

CARBIDE BLAST KILLS FARMER

Legislative Child Labor Fight Looms

Advocates of Ratification Promised Hard Sledding; "Job-Hunters" Anxious to Hear of Appointment.

Schools Facing Battle

By WILL M. MAUPIN, Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee, Lincoln, Dec. 30.—While the solons are slow in gathering, the applicants for positions under the new administration are forging in numbers. It is difficult to differentiate between their expectancy and their uncertainty. So far Governor-elect McMillen has given a correct indication of the Sphinx in the matter of revealing secrets. He has undoubtedly made up his mind about the major appointments, but a clear and vociferous institution compared with the Beatrice statesman.

One may hear all sorts of rumors about the appointments, but they are rumors and nothing more. The five code secretarieships and the board of control job are the big plums. But for these seven places there are as many applicants as there are needles and squeaks in a secondhand flivver. Jess Craig and Walton G. Roberts are popularly supposed to know a thing or two about it but they insist with every appearance of candor and thorough honesty that they know less than nothing.

Legislators Drifting In.

About the only sure thing to date is that Clyde Barnard will seek his old job as clerk of the senate, and that Frank Corrick will seek his old job as clerk of the house. Only a handful of legislators have drifted in, and they are not talking about pending legislation. They are here to get acquainted and locate living quarters. But enough is heard drifting here and there through the corridors to indicate that the advocates of ratifying the child labor amendment are not going to have smooth sledding. There will be a hard fight made against ratification.

Nor will the university and normal schools have an unobstructed right-of-way for their proposed system of raising money for maintenance and extensions. There is a growing feeling that these big institutions should show more results before asking for greatly increased appropriations. There seems to be no disposition on the part of legislators to cripple the educational institutions by decreased appropriations, but economy is going to cut more of a figure—more of a real figure, that is—than it has for several years last past.

McMillen on Scene Monday.

Governor McMillen is slated to appear on the scene next Monday, and it is expected that he will immediately shake the plums tree just a little bit. Not enough to detach all the fruit at once, but just the big, ripe, juicy ones. If surface indications are to be relied upon, the secretaryship of the fish and game department is the one giving Governor McMillen the big trouble. Not that there is any lack of applicants for the position. Far be it from so. There are as many as there are stars in the skies and streams. Next in line is the secretaryship. (Turn to Page Two, Column Four.)

MACHINE SKIDS ON SNOW; DRIVER DEAD

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Washington, Kan., Dec. 30.—Because the wheels of his automobile slipped from a snow covered road made glassy smooth by heavy traffic, Owen Brown, 25, farmer living nine miles southwest of Washington, is dead; his companion, Jack McMillen, 30, is not expected to live; and the Ford sedan in which both were riding, was destroyed by fire. The accident occurred at a sharp curve in the road. The car skidded into the ditch at one side and turned over. Gasoline from the tank immediately ignited. Brown, pinned beneath the wreckage, was burned to death. McMillen freed himself and crawled half a mile to the farm house of John Lech, before he collapsed. Lech summoned help and began a search for the car.

Only the metal parts remained. Brown's body was burned beyond recognition. He leaves a widow and two small children.

We Have With Us Today

Dr. Val H. Fuchs, Specialist, New Orleans, La. Dr. Fuchs is here attending the national convention of the medical fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa, at the home of the supreme editor in charge of the organization's monthly publication. He is a native of 'N' Yoilins and a graduate of Tulane university there and specializes in diseases of the ear, nose and throat. He is a member of the Kiwanis club. This is a great country in more ways than one," said he. "When my wife and I left New Orleans last Friday the thermometer stood at 61 above zero. When we arrived in Omaha it stood at 12 below. See American First."

NAVAL DIRIGIBLE ON TEST FLIGHT

Lakehurst, N. J., Dec. 30.—The naval dirigible Los Angeles, under command of Commander J. H. Kline, United States navy, took off this morning on a test flight. The water recovery system recently installed in it was tried. It compensates the ship for loss of weight suffered in consumption of gasoline. The flight was decided upon despite a thin haze that hung over countryside.

