

MULLER SAYS CALLS FRANCE'S HAND

Prohibition Politics Is Explained

Senators, Congressmen and Political Leaders Blamed Rather Than Heads of Enforcement Bureau.

Bryan Favored Haynes

By MARK SULLIVAN.
Washington, Nov. 1.—Governor Pinchot's perfectly satisfied of the administration for failure to enforce the prohibition law as effectively as the Pennsylvania governor thinks it ought to be enforced, indicates that the church people behind him are determined to keep it up until they get action of one kind or another.

In the first criticism, Governor Pinchot said that the trouble was "politics." Most of Washington thinks he is right. But it is the politics of United States senators, members of congress and party leaders throughout the country, rather than the politics of the persons in Washington directly concerned with enforcing prohibition.

These persons are three: The first, Roy Haynes, who is the prohibition commissioner. As to him, nobody charges politics. The Anti-Saloon league is perfectly satisfied with his good faith and zeal. He tries his best to enforce the law and nobody has ever charged that he practices politics. In point of fact, at the time Mr. Haynes was appointed by the late President Harding, your correspondent was told by some unnamed republican leaders from Ohio, that it was wholly without consideration of the republican organization in that state. Further than this, your correspondent was told the only recommendation of Haynes made to Harding came from William Jennings Bryan, and that it was on Mr. Bryan's recommendation wholly, or certainly chiefly, that Harding made the appointment. So there is no politics in the case of Haynes.

Above Mr. Haynes is Internal Revenue Commissioner David K. Blair, and above Mr. Blair is Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. These two men are Mr. Haynes' superiors. Mr. Haynes says that he is not interfered with by his superiors, either because of politics, or because of any other consideration.

The truth is, if you move about among republican senators and congressmen here in Washington, you will hear several times a day that Mr. Blair and Mr. Mellon in all their official actions covering not only prohibition but tax collections and other functions are less susceptible to political influences than the republican senators and congressmen think they ought to be. It is notorious among republican senators and congressmen that Mr. Blair and Mr. Mellon have retained in their departments liter-

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489 Teachers Attend Meeting at Holdrege

Holdrege, Neb., Nov. 1.—Four hundred and eighty-nine southwest Nebraska teachers were registered here at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. Indications point to a record enrollment as each incoming train brings additional members of the profession.

Governor Has to Itemize Laundry Bill for State

Lincoln, Nov. 1.—Deputy Auditor Frank B. Honza is not the least bit intimidated by Governor Bryan's denunciation of his holding up a \$7.75 laundry bill subject to itemization. Today the bill was turned back to the finance department for itemization and when it has been concluded it is probable that the bill will be paid, but Honza is not going to allow bills that are not properly drawn, governor or no governor.

Former Nebraska Banker Dies in Los Angeles

Hastings, Neb., Nov. 1.—George T. Brown, 78, former vice president of the First National bank here, and for 30 years engaged in the banking business in Adams county, died at his home in Los Angeles, according to word received here. Mr. Brown was prominently identified with the development of this section.

Wild Ducks Plentiful

Beatrice, Neb., Nov. 1.—Ducks have been plentiful in this section of the state the past few days, since the rain and snow. One hunter reports that he killed 12 mallards near the mouth of Bear creek on the Blue river, and several other sportsmen report good success.

Corn Yields 45 Bushels

Beatrice, Neb., Nov. 1.—L. L. Trough, living seven miles north of Beatrice on the Cornhusker highway, reports that he is gathering his corn crop, and that it is yielding 45 bushels to the acre. He says that most of the corn is well matured.

Nebraska Poultry and Products Yield Annual Returns Almost Equal to Wheat

Eggs Valued at \$25,500,000 and Dressed Poultry Worth \$10,000,000 Sold Each Year by Farmers—Total Wheat Value, \$57,445,000.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Lincoln, Nov. 1.—Poultry and its products put almost as many dollars into the pockets of Nebraska farmers as wheat, a comparison of figures shows. According to Prof. F. E. Muesel of the poultry department of the agricultural college, eggs bring in \$25,500,000 a year to the owners of poultry and dressed poultry adds another \$10,000,000.

