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UNI HEADS MAY BE ASKED TO QUIT

U.S. Reserve Banks Deny Rate Raise

Rumors of Possible Changes in Board's Policy Categorically Denied—Request Information on Reports.

Discuss Farm Loan Act

Washington, March 27.—The federal reserve board, in conjunction with the governors of the 12 reserve banks, meeting in semi-annual conference here, moved today to curb the flood of rumors concerning possible changes in the board's policy and reports of contemplated increases in the rediscount rates of banks.

In answer to more than 100 telegraphic inquiries, the board categorically denied "any rumors with respect to its intentions of actions," and informed one and all that it would make its own statements when such were required. The message invited inquirers to supply the board with information regarding the source of the rumors, adding in substance that it would not waste its time in denying "all idle rumors."

No Reason for Report.

There seemed to have been no definite reason for the reports, officials said, nor could they explain, they said, why so much significance was being attached to the conference of the governors here. It was made known authoritatively that none of the 12 banks has yet filed with the board an application to increase its rates and the consensus of opinion appeared to be that none was in immediate contemplation.

Changes in business conditions and the general financial situation, however, it was explained, may bring changes in rediscount rates, but how soon these changes would come was declared by reserve board members to depend entirely on conditions.

With respect to the meeting of the governors, it was stated officially that thus far there had been no discussion of rediscount rates. The conference, it was added, devoted itself until late today with questions involving banking operations solely.

A general exchange of information for the purpose of solving operating problems had been the order in previous meetings.

Confer on Farm Loans.

The governors did confer, however, with members of the farm loan board at the afternoon session, but Commissioner Lobdell of the loan board said later that the discussion had embraced only the administration of the new agricultural credits act which is under supervision of the loan board, although its operation has an indirect effect on the reserve system functions.

Although it was denied officially, there were indications that the conference also had talked over the question of interest rates which the loan board will establish on loans under the new law.

The governors' meeting probably will continue until Thursday, although it was said it might complete its routine discussion tomorrow.

Loup City Youth, Shot While Hunting, Dies

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Loup City, Neb., March 27.—Frank Mickow, 19, died from effects of a shotgun wound accidentally received about a week ago.

He was hunting with his brother, Carl, when a rabbit started running, and in turning to get a shot at it Carl's gun was discharged, the charge striking Frank in the hip. For some days it was believed that the wound would not prove fatal, but complications developed.

Mickow's parents, who formerly lived at Loup City, now live near York, where the body was taken for burial.

Denver Bishop Speaks at Noon Holy Week Meeting

Five hundred persons attended the noonday Holy week meeting in the Brandeis theater Tuesday.

Bishop Charles L. Mead, Methodist, of Denver, delivered the address on "The Sovereignty of Christ." He spoke of the widening influence which Christ has in his relations over man and nature and every activity in the affairs of humanity even where he is not recognized. He painted a picture of what the world of today would be without this beneficent influence shining even to the remotest corners.

A. L. Hobbs led the congregation in singing and also sang a solo number.

The meeting will be held every day this week except Saturday, beginning at 12:10 and closing at 12:55.

Business Conditions Firm Reserve Board Declares

Washington, March 27.—Business conditions in March thus far give reason to believe that there will be no slackening activity in the immediate future, according to a survey of conditions made public tonight by the federal reserve board.

Recent increases in industrial and commercial activity have been reflected in a larger volume of loans by banks which are members of the reserve system. Most of the loans were for commercial purposes, according to the survey

Film Hero Declares Accusation Is False

William S. Hart.

Hart Father of Her Child, Says Boston Teacher

"Two-Gun Bill" Declares It's Campaign of Persecution by Wife to Extort More Money.

Los Angeles, March 27.—William S. Hart, motion picture actor accused by a young woman of Boston of being the father of her child, executed a trust to pay $50 a month for the support of the infant, Asa Keyes, chief deputy district attorney, said today. The accusation was made December 6, 1918, and the details came to light in a story printed today in the Los Angeles Examiner. The name of Hart's accuser was withheld.

