

Today

HERE'S OLD NOBILITY. OUR MR. DEMPSEY. A DEAR ALLY, TOO STRONG. GRASS WILL COVER US.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE. In Carlo lives a doctor named Athanasius, a Copt, who says he is the descendant and heir of Tutankhamun. The doctor isn't joking. He has papyrus to prove his descent and he is going to fight for the property from his ancestor's tomb.

It isn't likely the Copt gentleman will get the property. But his descent makes "ancient lineages" look modern. Voltaire said the oldest title of nobility in all Europe was inherited from one of the bandits that settled the marshlands of Venice. England's elect date back only to William the Conqueror and our people that depend on dead relations for their respectability are content with Plymouth Rock and the Mayflower.

Mr. Jack Dempsey, conspicuous citizen, will fight Mr. Firpo, of the Argentine, in Buenos Aires for \$750,000. Argentinians will pay that, hoping to see their man beat "the best man" from the United States. Neither the United States nor Argentina would pay a tenth of \$750,000 to see the two greatest scientists of the world engaged in intellectual contests. That shows where civilization stands.

Mr. Firpo, of Argentina, proved his right to call himself a great man the other day when he knocked our Mr. Bill Brennan senseless and sent him to a hospital. There he now lies, with his body covered with enormous bruises.

And assault and battery, well paid for by enthusiastic public, was committed under the supervision, protection and authorization of the great "civilized state of New York."

An agitated English official, Sir Samuel Hoare, secretary of air, warns England that France is immeasurably her superior in equipment for air fighting. A while ago England would have said: "If we can't do it, we won't do it. We have no machines, we need not worry. Are we not brothers?" Now England is worried, precisely because her former "dear ally, France," has the machines that England hasn't got. France says to England, diplomatically between the lines, "Mind your business, leave me to mine. Any trouble with me will come through the air."

Napoleon gazed across the channel, vainly waiting for a wind to help him invade England. Tomorrow morning at eight, France could declare war on England and destroy London by tomorrow noon. England is an island, no longer. The air is the ocean and, just now, not Britannia, but France, rules the air waves.

Rome reports a heavy earthquake "near the Adriatic." The shock in Dalmatia affected instruments as far away as Washington. Gentlemen that study earthquakes tell you that sooner or later, inevitably, magnificent gardens blossoming on the slopes of Italian volcanoes will be buried under lava. We marvel that they continue gardening and living where they are. However, flowers before long, and grass will be growing, inevitably, over all of us. Nevertheless, we go ahead with our little plans, as though we were to live forever.

Europe expects a settlement, temporary at least, of the Ruhr problem. Germany will make certain offers and Germany's big men, led by Stinnes, will guarantee the offers. That's the plan. Whether or not it will work, remains to be seen.

Instead of the military kaiser, financial kaisers now direct Germany. They're better than Hohenzollerns, not being chosen by the accident of birth.

T. R. Crane, once minister to China, well known American, has seen both Lenin and Trotsky and reports both incurably ill.

Lenine is near death, Trotsky has some incurable disease that confines him to his bed for long periods. If both these men should go, what would happen in great Russia? The huge nation would offer to some enterprising militarist the opportunity that France offered to Napoleon when the revolution was fired out and the pale-faced, black-haired little Corsican changed himself from consul to emperor.

Mail Clerk Exonerated for Killing Train Bandit

(Continued From Page One.) details of the story. John has been in the service for a long time and I always have known that he is brave."

Second Robbery for Cook.

This is the second mail robbery episode in which Curtis Cook has been one of the principal actors. On the night of January 31, 1920, when Mr. Cook was returning from Cheyenne on the same run he now has, the mail clerks were held up by a lone, masked bandit, who boarded the train just out of Fremont and rifled nine pouches of cash and securities of undetermined amount.

The robber forced three of the clerks into the steel clothes closet of the coach and compelled N. B. Woods, 74, chief of the clerks, to deliver his keys. The bandit escaped. It is believed, at the Thirty-second avenue station, Omaha.

Mr. Cook has been in the service of the government out of Omaha since September, 1911. The greater part of that time he has spent on the run between Cheyenne and Omaha.