Fraud Hinted in Claims Paid for Hospital Design

Notation on Architect's Bill Filed With Veterans Bureau Puzzles Board of Inquiry.

By Universal Service.
Washington, Nov. 1.—The veterans bureau investigating today revealed these startling facts in connection with the payment of \$33,000, claim of Matthew O'Brien, San Francisco architect, aired yesterday: The claim was allowed and payment made by the general accounting office on an expert showing of attorneys for the claimant.

No effort was made to ascertain the facts on which Director Frank T. Hines of the veterans bureau acted when he disapproved the claim and so notified the general accounting office. President Coolidge, within 30 days, declined to arbitrate the controversy between O'Brien and the veterans bureau on the validity of the claim, advising that it should take its course through the general accounting office and the Hines had disapproved it.

A mysterious pencil memorandum found in the file on this claim remains unexplained. This memorandum was a calculation of 40 per cent of \$3,000, results being \$1,200. Chairman Reed of the investigating committee said of this: "The amount of this claim was \$33,000. Ten per cent of that is \$3,300. Somebody has been figuring on what is 40 per cent of this amount."

Motorist Escapes Bandit

Beatrice, Neb., Nov. 1.—A lone bandit attempted to hold up Frank Holmgren as he was en route home in his car. When the man stepped out in the street and commanded Holmgren to halt he turned his machine to the other side of the street and made his escape. Police were notified, but were unable to find any trace of the would-be robber.

SUNNY SIDE UP

Don VanDusen, editor of the Blair Pilot, emerging from a flower store with Mrs. VanDusen by his side. Cranks up the flapper and drives down the boulevard. The spirit moves him, which is often. Captain of a company in Third Nebraska during Yanko-Spanko war. Veteran in newspaper ranks. Progressive to the point of radicalism, but fine fellow to chum around with.

Complaints about deceptions of youngsters on Halloween, coming chiefly from men who often brag about the deceptions they committed when they were youngsters.

Cornes now the uninteresting in Governor Hadley queer sort of state salt in ton of sea water. May we ever expect preponderance of mud in his water again?

Governor Hadley user sort of state executive. He is really opposed to the enactment of more laws, or even any considerable revision of laws we now have, until the people learn more respect for the laws now on the statute books.

Have you noticed the gradual disappearance of the hatpin? Women no longer fuss around to find a place to jab the pin to fasten hat on head. They simply pick up a hat shaped after the fashion of a trench helmet and jam it down over their heads. Much after the fashion of men. Time saver, also much handier.

The Old Timer recalls that about the most hilarious Halloween celebration ever held in Omaha was just a quarter of a century ago. It marked the close of the Transmississippi exposition, and was participated

High Tariff Duty Urged by Growers

Head of Wheat Farmers Association Will Seek Action From Congress and President.

Export Bureau Sought

Denver, Nov. 1.—President Coolidge and congress will be urged to place a heavier tariff on wheat imported into the United States and to establish a government board or bureau with power to purchase and merchandise the exportable surplus, George C. Jewett, general manager of the American Wheat Growers' association, said.

The announcement followed a two-day conference between representatives of the wheat growers' organization and the Lowden committee, at which plans for centralizing the control of co-operative wheat marketing were discussed. Mr. Jewett said his association would urge that the government bureau or board be given authority to sell the wheat in the world markets, and that any loss taken on the exportable surplus be prorated back on the entire wheat crop.

Women Teachers Awarded Prizes After Banquet

Male Instructors Barred From Dinner—Omaha Wins First in Painting Contest.

Miss Belle Ryan presided as toastmistress at the all-women's banquet at the Hotel Fontenelle last night. The dinner was arranged by Miss Mary Foster, who had charge of the prize list. Prizes of considerable value were donated by Omaha merchants, and these were distributed by lot amidst great applause.

