

Architect May Face New Charge

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State Holds Plans

By P. C. POWELL, Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, March 3.—(Special)—Investigation revealed today that in the event the state capitol commission decides charges filed against Bertram Goodhue, New York architect in charge of building Nebraska's \$6,000,000 state house, are sufficiently grave to warrant his dismissal, another architect may be employed and carry out the original plans with little difficulty.

Through the efforts of George E. Johnson, secretary of the commission, duplicates of all plans and specifications made by Goodhue are on file in Johnson's office and can be turned over to Goodhue's successor. In the event it is decided to dispense with his services after the meeting of the commission, Goodhue and certain contractors at Lincoln next Thursday, March 8, fully 95 per cent of the plans are completed and in Johnson's hands.

Other Charges Expected. That other charges besides those already aired will be made at this meeting is looked upon as a certainty. Since Johnson charged that Goodhue's supervisors were accepting bribes from Indiana quarries which could be purchased for 45 cents per cubic foot and was permitting the state to pay 75 cents per cubic foot for the material, other facts have come to light showing how for several months Johnson has been catching and forcing corrections in specifications made by Goodhue.

Find Fifty Errors.

It was declared here officially today that since the state house construction has been under way fully 50 errors, many of them costly, have been caught by Johnson, and he has forced correction of them. These errors were reported to the commission by Johnson and his work in forcing correction sanctioned. It was not until Johnson discovered the alleged \$15,000 scandal on purchase of stone that he became convinced there was something besides error of judgment involved, he declared today.

"There was just one thing to do, in my mind, and that was to make public the true state of affairs and call for a showdown," Johnson asserted.

Expenses Excessive. Continuing, Johnson declared today that expenses for supervision and draughting charged by Goodhue were excessive and not in conformity with charges of many other reputable architects.

"For instance, for draughtsman's work, he has charged from \$2 to \$3 per day and adds 100 per cent to their salaries as office overhead," Johnson explained. "This means that for a draughtsman getting \$3 a day \$3 additional is charged daily for overhead."

To date, "overhead expenses" charged the state by Goodhue amounts to \$35,000. This is part of the total of \$156,000 paid him up to this time and includes his annual salary of \$25,000 per year together with overtime claims made by him and numerous other expenses. There is a claim of \$25,000 on file to cover the last quarter of 1922.

Goodhue Pays Printer

The \$7,000 printing bill which the commission refused to pay has been paid by Goodhue out of his own pocket, and he has filed a second claim for this amount.

Suffrage Defeated in Japanese Diet

Tokio, March 2.—(AP)—The universal suffrage bill was defeated in the lower house of the diet today after Premier Kato said that the government had under consideration the extension of the franchise.

Toledo Scale Company Men Hold Two-Day Convention

A two-day convention of district men of the Toledo scale company is in progress at the Omaha office, 602 South Thirteenth street. Carroll McCrea, manager of the advertising department, and H. A. McClure of the industrial scale department are here from Toledo, the home office of the company. A. A. Smith of Minneapolis, manager of district No. 19, Central division, also is present.

M. H. Harris has arranged for a dinner for those attending the convention, at the Brandeis restaurants tonight. It will be followed by a theater party.

Rum Runners Again Active Off North Jersey Coast

Highlands, N. J., March 2.—(AP)—Resumption of heavy rum running operations off the northern New Jersey coast was indicated today with reappearance on Rum Row of a formidable fleet. The fleet comprised 11 vessels of the Bahama type. Six of them were steamers and five schooners. Indications that the runners, operating small boats, were preparing to protect themselves against rum pirates reported to have been active off the coast before the weather temporarily halted smuggling, was seen in the revolver practice observed ashore.

Ex-Klan Head Indicted Under White Slave Act



E. Y. Clarke.

Atlanta, Ga., March 2.—While awaiting additional information concerning a warrant said to have been issued for his arrest in Houston, Tex., by a federal grand jury yesterday charging him with violation of the Mann act, E. Y. Clarke, former acting imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, maintained an attitude of confidence that he would be fully vindicated when the matter goes to trial. "It is simply another effort to attempt to discredit me and through discrediting me, damage the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan," Mr. Clarke asserted. He said that he had received no details regarding the true bill returned against him.