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Paving Measure Killed by Vote of State Senate

Omaha and Lincoln Delegations Opposed Bill Keeping Assessments at Not More Than 25 Per Cent.

Lincoln, March 16.—(Special.)—The Harrington paving assessment bill, H. R. 321, bitterly opposed by Omaha and Lincoln delegations on the ground that it would operate as a bar towards public improvements, was killed on a committee report by the Nebraska senate today.

It provided that special assessments levied for public improvements should not exceed 25 per cent of the actual value of the land affected, and was advanced as a compromise measure. The introducer said he was willing that the bill be amended in any fashion, but he was anxious for some provision covering paving in Lancaster county.

Omaha officials in the engineering department said that if the Harrington bill was passed, it would be impossible to secure paving in the metropolis.

Five Bills Passed. It provided that special assessments levied for public improvements should not exceed 25 per cent of the actual value of the land affected, and was advanced as a compromise measure.

S. F. 230, Smrha—Increases sample ballots from 10 to 25 per cent of voters.

S. F. 54, Fries—Allows cities between 5,000 and 25,000 to maintain municipal coal yards and ice plants.

S. F. 203, Bliss—Excludes money invested in real estate mortgages from the maximum liability of trust companies.

S. F. 168, Smrha—Requires absent voters to vote before closing hour on election day.

S. F. 159, Smrha—Forbids election boards giving out returns ahead of time.

Two bills were killed: S. F. 76, Thielens—Authorizing investment of state funds in delinquent tax titles on tracts exceeding 40 cultivated acres.

S. F. 228, Purcell—Authorizing township levies up to 1 mill to support cemetery associations.

On General File. The following bills were placed on general file on favorable report of committees:

S. F. 295—Requires treasurers in cities under 40,000 to publish annual reports.

H. R. 269—Changes number of cubic inches in bushel.

S. F. 198—Fire equipment in Lincoln school houses shall be legal if they comply with city ordinances.

S. F. 188—Prescribes equipment for moving picture operating rooms.

H. R. 261—Reduces fees for inspection of cattle for tuberculosis.

S. F. 269—Takes sugar manufacturers out of special classification for taxation purposes.

H. R. 96—Amends tax sale law.

Charges of Governor Declared to Be False

(Continued From Page One.) \$2,763,303 on deposit in the banks of the state, together with \$13,771,919 invested in bonds. County treasurers owed \$829,010 in taxes that they had collected.

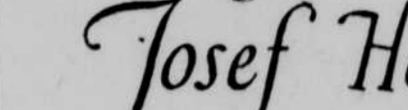
There were also uncollected taxes amounting to \$2,928,921. In all, there were more than \$8,000,000 of taxes outstanding, almost all of which will be paid later.

The governor's charge of a \$75,000,000 deficit in the department of agriculture is disposed of by showing that at the request of farm organizations, the work of tuberculosis eradication was speeded up so that the appropriation was practically exhausted January 1. No money for this activity was spent in excess of the appropriation and there can be none.

A statement from Dan Morris of Kearney, a member of the normal board, is introduced to disprove the governor's claim that the normal schools had a deficit.

Levy Not Made. "The statement was also made," the committee report says, "that at the end of the calendar year 1923 there

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would be a deficit in the treasury amounting to \$4,040,237. This erroneous conclusion is reached by making an estimate of the expenditures of the state from June 30, 1923, to the end of the calendar year. There is no basis for making such an estimate, for the reason that the present legislature, now in session, must make an appropriation to cover this period, and the taxes are not levied to cover the appropriations of this legislature until next July. It is idle to discuss the condition of the state treasury at the end of the calendar year 1923, for the reason that no one can tell until the legislature adjourns what the expenditures will be from July to January, or what the revenue will be until the tax levies have been made to cover the period from July 1, 1923, to June 30, 1924. Therefore, the statement that there will be a deficit of \$4,040,237 at the end of the calendar year is wholly without foundation."

Attempt to Kill School Bill Fails

District Having Over 150 Pupils May Vote on Management Plans.

