

Democrats Favor Ford and McAdoo

Popular Call Heard for Flivver Maker as Presidential Candidate—Wilson May Be Power.

Sullivan on the Situation

By MARK SULLIVAN. Washington, March 24.—There are three men in behalf of whom active and organized work is being done for the democratic nomination for the presidency. They are McAdoo, Ford and Underwood. Of the three, the one that gets the largest amount of popular support—support of the kind politicians call "grass roots" strength—is Ford. No one who aims to reflect current political events in the United States with any accuracy can fail to set down the fact that in widely separated parts of the United States there is lively and constantly increasing talk of Ford for the presidency. The writer has already mentioned this phenomenon as occurring in the mid-west and the eastern part of the south. The latest community in which this talk of Ford has come to the attention of the writer is one of the most orthodox democratic communities in the country, the state of Mississippi.

Divine Sarah Is Near Death but Still Fighting Bravely



Sarah Bernhardt.

By the Associated Press. Paris, March 24.—Madame Sarah Bernhardt is critically ill, perhaps dying.

Bravel, this remarkable woman, who belongs to the world, as well as to France, is fighting against the ravages of disease, but her weakened constitution makes the odds much against her.

After a long consultation tonight the attending physicians issued the following bulletin: "The condition of Madame Bernhardt has become aggravated in the last few days, and the prognosis must be reserved."

This guarded terms used would lead to the belief that the possibility of Bernhardt's recovery is not great. Bernhardt herself declared only recently that she would continue her work on the stage to the very last, and only this week she posed at her home in a film for an American company, thus probably overtaxing her strength.

Madame Bernhardt, who observed her 77th birthday on October 23, suffered a collapse at the rehearsal of a new play in Paris on December 18. She made light of the affair at the time, terming it a mere fainting spell and declaring that she would soon be back before the footlights. She suffered several relapses and on December 24 was reported to be dying. She slowly recovered from this setback, however, and on January 10 felt so strong that she insisted upon attending the theater. From then on until the news today of her sudden sinking spell, her condition was not thought to be serious.

House Plans \$500,000 Reduction in Bryan Budget for Nebraska

Passage of Mathers Bill Paves Way to Reduce Expenses Without Starving Necessary State Activities.

BY PAUL GREER. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, March 24.—Having passed the Mathers bill, the house of representatives is preparing to reduce state appropriations half a million dollars below Governor Bryan's budget. This saving to the taxpayers of Nebraska will not come through starving any necessary state activity. The government is simply to be placed on a diet. Some sacrifices will have to be made, but not so many as would have been necessary under the unscientific plan presented by the governor. Each dollar of taxes is to be applied where it will produce the maximum of benefit to the people.

Perhaps the savings will run considerably more than half a million dollars below the Bryan estimate. The finance committee is going carefully over all schedules and has not yet completed its list. Heads of state institutions and departments have assisted the committee in hunting out all duplicated effort and pruning off superfluous branches.

In the matter of state expenditures, as well as in the matter of revising the system of government, the legislature differs with the governor. The impression is plain that Mr. Bryan attempted to deal with these delicate matters with a meat ax. As a result, both his budget plan and his proposed code entail a considerable amount of damage to the best interests of the state. Although he was elected governor last November, it was not until he assumed office two months later that he began to think seriously of his duties. Then, in feverish haste, he dropped a jumble of bills into the legislative hopper and announced that he had a mandate from the people to insist on their being passed.

If the governor clings to his resolve to veto anything but his own measures, a deadlock may result, which would leave the government in a state of paralysis. There are political observers who declare that since Br. Bryan

has discovered a kink in the old code law under which he could appoint every employe, that he thinks more of it than he did. Between the Mathers plan and the old code, he would prefer the code.

These observers claim that his next political goal is the United States senatorship. The support that could be enlisted by handling out 300 state jobs would be a great asset to his ambition. The emphasis which he places on the necessity for all power to hire and fire being vested in the governor might be explained in a number of ways, of which this is at least a plausible one. However, the governor insists that his opposition to the Mathers plan is based on principle. What he proposes is a system of one-man government by which most of the activities of the state would be centralized under him. His idea of economy called for the elimination of entire departments and the consolidation of others.