Charging that his estranged wife, Winifred Westover, has been conducting a campaign of persecution against him, for the purpose of wringing additional money from him, William S. Hart, hero of the silver sheet, today broke his silence and categorically denied every charge made against him that he is the father of a child born out of wedlock to a Boston school teacher, whose name is withheld from the public.

In a statement issued by himself and his attorney, James G. Scarborough, sr., the actor declared that his wife is now receiving $19,400 annually from him and that $103,000 is held in trust for her and that $100,000 is held in trust for their son, William S. Hart, jr.

"All of the stuff in today's papers," read the statement, referring to the alleged existence to the illegitimate child, "is false and evidently given out by Mrs. Hart for the purpose of coercing me and forcing me to comply with her further demands.

"I deny that I am the father of any child, other than my son born to Mrs. Hart on September 6, 1922. I deny that I ever made any trust or other provision for the support of any child, other than the son mentioned.

"All these published attacks have been made to coerce me into paying more and this is plainly shown by a letter written by one of the biggest producers in the United States, whose name is unnecessary, to Mr. William Grossman, my New York attorney.

Judge Sends Bunco Jury Back to Deliberations

Denver, Colo., March 27.—The jury trying 20 alleged members of a nationally-known band of confidence men, was told by Judge George Dunklee, presiding, today that he expected them to reach a verdict. The jury has been deliberating 72 hours.

The judge said he understood there was a majority and a minority of opinion among the jurymen. He urged those in the minority to carefully consider whether the majority in the jury room was not right and told the jurors to resume deliberations at once.

These Are Good Days to Rent Houses

At least it looks that way from the quick response to an ad offering one for rent that appeared in one issue of The Omaha Bee.

Mrs. G. S. Weingand, 406 So. 49th, inserted the ad—and ater it appeared in last Saturday's issues the house was rented. This is what she had to say:

"Two line 'Want' Ad in your papers rented my 6-room house. Cancel ad. Thanks."

When YOU have a house—or an apartment—or a room—to rent use an Omaha Bee "Want" Ad and get in touch with a desirable tenant.

Omaha Bee "Want" Ads Bring Better Results at Lesser Cost.

Reds in L... Get Orders From Russia

Trial of Foster Brings Out Records of How Meeting Was Postponed by Foreign Leaders.

Policies Made in Moscow

By Associated Press.

St. Joseph, Mich., March 27.—Activities of the communist party of America were outlined and approved in Moscow months in advance and the national convention of the party, held in the lonely dunes near here last August, was postponed by cable order from Russia to await the arrival of delegates from Moscow, according to documents introduced by the state today in the trial of William Z. Foster, charged with criminal syndicalism.

Questioning Charles E. Ruthenberg, first witness for the defense, Prosecutor Charles Gore, on cross-examination, brought out from papers seized in the raid on the convention that the question of inviting Foster to the meeting had been voted on a month in advance by the party's central executive committee.

The state produced the minutes of a meeting of the executive committee held July 26 and 27 to attack Ruthenberg testimony on direct examination that the question of having Foster at the convention had not been passed on until the committee meet at Bridgeman, Mich., about August 17.

Foster Was Organizer.

The minutes of the July meeting showed that "Ballister," the alias of Robert Minor of New York, had moved that "instructions to attend the convention be given to the national industrial organizer.' A questionnaire filled out by Foster, when he reached the convention, and which had been introduced in evidence, stated that he was the national industrial organizer.

The minutes also showed that Jay Lovestone, secretary of the executive committee and one of the defendants here, read at the July 26 session a cablegram from Moscow ordering the postponement of the convention.

How the communist interest in Moscow passed on the policies and plans of the party in this country was developed, when the state produced from the papers seized at the convention an outline "concerning the next tasks of the C. P. of A. "to which was attached a certificate written in German and signed by Rakon, secretary of the executive committee of the communist international, giving a correct copy of the minutes of a meeting of the committee held in Moscow November 19, 1921, at which the American plans were discussed.

