

People of Nation for Prohibition, Senator Fess Says

Ohio Man Attacks Agitation Started by New York Legislature to Legalize Sale of Beer and Light Wines.

Washington, March 17.—Senator-elect Simon D. Fess of Ohio, in a letter to Governor Smith of New York today, declared the agitation started by the New York state legislature to legalize the use of beer and light wines was contrary to the collective sentiment of the nation.

The letter was a reply to a communication from Governor Smith's office transmitting the copy of the resolution recently passed at Albany memorializing congress to modify the prohibition enforcement act. After tracing the history of the prohibition movement the Fess letter in part is as follows:

"There has been a well organized propaganda to secure a compromise on the beverage question. I do not think it a wise movement. My decision is not incidental, but drawn from facts known to all who have followed the lesson of the evils of drink habits.

"The people of this country are not against prohibition, but are for it. The 275 beer compromise was offered to Ohio, a great industrial state, and was defeated by over 189,000. California, in the last election, adopted a state code in harmony with the federal act by a majority of over 50,000, when two years before such a measure was defeated by 65,000.

"These beer compromise measures have been defeated by referendum in Michigan by 297,000 majority; in Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Arizona and other states. Straw votes taken among the voters show a sentiment for beer, but real votes in which all people participate show that people sustain the law in effective form.

"The selfish rich and well-to-do are the ones who are making the outcry against prohibition. Their supply of liquor is running low and they are irritated at the inconvenience of getting more, or the fact that the liquor may be poisoned. Both the well-to-do and those of moderate means will find it beneficial in every way to obey the law and secure the advantages of total abstinence.

"No Compromise Possible. "There can be no compromise with lawlessness. As long as the eighteenth amendment is in the constitution it should be enforced. When the people do not want it they can repeal it. It is dangerous doctrine to advocate a compromise on law enforcement. Practically all of the states have adopted a state's standard in enforcement similar to or more stringent than that contained in the national act.

"To advise the federal government to compromise when the states already have set a higher or a higher standard is indefensible and inconsistent on the part of those who have advocated states' rights in order to protect the liquor traffic before we had national prohibition."

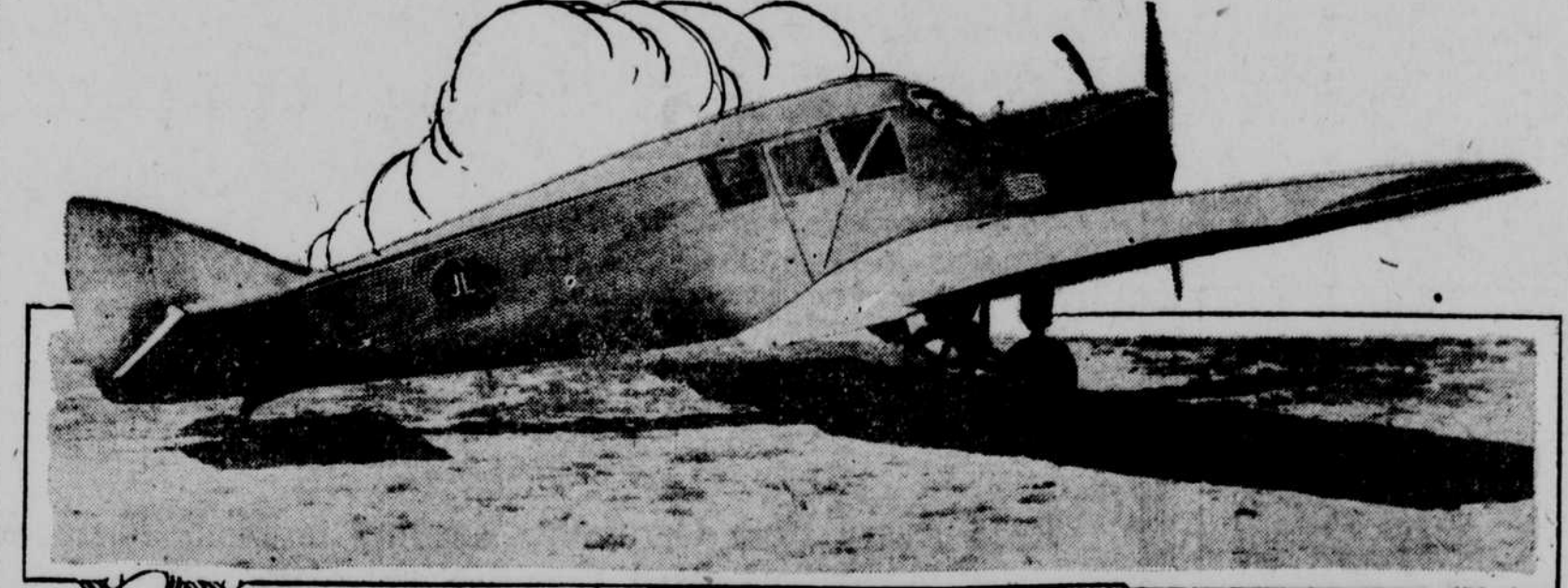
For New School Buildings.

