

### Cut of One-Third in State Tax Levy Is Made by Board

#### Reduction in Valuation Also Made—Saving to Property Owners of State Nearly Four Millions.

Lincoln, Aug. 2.—(Special)—Reduction of 33-1/3 per cent in the state levy were announced today in resolutions adopted by the state board of equalization presided over by Governor S. R. McKelvie.

The levy for the state general fund this year is 2 mills under the resolution adopted. The levy last year was 3 mills. This 3-mill levy is exclusive of the 3-10-mill levy for the state capitol fund in effect last year and this year. The capitol fund levy is fixed by law and the state board of equalization has no jurisdiction over it.

The total taxable valuation fixed by the state board of equalization last year was \$3,127,737,092.64 against a taxable valuation this year of \$3,191,804,071. This means a decrease in valuation on Nebraska farms and other properties of \$120,932,941.64.

**Saving Will Be Large.**

Last year money raised aggregated \$10,930,541.82. This year it will aggregate \$7,341,149.36, a saving of \$3,589,392.46 to Nebraska taxpayers in the expense of operating their state government.

State officials declare the unprecedented decrease in appropriations and levies is due to three factors, the code system of government, the administrative budget system and the falling of prices, together with curtailment of improvements during the money shortage. All of these factors, they declare, entered into the special session of the legislature and made it possible to reduce expenditures.

The code system, they declared, by making heads of departments responsible to the governor followed orders last winter when Governor McKelvie told them to cut expenditures.

**Aided by Budget.**

The budget system, they declared, made it possible to estimate in advance, expenses, and to inform legislators where cuts could be made.

The falling prices, they declared, made cuts possible because the original appropriations were made at a time when prices were at peak. Increases in the state levy over that of 1917 are explained by Phil Bross, secretary of finance, as follows:

"The total state tax in 1917 amounted to \$4,459,927, and the increase in this year's taxes over 1917 of \$2,856,150.09 is more than accounted for as follows:

"Relief of ex-soldiers, \$1,000,000; state capitol, \$960,000; increase for good roads, \$513,000; educational institutions, \$790,227; state institutions, \$275,000, making a total increase of \$3,338,000 for these activities.

"The 2-mill levy will create a surplus of \$27,313.51.

"It should be noted that this is the first time that money to cover expenses of a session of the legislature has been raised previous to the session." Heretofore increase for a session has been included in the levy following the session.

**Special Levies Repealed.**

"In accordance with the action of the last legislature all special levies were repealed, except the capitol fund levy and all expenditures, except for the new capitol are now made from the general fund. Before there were special levies for the capitol, normal schools, state aid bridges and state aid roads.

"The capitol fund levy is continued by statute for 1922 and amounts to 3 mill, making the total state's levy 2.3 mills, and the amount of the state's fixed taxes charged \$7,341,149.36.

### Inventor of Telephone Visitor Here in 1886



Alexander Graham Bell.

Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, who died yesterday morning, visited the Deaf and Dumb institute in Omaha in 1886, according to E. M. Morsman, vice president of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company here. He was interested in deaf and dumb institutions because his wife was a deaf mute.

A telegram expressing the sentiment held by the Bell telephone system throughout the United States following his death was received yesterday by W. B. T. Bell, president of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company, from H. B. Thayer, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company.

### Alexander Bell, Phone Inventor, 75, Is Dead

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The next case taken into the courts was that of the American Bell Telephone company against Spencer, which was also decided adversely to the defendant.

The most bitterly fought case over the telephone invention was that of Bell against Drawbaugh, the case lasting several years, and being finally decided in Bell's favor. Drawbaugh, a Pennsylvania mechanic, some time about 1872 made a working model of a telephone, using a cigar box, a glass tumbler, a tin can and other crude instruments. With this telephone he claimed he had carried on a conversation over a wire several hundred feet long, and when testimony was taken in Pennsylvania more than a score of persons were found who testified that they had either heard of Drawbaugh's telephone or had used it. In Drawbaugh's statement it was said that he was too poor at the time to take out the necessary patents, but the other side showed that he was not too poor to apply later on for patents upon other devices of comparatively no importance.