Ordered New Party.

The outline directed the American communists by order of Moscow to create a legal political party, which could work in the open and "which will act as an instrument of the illegal communist party for participation in legal activities, such a electoral campaigns."

That Moscow had no intention, however, of abandoning illegal activities in America was indicated.

The outline closed with a personal letter, addressed to the American communists by Bukharin, Radek and Kusinen, the executive committee of the communist international, directing the members in this country to unite "not for the liquidation of either the legal or the illegal revolutionary activity, but for the liquidation of the really damaging liquidation tendencies of the labor movement."

Holds U. S. Capitalistic.

The outline of future tasks contained a lengthy list of demands to be made on the American government, not, it stated, for the purpose of "reforming the capitalist state," but "regardless of the state's power to grant them without weakening itself."

Ruthenberg, under Mr. Gore's cross-examination, admitted he considered the present government of the United States and of the separate states as capitalistic.

On redirect examination by Frank P. Walsh, attorney for Foster, Ruthenberg gave a long definition of the communist definition of a capitalist government. "We call the United States government a capitalist government," he said, "because it is used by big business and Wall street to support the capitalist class in such matters as tariff laws and ship subsidies."

Slain Man Ground to Pieces, Say Police; Suspect Held

Detroit, Mich., March 27.—Acting on the theory that Joseph A. Campbell, superintendent of a reduction company, who disappeared February 10, was slain and his body destroyed by running it through machinery used in the manufacture of fertilizer, county officials today detained George Reynolds, night fireman at the plant. Investigation is said to have disclosed that the grinding machinery in the plant was in operation from 11 p. m. until 5 a. m. on the night of February 10, contrary to custom.

Federal Convicts Escape.

Atlanta, Ga., March 27.—Gerald Cooper, serving 25 years for forgery, and Frank Grey, serving five years for holding up the driver of a mail truck, fled from the federal prison here today, held up a man and his wife and forced them to aid in their escape.

...ore Debate Assured on Orr's Blue Sky Bill

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, March 27.—After advancing the Orr bill, calling for abolishment of the state blue sky department, the lower house voted later in the day to return the bill to general file for more debate. The motion to reconsider action was made by Lamb of Tecumseh, who asserted he had additional facts at hand which had convinced him that the bill should not pass.

"I voted to advance it with the rest of your," Lamb said, "but now I want to present my new facts and maybe you will change your mind the same as I did."

The bill is at the bottom of the house calendar.

Land Claimed by Promoters Others Owned

West Virginians Deal Stiff Blows to Colonial Bubble in Testimony—Women Tell of Losses.

The Colonial Timber and Coal corporation bubble was dealt heavy blows by the prosecution Tuesday afternoon in federal court. Two men from West Virginia testified to long ownership of large tracts situated in the 700,000-acre tract claimed by the men who floated the Colonial concern three years ago.

The 700,000 acres, according to James B. Ellison, one of the defendants and now a fugitive, "was never entered on the tax lists."

But yesterday afternoon George Anderson, an attorney from Lewisburg, W. Va., proved by tax receipts that he has paid taxes on 600 acres in Boone county, West Virginia, part of the Colonial tract.

And Charles E. Krebs of Charleston, W. Va., a mining engineer and geologist and formerly assistant state geologist, proved that he owns and has paid taxes for years on 2,300 acres of the 700,000 claimed by the Colonial concern.

Women Tell of Losses.

The sad procession of alleged victims began Tuesday at the trial of 16 men charged with fraud in promotion of the Guaranty Securities company and Colonial Timber and Coal corporation.

Miss Myrtle Smith, for 10 years a school teacher in Broken Bow, Neb., told how she had been induced to invest $300 savings in three "first mortgage certificates" of the Guaranty Securities company of Denver, one of Willard V. Mathews' string of institutions.

