

## POLICARS FARM FOR SECURITY

### No Need of Calling on Legislature

#### Republican Members Reply to Governor Bryan's Plea for Funds to Pay Road Bills.

#### Is Bookkeeping Problem

Republican state legislators in Omaha declare that there is no need for Governor Bryan to call a special session of the legislature to appropriate approximately \$420,000 to meet unmet claims of road contractors.

"The governor stated Saturday that he is willing to call a special session if the contractors and republican legislators pay the expenses, and if the republican members will make proper apology to the people for their actions during the last session."

"There is no need for a special session," said Senator J. W. Cooper last night. "The sum is sufficiently large to warrant the contractors waiting for it the short time necessary, and get the appropriation in the usual manner."

"The contractors should be paid, of course, and the suggested course may be according to the best business principles, but it takes a nerve to ask legislators, state officials and the contractors to meet the necessary expense incurred."

The supreme court handed down a decision Saturday that the contractors could not be paid out of the appropriation made at the last session for road construction.

A. W. Ellasser, democrat, takes this as a vindication of the governor's position. He declared that Governor McKelvie on leaving office announced that no deficit existed and he holds that after an investigation Governor Bryan discovered a deficit in the road fund.

George F. Staats, Fremont, leader in the house, and pioneer in the good roads movement, stated last night that he is not in favor of the proposed special session.

"If Governor Bryan wants a special session," he said, "let him call it."

Advisors from Lincoln state that no amendments were let by the previous state administration in excess of the amount scheduled from state and federal aid funds.

The federal government is customarily behind hand in paying its share of road construction costs. However, it is declared that enough was forth coming from the federal treasury for building Nebraska highways in 1921 to meet all expenditures.

When McKelvie went out of office and Bryan came in, difficulties were created that resulted in the loss of some federal aid. The United States government officials balked on certain overruns and a dispute over Cherry county roads left the fund short of expectations.

The new decision of the supreme court, which forbade payment of old road claims out of new funds, changed the situation still further. In the past the joint road fund was considered as a running account. Inasmuch as the federal program is made for six years, the state authorities also worked on the six-year plan, instead of keeping each two-year period separate, as Governor Bryan has held they should be.

Question of Bookkeeping.

J. W. Fowle, president of the Allied Contractors, Inc., stated last night that he is under the impression there will be no need of an extra session.

"Money to meet all claims," he said, "is at present in the treasury of the state, and no information has been given. It is merely a matter of bookkeeping to meet these bills. We can give no definite answer until we have read the complete decision handed down by the court. Of course, the claims are just."

"If the funds should happen not to be in the treasury and it is necessary to call a special session, I do not think it would be just to ask a certain portion of the legislature or the contractors to meet expenses."

### Conditions Are Worse in Canada, Says Farmer

Ord, Neb., Nov. 18.—Carl Sorenson of Ord returned Wednesday from central Canada where he has been looking after his farm holdings. He states that, while crops are quite good up there, the prices they bring and conditions in general are considerably worse than they are in Nebraska.

### Third Party Is Advised by Johnson

#### Minnesota Senator Addresses Farmer-Labor Meetings in Chicago—Expects to Be Heard.

#### Will Fight Standpatter

Chicago, Nov. 18.—If the Farmer-Labor party follows the advice of Senator Magnus Johnson, there will be a labor party ticket in the field in the presidential election next year. Speaking before the Chicago Federation of Labor meeting today, Senator Johnson said that the farmer-labor party had nothing to lose by nominating candidates and making a fight, as it would make little difference to the farmer and the worker which of the two old party tickets was victorious.

Senator Johnson made two speeches in Chicago. Following the afternoon meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor, he addressed a farmer-labor party mass meeting in the evening, at which an admission was charged.

**Will Not Be Idle.**

"I am on my way to Washington to take my seat in the senate of this country," said Senator Johnson. "I am a new man and I will sort of have to feel my way, but I'll tell you right now that I will not be idle here."

"Before my election, some of the Minneapolis newspapers predicted that if I was elected the supreme court of this country would be destroyed. Other beautiful things were said of me—that if I was elected I would bring about a revolution in this country."

"So you see I am some guy—if I can do this in the supreme court of the United States and start a revolution, but I was elected, and you haven't seen a revolution yet. I am not a radical at all. I know when to put on the brakes. On the third of next month, I will take my seat. I know that my grammar is not perfect, and that I am far behind the great statesman, Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts. They say his English cannot be improved. But I think he can understand me when I get up to speak."