Beatrice, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—The Parent-Teachers association held a meeting at Central school to discuss various school problems, among which is the construction of a new school building for junior classes and also the modern grade building to supplant the old Central school building. The growth of the city makes it imperative that new buildings be erected the coming year.

Naval Base at Frisco.

Washington, March 17.—(Special.)—Orders establishing the naval operating base at San Francisco have been sent to Rear Admiral Halstead, commanding the 12th naval district. When the base has been set up, Admiral Halstead was instructed that the present naval station at Goat Island will be abandoned.

Knighted by King, Accused of \$199,000 Fraud, Latest High Spots in Career of Former Omaha, Ice Machinery Maker Seeking to Conquer Air



One of John M. Larsen's J.L. all-metal monoplane. The photographs of the individuals below were taken when Larsen flew through Omaha on his transcontinental flight of 1920. Left to right: Eddie Rickenbacker, E. E. Alyne, Cleveland steel man; Bert Acosta, the famous pilot; Ernest Buehl, the pilot and German war veteran, who now makes charges against Larsen, and John M. Larsen.

One moment given the highest honor that the country of his nativity can bestow.

The next moment accused of a gigantic plot to defraud 20 insurance companies of more than \$199,000.

These are the latest high spots in the kaleidoscopic career of John M. Larsen, who abandoned the business of manufacturing ice-making machinery in Omaha to take up the more romantic pursuit of conquering the air.

Larsen is now in Europe. He went over there recently to visit the land of his birth, Denmark, and receive the acclaim of the entire country for his accomplishments as a designer and builder of heavier than air craft. He was knighted by the king of Denmark, thereby acquiring the title of "his grace," and was in many other ways honored and feted by a grateful nation, proud that one of its own should achieve such success in the world's newest and most hazardous industry.

At the same time Larsen was in Denmark receiving those honors, charges were being made against him in New York by Ernest Buehl, one of his pilots, who accused the president of the J.L. Aircraft corporation, of persuading Buehl to set fire to the concern's airplane factory at Central Park, Long Island, February 8, 1922. Twenty insurance companies, which, it is said, have paid out more than \$199,000 to Larsen, are investigating.

Buehl declared Larsen paid him \$1,500 for acting as incendiary and kept him on the payroll for some time. Buehl, a German war veteran.

In November, 1921, Larsen came to Omaha again, this time to take part in the aero congress which was held here. He contributed a trophy known as the J. M. Larsen trophy which was to go to the winner of a 250-mile efficiency race. Then he himself entered three machines in the race. Buehl was still with him and acted as mechanic in one of the Larsen planes in this race.

Losing the race to an airplane entered by C. B. Wrightsman, wealthy Tulsa oil man, Larsen filed protests with the Aero club of America and then sought recourse in the district court here. He sought to bring about the return of the cup and \$3,000 in prize money awarded to Wrightsman and which Larsen contended was rightfully won by one of his ships piloted by Eddie Stinson.

The district court here failed to sustain his suit, but many months

afterward the Aero club ordered Wrightsman to return the trophy. No action was taken on the prize money.