Lincoln, March 16.—(Special.)—An eleven-hour attempt by Robbins and Anderson to smother S. F. 283, failed and the state senate Friday morning passed it. The bill provides that in districts having over 150 pupils, propositions pertaining to management and activities shall be submitted at a general election if demanded by majority vote at a school caucus.

An amendment was offered by Mr. Robbins, making the result of the referendum advisory instead of mandatory. He defended his amendment by saying that the board makes a continual study of school problems and is in touch with the situation.

"I am not in favor of electing representatives to do a certain thing and turning around and tying their hands," he told his colleagues.

Senator Smrha replied that the bill was intended to make the schools conform with the wishes of the people to whom they belonged.

The following voted for the bill: Banning, Barr, Behrens, Fries, Gumb, Hillan, Johnson, Kroh, Meacham, McGowan, Osborne, Purcell, Reifernath, Rickard, Shellenberger, Smrha, Sturdevant, Thielen, Romek and Wittke.

Against: Anderson, Bliss, Chambers, Cooper, Good, Hastings, Larkin, Robbins, Saunders, Warner and Wilkins.

Yankton Bridge Bill Is Advanced

Measure Provides Maximum of \$100,000 for Interstate Bridge.

Lincoln, March 16.—(Special.)—The Yankton bridge bill, house roll 290, O'Carra and Neff, was advanced to third reading in the senate. The bill provides that on petition of five counties the department of public works may give state aid not to exceed \$100,000 toward building an interstate bridge.

The Yankton bridge is partially complete, being financed by special Nebraska and South Dakota groups. The bill supporters urged that state aid for the project will increase the usefulness of the Meridian highway and ultimately mean better railroad facilities in that section of the state.

Another bill advanced to third reading was the Rickard measure on taxes. It provides for a constitutional amendment allowing a \$200 exemption on household goods. A second proposition involves taxation of municipally owned activities and the third contemplates the taxation of bonds and other indebtedness of the state and its subdivisions.

\$100,000 Fire at Colome

Colome, S. D., March 15.—(Special.)—Fire of unknown origin wiped out practically an entire business block here this morning, causing a loss of about \$109,000.

Governor Will Wash His Hands of Capitol Probe

McKelvie Will Be Recalled to Sit on Questions Regarding Contracts for New Statehouse.

Lincoln, March 16.—(Special.)—Governor Charles W. Bryan, chairman of the state capitol commission, will have no voice in deciding whether charges made against Architect Bertram Goodhue, in charge of building Nebraska's new state house, are justified or whether George E. Johnson, secretary of the commission and state engineer, were unjustified. This, in brief, is the substance of a statement issued yesterday by the governor following another secret session of the commission held Wednesday.

The fault for exorbitant prices, if any; the quality of stone used in construction, authority and latitude given Architect Goodhue in the contract, the responsibility the state engineer must bear under the contract and whether there was discrimination in awarding contracts shown by Goodhue must be determined by those forming the state capitol commission at the time the contract was signed. Members of the commission are not in accord on whether the charges are justified, the governor asserted.

McKelvie Will Vote. This means that former Governor McKelvie will be called upon to voice his opinion of the controversy. In fact, the former governor was called before the commission at the secret hearing, and, according to Governor Bryan, expressed absolute willingness in deciding matters in question. The other members of the commission are the same as they are today. Walter W. Head of Omaha, W. E. Hardy of Lincoln, George E. Johnson, state engineer, and W. H. Thompson of Grand Island.

Mr. Thompson had been in California throughout the winter. Yesterday Governor Bryan wired him to return to Lincoln immediately and upon his arrival the old commission will meet and decide who is responsible and whether charges were justifiable. Against Mr. Thompson's return, a new Governor Bryan expressed doubt as to whether he would attend this hearing.

Keeps Charges Secret. Mr. Bryan declined again yesterday to make public the last charges filed by Johnson against Goodhue. These charges, he asserted, had been taken by Goodhue to New York, and, as yet, Goodhue had not replied nor had he returned the Johnson charges. The governor's statement, in full, follows: "There is a difference of opinion among members of the commission. All matters brought before the present capitol commission relative to investigation relate exclusively to matters which came before the present commission was functioning and were decided by the capitol commission in existence more than a year ago.