Rev. H. Alden of Bethel church will officiate at Mrs. Anderson's funeral, arrangements for which are pending until relatives from California are heard from.

American Women Love Movies More Than Babies, According to Figures

Chicago, March 24.—American women love confections, cosmetics, movies, cigarettes and motor cars more than they do babies, if figures obtained here at the American Homes bureau mean anything at all.

The first nine months of 1922 showed a loss of 32,932 babies as contrasted with 1921, the bureau announced. A continuance of this rate of decline for 10 years would bring on a national catastrophe, according to the statistics.

Engineer Charges His Charges

State Capitol Controversy Is Nearing End—Goodhue Goes to New York to Get Witnesses.

Graft Is Not Claimed

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, March 24.—The capitol controversy is near an end. The joint investigation committee listened today to the repetition of charges made by George E. Johnson, former state engineer, against Architect Bertram Goodhue at hearings of the state capitol commission. Before opening his case, Johnson asserted that he wished to withdraw his claim that Goodhue, personally, favored any particular contractor in awarding contracts. "I am, however, satisfied that the architect is guilty of either gross negligence or gross incompetency, and this is the charge I wish you to keep in mind as this hearing progresses and when discussing mistakes that the architect has made," Johnson stated.

Goodhue Not Heard. Goodhue was not given an opportunity to be heard. At the request of his attorneys, he was permitted to return to New York tonight to secure witnesses and affidavits to refute the Johnson charges.

The Johnson allegations, as presented, were in regular legal form. A stenographer was present and all letters, contracts and other pamphlets tendered by Johnson were tabulated the same as evidence in court. "We will assume there is absolutely nothing wrong until it is proven to us," Chairman Witte said in opening the hearing.

At the conclusion of the hearing, Goodhue asserted that personally an unofficial reply made to the state capitol commission to the Johnson charges was sufficient, but his attorneys insisted that he use the same legal methods in replying as pursued in making the charges.

Johnson stated that he did not intend to reintroduce his charge of exorbitant prices charged for stone and would merely file the findings of the state capitol commission made yesterday on that point.

Exonerated by Commission. The commission, at its hearing yesterday, exonerated Goodhue of all charges of "personal profit or benefit out of contracts awarded."

During the hearing, the architect stated that in many matters of specifications and details he was dependent upon expert assistance.

"I regarded the opinion of a number of men to whom were assigned matters much better than mine, as they were experts on those lines," Goodhue asserted.

Chairman Witte read a letter received from the Nebraska division of the American Society of Engineers, in which it was suggested that a committee of engineers and a committee from the National Architectural society decide disputed points and clarify the situation.

Several times during the hearing, Goodhue attempted to answer Johnson. He was admonished that he would be given an opportunity to make an answer later.

"Excuse me, gentlemen," he replied. "This is the first time I ever have investigated and my ideas of procedure are limited."

Prussian Police Prepare for Fascist Invasion

Berlin, March 24.—Prussian Minister of the Interior today issued orders to the Prussian police to prepare themselves for any emergency. The Prussian government fears a fascist invasion of Bavaria. A government official declared they had received information that the fascist plan to attack Prussia through Thuringia. With the acute situation, machine guns have been mounted for the protection of President Ebert and Chancellor Cuno.

Orkin Brothers' Store to Be Under New Chief

J. L. Orkin Retires After Long Service—M. Falty of New York Comes to Manage Business.

After 14 years in the mercantile business in Omaha, J. L. Orkin of the Orkin Bros. store, has disposed of his stock holdings to M. Falty of New York City.

Mr. Falty will arrive in Omaha this week to become manager of the store, the position to be relinquished by Mr. Orkin.

Under the terms of purchase, Mr. Falty virtually acquires the lease and fixtures of the establishment. Mr. Orkin will remain in Omaha, however, until the present stock is closed out. He plans to take charge of the real-estate department of a large eastern department store.