Used by Air Mail. For a time J.L. all-metal planes were to be seen frequently flying over Omaha. The United States air mail purchased a number of them and sent them to this city to be used on the mail route between Omaha and Chicago.

America Takes First Place in Manufacturing

United States Advances to Leading Position in Industrial Field During Last Two Generations.

New York, March 17.—(AP)—In the span of little more than two generations the United States has assumed the leading position among all nations in the volume and variety of its manufactured production, the number of wage earners engaged in manufacturing, the power applied to processes and the value of products, the national conference board says in an analysis of a recent census of manufacturers.

"From 1849 to 1919 the total value of products manufactured in the United States rose from \$1,992,000,000 to nearly \$62,500,000,000 and the number of wage earners employed in manufacturing from 577,959 to 9,096,372. In the first 20 years of this century the personnel of manufacturing industries more than doubled, while the total value of manufactured products in 1919 was approximately five and one-half times the total in 1859," the report says.

Increase in Employment.

"An increasing proportion of the working population had been drawn into manufacturing. Of each 1,000 persons engaged in gainful occupations in 1859, about 182 were employed in manufacturing industries. The corresponding figure 20 years later was 260, representing an increase of about 42 per cent. In some states the percentage gain in the number of persons employed in manufacturing relative to the total population gainfully occupied was much larger.

"This development has taken place, however, without increasing the proportion of women and children in industry. The entrance of women into industry has no more than kept pace with the industrial growth, while preparation of workers under 16 years of age declined almost 60 per cent in the period from 1859 to 1919."

Expenditures Increased.

The growth in the personnel of manufacturing industry and the effect of increased production on the standard of living are reflected in the increasing expenditures for wages and service, accompanied by a rapid mounting average cost of service to the employer. The average cost of labor in manufacturing industries rose from \$20.71 per month in 1849 to \$56.50 in 1919, an increase of 268 per cent. The total wage cost in manufacturing industries increased 154 per cent from 1914 to 1919 alone.

"The total horsepower of the various types of power in manufacturing establishments increased from about 2,359,990 in 1882 to nearly 39,900,000 in 1919. The ratio of mechanical power to manpower has also increased to a marked degree. From 1859 to 1919 the total power used nearly tripled, while the number of wage earners increased less than two-thirds.

More Oil Used.

"In the last decade the total horsepower of electrical motors in manufacturing plants rose nearly 239 per cent. A marked increase in the use of oil has taken place in the last decade, the quantity of this fuel consumed in manufacturing rising from 21,000,000 barrels in 1909 to 32,660,000 barrels in 1919 or approximately 55 per cent.

"As a result of the rising price level due to worldwide economic influence there has taken place an increase in the production and value of industrial products in many industries far out of proportion to the increase in the man power and mechanical power used. This is especially marked in the automobile, phonograph, rubber and petroleum industries, while in the woolen, beet sugar, boot

2 Train Bandits Caught by Posse

3 Outlaws Hold Up Northern Pacific Train at South Prairie, Wash.

Tacoma, Wash., March 17.—Two of the three men who held up a Northern Pacific train at South Prairie today were captured later west of Enumachew. They were badly wounded. The third man escaped in the woods.

The two were brought to Buckley and, closely guarded, were given surgical attention. The automobile used by the bandits was riddled with shot from the revolvers and rifles of the citizens of Buckley as the car passed through the town.

The quick wit of C. E. Going, 25, express messenger on the train, saved \$15,000 from theft. The men drove up to the Southern Pacific station just as the train arrived. The men fired into the air and held up Going, the train conductor and 12 passengers, lining them up on the station platform.

Going had heard the shots and took the money from the safe and put it in another part of the car. After threats to shoot him if he did not disclose where the money was hidden had failed, the men left the station. Residents of Buckley shot at the bandits when they failed to stop as they passed through the town.

President Approves Refusal to Cut Bill for U. S. Troops

Miami Beach, Fla., March 17.—President Harding has approved the note drafted in Washington by Secretary of State Hughes, flatly rejecting the plea of the allied governments for a reduction of the \$256,000,000 bill of the United States for the occupation in Germany. It was learned here today.

At the president's direction, Secretary Hughes was instructed to proceed in the Rhineland financial negotiations on the basis of the policy decided upon by the administration several months ago.