Miss Mary Thede, who conducts a woman's apparel business in Loveland, Colo., told of her investment of $2,250 for $1,500 worth of preferred stock in the Guaranty Securities company of Denver. She said LeRobert Eykelboom, one of the men being tried, told her she "would participate in the earnings of the company up to 25 per cent."

"Manager" Impotent.

Miss Judith Daniels, who conducts a general store in Pierce, Colo., said an agent for the stock called at her store and induced her to invest $1,250 for $1,000 par value of the Guaranty Securities company of Denver stock.

C. W. Bigelow, former vice president of the Denver State bank, one of the defunct Mathews' institutions, said he had a contract to be manager of the concern, but wasn't allowed to do much managing.

When $34,000 government bonds, assets of the bank, were sent to Omaha, he protested, he said, but it was a "peremptory order of Mathews."

He told of the coming to Denver of H. W. Sewall in 1920 to help sell stock in the bank when it was planned to increase the bank's capital from $50,000 to $200,000.

Air Defense to Practice on Realistic Targets

Washington, March 27.—Anti-aircraft defenses soon will be given the opportunity of firing at a realistic target as it travels through the air, as a result of an invention, known technically as a "target glider," which has been perfected by the engineering division of the army air service at McCook field, Ohio.

The target glider has a wing span of 12 1-2 feet and weighs only 23 pounds. Reports of experiments at McCook field, announced by the War department, show that the device, which is fastened to the top of an airplane, gradually descends to the ground at a speed of about 30 miles an hour when released.

Paroled Colorado Slayer Is Returned to Prison

Canon City, Colo., March 27.—Harold F. Henwood, paroled by Governor Oliver H. Sloup last May, was returned to the state penitentiary here today to serve out his sentence for killing Tony Von Phul and George Copeland in the barroom of the Brown Palace hotel in Denver, a number of years ago. He had violated this parole, officials announced. At the time of the shooting all of the principals were prominent in Denver society.

Japanese Diet Prorogued.

Tokio, March 27.—The diet was prorogued early today in the midst of a free fight, precipated by a motion of the opposition to impeach the government. Trays and inkstands were flying through the air when, in the small hours of the morning, the speaker declared the session closed.

Who Cares?

Paris Stunned by Bernhardt Death: Body Lies in State

France Not So Deeply Stirred by Loss of Any Personage Since Demise of Victor Hugo.

By Associated Press.

Paris, March 27.—All France mourns today, for her well beloved daughter, Sarah Bernhardt, is dead.

Paris is stunned, scarcely believing that she who was regarded as almost immortal in more than one sense of the word, has passed away. It seems not too much to say that not since the death of Victor Hugo has France been stirred so deeply.

As the Academician de Flers observes in Figaro, Bernhardt probably shares with Hugo and Pasteur the distinction of being the most illus-

By Associated Press.

Paris, March 27.—The chamber in which Bernhardt's body lies is already filled with the flowers brought by hundreds of her admirers. The first bunch of lilies was placed on the bier in the early morning by her granddaughter.

Abbe Loutil, the great actress' close friend for many years, remarked that in death she had recovered the beauty of her youth.

"Her expression," he added, "is one of peace."

trious person in the last hundred years of French history. Divine Sarah was undoubtedly one of the greatest ambassadors of French art and literature who ever lived.

It was thus befitting that the public which idolized her and which she in turn held so close to her heart, should have lingered reverently in the soft spring night outside the house in the Boulevard Perelere, where she lived for 38 years, sharing the vigil with the family within. After midnight, when the theaters were closed, came the people of the stage to pay tribute to their illustrious comrade. Among them were Sacha Guitry, the playwright, who had a filial respect for Bernhardt; Cecile Sorel, Rachel Boyer and a host of other stars.

Included in the number also was James Hackett, who, according to L'Eclair, cabled President Harding requesting him to announce officially to the people of the United States the death of the greatest artist in the world.

Bernhardt lies on her bed covered

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Spanish War Veterans Seek Share in Bonus

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, March 27.—At a meeting tonight of the committee on the soldiers' bonus measure, representatives of the Spanish war veterans appeared and asked to have members of that organization included in the provisions of the bill. It is understood there is no opposition to the proposed change.