Temperature in Omaha Reaches 75-Degree Point

Friday's High Mark Fails to Equal Maximum of Previous Day—Two Other Cities Warmer. Maximum temperature yesterday was 75 degrees, registered at 4 p. m. It is three degrees less than Thursday's "high" mark. Two other stations reported higher temperatures yesterday, St. Louis 77 and Dodge City, Kan., 76.

Stations reporting lower maximum temperatures than Omaha are Cheyenne, 54; Davenport, 68; Denver, 62; Pueblo, 68; North Platte, 66; Salt Lake City, 53; Santa Fe, 48; Sheridan, 40; and Sioux City, 66.

The temperature fell to 59 degrees in Omaha at 8 last night. Des Moines, March 2.—Des Moines experienced the warmest March weather in history today when the temperature rose to 75 at 4 this afternoon.

Chicago, March 2.—Today was the warmest March 2 in Chicago in the history of the weather bureau, although the forecast showed snow and wind in the Dakotas were due to reach the lower lake region possibly by tomorrow. The temperature was 64 at 2:20 p. m. The record showed the warmest previous March 2 was in 1878, when the temperature was 61.

St. Louis, March 2.—The temperature here this afternoon reached 77 degrees, the highest for March 2 since 1887, when a similar temperature was registered. The highest early season temperature recorded here, however, was February 1, 1918, when 83 was reached, according to the local weather bureau.

Bank Employee for 22 Years Confesses Embezzlement

Chicago, March 2.—Seth G. Anderson, former manager of the out-clearing department of the First National bank of Chicago and a trusted employee since his employment as an office boy 20 years ago, pleaded guilty to embezzlement of \$55,000 of the bank's funds. Federal Judge Wilkerson deferred sentence.

Filled Milk Bill to Harding

Washington, March 2.—Senate amendments to the filled milk bill were accepted today by the house and the measure was sent to the president.

War Risk Bill Passed by House

Measures of Interest of Disabled Veterans Ready for Senate Action. Time Limits Extended. Washington, March 2.—The Sweet bill modifying the war risk insurance act in the interest of disabled veterans was passed today by the house. It now goes to the senate.

The bill would extend the time for obtaining a certificate of disability from the director of the veterans' bureau to March 1, 1924, in compensation cases, and would provide that such certificates should be issued where there was an official record of injury during service or at the time of separation from the service, or where satisfactory evidence was furnished the bureau to establish the injury.

Veterans suffering from a neuropsychiatric or tubercular disease, developed within three years after separation from the service, would be considered as having acquired such disease while in the service. The present law limits the period to two years.

Veterans guilty of treason, mutiny, spying or any offense involving moral turpitude or willful and persistent misconduct would not be deprived of insurance and compensation benefits unless they had been found guilty by a court-martial.

Where veterans of any war died after discharge or resignation from the service and did not leave sufficient assets to meet the expenses of his burial and the transportation of his body, the government would provide a sum not exceeding \$100. Should death occur while the veteran was receiving government medical or hospital treatment or vocational training the veterans' bureau would pay, in addition to his burial expenses, the actual necessary cost of transporting the body to the place of burial.

Fifteen Bodies Taken From Mine

West Virginia Coal Pit Is Wrecked by Explosion—12 Men Rescued. Bluefield, W. Va., March 2.—Fifteen bodies were recovered today from the mine of the Pocahontas Coal company at Arista, Mercer county, wrecked this morning by an explosion. Twelve of the entombed miners were rescued alive.

The exact number imprisoned by the blast will not be known until the records can be checked, mine officials said. The Pocahontas Coal company is controlled by the National Cash Register company.

Several Nominations Confirmed by Senate

Washington, March 2.—The senate tonight confirmed the nomination of D. R. Crisinger, of Marion, O., to be governor of the federal reserve board. He has been serving as comptroller of the currency.

