at the University hospital as he has not been in the best of health for some time.

### NEBRASKAN GETS SENTENCE

Santa Fe, N. M.—Thomas A. Coffey, Jr., young Nebraskan cattleman was sentenced Tuesday to serve five years in Leavenworth prison and to pay a fine of \$500 for aiding the United States mail in default of a \$29,000 sale of cattle owned by the war finance corporation.

Coffey pleaded guilty to an indictment Monday. He was alleged to have shipped lean cattle out of New Mexico into Nebraska pastures, where they were fattened and sold without authority.

## Californians Vote to Slice Income Taxes

### Would Cut Levy on Earned Incomes 50 Per Cent; Address Resolution to Hoover.

Sacramento, Cal., March 12.—By unanimous vote, the state senate Tuesday went on record for reduction of the federal income tax upon earned incomes.

Senator Charles W. Lyon's resolution which urges upon congress the enactment of legislation which will cut the tax on that form of income 50 per cent below the rate charged on unearned incomes was passed without dissenting voice.

Senator Lyon urged these points: "We know that this tax is wrong in principle. We feel that the same rate of tax should not be imposed upon those that earn their incomes as contrasted with those that inherit and do not accumulate by their own earnings."

"This tax is a burden imposed upon professional people, on skilled labor, on many who have passed through long periods of toil to get a place of earning capacity. And when they get to that point, the government comes along and takes their earnings away from them."

"The doctor, the dentist, the lawyer, and scores of others in many professions and trades have gone through long periods of 'lean years.' After they reach fruition from their many years of effort, they are faced with this tax which eats into their earnings at a rate entirely beyond their means right and just."

The memorial is addressed to the president, the secretary of treasury and congress.

Assemblyman Morgan Keaton, being informed that the resolution had passed the senate, announced that he would introduce it for one of his own in the lower house, and secure early action upon it there.—Omaha Bee-News.

### LARGE NAVY IS PLANNED

Washington—Chairman Britten of the house naval committee said Monday the British naval budget in his opinion indicated that Great Britain proposed to maintain a navy equal to the combined sea forces of all other nations instead of pursuing its present policy of parity with that of any two nations.

The British budget, made public Friday in London, calls for naval expenditure of \$280,000,000 this year, of which amount \$48,000,000, Britten said, is for the construction of new warships including five cruisers armed with eight inch guns. These he said in a statement were in addition to the eight cruisers new being built.

Britten reviewed the British cruiser tonnage and said that a "careful study of these figures would show that England has abandoned her traditional policy of having a navy equal to any two on the seas, and has substituted therefor the policy of a royal fleet equal to the combined navies of the world."

### AIR TRANSPORTS SHOW BIG INCREASE

New York, March 10.—United States Air transport companies covered 10,472,024 miles in 1928 with 294 planes and carried 52,934 passengers, say figures disclosed Sunday by the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce. The figures show an increase of 420 per cent in passengers and 100 per cent in mileage over 1927.

### MERGER OF FOUR AVIATION CONCERNS BEING RUMORED

New York, March 12.—Aviation corporation, recently organized with initial capital of \$35,000,000 as a development and holding concern, was understood in Wall street today to have arranged to acquire control of four large aviation companies in carrying out its program to cover all phases of aviation development.

The companies reported to be in the new group were Packer Aircraft Corporation, the Americas and Universal Aviation corporation in the transportation lines.

Aviation corporation also was reported to have made offers for interests in the Consolidated Aircraft corporation, Buffalo, N. Y.; Stearns Aircraft Co., Wichita, Kas., and other companies, although it was not believed anything definite had come out of these negotiations.

For engines, the company was believed to be negotiating in obtaining rights to manufacture the motors of Armstrong-Siddeley, Ltd., of England.

Prominent officials in several of these companies are in the Aviation corporation and Graham B. Grosvenor, identified with the Fairchild Aviation interests, is president of the Aviation corporation.

No confirmation of these reports could be obtained from financial interests backing the corporation.

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## Judges in Court Virtually Agree on Reservations

### America May Take Place in World Tribunal May Be Delayed.

Geneva.—The world court jurists, including Elihu Root, virtually have reached an agreement concerning the American reservations and, if the United States Senate is willing, there seems every probability that the United States will take its place as a member of the great Hague tribunal of international justice.

The big idea by Mr. Root has gone thru. Its phrasing has been put into other terms but its fundamentals remain unchanged. Presumably the Geneva agreement will go down in history as the "Root-Hurst agreement" just as the scheme for election of judges of the court drawn up a decade ago is known among international jurists as the Root-Phillimore accord.