Oklahoma Bandits Escape Posse

Officers Fought Off for 24 Hours—Aerial Police Fail to Take Part in Hunt.

Tulsa, Okl., March 27.—Five outlaws, believed to have been led by Al Spencer, late this afternoon slipped through a cordon of officers and armed citizens and escaped across the Cimarron river near Terlton after fighting off for nearly 24 hours the stubbon advance of a posse which pursued four members of the same band after they had held up and robbed the state bank at Mannford late yesterday of $600.

One bandit was captured and another killed during the fighting yesterday in the Osage hills near Terlton.

The intended flight of Chief D. A. McIntyre of the Tulsa aerial police to the scene of the fighting was abandoned because of engine trouble after two attempts to take off this afternoon.

Commission Orders Rates Investigation

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Washington, March 27.—The Interstate Commerce commission today notified the governor of Nebraska and the Nebraska Railway commission that it has responded favorably to the request of the Nebraska authorities for an investigation of class rates between certain Missouri and Mississippi river points east on one hand and all stations in Nebraska on the other. The investigation is to be conducted concurrently with the proceedings before the Nebraska State Railway commission relating to intrastate class rates and the governing classifications in Nebraska. The time and places for the hearing have not yet been set.

Drivers in Fatal Auto Collision Held Blameless

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Kearney, Neb., March 27.—"Unavoidable accident" was the substance of a coroner's jury verdict in the inquest over the death of John Saunders, jr., killed in an auto collision Friday night. Kenneth Schuck of Elm Creek and Merle Dow of Kearney, drivers of the cars, were exonerated.

It appeared that both cars were traveling down the middle of the road and turned out only, as they thought, sufficient to permit them to pass each other. The distance was misjudged and the fatal collision followed.

Pennsylvania Legislature Opposes Daylight Saving

Harrisburg, Pa., March 27.—Daylight saving time in Pennsylvania received a setback today when the senate passed the Derrick bill prohibiting the adoption by municipalities of any time other than standard eastern time. The vote was 34 to 14

Darr Estate Is Ordered Divided With Relatives

Brothers and Sisters of Louisville (Neb.) Capitalist to Share $200,000 With Widow.

District Judge Fitzgerald yesterday afternoon signed a decree that virtually means the breaking of the George Darr $200,000 estate.

In one of the shortest will on record in county court, Darr, a Louisville (Neb.) capitalist who died a year ago, bequeathed his wife a life's interest in his estate.

Darr's brothers and sisters, living in Ohio, had Attorneys Samuel Winters and Henry Beal contest the will on the grounds that they were entitled to a share of the estate.

Fitzgerald decreed that Darr's brothers and sisters should receive one-half of the estate, while Mrs. Darr, the widow, was to obtain the profits of their half during her life.

If Mrs. Darr should marry and have a child, Fitzgerald ruled that the entire estate is given to her, while if she should die without any children, the entire estate is divided between her family and Darr's brothers and sisters.

Soviet Threatens to Blow Up Jap Ship

By Associated Press.

Tokio, March 27.—The soviet government of Vladivostok has threatened to blow up the Japanese cruiser Nisshin Nisshin now in Vladivostok harbor unless her captain stops transmitting wireless message for Japanse merchants, according to advices received here.

It is understood here that, following the soviet charge against the cruiser's captain and the threat to destroy the vessel, the Japanese admiralty has ordered the Nisshin Nisshin to return to Japan and avoid complications.

Mysterious Flashes.

Kansas City, Mo., March 27.—Investigators today were speculating as to the source of mysterious explosions and flashes of fire, high up in the sky which were observed here and at Pittsburgh, Kan., shortly before 2 o'clock this morning. Some reported the explosions and light as being similar to a meteor. Others thought it might be caused by a burning airplane. The display was reported to be visible southwest of Kansas City and southeast of Pittsburgh.

The Weather

Forecast.