At each place were plates and brush with flowers, and each guest was asked to paint the portrait of a neighbor on the right or left. Much merriment ensued when the committee reported and the various artistic efforts portrayed. Miss Elsie Smith of Omaha was awarded first prize in the painting contest.

Among the distinguished guests were Miss Fatty Hill of Columbia university, Miss Hill spoke briefly, among other things saying that she noted a growing pride on the part of teachers in the profession they have chosen, and better spirit prevailing among them.

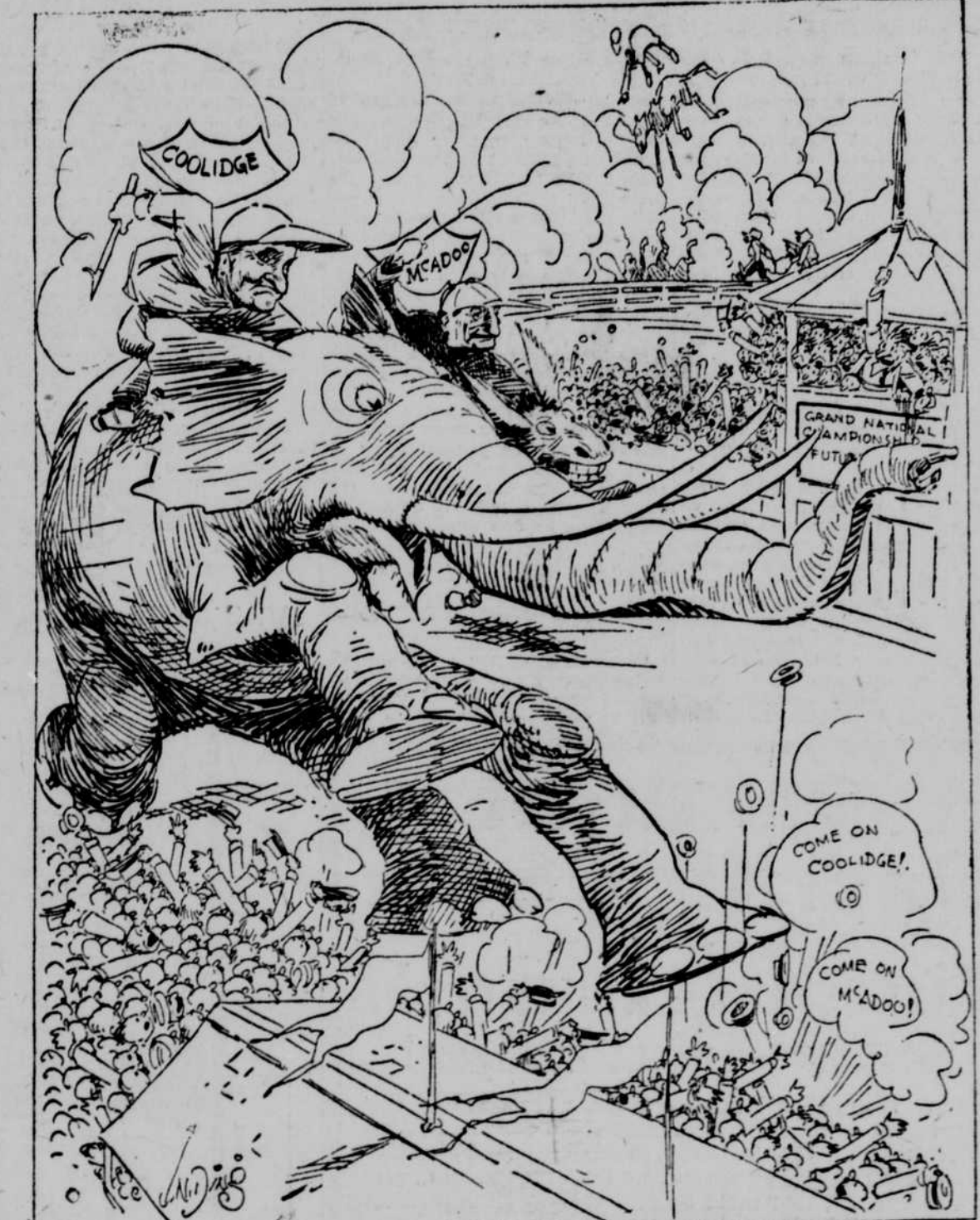
Road Contractors Sue State for \$42,428.72