Accounts Shift, Bringing Turn in Prices on Market

Erratic Movements Take Place in General Electric Stock—Rail, Industrial Averages Lose Ground.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 30.—Widespread shifting of speculative accounts brought about a very confused price movement in today's stock market, both the rail and industrial averages losing ground, although 32 individual issues soared to new peak prices for the year. One of the most erratic movements of the day took place in General Electric, which has been the subject of countless rumors regarding dividend and recapitalization plans. When it was announced just before the market closed that the company would segregate its electric bond and shareholdings through the formation of a new company whose stock would be distributed to General Electric stockholders, the stock broke from 367 1/2, the highest price reached since 1922, to 296, closing at 297 for a net loss of nearly three points on the day.

This break precipitated a sharp decline in many other active issues, losses of 1 to 9 points being scattered throughout the list with Nash Motors recording the largest decline. The list of new high included Farmers' common and preferred, General Asphalt common and preferred, Shell Union common and preferred, Barnard A. Radio corporation, American Express, International Telephone, Beechum Packing, California Packing, Postum Cereal, S. S. Kresge, American Metal, U. S. Smeltz preferred, Chicago Pneumatic, Continental Can, Wright Tobacco Products and U. S. Industrial Alcohol. Ginter company and Durham Hosiery preferred broke to new low prices for the year.

Demand sterling touched another high above \$4.73 1/4 for a new record.

BANDIT SUSPECT TO U. S. OFFICERS

Robert H. Kinzie, one of the four bank bandit suspects arrested by Omaha police Saturday night, was turned over to federal authorities Tuesday afternoon to answer year-old charges of transporting a stolen automobile from Sioux City to Omaha. This action is believed to have been taken by Eric R. Banks, acting chief of detectives, to forestall Kinzie's release on bond under charges of possessing burglary tools, filed against him Tuesday morning. Kinzie's wife and the two other suspects, Elmer Dunning and John Marsh, are still held for further questioning and identification. Kinzie was taken by federal officials to the county jail to be held for trial.

QUAKE FELT AT BERKELEY, CAL.

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 30.—A moderately strong earthquake was recorded on the seismograph of the University of California last night, which appeared to center about 40 miles south-southwest of here. The record began at 11:27:22 and continued until 11:29. Reports that a slight shock had been felt in the bay region about 5 o'clock this morning were not borne out by the record, which revealed no tremors at 11:29. No record was obtained either of a slight shock reported to have been felt at Santa Barbara early today.

REALTY SALES WORKERS MEET

Members of the salesmen's division of the Omaha Real Estate board held a round table discussion Tuesday noon at their weekly meeting at the Elks club. The discussion dealt with the prospects of business for 1925.

Man Missing for 23 Years Returns; Wife Married

Chicago, Dec. 30.—A husband missing for 23 years was the first applicant answering a "room to rent" sign, Mrs. Mary Touresen told Judge Joseph Sabath in asking a divorce. He celebrated the event by beating her, she said, when he found she had married another man. The judge indicated he would grant her a divorce as she could remarry her present husband, William Corbiss.

Fleet Corporation Turns Back Growers' Request

Washington, Dec. 30.—A recent request of Maine potato growers for free transportation in shipping board vessels of 10,000,000 bushels of potatoes from Maine to Irish ports has been declined by the fleet corporation.

Omaha Man Is Named in Death Probe

Romance Between Carl Sigfrid and Mother of Young McClintock Is Recalled by Shepherd.

Death Thwarted Plans

By A. J. LORENZ, Universal Service Staff Correspondent. Chicago, Dec. 30.—The source of typhoid infection in the North Shore suburbs of Chicago narrowed today to the restaurant in Evanston, where William Nelson McClintock dined with his sweetheart, Isabelle Pope, shortly before he was taken down with his fatal illness. This discovery, made by P. H. Cooney, quarantine officer of the Illinois state board of health, was given to Assistant State's Attorney John Shepherd, who is in charge of the investigation into the death of the millionaire orphan youth.