**Suit Against Bell.**

Suit was also brought against Mr. Bell by Eliza Gray, who claimed that she derived by accident, fraud and a knowledge of what was contained in a caveat filed by Gray, describing a practical and useful form of telephone, a so-called liquid transmitter. This caveat was filed before Mr. Bell applied for his first patent, and it was charged that the patent examiner employed upon the case told Bell what Gray was doing, and how he did it. The lower court decided against Gray, dismissing the charge of official collusion and the decision in this case as well as in the others, was confirmed by the United States supreme court in 1888.

The profits from his invention made Mr. Bell a very wealthy man. He gave much time and study to the problem of multiple telegraphy, and to invent the first flying machine and graphing the vibrations of a jet of water. He was an earnest advocate of teaching written language to deaf mutes and embodied his views upon this question in frequent public addresses. He also took considerable interest in later years in the subject of aerial navigation. His wife, the daughter of Gardner G. Hubbard, was a deaf mute of whose education he had charge when she was a child.

**Invents Boat in War.**

Dr. Bell's laboratories have been located since 1886 near Baddeck, Cape Breton. There for many years he conducted research and experiment in aerial locomotion and other scientific subjects and maintained his private museum showing the development of his greatest inventions. He encouraged Samuel P. Langley, to invent the first flying machine and declared after witnessing its flight at Quantico, Va., in 1896, that the age of the airplane was at hand, although Langley's machine was destroyed.

Dr. Bell formed in 1907 the Aerial Experiment Association with headquarters in Cape Breton and its object to learn to fly. It is claimed that it was with the machines developed by that association that the first really successful public flights of airplanes in America were made.

In the world war Dr. Bell and F. W. Balala invented a boat called a hydrosome, which developed a speed of 70 miles an hour and was called the fastest in the world. It used an airplane propeller and carried beneath it a series of planes which lifted its main body above the water as its speed increased. It was intended for submarine chasers and scouting, but the armistice prevented its use for those purposes.

### Black Hills Mayor Fined for Violating City Rules

Deadwood, S. D., Aug. 2.—(Special)—That the law enforcement officers in Deadwood are no respecters of persons was indicated when Mayor W. E. Adams, one of the most prominent of Deadwood's citizens, was arrested on the charge of parking his automobile within a prohibited distance of a fire hydrant.

The mayor appeared before Police Justice McDonough and entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$5 and costs. As far as known this is the first time in the Black Hills that a city officer was fined for violating a city ordinance.

### Nebraskan Captured Near Rapid City After Chase

Rapid City, S. D., Aug. 2.—(Special)—J. J. Gregg, wanted at Valentine, Neb., on a charge of criminal assault, was arrested 25 miles north of Rapid City where he was working with a road construction crew. Gregg had attempted to conceal his identity by using another name. He was brought to Rapid City pending the arrival of officers from Valentine to take him back for trial.

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### Beatrice Hotel Leased

Beatrice, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special)—H. H. Severin and wife of DeWitt have leased the Beatrice hotel, Seventh and Long streets, for a year and took possession yesterday. They succeeded Mr. and Mrs. Ben LaSelle, who have been managing the place for two and a half years.

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### Railroad Charges Employee Kidnaped by Havelock Men

#### Affidavit Filed in Federal Court Here Alleging Worker Abducted and Beaten—Arrests Ordered.

Kidnaping of strikebreakers at Havelock, Neb., is charged in affidavits filed in federal court yesterday by the Burlington railroad, in behalf of Fred Pittman, 19, an employe.

Federal Judge Woodrough signed writs of attachment for the arrest of the ringleaders in the mob, Richard Roe, John Doe, William Roe and George Joe. Descriptions of the quartet which will lead to their identification, are included.

The alleged kidnaping took place Sunday on Pittman's arrival in Havelock from Kansas City, where he was hired.

The mob surrounded him, hustled him into a car and drove him miles away into the country, kicked him out and otherwise abused him. The youth walked for miles, slept in the open that night, and continued his walk to town next morning. He begged a drink of water on the way, but was without food for 25 hours, the affidavits sets forth.