**Fair to Business.**

"I intend to be fair to business, as well as to the farmer and the workman. I will not stand for laws unfair to the business of this country and will live business a square deal. I am not going to Washington to tear down our churches, our school houses and other institutions."

"But I will see that the trust and big business interests give up that

which they have that does not belong to them."

Senator Johnson said that in addition to laws intended to help the farmer and the worker, that with the assistance of other progressives, he was going to use the agricultural department to bring about an "orderly production" of the products of the farm, and an "orderly market."

"I believe that President Coolidge will be nominated by the republican party," said Senator Johnson. "I don't know who will be nominated by the democrats, but I know that the people of the middle west will not stand for a standpatter. Our hope is through the farmer-labor party and a joining together of the farmers and the workers of the cities."

### Tax is Opposed by Leaders

#### Senator Smoot, Who Will Head Finance Committee, Will Support Mellon Program.

#### Regulars Now Back Plan

Washington, Nov. 18.—Tax reduction legislation at the coming session of congress seemed almost a certainty tonight.

The announcement of Senator Reed Smoot, who will be the chairman of the finance committee, that he will get behind the Mellon program in the senate, if it is passed by the house, was believed to have given irresistible momentum to the movement.

Smoot's change of heart means that Senator Lodge, majority leader, Senator Curtis, whip, and others among the "regulars" or conservative republican leaders in the senate likewise have abandoned their original idea of preventing consideration of the proposals before the presidential election.

This reversal of attitude was interpreted as signifying that word had been received that the Mellon program was an administration proposition and that the president will urge it vigorously in his message.

**Politics Is Feared.**

Senator Smoot, it was pointed out, would not have assumed responsibility for announcing the matter will have to come up unless he thoroughly understood this to be the desire of the other leaders with whom he has been co-operating. Smoot was the first senator to put out the statement that the Mellon plan would not be acted upon because of the danger of the La Follette progressives and democrats playing politics with it by tacking on obnoxious amendments increasing, rather than decreasing, taxes. This same view was reiterated after a conference between Smoot, Lodge, Curtis, Warren and others when the majority leaders arrived Friday.

Now that these forces are determined to get behind the bill in the senate, if it comes over from the house, there is believed to be little or no doubt that it will go through the lower branch, although there may be some modification of the proposal, but there has been no attempt to commit senators and representatives to the exact details of the Mellon suggestions.

Representative Martin B. Madden of Illinois, chairman of the appropriations committee, announced tonight that he is in favor of the Mellon program except the proposed repeal of the amusement taxes, and with this exception he will give it his full support.

**Confers With Coolidge.**

Senator Lodge had a luncheon conference with President Coolidge today. The tax reduction program was thoroughly thrashed out and a number of other legislative matters to be treated in the president's message gone over.

Lodge was understood to have told the president the exact situation in the senate and to have ascertained Mr. Coolidge's definite views. The executive is expected to insist upon exert the full power of the administration's influence to that end. With the president and the conservatives in the senate, as well as Senator Borah, progressive, who has taken part in the fight, making common cause with the "ones for all" in the proposed relief bill, can be passed.

Senator Smoot asserts, however, that this will require the support of nine or ten conservative democrats. Steps now are being taken to ascertain whether that many minority members will agree to forego politics and go along with the plan. Senator Glass of Virginia, former secretary of the treasury in the Wilson cabinet and king of Utah, form a powerful nucleus for this force.

**Smoot Explains Stand.**

Explaining his position tonight, Senator Smoot said that he not only agrees with the principle of the Mellon plan, but he would favor going a little further than the secretary. Some taxes which Mr. Mellon has not included might be cut down, the senator said.

His only objection from the beginning, he emphasized, has been the danger of having the measure made a political measure and a lot of obnoxious amendments added to it. But, the senator now believes the proposition must be taken up in spite of this danger and he, with the other "regular leaders" are going to fight to see it through.

Discussing the soldier bonus, which is declared in some quarters would interfere with the proposed tax reductions, Senator Smoot said that the bonus advocates will accept a sales tax, but he will be glad to vote for the bonus. Many of the other bonus opponents would do the same thing.

The point is made that by carrying a sales tax to finance it, the bonus would not block the tax reduction program.