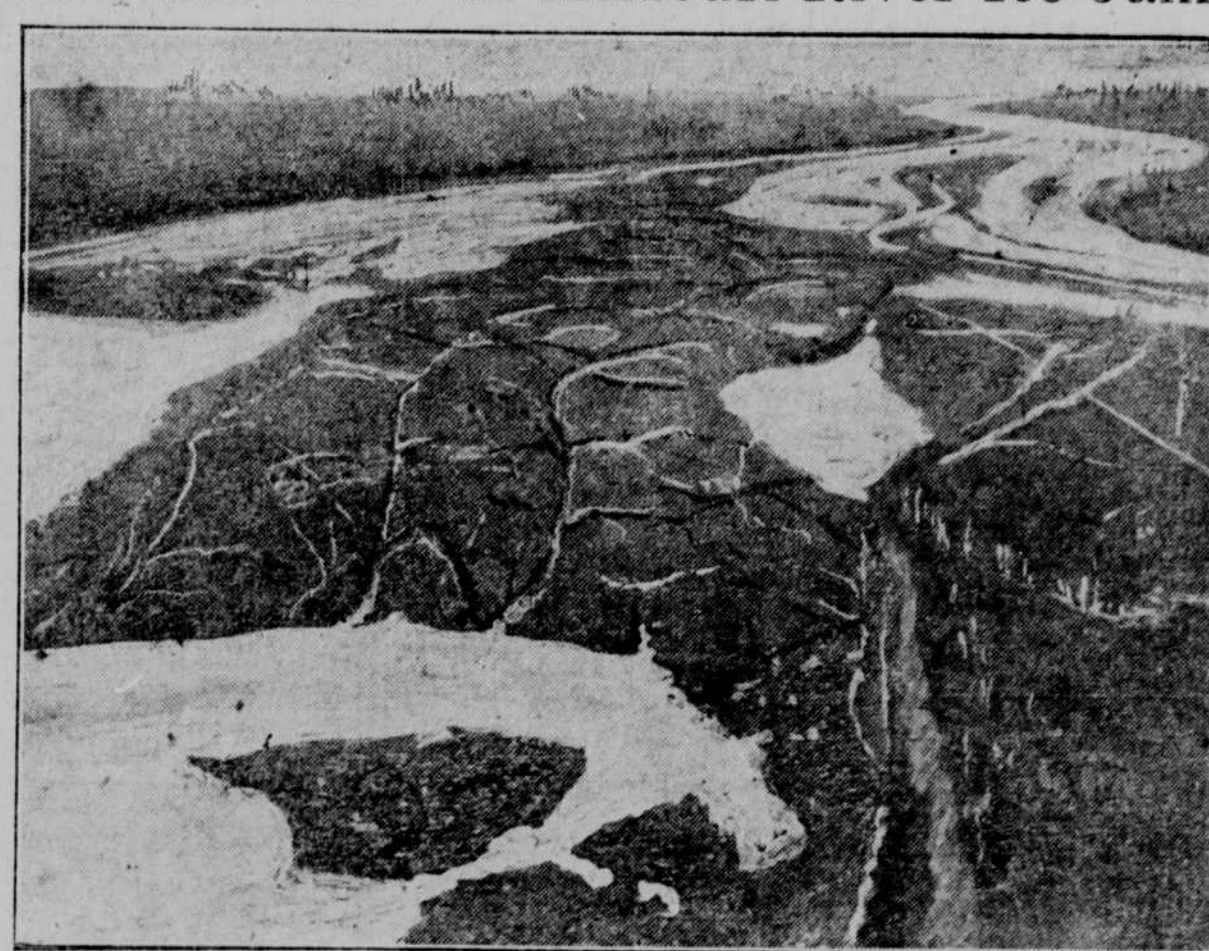
"I am sorry to leave Omaha, but my new connection offers a bigger opportunity," he said.