Lindsay Office Candidates.

Lindsay, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—For trustees in the coming election in April the citizens' ticket carries Dr. Walker and Fred Schmedekke, and the people's ticket, J. A. Bell and Andrew Peterson. For the school board Henry Melcher and Marinus Nelson. The people's party endorsed Henry Melcher and nominated M. J. Weidner.

N. W. U. Glee Club to Sing Here Next Saturday Evening

Nebraska Wesleyan University Glee club and male quartet will be heard in their second visit to Omaha in the Hanscom Park M. E. church on next Saturday evening. Their program:

- "Thanksgiving Prayer".....Netherlands Folklore Song
- "Folklore Song".....Knapp
- "Listen, Lovely Maid".....Byvane Glee Club
- Vocal Number.....Selected
- "Dana".....Male Quartet
- "Bedouin Song".....Rogers
- "Secrecy".....Smith
- "Negro Spirituals".....Russell
- "Lo, Now a Rose Ever Blooming".....Selected
- Cornet Solo.....Selected
- "Lo, Now a Rose Ever Blooming".....Pratorious
- "Now is the Month of Maying".....Mortley
- "Winter Song".....Bullard
- Instrumental.....Glee Club
- Instrumental.....Selected
- N. W. U. Conservatory Orchestra

Hastings College Debate Teams Win Double Victory

Hastings, Neb., March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Discussing the question of cancellation of the war debt, Hastings college debate teams won two victories over Grand Island college. The Hastings affirmative team won a unanimous decision on the home floor, while the negative speakers secured a two to one vote at Grand Island. Hastings' record is four victories and no defeats.

School of Dressmaking.

Broken Bow, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. Legg of the extension service, college of agriculture, will be in Broken Bow March 20 to conduct a four-day school of instruction on dress construction at the court house.

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Hog Receipts for Saturday Break Records

Shipments for Day More Than Double Arrivals on the Same Day Last Week.

Run of hogs at the Omaha stockyards Saturday was the largest for many years, according to officials. The receipts were 19,500 head, as compared with 8,276 for Saturday of last week. The total for the week is estimated at 94,173 as compared with 88,351 for the week previous and 44,492 for the corresponding week in 1922.

The figures for Friday were 6,500 head as against 3,814 head for the same day of the previous week. Among those having livestock on the market yesterday was A. C. Muir of Beaver Crossing, who brought in 41 head of well finished Duroc hogs averaging 448 pounds which were sold for \$8.15 a hundred.

Frank Bous of Valparaiso brought in 19 head of steers, averaging 1,161 pounds, that sold for an even \$9 a hundred.

According to J. G. Edgerton of Hamburg, Ia., the big snowfall was a great benefit to the farmers of Iowa. He said moisture was needed badly. Mr. Edgerton brought in a load of yearling cattle. He said more cattle had been fed around Hamburg the past season than ever before, and although a great many had been taken to market, the country was pretty well supplied with them.

Omaha Livestock Party Is Now in California

Forty Omaha livestock men who left last Saturday for a trip to El Paso, Tex., to attend a livestock convention there, have decided to make another week of it, and have gone on to California, according to word received Saturday at the Chamber of Commerce.

They were in San Diego last night, and their itinerary includes Los Angeles and Oakland. It is probable that while in Oakland they will aid in the organization of a movement similar to Omaha's Ak-Sar-Ben. Charles Gardner, secretary of Ak-Sar-Ben, is a member of the party.

J. David Larson, commissioner of the chamber of commerce, left the party at El Paso and will arrive in Omaha tonight.

Beatricians Bound Abroad.

Beatrice, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—Three Beatricians, J. Ed. C. Fisher, S. P. Nichols and E. M. Marvill, will sail from New York March 28 on a trip to Europe. They expect to be gone about six weeks. Mr. Fisher served as a lieutenant overseas and is state president of the American Legion.

School Head at Broken Bow.

Broken Bow, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—At the last meeting of the Broken Bow school board A. E. Fisher of Bridgeport was elected superintendent of the city schools. A majority of the teachers were re-elected and the salaries will remain about the same.

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