The senate also confirmed the following: Representative Mondell of Wyoming, republican house leader, to be a director of the war finance corporation.

Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, to be director of the veterans' bureau.

Representative Towner, republican, Iowa, to be governor of Porto Rico, succeeding E. Mont Zelly.

McKee, Neb., March 2.—(Special)—The board of directors of the Massacre Canyon Memorial association met here, making tentative plans for the celebration August 2, 4 and 5 near Herman, Mo., living on rural route No. 3 in Sarpy county.

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Harding Completes Half of Four-Year Term as Executive

Washington, March 2.—Two years ago today, President Harding said goodbye to his neighbors in Marion and started for Washington to start up the duties of the presidency.

Today, the half-way point of his administration, his one regret is that he never has found opportunity to give personal attention to many of the administrative details.

Mr. Harding declined to make any further comment on the accomplishments and troubles of his first two years in the White House. He met his cabinet for a scant 20 minutes in his session before he goes to Florida for a vacation, signed a number of bills and resolutions, dumped another big batch of nominations into the senate hopper, and rearranged the accumulated papers on his desk in preparation for another big day Saturday.

"Music Night" at Auto Show Draws Happy Sightseers

Success of Exhibits Pointed Out by Dealers Who Tell of Increase in Sales. Light and music and glistening automobiles and silent-running engines and a happy and prosperous crowd combined last night to make "music night" at the Automobile show a decided addition to this year's show success.

The show is going down in history as one of the very best if not the best in every way according to A. B. Waugh, manager. There are fewer frills about this show, and more solid worth, he said.

The J. H. Hansen Cadillac company has sold and delivered nine cars since the show started. "Those are the sold and delivered cars only during the first four days of the show," said J. H. Patton of the company. "We have also some other orders to be delivered later and we have booked more good prospects than at any previous show. The results of this show, so far as we are concerned, are undoubtedly best of all the shows in which we have participated."

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Shadow of Earth on Moon's Surface Lasts Two Hours. The earth saw its shadow last night. The shadow of the earth was cast upon the moon by the sun and appeared as an eclipse of the moon.

The shadow began to appear on the moon's surface at 8:28. At 9:38 it covered approximately three-eighths of the surface. And at 10:38 it had moved off the moon altogether.

Rev. William F. Rigge, astronomer by two daynames, studied the eclipse closely. It was also observed by many amateurs.

Omahan Found Pinned Under His Motor Car

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Boy, 5, Is Second Victim in Family to Die From Burns

Thomas Waskyevic Follows Mother in Death Four Days After Coal Oil Explosion Destroys Home. Burns received Tuesday in a kerosene explosion at the home of Mike Waskyevic, Sixtieth street and Cottage avenue, resulted in the second death in the family when Thomas Waskyevic, 5, died at 3 yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph hospital.

The boy's mother, Mrs. Sophia Waskyevic, 24, who was attempting to start a fire with coal oil when the explosion occurred, died Wednesday night. Both received first-degree burns. It was said at the hospital.

Besides his father, Thomas is survived by a brother who was playing in the yard at the time he and his mother was burned and the house was destroyed.

Funeral services have not been arranged.

Inquiry Into Veterans' Bureau Is Assured

Washington, March 2.—Complete investigation of the veterans' bureau after adjournment of congress was assured when the senate adopted a resolution providing for a special senate committee of three members to conduct the inquiry.

The plan for a joint congressional committee to conduct the investigation was dropped for the present because of failure of the house to act, but it was said that later it might be arranged to conduct a joint inquiry.

Administration of the veterans' bureau, alleged delay in making payments to war veterans, delays in hospital construction, waste, extravagance and improper sales of government material are some of the fields to be covered.

Review of Major Cronkhite Murder Case Requested

Washington, March 2.—A review of the circumstances surrounding the death of Maj. Alexander Cronkhite at Camp Lewis, Wash., in 1918, by an other board of inquiry to be appointed by the War department and also of the forced retirement from active duty of Maj. Gen. Adelbert Cronkhite, father of the deceased officer, was requested by Col. Jennings C. Wise, counsel for General Cronkhite, during a conference with Secretary Weeks.