A policeman was standing near when he was attacked at the railroad station. He looked but did not interfere, he avers.

The Northwestern railroad started similar action for the arrest of Ellis Hobbs of Fremont, for an alleged attack on Carl Kuehl, July 31.

Hobbs "thumbed his nose" as well as shook his fist at Kuehl, declares. This took place on the corner of Fifth and Bell streets, Fremont, according to Kuehl.

Eight striking railway shopmen in three towns of Nebraska were ordered arrested today by Federal Judge Woodrough for alleged violation of the injunction order. The attachments for their arrest were issued on complaint of the C. B. & Q. railroad.

Lee A. Foose, G. A. Knight, Leo Young, Elmer Denbo, Pete Brown and Richard Roe, known as "Dumpty," all of Bridgeport, were ordered arrested for an alleged assault on James Lee, 23, July 28. They are charged with knocking him down and "blacking" his eyes.

Amous Smaha is charged with attacking Lee McCord in front of the Hotel Barr in Ravenna, July 25.

### Senator Reed Leading in Missouri Primary

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returns shows that the present ratio, if maintained throughout the missing precincts, would give Long a plurality of approximately 1,800. In such a close race, however, a change of two and a half votes to the precinct in favor of Reed would change the result.

**Stubs Loses Lead.**

Topoka, Kan., Aug. 2.—(By A. P.)—After leading earlier returns, W. R. Stubbs, former governor, dropped below W. Y. Morgan, Hutchinson newspaper man and former lieutenant governor, in the race for republican nomination for governor when reports from 47 counties in the republican and democratic primary had been received here today.

The figures, largely from middle-sized cities and smaller towns were: Morgan, 15,531; Stubbs, 13,816; T. A. McNeil, 8,087; W. P. Lusk, 6,771; Fred W. Knapp, 4,287.

Elizabeth Lorraine Wooster, who opposed dancing in public schools and the use of cosmetics by women school teachers and the use of tobacco by men teachers, was running behind in the contest for the republican nomination for superintendent of schools. The vote was: Fred Seaman, 10,778; Jess Miley, 12,552; and Miss Wooster, 8,642.

**Campbell Defeated.**

Fittsburg, Kan., Aug. 2.—Representative Philip Campbell, republican, chairman of the rules committee of the house of representatives and in congress from the Third Kansas district for 20 years, was defeated in yesterday's primary, according to available returns, today.

W. Sprout of Nodan has been nominated by at least 2,000 votes, C. N. Price, manager for many years of the Campbell campaigns, conceded this morning.

**Sutherland in Front.**

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 2.—Senator Howard Sutherland today kept the lead in the republican United States senatorial contest as returns came slowly from yesterday's general primary. His vote in 1,598 of the 2,093 precincts was 45,782 to 40,571 for H. C. Ogden, his principal opponent.

**Swanson Wins Easily.**

Richmond, Va., Aug. 2.—Practically complete returns from three-fourths of the 100 counties in Virginia and scattering returns from the others received by the Times Dispatch give Senator Claude A. Swanson 7,803 votes, and Westmoreland Davis, 22,841, in the contest for nomination to the United States senate.

Mr. Swanson has carried all of the 10 congressional districts in the state, registered majorities in all of the cities and probably 95 of the 100 counties.

Oklahoma City, Aug. 2.—(By A. P.)—Eugene Kerr, campaign manager for Thomas H. Owen, candidate for the democratic gubernatorial nomination, today conceded the nomination of Mayor J. C. Walton of Oklahoma City.

### U. S. Receives Stinging Note on War Debt

#### Obligations Only if U. S. Abandons Claims for Repayment.

London, Aug. 2.—John Bull stepped out yesterday afternoon and laid the troublesome paper and wail—the product of Europe's financial and economic chaos—right square on Uncle Sam's doorstep.

A stinging rodent note was addressed to the allies, big and little, and "communicated" to Washington by the mild, affable, aged Lord Balfour, who was charged by his hearers at the disarmament conference with having called spades spades and having said outright that Great Britain did not intend to lose anything by any cancellation of debt proposals.