"Two days after McClintock died I talked to William D. Shepherd, his foster-father," Cooney declared. "I was very much interested in tracing the source of the typhoid cases in North Shore towns at the time, and I asked Mr. Shepherd whether the young man had eaten raw oysters. Mr. Shepherd told me that McClintock had named the restaurant in Evanston. It was the same one in which we found tainted oysters, supplied by a certain company. A number of other typhoid cases were traced to oysters eaten in this same restaurant."

Other Cases Reported.

During the month of November, when McClintock was taken ill, Cooney declared, there were 17 cases of typhoid in the suburbs north of Chicago in the district of which Kenilworth, where the Shepherds' home is located, is a part. Shepherd expressed himself as gratified with the statement of Cooney, as it bears out, he said, the contention that his ward's death was due entirely to natural causes—the typhoid cases with which the specialists' diagnosis found McClintock to be suffering.

Reiterating that the establishment of typhoid as cause of McClintock's death would have no bearing on the investigation, Judge Harry Olson, who ordered the legal probe, himself appeared before the state's attorneys as a witness. The jurist read a transcript of his own initiative in taking up the question with Secretary Mellon, has communicated to any representatives of this government any word whatever regarding the debt situation.

On the other hand, it was pointed out, the attitude of the American government has been clear on several occasions in official pronouncements to the allied and associated powers.

BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

Judge Paul Jensen of Nebraska City was elected president of the Nebraska State Bar association yesterday afternoon; W. B. Rice of Norfolk, James Quigley of Valentine and B. P. Butler of Cambridge, vice presidents; Anan Raymond of Omaha, secretary, and Virgil Haggart of Omaha, treasurer. Judge W. H. Westover of Rushville was elected president of the District Judges' association; Judge Charles Lester of Omaha, vice president; Judge Ralph H. Payne of Grand Island, secretary, and Judge Willard E. Stewart of Lincoln, treasurer.

BANDITS HOLD UP BROOKFIELD BANK

Brookfield, Ill., Dec. 30.—Four bandits entered the Brookfield State bank here today, held four employees at bay and looted the vaults through a wall and vault and escaped with \$50,000 in cash.

Naval Squadron Arrives at Panama for 7-Day Stay

Panama, Dec. 30.—The Japanese naval training squadron has arrived here from Mexico for a seven-day stay. The military and naval authorities are planning extensive entertainment for the cadets.

Cardinal Giorgi Dies.

Rome, Dec. 30.—Cardinal Oreste Giorgi died of pneumonia at his residence in the Palazzo Altompe here today in his 69th year. He was born in Valmontone, Italy, and was created a cardinal December 4, 1916. He held the office of grand penitentiary of the holy Roman church.

DeMille Off to Europe.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 30.—Cecil DeMille, motion picture director, left here today en route to Europe. On his way to New York, where DeMille will sail on the George Washington, January 10, he will visit Kansas City and Chicago. He is accompanied by Mrs. DeMille.

Branting Critically Ill.

London, Dec. 30.—The condition of Premier Branting of Sweden, who is ill, has grown worse, according to a dispatch from Stockholm.

BLAZE DAM COUNTY

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 30.—A fire which is dead, two steerage passengers suffered possible fatal burns and several others are believed to have been injured early today in the fire which is raging aboard the Japanese liner Ginyo Maru off the coast of Mexico, 2,000 miles south of here, according to word received by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha steamship, owners of the vessel, tonight.

Coolidge Fails to Reach Conclusion on French Debt

Washington, Dec. 30.—Developments in the American-French debt funding situation were confined today to White House quarters where it was announced that President Coolidge had not, as a result of the general discussions current in Paris and Washington of possible repudiation of the debt by France, reached any definite conclusions of his own nor had he received any report that such discussions had reached a stage where they justified official consideration. Coolidge Advised. At the same time, however, it was made clear that the president was keeping fully advised regarding all phases of debt funding and that it was not improbable but that he would, in event discussions of repudiation developed to the point where official recognition because necessary see fit to influence the attitude of the Washington government regarding the floating of loans for foreign government by private financial agencies in the United States.