Wednesday, fair and colder.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	38	1 p. m.	42
6 a. m.	37	2 p. m.	42
7 a. m.	37	3 p. m.	42
8 a. m.	39	4 p. m.	42
9 a. m.	41	5 p. m.	42
10 a. m.	44	6 p. m.	41
11 a. m.	45	7 p. m.	39
12 noon	42	8 p. m.	39

House Votes Acceptance of Report

Request for Resignations of Chancellor, Dean and Extension Worker Intimated as Part of Changes.

Dr. Condra Is Criticised

By P. C. POWELL.
Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, March 27.—Resignations of Samuel Avery, chancellor; Carl C. Engberg, executive dean, and A. A. Reed, head of the extension department of the state university, are hinted at as in the offing in a report submitted today to the house by the special university investigation committee, which has been at work since the second week of the session.

These resignations are not set out specifically in the report which was adopted by an almost unanimous vote of the house. The only reference to decapitation in the document follows:

"Your committee respectfully submits the statement that they have referred facts gathered in the investigation to the board of regents, that a reorganization of the administrative department is suggested by numerous business, educational interests and taxpayers throughout the state as a means of the advancement of the best interests of the University of Nebraska."

Resignations Asked Secretly.

However, members of the committee told fellow legislators that this part of the report meant the resignations enumerated had been suggested to the regents in their secret sessions held by the regents and committee members in the last two days. Certain committee members asserted tonight that the regents admitted the resignations would be accepted.

A refutation of this statement was broadcast tonight in official Lincoln. It was asserted that the regents would not demand the resignations, but might in the end accept such resignations.

The theory accepted by a majority of members of the house was that the resignations might not be received for weeks, perhaps months, depending on the length of time necessary to effect a readjustment. In all quarters it was confidently predicted there would be no haste made in effecting changes in an institution in which every man, woman and child in Nebraska admittedly takes pride.

Two Reports Submitted.

The committee presented two reports. One contained a result of its findings in a probe of the university and suggested numerous changes.

The other pertained to activities of Dr. George A. Condra of the extension department of the upniversity, in handling stock personally in two stock promotion projects in Nebraska in which considerable money was lost and in alleged failure of Dr. Condra to make thorough investigations in oil and potash stock selling schemes prevalent during the year.

One of Dr. Condra's duties is to investigate validity of advertised claims of oil and other minerals made by stock-selling concerns. It was in this duty the committee charged specifically that "Dr. Condra was not thorough in his investigations in both potash stock and oil units or leases offered for sale to the people of Nebraska during the period of inflation." The reference to Condra admittely touched a sensitive vein of many of the legislators.

Probably no man in Nebraska comes in closer personal contact with legislators than the doctor.

Solons Pose for Condra.

It is his duty to have them pose for as many pictures as they desire. These pictures become a part of his moving picture slides shown throughout the length and breadth of the state. He has been very active in legislative halls in taking movie pictures of the legislature in the last two months.

Members arose and asserted that Dr. Condra's good reputation was at stake, that he should be given an opportunity to disprove the charges. Members of the committee expressed a willingness to have the doctor summoned.

"We have sworn affidavits to prove every charge we have made," Yochum of Otoe, member of the committee, said.

It was suggested first that the doctor be summoned and newspaper men and the public be barred from the house of representatives while the hearing was under way. Representative Densmore of Beatrice went all one better.

Would Deny Reports.

"I move that the part of the report affecting Dr. Condra be taken from newspaper men and they be instructed not to print it," Densmore shouted.

His words were not out of his mouth until the house witnessed a rapid exit of newspaper men. Each newswriter held a copy of the report firmly in his hand.

"Mr. Chairman," shouted Dyball of Omaha, "the newspaper men are running out of the chamber with these reports. I move the sergeant-at-arms be instructed to go after them and we use some discipline on them."

"It'll take a better racer than anyone in the house to catch those fellows before they call their papers and give that report," Dysart of Omaha retorted.

"This to my mind has gone far enough. We have made the Condra

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