The local store will retain its corporate name. Mr. Falty, new manager, has had wide experience as buyer for several large stores of a similar character in the east.

There will be no other change in the store's policy or personnel.

Rum Cruiser Seized. New York, March 24.—The 60-foot cabin cruiser Avenger was seized by customs officials at a Staten Island landing and the captain and crew arrested.

Airplane View of Missouri River Ice Jam



This airplane photograph shows the lower end of the 5-mile ice gorge blocking the Missouri river near Sergeant Bluff, Ia., seven miles south of Sioux City. The river channel, as shown in the photo, is filled with crushed ice cakes from shore to shore.

The open water in the foreground is the result of heavy dynamite bombing from airplanes. The explosive formed craters in the ice, but failed to break up the huge pack. At the left is shown overflow water on the Nebraska side and in the upper right corner overflow on the Iowa side.

The photograph was taken at an elevation of 600 feet by R. L. Mills of Sioux City. The river channel at the point shown is about half a mile wide.

WHERE TO FIND THE BIG FEATURES OF THE SUNDAY BEE

PART ONE. Page 1—Mark Sullivan tells how Ford and McAdoo are cooked upon with favor by the democrats. Page 2—Editorial Page. Page 3—Progressive Retail Grocers plan food show for Omaha.

PART TWO. Page 1—Lobby George forces a victory for labor. Page 2—March graduates of Technical High school. Pages 2, 3 and 4—The best sport pages in Omaha. Page 5—Automobile news. Page 6—Omaha "gold star" mother saves children in war east. Page 7—Markets. Pages 8, 9 and 10—Want Ads. Page 11—Real Estate news.

PART THREE. Page 1 to 2, Inhabits—The best society pages in Omaha. Page 3—Shopping with Polly. Pages 9 to 11, Inclusive—News of the happenings in our world. Page 12—The married life of Helen and Warren. Page 13—Stephen Leacock discusses on the cave man as he really is. Page 14—How Leacock courts some starving children.

PART FOUR. The four best comic pages in Omaha. PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION. The news is pictures. The only rotation section in Nebraska. MAGAZINE SECTION. Page 1—Heggy Vandeville's surprising second love match. Page 2—A short story by Thyra Samter Winslow. Pages 3 and 4—For the kiddies. Page 5—Mrs. Edith Rockefeller to spend millions to probe the mysteries of the human soul. Page 6—O. O. McIntyre tells how to mingle with millionaires for a nickel.

17 Oil Storage Tanks in Flames

Efforts to Shut Off Flow Into Fire Unsuccessful—Smoke Covers 30 Miles.

Ponca City, Okla., March 24.—Eight spouting wells, with a total daily average production of 5,000 barrels of oil, late today were feeding the fiercely burning flames in 17 tanks of the Comar Oil company in the Tonkawa field, which caught fire early today from escaping gas nearby.

The flow from the wells is directly connected with the tanks. Ten hours of unsuccessful effort to turn the oil into pipe lines have passed, although experts say this can be accomplished. Company officials say they have no hope of bringing the blaze under control before Sunday afternoon.

Early estimates placed the amount of oil already in the tanks when the fire broke out at 6,000 barrels. Later it was said that none of the tanks of 500 barrel capacity were full and that the exact amount which the fire contained was not known. The fire originated in a small house, commonly known as the "derrick house" about 100 feet from the tanks.

A pall of smoke from the burning oil covers an area of more than 30 miles.

Prisoner in Gigantic Rum Raid Escapes Under Fire

Los Angeles, March 24.—Leaping from the automobile in which he was being taken to the Long Beach jail, T. Nagai, one of the eight men arrested Thursday in the mammoth "booze" raid on the Curtis Corporation Fish Canning company's wharf, in which \$20,000 worth of liquor, a fishing boat and five automobiles were seized, escaped today from a prohibition officer after the latter had fired a number of shots at the fleeing man.

The escape took place at Wilmington when the officer stopped for gasoline. Nagai was the owner of the fishing boat seized during the raid.