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Lincoln, Nov. 1.—Counsel for Peterson, Shirley & Gunther, Omaha contractors, appeared in district court here this morning to prosecute a \$42,428.72 suit against the state of Nebraska and George W. Marsh, state auditor. The contracting company claims it has not been sufficiently paid for the Harrison-Whitney road in Sioux county and seeks to recover through the courts.

Man May Lose Leg From Accident With Shredder

Kearney, Neb., Nov. 1.—Frank Cline of Pleasanton, is a patient in the hospital here as the result of an unusual accident which occurred on his farm several days ago. While engaged in shredding corn, a pin in the machinery became fastened and Cline sought to kick it loose. His foot caught in the shredder and before the machine could be brought to a standstill the leg was drawn up in the knee. The bones were crushed and amputation may be necessary to save his life.

A Ventured Prediction as to What We Will Be Doing a Year From Now



Judge Who Nominated W. J. Bryan Near Death



Kearney, Neb., Nov. 1.—Judge W. D. Oldham, who was stricken with apoplexy about three months ago, and who has been invalid since that time, is reported slowly sinking and attending physicians fear that the end is near.

Teachers Use Trains Instead of Motors

Teachers from all parts of Nebraska are taking advantage of the reduced railroad fares in force during the convention, and are coming to Omaha in large numbers behind a puffing locomotive. Few have made their way by automobile, according to J. L. Haskin, secretary of the Omaha Auto club.

State's Claim to \$100,000 Estate in Hands of Jury

Hastings, Neb., Nov. 1.—The second hearing of heirship claimants to the \$100,000 estate of John O'Connor, Hastings reclusive, closed late today when the case went to the jury. Four groups claim the estate, headed by John P. Kirkman, Omaha; Edward Conner, Lapeer, Mich.; Rudolph Olson, Selkirk, Manitoba, Canada, and Mary J. Gallagher, Denver.

Sidelights on Teachers' Meeting

Miss Emma Scherwin, county superintendent of Cedar, comes all the way from Hartington to attend the teachers' convention here. That is her furthest point in the Second district.

One of the most enthusiastic of the county superintendents present is Miss Brown of Thurston county. She brought a large proportion of the county's rural teachers with her.

Superintendent J. I. Ray of the Emerson schools is kept busy trying to listen in on all the sectional meetings.

A. H. Waterhouse, superintendent of the Fremont schools, former principal of the Omaha High, is a busy man. He made three addresses Thursday, and shook hands with 1,500 other friends in Omaha.

One of the real live teachers present is Mrs. Elsie Jaeger of Columbus. She has charge of what is called the "opportunity room" of Columbus schools and is proving wonderfully expert at fitting children into the right niches.

A. V. Larson, head of the manual training department of the Columbus schools, is admittedly one of the leaders in that department of school activity.

Says Meet Must Aim to Fix Sum

Holds Part in Reparations Parley Useless Unless Germany's Ability to Pay Is Determined.

Poincare Intrigue Seen

Washington, Nov. 1.—The United States will refuse to participate in the proposed reparations conference unless it is permitted to inquire into Germany's capacity to pay.

This statement was made today by an authorized spokesman for the government, who added: "It never has been our intention that the delegates to the conference should conduct an abortive and limited inquiry."