**Fall Grain Doing Well**

Callaway, Neb., Nov. 18.—The fall grain is going into the winter in better shape than it has for several years. The grain will be of good height before the heavy freezes set in.

### Infuriated Ducks and Flock Is Maddened by Crippled Fowl's Cries

O'Neill, Neb., Nov. 18.—John Bilsinger, Chicago sportsman, is under the care of physicians at the Double O ranch, northwest of Cottonwood lake, recovering from numerous bruises and a severe buffeting received at the lake last week while fighting for his life against the attacks of a mixed flock of infuriated redbird ducks and Canadian brant.

Mr. Bilsinger, inexperienced as a duck hunter, was shooting from a blind well out in the shallow lake, when he crippled a brant which dropped close to the rushes, well away from him. Leaving his gun in the blind he stalked after the brant and caught it before it could get to deeper water. Aroused by its cries, the flock, which had taken flight, circled and attacked the hunter, who because of his waders filling with water was unable to get back promptly to his gun and the blind.

The infuriated birds attacked him with wings and bills in numbers and were joined by an incoming flock of redbirds that had been feeding in a nearby alfalfa field. The battle waged for over an hour and until Mr. Bilsinger, and his hunting coat wrapped about his head to save his eyes, finally reached the shore, from which, after moving his boots, the hunter staggered toward the ranch house a mile and a half away. The birds pursued until frightened away by the baying of a pack of wolf hounds kept by the ranchman to chase coyotes, and then made off.

The incident has been investigated by Prof. M. H. Horsley, a local naturalist, who has made a study of wild birds and their habits. The professor, after visiting the alfalfa field, expresses the belief that the unusual action of the birds was due to their feeding on frost-bitten alfalfa blossoms, the possibility of which as a fighting liquor when made into a tea long has been known to the natives.

Mr. Bilsinger's injuries, while painful, are not serious.

### Postmaster at Table Rock Will Become Mail Carrier

Table Rock, Neb., Nov. 18.—Postmaster Orville Bicknell of Elk Creek, first station north of Table Rock, has resigned to become mail carrier on Route 2 at that place. Mr. Bicknell has served as postmaster there for about one year, but has found the work too confining and has been transferred to rural carrier at his request. The examination which had been called to fill the position of rural mail carrier has accordingly been called off and an examination for the position of postmaster will be held at a later date.

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### Rail Man Retires After 53 Years

#### Charles P. Philbrick of Wyoming Served Burlington More Than Half Century.

Wyoming, Nov. 18.—With the retirement on pension of Charles P. Philbrick of Wyoming, Nebraska loses one of its oldest railway veterans, and the Wyoming division of the Burlington parts with its ranking employee in length of service, he having entered his career on the road in 1870. He now retires after 53 years of active service.

He was in the service when what few strips of the Burlington tracks as were then in eastern Nebraska were known as the Atchison & Nebraska railway. He is one of the most widely known railroad men in the state and has a personal acquaintance with practically every official of the Burlington road.

Mr. Philbrick, as a young boy out of school, entered the railway service in November, 1868 as a machinist's helper, in the shops of the central branch of the Union Pacific at Atchison. This was about the time the express riders, carrying mail between St. Joseph and the Pacific coast, were started.

Eight weeks ago, when there was considerable discussion as to the first pony express rider, Mr. Philbrick wrote a detailed article, which was published in Nebraska and Missouri newspapers, giving a correct account and names of the pony riders, as recalled by his personal association and by records in his possession.

In 1869 Mr. Philbrick went to Boston and entered the Institute of Technology. He did not like the eastern climate and after one term returned west.

Mr. Philbrick headed a construction gang after the disastrous flood in the summer of 1880. He rebuilt the railway line between Atchison and White Cloud, Kan.

In the latter part of 1881 he went to the K. C. S. railway at Kansas City as roadmaster and in 1882 to the Frisco railway in the same capacity.

Returning to the Burlington in September, 1887, he was appointed as train and road master at Nebraska City, beginning a service that was continuous until his retirement.

### Corn in Chase County Averages 50 Bushels

Imperial, Neb., Nov. 18.—Chase county is asking for help to take care of the corn crop. Harry Swink has 560 acres of corn that is making 80 bushels per acre William Hust, near Imperial, has 320 acres making 60 bushels per acre. On County Commissioner Otto Lühr's farm east of Imperial 1,100 acres are making 50 bushels per acre. Ben Beard, southeast of Lamar, has one field making 60 bushels.