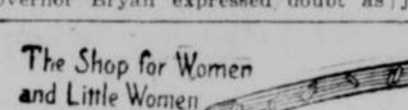
Commission Differs. "The questions of fact on which the entire commission differs are such as to what the contract or certain provisions of the contract between the commission and Goodhue and the commission and contractors mean. "The commission also differs on the question of what bids were considered at the time of awarding the contract and whether the bids were in proper shape at that time or were properly placed before the commission.

"Until those questions of fact can be determined by the former capitol commission, it will not be possible to determine whether the questions which have come up as to the price and quality of stone, what authority and latitude Goodhue has under the contract, whether the state engineer as a member of the commission has or was given certain responsibilities, whether there was any discrimination in awarding bids or whether there are any bids less than those accepted by the commission."

Grand Island Sells Bonds to Enlarge Public Schools

Grand Island, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—The school board is now provided with sufficient funds to build for from 600 to 800 more pupils, according to recently submitted building plans. The sale of \$144,000 additional bonds, authorized before the war, has been effected with the First National bank's bid of par with accrued interest. The board has the privilege of selling the bonds as the building needs require. The additional bond election concerns a senior high school of a capacity to be reached, according to the past few years' growth of the city, in 1935. The sale of the \$144,000 bonds enabled the board immediately to let contract for a new junior high school.

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State Employees Civil Service Bill Killed in Senate

Egg Candling Measure Entirely Rewritten Reported for General File—Inspection Fees Eliminated.

Lincoln, March 16.—(Special.)—The Osborne civil service bill for state employees, S. F. 126, was sent to the legislative graveyard yesterday in the Nebraska senate on report of the committee, which was later approved by the senate.

Chairman Hastings of the committee said the members were in favor of civil service, but did not believe that it was an auspicious time to inaugurate the system. Senator Osborne, the introducer, made an effort to overturn the adverse committee report, but could only muster seven other votes, including Chambers, Barr, Fries, Meacham, Rickard, Smir and Sturdevant.

Osborne said the measure would effectively remove the spoils system from the state house. The egg-candling measure finally came to light in the senate yesterday in form of an entirely rewritten bill. As reported out for general file, it now provides that all persons or firms engaged in the business of buying eggs shall candle all eggs under rules laid down by the department of agriculture. It provides that they shall

pay for only those which pass the test. The months of January, February, March and April are exempted and fines of from \$10 to \$50 are provided for violations. The fee, inspection and report features of the original bill are missing entirely. The senate on third reading passed the Reed bill, S. F. 323, which places payment of supervisors' road funds in the hands of the county treasurers.

Harmony Urged by Mathers in Code Row

(Continued From Page One.) ending with the Mathers plea for harmony.

Observers admitted here tonight that Governor Bryan and the office-seekers to date had been able to use sufficient influence to keep the democrats in line. The Mathers provision that if the governor sees fit he may remove a constitutional officer and appoint a secretary and the assistants to handle activities placed under constitutional officers is admitted to be disarming the governor's argument, that Mathers is partisan and is merely attempting a coup to grab patronage.

A good deal will depend on the feeling among the home folks while the legislators are visiting their districts over the weekend.

The Mathers proposal can be passed through the house at any time debate ceases. In the senate, sentiment is strong in favor of retaining the present code system, with a few minor changes in the direction of economy. However, a bill is in committee providing for practically the same thing Mathers proposes.

Legislature to Probe "Scandal" in New Capitol

Joint House and Senate Committee Will Investigate Charges Before Appropriating More Money.

Lincoln, March 16.—(Special.)—With but one dissenting vote, the Nebraska senate yesterday adopted a joint resolution calling for the appointment of house and senate committees to investigate the state capitol commission before further appropriations for the construction work are made.

Senator Witke, who introduced the resolution in the senate, and Senators Kroh and Purcell were appointed to represent the senate on the committee.

Under the provisions of the resolution, the committee is to report at this session of the legislature and has the power to summon witnesses, administer the oath and take any steps necessary to make a complete investigation. After action by the senate, the resolution went to the house.

After a brief squabble, the lower house by a 41-30 vote agreed to appoint a joint committee to investigate the state capitol commission. The speaker will name members of the committee tomorrow.

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