Sir Cecil Hurst, British jurist, did not change the substance of the Root formula; he transformed its composition and gave emphasis at some points where Root in helping to frame the statutes of the court submitted the idea that the best way to elect the judges was by concurrent elections in the council and assembly of the League of Nations.

Would Quiet Apprehensions. He believed that this would quiet apprehensions of both great and small powers that they might not have adequate voice in the choice of judges.

This proposal was eagerly seized upon at that time, but Lord Phillimore changed the phraseology of the formula just as Sir Cecil now has done some shifting in the Root formula concerning the delicate problem of advisory opinions which the council has got into the habit of asking of the court.

Nicholas Politis, the Greek jurist, and also Prof. W. J. M. Van Eysinga of the Netherlands, who presided at the conference in 1926 which rejected the American fifth reservation concerning advisory opinions, also contributed modifications but the main work was done by Sir Cecil, who introduced a written proposal.

This effort was gone over carefully by a subcommittee composed of Hurst, Root, Politis and Vittorio scialoja of Italy. They reported agreement concerning the first three paragraphs and agreement in principle of the fourth and last paragraph.

Hurst, Root and Politis were expected to meet Tuesday to bring in the complete draft Wednesday.

### Sir Cecil Wants Speed.

Sir Cecil's idea is that possible differences of view with the United States concerning the feasibility of requesting an advisory opinion on a subject connected with a particular international dispute should be cleared up at the start. He prefers this to running risks of delays and misunderstandings which might be involved in holding consultations with the United States after the court itself has been asked by the council to render an opinion.

He wants speed. He believes that if the council's consent requesting an opinion of the United States should be notified immediately. In this way the council will be made cognizant as to whether the United States has any objections. If it has, negotiations will be immediately inaugurated and presumably would result in an agreement as to whether the opinion should be insisted upon or dropped.

Think Question Political. The Root formula provided for its early consultation but gave more emphasis to its occurring after the court was in possession of the affair. Hurst and his colleagues are convinced that the problem of whether an advisory opinion should be asked is fundamentally political in character and should be treated and solved as such by the league council and the United States thru the initiative of the court would not be made impossible.

The fourth paragraph, which has yet to be drafted, is connected with article 73 of the court statutes. This article instructs the court to give notice of requests for advisory opinions to all states "entitled to appear before the court." This includes the United States because it is mentioned in the annex of the league covenant as one of the original members of the league.

Little Hope for Hurry. Washington—Little hope is held out here for consideration by the senate before the regular meeting of congress in December of the new formula agreed upon Tuesday at Geneva for American adherence to the world court.

Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee, which must first be authorized to consider the formula by Elihu Root with the rules committee of the League of Nations, stated he would be unwilling to proceed until the League of Nations council itself has formally approved the proposal. The council does not meet until September.

Mr. Root has worked out a formula seeking to adjust the differences between the world powers and this country on the senate's reservation to adherence. The American reservation which never has been accepted by the other powers stipulated that the world court should not undertake to render an advisory opinion on a case in which the United States has, or claims to have, an interest. The consent of this government.—State Journal.

## Legislature to Hear Kearney Normal Row

### Scheme to Oust School Head by Finance Cut Proposed by Committee.

Discontent with management of the Kearney State Teachers' college has come before the legislature with the admission by Representative J. D. Saunders of Kearney, at Lincoln Tuesday, that he had demanded the resignation of George E. Martin, president since 1919.

President Martin told The World-Herald he had no intention of resigning under fire, and that he had asked the normal board, but without avail, to investigate rumored charges against him.

Members of the finance and educational committees of the house of representatives, which recently visited Kearney in their routine inspection trips, pooch-pooched the suggestion that appropriations would be restricted until Martin stepped out, admitting, however, that had been proposed.

### Wants Him to Quit.

"It is true that I want President Martin to resign," Representative Saunders told The Associated Press. "I might say further, that sentiment among the citizens of Kearney is overwhelmingly in favor of his retirement. You're going to hear a lot more about this matter before we get through."

Representative Saunders was one of a delegation from Kearney that called on former Governor McMullen last fall to ask for the appointment of a man on the state normal board who was known to be unfavorable to President Martin's retention.

Another contingent from Kearney waited on the governor about the same time to ask that no one be named on the board who was avowedly hostile to the normal school head.

Governor McMullen finally appointed T. F. Hamer of Kearney, the anti-Martin candidate, on the normal board, but with the agreement that no steps would be taken by him for the removal of the president. That arrangement has kept the matter from coming to a head in the normal board up to the present time.