Statements from Paris officials and from French embassy quarters here that M. Clementel, French minister of finance had not ignored the debt that government owes the United States when he failed to include the debt total on the balance sheet he prepared and that France recognized its obligations to pay was noted by Washington officials but provoked no comment.

As the session rested tonight it was explained that the French authorities have not suggested that they ever considered such a move as repudiation of obligations to the United States. No French authority, with the exception of Ambassador Jusserand, who was said to have acted entirely on his own initiative in taking up the question with Secretary Mellon, has communicated to any representatives of this government any word whatever regarding the debt situation.

On the other hand, it was pointed out, the attitude of the American government has been clear on several occasions in official pronouncements to the allied and associated powers.

Balance Sheet Ignored.

Inquiry at the state department today revealed that so far as was known there Ambassador Herrick had received no explanation of the Clementel balance sheet incident. Had any member of the French foreign office seen fit to inform this government of the circumstances attending the publication of the Clementel report, in an effort to prevent possible misunderstanding in the United States, Mr. Herrick would have communicated at once any such report to the state department. Neither has any word reached the state department from the French embassy here regarding any of the many phases of the debt funding situation.

It was made known at the state department however, that the Washington government had been informed of the subjects to be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of the allied and associated finance ministers. While no definite agenda has been prepared, it was said that the questions to be dealt with would relate to the definite allocation of the proceeds the various governments represented will receive from Germany under the Dawes plan.

The allied and associated governments have been informed that Col. James A. Logan, American representative expert, will attend the gathering of the finance ministers as the American representative and notification of his selection has been received by the various powers with expressions of satisfaction.

Nine Towns Have Exhibits in Boyer Poultry Show

Missouri Valley, Ia., Dec. 30.—The annual Boyer Valley Poultry Show and Farmers' Fair opened here Monday for a three-day session. In all nine townships in Harrison county are represented. Each afternoon there is an educational program and in the evening the programs are of a lighter nature, being put on by different school groups. Prof. D. A. Van Cleave, head of the agricultural department of the high school, has charge of the school exhibits.

Patrick O'Brien, 80, Dies; Was Blind Many Years

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 30.—Patrick O'Brien, 80, who was blind many years, is dead after a short illness. He was familiarly known as "Patty Burns." Funeral services were held at St. Mary's church and burial was at Imogene Tuesday.

2 Children Die in Fire on Vessel

Two Other Passengers Are Fatally Burned Aboard Japanese Liner Off Coast of Mexico.

By Universal Service. San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Two children are dead, two steerage passengers suffered possible fatal burns and several others are believed to have been injured early today in the fire which is raging aboard the Japanese liner Ginyo Maru off the coast of Mexico, 2,000 miles south of here, according to word received by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha steamship, owners of the vessel, tonight. Of the 73 passengers aboard the vessel bound from Valparaiso, Chile, to the Orient via San Francisco, at least a score are believed to be white persons. It was at first reported that the passenger list was comprised wholly of Japanese.

Nitrate Is Cause.

The fire, according to word received here, broke out in the nitrate cargo and with lightning rapidity spread over the entire vessel.

A series of explosions that rocked the vessel followed. Panic reigned among the passengers and efforts of the officers and crew to quiet their fears proved unavailing in some cases. Distress signals were broadcast with an appeal to "come quickly." Lifeboats were lowered away. Captain Yawata and five members of the crew remained aboard to fight the flames. The freighter Julia Luckenbach reached the side of the stricken vessel shortly after daylight and the passengers and crew were taken aboard. The Julia Luckenbach is reported standing by.

Boat Total Loss.

