

# Second Canal From Profits Is Plan of Harding

### Growth in Traffic Through Panama Makes Topic Important—Toll Collections Gradually Increase.

Washington, Feb. 6.—President Harding's administration favors application of the profits accruing from operation of the Panama canal to the construction of a new interoceanic waterway, it was said today by a White House spokesman. The question was up for round table discussion by the cabinet, and although no definite project has been outlined, the cabinet talk was described as "extremely interesting."

Impetus was given to the discussion by Secretary Weeks' explanation to his cabinet colleagues of the striking increase in traffic through the canal last month, when the records show a 50 per cent greater movement than a year ago. Canal toll collections have mounted, the cabinet was told, until there is a steadily increasing monthly balance above cost of operation. Presumably it was this fact which brought out to the administration the desire that canal profits go toward construction of a new canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The outstanding feature as to the increasing canal traffic, it was stated, was the growth of business from coast to coast. Administration officials have seen concrete evidence recently of probable further growth of this interoceanic business. Within the last few days, Secretary Weeks has been approached by interests seeking to buy two army transports for conversion into refrigerator ships to carry Pacific coast produce to eastern markets. He was told that it had not been possible to obtain a sufficient number of suitable vessels for this work from the shipping board.

Such comment was available in cabinet circles favored the Nicaraguan canal project, if a canal project was to be put forward. The least costly method of increasing the traffic capacity from ocean to ocean, it was pointed out at the War department, would be to double the lock facilities of the Panama canal, but it was added that both from a military point of view and from a feasibility, and because it would shorten the trip from coast to coast by some five days, the Nicaraguan route appeared most desirable.

In Nicaraguan circles here, it was said nothing of a definite nature as to a new canal project had been heard. It was added, however, that canal rights already granted to the United States by that country were valid and that the conflicting interests of Costa Rica as to San Juan river, along the route, and Fonseca bay already had been worked out.

## Dying Girls' Statement Read at Doctor's Trial

(Continued from Page One.) The Paxton block Wednesday, December 27, for the purpose of producing abortion."

The statement is signed by Loretta McDermott, and also by Dr. W. R. Strickland, the attending physician, and Jessenia Rominger, a nurse.

"Don't Tell Dad," Girl Pleads. Joseph W. Fleming, 3564 Woolworth avenue, an old friend of the McDermott family, who followed Dr. Strickland on the stand, testified to a conversation he had with the girl the day before her death.

"Joe, I'm going to die, and I'll tell you all about it, but for God's sake, don't tell dad," he testified she said, after he had sent her father from her room at the hospital.

He then testified that he asked the name of the father of her unborn child, and she told him the man was Louis Lattin of Ainsworth, Neb. She said he did not send her to the hospital. She said that Lattin would have married her, but she told him she didn't want to get married.

"She told me she was operated on by Dr. Matthews in his office and then he sent her to 2602 Cumming street. She said no one helped him with the operation and that he used instruments. She said she stayed at the place on Cumming street until the next day, when she called a taxi and went to 62 North Twenty-third street."

"She said she paid \$25 cash for the operation and gave the doctor a check for the rest. She said she received \$100 from Lattin after the operation was performed."

First witness to be called was Pat McDermott, father of Loretta McDermott.

McDermott testified that his daughter, when she was not scolding school kept house for him and six of her brothers and sisters at their home in Bassett. His wife, and his eldest

daughter, he said, are confined in a state institution at Norfolk, Neb. He identified his daughter's handwriting on a check."

George Beawick, 22, a ball player of Bassett, Neb., testified that he was one of a party of young people, including Miss McDermott, which motored from Bassett to Long Pine, Neb., to attend a picture show the night before Miss McDermott left Bassett for Fremont to spend Christmas with Mrs. Glenn Watkins. He said she appeared to be in normal health. Mrs. Watkins testified that while at her home the girl performed household work and appeared to be feeling well.

## State Hardware Men Meet Here

### Annual Convention of Nebraska Dealers Opens Here—Exhibit at Auditorium.

S. K. Derryberry, North Platte, Neb., head of the Nebraska Retail Hardware association, in his address yesterday morning at the opening of the convention at the Hotel Rome, spoke of the upward trend in the hardware business during 1922.

"A year ago business was not on a normal basis," he said. "Many hardware plants were closed; many retailers had goods which they could not move. But they wrote off their high priced inventories and learned to go out and fight for business."

Today prospects are encouraging, although I see no big boom in prices and no large profit margins. Competition will be keen, but many already have enough orders to keep them busy for months ahead.

J. F. Moriarty, City Solicitor, delivered a short address of welcome, and Rene Miller assured the delegates of the hospitality they would find in Omaha. F. W. Ehinger, Plainview, Neb., spoke in response.

J. Nussey presented the president with a gavel in behalf of the association. The secretary-treasurer's report was read by George Dietz.

Rene Peterson of Argus, Ind., urged upon his hearers the necessity for vision and high ideals in business, the need of fine workmanship, and service to the community.

An exhibition at the Auditorium opened today in connection with the convention. The exhibits come from many states. New York, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa, represented as well as many Nebraska firms. A radio exhibit is one of the features.