On the contrary, the clever old diplomat, excelled under the conditions of old style secret diplomacy just as he did in Washington last winter, made it pretty clear that Great Britain is only willing to erase worthless debts owed by Russia, Greece, Jugoslavia, as well as other doubtful obligations from the late allies on condition that the United States abandon claims for repayment of the cold hard dollars ladled out lavishly every time the British embassy in Washington asked it during the war. It was all thickly sugared over under terms of "the greatest international effort in the cause of freedom" for "a great purpose common to all," and he shuddered to think that "this great event in historic setting is treated as no more than an ordinary commercial deal between traders."

**Contains Warning.**

With the phrases Lord Balfour outdid himself, but elsewhere the passages in the note revealed dictation by Prime Minister Lloyd George in principal to the United States that its demands for payment from Great Britain made it necessary for Great Britain to put the screws on the allies, thereby speeding up on the route toward financial and economic chaos and worse.

Despite repeated statements from the Washington administration—despite advice from Auckland Geddes—despite warnings from Ambassador Harvey that America is not willing to mix up in European affairs, whether diplomatic, political, economic or financial and history has proved how they are intertwined—Mr. Lloyd George announced that the United States controls the British policy, and France and the others must pay England its interest and principal debts in the same manner in which America makes England pay.

The note is carefully silent concerning what Great Britain resped through victory—scuttled the German fleet, seized German colonies, and richer, and British supremacy in Europe. It passes over the fact that Great Britain's allies owe it 1,000,000,000 sterling more than it owes the United States to boot.

The note bluntly tells France to get ready to pay right away under the terms of the armistice. France will not have to pay a higher rate of interest than the United States demands from Great Britain. It magnanimously asserts that "The could not desire to pay the interest on the debt until this admission immediately following, when stating how Great Britain "provided," meaning that it sold to the allies "food, raw material and munitions."

America then gets a jab for insisting on lending money to Great Britain's allies, through Great Britain instead of direct, and on British security.

**Also Has Joker.**

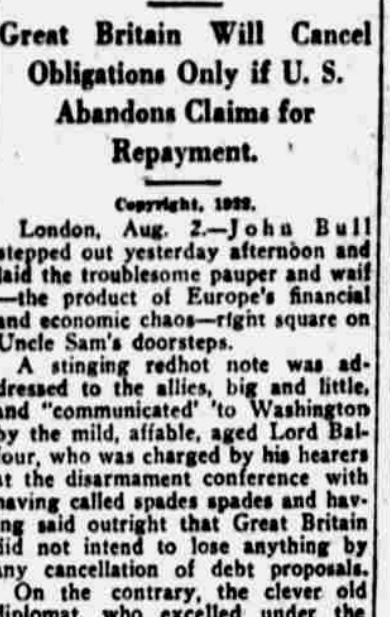
The document concludes by offering to "abandon all claims for German reparations and allied debts," and here comes the joker. "It is a part of the general plan for dealing with the problem as a whole and finding a satisfactory solution," which, translated from diplomatic terms, means—"if the United States wises from the slate what we owe it."

It is significant that the note mentions the 850,000,000 pounds (about \$3,782,500,000) which Great Britain owes the United States and then includes the 650,000,000 pounds which Russia owes Great Britain among the allied debts totaling nearly 2,000,000,000 pounds, exclusive of Great Britain's percentage of Germany's reparations for 1922.

John Bull stepped out to stop Germany's reparations. It will be recalled that at Genoa Lloyd George offered to wipe out the Russian debt, admitting its worthlessness, and became angry when M. Bartheu was examining the problem.

While a certain section of the press acclaims the proposals, the independent newspaper realize that it is a stinging, especially in view of the United States' reiterated refusal to do any such thing.

### Glenn E. Plumb Dies of Heart Affection



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Washington, Aug. 2.—Glenn E. Plumb, counsel for the sixteen largest railroad organizations and author of the celebrated Plumb plan of railroad operation and ownership, died last night. Death was due to an affection of the heart from which he had suffered for several months.