Corn in the Lamar neighborhood is making from 40 to 50 bushels per acre. On the S. E. McCoy farm he is selling 7,000 bushels of his old corn; last year he had 16,000 bushels, and this year he will have 25,000 bushels.

Ed Travis has 500 acres and has purchased a corn husking machine in order to get his corn out of the field. The average of the county will be not less than 50 bushels per acre. Farmers are having 6 cents a bushel, board and lodging.

### Weeks Approves World Air Trip

#### Eight Picked Fliers Plan Start in March to Circumnavigate Globe.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Secretary of War Weeks has approved a flight around the world by army planes next spring and summer. The state department is asking other countries for permission to land on their soil. Other worldwide flights have failed, and the army hopes to set the record.

It is believed the correspondence between the state department and the foreign governments will consume several weeks, if not months.

As soon as authority for making the landings abroad has been received, the itinerary definitely will be worked out. The flight personnel will consist of four officers and four enlisted men well qualified for the rigors of the long flight. These have not been selected.

Tentatively, the itinerary and plan follow:

Leave Washington about the middle of next March and proceed to Seattle. Depart from Seattle April 1, flying northward along the coast of Canada and southern Alaska, across the Aleutian islands, through the possessions of Japan, along the shores of China, French Indo China, Siam and Burma, across India, up the Persian gulf, across Turkey and Europe to England, thence north through the Faroe islands to Iceland, thence to Greenland and southward along the eastern shore of the continent to Cape Farewell, Greenland, from which point a direct flight will be made to Hamilton Inlet, on the coast of Labrador, thence southward along the Canadian shore, up the St. Lawrence to Quebec and Montreal, and thence southward to Washington.

### Former Halsey Banker Is Paroled From Pen

Lincoln, Nov. 18.—Frank M. Ridings, formerly of Minneapolis, Minn., where his family now lives, has been granted a parole from the state penitentiary. It was announced today. The action was taken at a meeting of the state board of pardons and paroles yesterday. Ridings, as president for a brief time of the State bank of Halsey, was found guilty of violation of the state banking laws. His parole was recommended, among others, by District Judge Bayard H. Payne, before whom he was tried, on the ground that Ridings' violation was probably the result of inexperience in banking rather than criminal intent.

The board declined to grant either a pardon or parole to Willard V. Matthews, former Omaha banker, who was convicted of embezzlement.

Walter Benford and Harold Benford, convicted at Omaha of automobile thefts, were paroled to Iowa authorities for prosecution.

### Masonic Rites Here Bring 2,000 Visitors

About 2,000 Masons from all parts of Nebraska will attend the 66th annual reunion of consistory No. 1, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, which is to open here tomorrow night.

Candidates, who are expected to pass the 25d degree, are expected from all parts of the middle west. The class of novices will number 150.

### Three Injured When Auto Strikes Trolley

Ed Thomas, 532 South Twenty-seventh street, is in Lord Lister hospital suffering with a broken arm, fractured shoulder and severe lacerations of the head. Mrs. Thomas received lacerations on the head and Vera Mae 13-year-old daughter, has a hand severely cut and a possible fractured skull as the result of a collision of the Thomas car with a street car at Twenty-eighth and Military avenue.

The Thomas car was going east on Military avenue, when the accident occurred, and it is believed Thomas did not see the street car coming around the corner.

### Frozen Apples Sold.

Auburn, Neb., Nov. 18.—During the past week apples which were frozen on the trees in this vicinity have been taken to Brownville where they are sold to the vinegar mill.

### Omaha Girl Signs to Make Australian Concert Tour

Miss Jane Beets, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Beets, has contracted to tour Australia and New Zealand next year. She is a graduate in voice of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. She has visited her parents here for the last several summers and has appeared at various churches in solo work. The successful career which now seems launched has been foreseen for her by voice critics both here and in Cincinnati.