Naval Pact Rouses Ire of Britain

Dispute Between Navy and State Departments Looms Over English Attitude Toward 5-5-3 Ratio. Harding May Arbitrate

By GEORGE F. AUTHIER. Washington Correspondent The Omaha Bee. Washington, March 24.—An attack upon the spirit of the naval treaty calling for a 5-5-3 ratio as among the fighting ships of the United States, Great Britain and Japan is seen in the British attitude, reported in dispatches today to the effect the British interpret the treaty as prohibiting changes in gun elevations.

The American government is embarrassed by the developments in the situation, and an impasse is seen here between the State and Navy departments which appear to take opposite views as to the right of the United States to bring its ships up to standard. That a serious blunder was committed at the arms conference by someone is admitted.

Both State and Navy departments have reverted to silence, but it is an open secret that conferences are in progress between representatives of both departments and President Harding is likely to be called upon to arbitrate the differences.

Ship Efficiency at Stake. The Navy takes the position that the efficiency of the American fighting ships is at stake, while the State department is seeking more information. Having been maneuvered into a false position at the outset through information whose source is not wholly disclosed, the secretary of state may be relied upon to move cautiously before disclosing his hand in the negotiations.

As the situation now resolves itself, the American navy claims it is out-ranged approximately 3,000 yards by the British navy, while the range of the Japanese fleet is estimated to be 2,400 yards, all agree that the fleet having the longest arm has a place of distinct advantage. How great that advantage will be depends upon the development of range-finders and the increasing effectiveness of airplanes as spotters or range directors.

Experts Warn of Danger. Experts of the navy, charged with responsibility for the first line of defense, are of the opinion that it would be folly and sheerest quixotism to allow the American navy to fall behind other navies in efficiency, merely because of a treaty.

Spirit Picture Shown on Film

to Declares Photographer Who Made Photos at Funeral of Spiritualist.

By International News Service. Los Angeles, Cal., March 24.—Three strange impressions claimed to be "spirit photos" of Mrs. Mary McVicker, were seen today on the background of a photograph taken while Mrs. McVicker lay in her casket.

In accordance with Mrs. McVicker's wishes a licensed photographer, C. H. Monroe, was called after her death to make a picture of her lies. A huge velvet screen to balance the light, and it was on the screen in the background the unusual impressions appeared. Monroe said he examined the screen thoroughly before making the picture and he found it no different from the kind ordinarily used. "I can't see it," Monroe said. "The impressions should not be there."

Mrs. Mary Viasek, pastor of the Spiritualist temple of which Mrs. McVicker was a member, claims she saw Mrs. McVicker in the spirit at the temple and at the crematory. Other members of the church also claim they saw the deceased woman's spirit at the chapel.

Plan to Tamper With Foster Jury Foiled

By Associated Press. St. Joseph, Mich., March 24.—Attempts to tamper with the jury trying William Foster on charges of criminal syndicalism have been frustrated and the trial will proceed. Berrien county officials stated today.

First confirmation from an official source that an apparent effort to influence the jurors had been detected came today, following publication of the details of Judge Charles White's hurried conference with lawyers for the state and with the jury after court adjourned Friday night.

Two men, one a local resident and the other a stranger, were reported to have been caught following some one or more jurors. They were searched, questioned and then released with the warning to stay away.

Farmer Found Guilty.

Hans Jorgensen, farmer living three miles northwest of Florence, was found guilty of operating a still by a jury in District Judge Goss' court Saturday after the jury had deliberated 18 hours.

Rain at Beginning of This Week Is Forecast

Washington, March 24.—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday: Upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys: Rain over south and rain or snow over north portion at beginning and again about Thursday or Friday; otherwise generally fair. Frequent alterations in temperature.

The Weather Forecast. Sunday, fair and warmer. Hourly Temperatures.

Hourly Temperatures table with columns for time and temperature.

New College Paper. "The Turtle" a student paper, has been launched by pupils at the American College of Business, 1912 Farnam street.