## School Superintendents in Annual Convention

Lincoln, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The annual convention of county school superintendents of Nebraska opened here Tuesday afternoon, about 80 being in attendance. State Superintendent John M. Matzen presided and discussions on school problems were led by Cora A. Thompson, assistant superintendent, and John Speedie, Clark, rural school inspector, discussed laws relating to rural and village high schools.

The following will appear on Wednesday's program: Emma Schwerin, Cedar county; Charles Speedie, Morrill; C. C. Baldridge, Nance; Emma E. Miller, Cumings; Wilfred E. Voss, Dakota; Anna Donohoe, Holt; Eva B. Schuman, Jefferson; Maude Disbrow Furnas; I. D. Huston, Polk; Ellen M. Brown, Thurston.

## McLaughlin in Delegation to Welcome Troops Home

Washington, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Representative McLaughlin of Nebraska is one of the congressional delegation which has gone to Savannah to welcome home the American troops returning from the Rhine on board the St. Michel. The sailors and house members believe this is a picturesque occasion in American history and that the last of the American expeditionary troops should be properly welcomed home.

## No Investigation Into C. B. & Q. Wreck to Be Made

No investigation into the derailment of three cars on the Burlington Billings-St. Louis train early Monday morning near Mullen, Neb., will be made, it was announced at Burlington headquarters here. The derailment was caused by a broken rail, an unavoidable thing in railroading, it was pointed out. No passengers were injured.

## Z. A. Harris to Lecture at Lincoln on Ku Klux Klan

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The Lincoln city officials today were asked to grant permission for the use of the Auditorium for a lecture on the Ku Klux Klan on Sunday afternoon, February 25. The lecturer is Z. A. Harris.

## Burlington Paying Taxes.

Pawnee City, Neb., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Having lost its suit in the United States district court, asking for lower taxation, the Burlington railroad has paid most of its taxes in Pawnee county. The village and city taxes have been paid in full, and three-fourths of the county tax. It is expected by County Treasurer Mark Flanagan that the remainder will be forthcoming soon.

## Legion to Give Play.

Pawnee City, Neb., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Thomas Little post of the American Legion will present "The Lighthouse Girl," a four-act comedy-drama at the city opera house on the evenings of February 7 and 8. The play will be staged by home talent and the Legion will benefit by the receipts. Harry W. Stein of York has charge of the direction.

## New Water System Installed

Pawnee City, Neb., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The new water system just installed by the Burlington railway at Table Rock at a cost of \$75,000 was put into operation for the first time last week. A pumping station sends the water from the Nemaha river to tanks in the yards, where it is purified and softened. Officials expect no more water shutoffs.

## Fight Launched on Big Increase for Waterways

### Senate Debates Six Hours on Lump Sum Appropriation—Sioux City Loses River Improvement.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Consideration of the rivers and harbors provisions of the annual army appropriation bill occupied the senate six hours today and was still under discussion when recess was taken.

Acceptance by the senate committee of an increase of more than 100 per cent in the item over the budget bureau's estimate was attacked by several senators as embodying a death blow to the whole budget theory, and was defended by others as an effort to provide sufficient funds for army engineers to carry out carefully considered projects already approved by congress.

The senate defeated, 46 to 15, an amendment offered by Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, which would have set aside \$250,000 from the lump appropriation of \$3,069,910 for improvement work on the Missouri river between Sioux City, Ia., and Fort Benton, Mont. Senator McCumber declared special construction was necessary in that stretch to prevent further erosion of the banks with consequent destruction of government and private property and blocking of approaches to river terminals.

Senator Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, new 1-year appointed assistant floor leader, declared the amendment meant a revision of the established policy of lump sum appropriation and added that if adopted, the senate might as well go a step further and repeal the budget law. He was joined by Senator Wadsworth, republican, New York, also assistant leader and chairman of the subcommittee which reported the bill. Mr. Wadsworth opposed the attempt to make specific appropriations for individual projects.

The New York senator, in opposing the attachment of this bill to the army bill, declared that as a result of the substantial cuts which had been made in purely military items, "the United States army has ceased to exist as such."

## Supreme Court Delays Execution of Murderer

Dea Matzen, In Feb. 6.—Joe Williams, sentenced to be executed Friday for the slaying of Sara Barbara Thorndale, Valley Junction school teacher, was given an automatic stay of execution today by the failure of the supreme court to act upon his appeal filed several weeks ago.

## Huscher Dies in Hospital; Burial at Cedar Bluffs

Madison, Neb., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Mrs. L. D. Snyder, formerly a resident of Madison county, died Friday afternoon at her home in David City following a brief illness. Funeral services were held Sunday at the family residence and burial was in David City cemetery. The deceased is survived by her husband, four sons and two daughters.