### The Weather

Hourly Temperatures.		Hourly Temperatures.	
8 A. M.	44	1 P. M.	56
9 A. M.	44	2 P. M.	56
10 A. M.	44	3 P. M.	56
11 A. M.	43	4 P. M.	56
12 M.	43	5 P. M.	56
1 P. M.	43	6 P. M.	56
2 P. M.	42	7 P. M.	56
3 P. M.	42	8 P. M.	56
4 P. M.	42	9 P. M.	56
5 P. M.	42	10 P. M.	56
6 P. M.	42	11 P. M.	56
7 P. M.	42	12 M.	56

### Declares France Will Stay in Ruhr

#### Premier Demands Complete Fulfillment of Versailles Treaty and Guaranteed Safety for French.

#### No Gradual Evacuation

Neully, France, Nov. 18.—Raymond Poincaré, premier of France, today served notice on the world that France is determined to remain in the Ruhr and the Rhineland until all clauses of the Versailles treaty are completely executed and the security of France is guaranteed.

The premier who apparently was in a combative mood, added that new penalties against Germany would be imposed unless full satisfaction from Germany was obtained.

The premier expressed no disappointment over the failure in the negotiations for the creation of a commission of experts to determine Germany's capacity to pay. He said France was firmly resolved that she was quite capable of bringing Germany to terms.

"France is determined," said M. Poincaré, "not to evacuate the occupied territories until all the clauses of the treaty signed at Versailles have been completely executed and we are firmly protected against fresh policies of aggression."

German defiance of the treaty as regards military control and the return to Germany of former Crown Prince Frederick William called for penalties against Germany, the premier declared, "and we shall take them unless we obtain satisfaction."

#### Must Have Security.

The occasion of the premier's speech was the unveiling of a monument to the war dead at Neully. Great interest had been attached to the speech, inasmuch as it was the first delivered by H. Poincaré in the metropolitan district since he began his Sunday electoral campaign. Today Poincaré's speech was received with more bluntly and went farther in the way of France's demands upon Germany than he had done in the provinces. Hitherto he always had declared the Ruhr would be evacuated progressively in proportion to the reparations payments.

"As much as I insist upon receiving reparations," declared M. Poincaré, "we are no less determined to obtain our security. Germany for a long time has played fast and loose with the treaty's stipulations destined to guarantee it. It has paralyzed the action of the interallied control commission, it has been endeavoring to rebuild in secret its war weapons and to reorganize her military formations forbidden by the treaty."

"Meanwhile it's authorized the heir to the imperial throne to return to the country. It is welcoming the man who is inscribed at the top of the list of those guilty of responsibility for the war, from the exploits of whom my compatriots of the Meuse department suffered during the greater part of the war. These acts on the part of the German government are intolerable challenges to the allies—brazen violations of the treaty, insolent outrages to justice. They call for sanctions. We will take them unless we obtain satisfaction."

#### Cool Toward Allied Conference.

A crowd of several thousand working men, dressed in their Sunday clothes and small bourgeois intellectuals, the latter the most impoverished class in France in consequence of the war and the greatest sufferers from the present high cost of living, cheered the words of the premier long and loudly. "Keep on," they shouted. "We and France are behind you."

Reverting to an investigation of Germany's ability to pay, M. Poincaré said:

"Our proposition for the scope of an investigation into Germany's capacity to pay has been found too limited, because we did not wish to judge Germany's future from her present state. When it was realized we refused to accept that the German debt by devious means should be reduced, the real which has been shown for the creation of an experts' conference immediately cooled. We can console ourselves with that abortion. We should have been very happy to reach an agreement with our allies upon a settlement of the reparations questions, provided we were not made to bear the entire cost of it."

#### Says Jealousy Cause of Forbes' Exposure

Washington, Nov. 18.—Elias H. Mortimer, chief accountant of Col. Charles R. Forbes, as a dramatic climax to a week of sensational testimony, declared that domestic troubles between himself and his wife, Mrs. Catherine Tallifer Mortimer, to which Forbes was a party, prompted him to make his startling accusations against the former director of the Veterans' bureau.

Mortimer was recalled to the stand before the senate investigating committee.

Asked if he realized that what he had testified to constituted an admission he had entered into a conspiracy to defraud the government and that in so doing he had laid himself liable to prosecution, he replied: "Yes, I do. If it is such I'll be coming to take what is coming to me."

#### Plot on Peru President.

Lima, Peru, Nov. 18.—A plot to assassinate President Leguia was frustrated here last night. Several members of the supreme court are reported to have attempted a coup to gain control of the government. Germain Martinez, a relative of the president, is in jail charged with being the leader of the plot.