### Board Change Coming.

When the finance and state institutions committees were at Kearney their members said they heard complaints in regard to normal school administration. Some said they were convinced that a change will be necessary to restore harmony and serve the best interests of the institution.

Three appointments are to be made on the normal board by Governor Weaver, subject to confirmation by the legislature, before the end of the session.

These appointments may to some extent, determine the outcome of the fight being made on Martin. Two are for the regular six-year terms and the other is for the seat now held temporarily by Mr. Hamer.—World-Herald.

## Electric Heating System in Homes Found Practical

### New Method Is Successful in Eight-Room House at Cost of \$350 for Winter

Philadelphia, Pa.—The electrical heating system, without chimney or coal bin, predicted years ago by Dr. Stimson, is a reality. Homes and buildings in a half dozen different cities are being successfully heated by this means this winter.

This fact was made known by Chester I. Hall, president of the Hall Electric Heating Company of this city, who as research engineer of the General Electric Company, in charge of its experimental laboratory at Fort Wayne, Ind., developed this new method of electrical heating.

The method consists of heating large thermal storage tanks of water, large electric current only at night, when it can be obtained at the lowest cost, and releasing this stored heat to the home as required. The same plan, either in conjunction with the home heating system, or independently, can be used to supply the domestic hot water needs. The Hall heating system can be installed as a hot air, hot water, vapor or double-line steam system. The charging or storage of heat is substantially the same in all, and the only difference is the matter of discharging the heat.

"Electric heating is no longer experimental, the cost reasonable," according to Mr. Hall. "It is the second winter for its use in Fort Wayne and from data received from that city, as well as other restricted territories in which the company is operating, I feel sure that it is firmly established. I believe that the average eight-room home in the general belt of states, comprising Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois can be heated electrically for approximately \$350 per winter, providing of course that the building is well insulated. Otherwise the cost will be greater."

"There is neither flame nor combustion of any sort in the homes," Mr. Hall explained. "Heat by electricity is not the product of combustion and does not consume oxygen. The total oxygen in the house, ordinarily used to a great extent by coal, oil, gas or wood fires, is therefore left intact. The further products of combustion, such as smoke, gasses, soot or ashes, etc., do not exist."

Retiring Vice President Being Considered as Representative at Court of St. James.

Washington—Charles Gates Dawes, who retired from the vice presidency on March 4, is reported in well informed circles here to be under consideration as the next ambassador from the United States to Great Britain. The rumor lacks official confirmation. President Hoover stating that he will make no appointments in the diplomatic corps pending the arrival here late this month of his new secretary of state, Henry L. Stimson. The president, however, is known to have a very high regard for the ability of the Chicago banker and soldier, dating from their associations in France during the war.

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## O'Malley Has New Plan on Bank Deficit

### Bill Reimburses Depositors Up to \$20,000,000; State to Contribute \$5,000,000.

Lincoln, Neb., March 12.—A complete new plan for reimbursing depositors in failed state banks to an aggregate amount of \$20,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 would be appropriated from the state treasury and \$15,000,000 be raised by continuing semiannual assessments on banks at the rate of one-half of 1 per cent a year, was offered in the Nebraska house Tuesday by Representative O'Malley, Greeley, democratic floor leader, as a substitute for the guaranty fund "first add" bill, H. R. 299, after the latter measure had been "shot to pieces" on the floor.

### Same Plan in Senate.

The same plan was to be offered in the senate, as a substitute for its pending bill to take care of the guaranty fund deficit, S. F. 242. A. N. Mathers, Gering banker and former legislator, was said to have given it his approval.

Mr. O'Malley said the new substitute represents the combined efforts of several leading attorneys and others, including Judge F. S. Howell and William Ritchie of Omaha.

The house at one time got into such a tangle that Speaker Coulter asked: "Whoever said this house could act intelligently?"

### Bills Provisions.

Principle features of the O'Malley substitute are:

1. Assessment of solvent banks for 12 years, once every six months, at the rate of one-half of 1 per cent on deposits; estimated receipts, \$15,000,000.
2. Appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the state treasury for payment of claims already been brought by depositors based on charges of mismanagement, fraud, collusion or negligence of the state's officers and agents and bank receivers.
3. Additional appropriation of \$3,000,000 for mistake transactions to pay similar claims which may be filed.
4. Acknowledgment of state's liability to depositors.
5. No state bank to liquidate or consolidate with a national bank without first paying its share of the deficit.
6. New banks put up a guaranty fund reserve equal to 4 per cent of the capital stock, readjusted after one year to 1 per cent of average deposits.—Omaha Bee-News.

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