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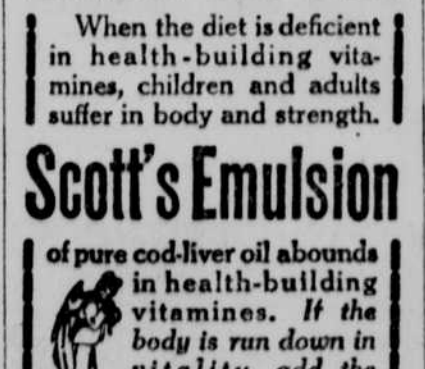
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## Boy Blind 10 Years Recovers Sight—Will Enter School in Fall

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Totally blind for 10 years, Roy Mauler, 11, Taylor (Neb.) boy who saw his first Christmas tree last year, spent Tuesday at the state house as the guest of officials of the department of public welfare who last fall arranged for the operation in Omaha, which partially restored the boy's vision.

He made the trip to Lincoln with Miss Marcia Smith, superintendent of Loup county, this being his first journey to the "outside" since regaining his sight. The boy's mind is keen and he is learning rapidly. Next year he will go to school, starting in the primary grade.

He wears thick glasses and can see fairly well with one eye. The boy expressed a desire to remain with Mrs. Emily Hornberger, head of the child welfare bureau.

## Warden Favors Sentence Law Kept in Present Form

Lincoln, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Addressing the Social Service club Tuesday noon, Warden W. T. Fenton of the state penitentiary urged its members to use their influence to keep the indeterminate sentence law on the statute books in its present form. Superintendent Gus Miller of the men's reformatory and Chief of Police Peter Johnstone of Lincoln, supported the warden in his statements and the club passed a motion asking the legislative body to repeal the indeterminate sentence law.

## Kansas City Judge Will Address Republican Club

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Judge Thad R. Landon of Kansas City, member of the circuit court of appeals of Missouri, will be the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Young Men's Republican club of Lincoln February 12. Clinton Brombe of Omaha and A. N. Mathers, speaker of the house of representatives, will also address the club.

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## Italian Chamber Favors Treaties of Washington

### Mussolini Speaks in Favor of Conventions Brought About by Harding Naval Conference.

Rome, Feb. 6.—(By A. P.)—The Italian chamber of deputies today gave its approval to the Washington convention treaties which will be formally ratified by secret ballot tomorrow.

Approval was given after Premier Mussolini had spoken in favor of the conventions. There was a small attendance of the deputies for the reopening of parliament, and throughout the session the proceedings were uneventful.

Premier Mussolini, amid profound attention from his deputies, declared he did not wish to waste time in discussing whether the late was the last war, or only the last war but one. Journalists from all quarters of the globe, he said, had proclaimed that the Washington conference would result in perpetual peace, but the actual results had been quite different. "I don't believe in perpetual peace," exclaimed Mussolini. "I don't think even Kant (the famous German philosopher) believed in it." The premier's words were greeted with hilarity by the deputies.

"There are moments in the histories of peoples," Mussolini continued, "when contracts are broken by force of arms. Nevertheless, conventions like the Washington pacts provide breathing spaces. At any rate, I declare that Italy is very glad to join in these conventions, being thus able to disprove the accusations that she is a fire-eating nation. The fact that the fascist government asks the chamber to ratify the conventions indicates the line it intends to take in foreign politics."

## Tristate Meet on Rates Urged by Federal Board

Lincoln, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The Nebraska railway commission has been notified that the Interstate Commerce commission will soon start an investigation of class rates between all Missouri river jobbing points, and the state body is asked to conduct an inquiry into intrastate rates. The federal board suggests that after these independent investigations have been completed, the state commissions of Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri meet with it for a joint conference on the subject.

## Police Search for Missing York Farmer

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## Bank Bids in Farm.

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The Robert Stabler farm of 240 acres adjoining the town of Adams on the south was sold at sheriff's sale today, the First National bank of Adams bidding in the property at \$29,000, or a trifle over \$100 an acre.

## Elsasser Bill Killed.

Lincoln, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The house labor committee tonight killed the Elsasser bill providing for a change in the anti-picketing bill upheld by the people in a referendum in November.

## Rockefeller Entirely Well.

Ormond Beach, Fla., Feb. 6.—John D. Rockefeller, jr., has entirely recovered from his illness of the last few days. He is ready to resume his daily round of golf, it was said.

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## Change in Criminal Code Opposed by Lincoln Club

Lincoln, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Lincoln Social Service club voted unanimously today against passage of the Bryan bill calling for repeal of the indeterminate sentence law.

Deliveries to All Parts of the City THE TABLE SUPPLY OMaha's Pure Food Headquarters SEVENTEENTH AT DOUGLASS STREET PHONE AT lantic 3857 Wednesday's Big Specials Choice Steer Round 17 1/2c Fresh Cut Ham-burger, lb. 10c Kamo Corn, 7 cans \$1.00 Swansdown Cake Flour 29c DAIRY PRODUCTS Strictly Fresh Eggs 33c Fresh Country Butter, per lb. 39c Idelwild or Seaward Creamery Butter, lb. 51c Gem Nut or Wilson Oleo, lb. 21c FRUITS AND VEGETABLES Strawberries, extra fancy, qt. boxes 59c Grapefruit, thin skin and juicy, while it lasts, 8 for 25c Apples, Spitzenberger or Jonathan, extra fancy, per basket 25c Tomatoes, ex. fancy and ripe, per basket 29c

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