Colonel Wise said he believed "astounding facts" not developed by the original investigation would be revealed by a new inquiry. Information collected by friends of General Cronkhite and by himself, Colonel Wise said, would be placed before the board if the inquiry is reopened.

Injunction Is Asked Against Stockyards

Grand Island, Neb., March 2.—(Special)—A second injunction suit in which the issue is the use of property allegedly detrimental to residence purposes was filed here when 41 residents asked for a restraining order against Henry Faldorf, owner, and Claude Doran, manager of the Frey Bros. stockyards, from continuing a cattle feeding lot just outside the city limits.

Owing to numerous cases of such a nature the council recently passed a zoning ordinance.

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Court Plan Returned to Senate

Harding and Hughes Pass Buck Right Back on Proposal to Join International Tribunal. No Action This Session. Washington, March 2.—Much to the indignation of republican leaders, President Harding and Secretary of States Hughes passed the buck right back to the senate on the proposal that the United States join the permanent court of international justice.

The republican leaders had been busy explaining for several days that it would be impossible to act on the president's recommendation until Mr. Harding should answer the inquiries addressed to him by the foreign relations committee and doubt was expressed that the reply would be received before this congress expires Sunday noon.

So they were flabbergasted when up comes a messenger from the White House with a comprehensive answer to the president and Mr. Hughes to all the committee questions.

"A dirty trick," angrily exclaimed one of the republican senators, who was surprised the most.

Postpone Action. Thereupon the committee met, postponed the reply and postponed action on the whole proposition until the new congress meets, thereby assuming the responsibility for the delay which it had hoped to pass to the White House. Mr. Harding and Mr. Hughes had demonstrated that they refused to accept the responsibility and that they desired action.

All chance of favorable action on the matter in the few remaining hours of this congress has been destroyed, but Senator King, democrat, Utah, still insists he will demand a record vote Saturday on his resolution to ratify the world court proposal.

The question whether the president favors the creation of obligatory jurisdiction of the court Mr. Hughes answered in the negative "for the reason that the senate has clearly defined its attitude in opposition to such an agreement, that until there is a ground for believing that this attitude has been changed it would be entirely futile for the executive to negotiate a treaty of the sort described."

States Fail to Ratify. "I understand," said Mr. Hughes in his letter to the president, "that of the 46 states which have signed the protocol for the establishment of the court, about 15 have ratified this optional clause for compulsory jurisdiction but almost no states which have not yet assented to the optional clause are to be found. I believe, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan. The result is that aside from the objections to which I have referred in answering the first inquiry there is the additional one resulting from the attitude of the powers."

After reviewing the attitude of the senate for the past 25 years Mr. Hughes concluded:

"In 1911, the Taft administration submitted to the senate general arbitration conventions with Great Britain and France, which were of broad scope. There were numerous objections on the part of the senate. There was a provision in Article III that in case of a controversy as to whether a particular difference was justifiable, the issue should be settled by a proposed joint high commission. Objection was made that such an arrangement was an unconstitutional delegation of power and the provisions was struck out by the senate."

Approval Conditioned. "Again the senate conditioned its approval on numerous reservations, withholding from the operation of the treaty any question which affects the admission of aliens into the United States or the admission of aliens to the educational institutions of the several states, or the territorial integrity of the several states or of the United States, or concerning the question of alleged indebtedness or moneyed obligation of any state of the United States, or any question which depends upon or involves the maintenance of the traditional attitude of the United States concerning American questions, commonly described as the Monroe doctrine, or other purely governmental policy."

"In the amended form the treaties were not acceptable to the administration and remained unratified.

"In the light of this record, it would seem to be entirely clear that until the senate changes its attitude it would be a waste of effort for the president to attempt to negotiate treaties with the other powers providing for an obligatory jurisdiction of the scope stated in the committee's first inquiry quoted above."

"The court the United States would not be obligated to recognize the international labor section of the Versailles treaty."

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