Mr. Plumb, a native of Iowa, came into national prominence in 1918, when he advanced the plan for railroad operation that bears his name as a solution for the problems of post-war treatment of the transportation lines then under government control and operation. In brief, his plan was nationalization of the carriers with control vested in directors in which the public, the executive staffs of the lines and the railway employes should have equal representation.

The plan was endorsed by railway unions and the Plumb Plan league organized to urge its adoption. Mr. Plumb was active in the affairs of the league until ill-health forced his retirement last May. He also continued his work as attorney for the 16 labor organizations until that time, his last active appearance being before the Interstate Commerce commission to argue the then pending general rate advance case in the interest of railroad labor.

### French "Tragedy Girl" to Star in Movies

Paris, Aug. 2.—A French film company has signed up Pauline Jacques, daughter of Madame Basserabo, recently convicted of her husband's murder, to star in a film portraying, in a romance, details of the crime.

Pauline was acquitted of complicity in the murder, although she admitted she helped her mother pack the body of the slain Basserabo in a trunk and ship it to Nancy. On the grounds that there is a mystery which neither she nor Pauline have as yet divulged, Madame Basserabo has appealed for a new trial.

### Lightning Tears Off Arm of Cross on Church Spire

Moorfield, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special)—A rain of an inch and a quarter fell here Monday evening. It came in torrents, the wind changing three or four times during the shower. During the storm lightning struck the German Lutheran church and tore off the arm of the cross on the top of the spire. The damage is small.

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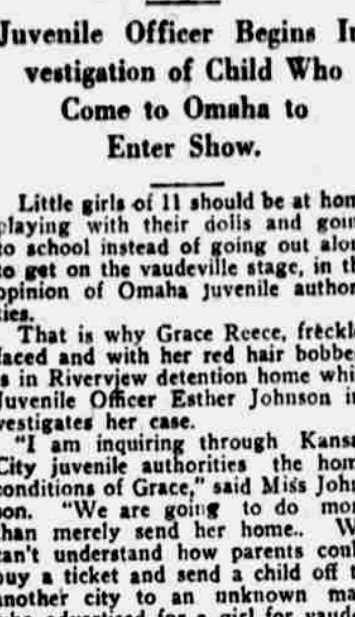
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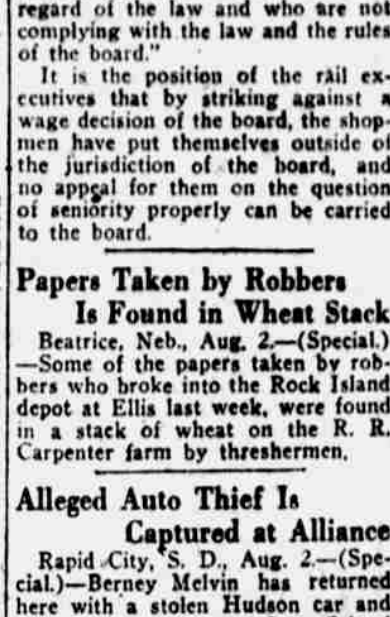
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Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 2.—Federal Judge T. Blake Kennedy yesterday granted the Union Pacific railroad a restraining order prohibiting interference with operation of that road's trains during the shopmen's strike.

The order was directed against the officers of the six leading shopcraft unions and of the local organizations of the crafts at Cheyenne, Laramie, Rawlins, Green River and Evanston, Wyo.

### Nationals Occupy Callan.

Dublin, Aug. 2.—Callan, the most important center held by the irregulars in county Kilkenny, has been occupied by the nationalists. It was the most northerly point in the line held by the irregulars and its evacuation seems to indicate that the river Suir.

In county Denegal the irregulars are said to be completely demoralized. One of their most prominent leaders has surrendered to the nationalists.

### Papers Taken by Robbers Is Found in Wheat Stack

Beatrice, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special)—Some of the papers taken by robbers who broke into the Rock Island depot at Ellis last week, were found in a stack of wheat on the R. R. Carpenter farm by threshermen.

### Alleged Auto Thief Is Captured at Alliance

Rapid City, S. D., Aug. 2.—(Special)—Berney Melvin has returned here with a stolen Hudson car and Carl Stuckey, a former State School of Mines student, who is accused of

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