Premier Poincare then (if press reports from Paris are verified) seemingly succeeded in imposing a condition to which the government will not give its assent when he said: "Let it be the reparations conference not attempt either to change decisions already taken regarding the total amount of our credits, or engage in future attempts indefinitely."

The spokesman declared that all previous official utterances of the French premier could be squared with the terms upon which it is proposed to hold the conference. It was asserted that if that government is notified officially that the conference must not investigate Germany's reparations paying ability, it will not be worth while to agree to American participation.

The state department tonight without word from France that Poincare has barred a reparations inquiry, but officials obviously were disturbed through unofficial channels.

The theory hitherto held by Secretary Hughes that in his various public speeches Premier Poincare merely was reserving all French rights from the danger of being arbitrarily disposed of by the conference, is badly shaken. Officials now admit that it looks very much as though Poincare is following deliberately the policy of piling condition on condition until Great Britain and the United States give up all hope of reducing Germany's war bill through international agreement.

Get Out Rainstick Robins Advice

Warm South Wind Brings Clouds and Wet Weather for Friday Predicted.

Omaha's Indian summer weather may revert to a semblance of April showers today, if the weather man is to have his way about it. "Warmer and partly cloudy, with probable showers," opined M. V. Robins, meteorologist of the weather bureau last night.

Yesterday, the wind from the west, which had caused the hasty exit of Chief Winter a few days ago, began to lose prestige with the records at the weather bureau, and a moist warm south wind breezed into Omaha at the rate of eight miles an hour. It brought with it some of the clouds which have been trying to form a smoke screen over the sky in the sunny southland. Hence, Mr. Robins' forecast.

Snow on the streets has disappeared entirely, though a little still remains on some of the sidewalks. In some lots, the white coverlet has remained intact, to the bewilderment of Old Sol and passing science-bugs.

The mercury yesterday registered 33 degrees at 7 a. m., when the official rate of eight miles an hour begins. At noon it had reached 47 degrees. Three hours later it still hovered around 48 degrees.

Weather similar to Omaha's was reported throughout the state. The same general condition prevailed in Minnesota, Iowa, the Dakotas and other nearby states.

Paralytic Stroke Fatal to Platte Center Pioneer

Columbus, Neb., Nov. 1.—Frank Stracke, 80, pioneer settler of Platte county, died at his home near Platte Center today. He suffered a paralytic stroke Tuesday.

Funeral services await the arrival of a daughter, Mrs. Frank Kohl, who is expected tomorrow from Canada. Surviving Mr. Stracke are his wife, Mrs. Mary Stracke, of Platte Center, and Bernard Stracke of Platte Center, and three daughters, Mrs. Diesburg, Platte Center; Mrs. Will Krings, Cedar Rapids, Neb.; and Mrs. Kohl of Canada.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. November 1, 1923:
1. Highest Temperature.
2. Lowest Temperature.
3. Mean Temperature.
4. Total Precipitation since January 1, 1923.
5. Relative Humidity, Percentage.
6. Precipitation, Inches and Hundredths.
7. Total Precipitation since January 1, 1923.
8. Hourly Temperatures.

Time	Temp.	Humidity	Wind	Clouds
7 a. m.	33	75	W 8	Partly Cloudy
8 a. m.	34	75	W 8	Partly Cloudy
9 a. m.	35	75	W 8	Partly Cloudy
10 a. m.	36	75	W 8	Partly Cloudy
11 a. m.	37	75	W 8	Partly Cloudy
12 m.	38	75	W 8	Partly Cloudy
1 p. m.	39	75	W 8	Partly Cloudy
2 p. m.	40	75	W 8	Partly Cloudy
3 p. m.	41	75	W 8	Partly Cloudy
4 p. m.	42	75	W 8	Partly Cloudy
5 p. m.	43	75	W 8	Partly Cloudy
6 p. m.	44	75	W 8	Partly Cloudy
7 p. m.	45	75	W 8	Partly Cloudy