It was reported in late dispatches that the vessel probably will be a total loss. Fire in one section had burned to the water's edge, the message officials. Officials of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha steamship company here said they had been unable to ascertain the number of white passengers, if any, aboard the vessel. Usually there is a score of white passengers who board the vessel at Valparaiso enroute north, the company said.

CHICAGO TYPICAL U. S. CITY, CLAIM

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Chicago was held as the typical American city, with a growth and development confounding the scientists themselves, by Prof. William L. Bailey, head of the department of sociology of Northwestern university, before the American Sociological society meeting here today. He took Chicago as an argument against a statement by Warren S. Thompson of the Scripps foundation that cities promote sterility and rural life was civilization's saving element. "Chicago has grown to metropolitan status more quickly than any other city in the world's history," Prof. Bailey said.

CAPPER OFFERS BREAD MEASURE

Washington, Dec. 30.—A bill designed to standardize the weight of loaf bread and prevent an annual loss of \$100,000,000 through short weight, was introduced in the senate today by Senator Capper, republican, of Kansas. The American people are losing \$200,000 daily, or more than \$100,000,000 a year by "shortweight," that is, charging full prices for "short loaf," 12 ounces for 16, or 20 for 24 ounces, Capper said.

Nebraska Rabbits Placed in New York City Market

Elk Creek, Dec. 30.—A shipment of 3,000 pounds of rabbits was sent from here by express today to a firm in New York City. Nearly 500 rabbits were in the lot, which represented the collections of a dealer here from local hunters for the last week. Last week 900 pounds were shipped. Over 1,000 rabbits a year are shipped to eastern markets from here. The rabbits are frozen and not dressed.

Pair Found Dead.

Hollywood, Cal., Dec. 30.—Milton Holly, retired New York merchant, and a woman believed to be his wife, were found dead in a bungalow court apartment here Monday. They appeared to have been poisoned, police said, but whether the poison was self-administered or was given to the couple with murderous intent could not be determined.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. December 30. Precipitation, inches and hundredths.	
Total. P. Total since January 1, 25.71; deficiency, 1.31.	
Hourly Temperatures.	
6 a. m. 23	1 p. m. 24
7 a. m. 23	2 p. m. 24
8 a. m. 23	3 p. m. 24
9 a. m. 23	4 p. m. 24
10 a. m. 23	5 p. m. 24
11 a. m. 23	6 p. m. 24
12 noon 23	7 p. m. 24

Girl's Plan to Jump Off Bridge Branded as Only Childish Prank

Only a childish prank is the only way Esther Johnson, juvenile officer, could explain the attempt of Minnie Young, 16, 2965 Farnam street, to leap from the Douglas street bridge into the icy waters of the Missouri Monday afternoon. Miss Johnson said that in her interview with the girl after her arrest, that Minnie declared she had no intention of committing suicide.



Minnie Young

A bridge guard, John Croft, 3229 North Fifty-ninth street, took Minnie to the police station. He told police that the girl paced along the bridge's walk and stopped several times to peer over the railing. He started toward her, he said, when she seemed about to jump over the railing.

Congress Passes New Postoffice Supply Measure

Bill Totalling \$763,000,000 Said to Be Largest Undertaken by House—\$11,000,000 for Liquor Enforcement.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Speeding along at almost an unprecedented legislative clip, the house today passed the treasury postoffice supply bill which, with its \$763,000,000 total, is the largest peace time appropriation measure ever considered by congress. Sent to the senate practically without amendment after only two days' consideration, the bill provides among other things, \$11,000,000 for prohibition enforcement, and \$20,000,000 for the coast guard service, half of which would be available during the coming fiscal year for use in curbing rum smuggling.

Other items in the bill include \$2,600,000 for operation of the transcontinental air mail service, \$26,373,000 for maintenance of pneumatic mail tubes in New York city, \$15,656,200 for the customs service and \$9,102,101 for the public health service. The fourth of the annual supply bill has failed to act on any of them, the bill's passage cleared the way for consideration by the house late in the week of the army appropriation measure.

All sections of the treasury post office bill dealing with mints and assay offices and concerning the upkeep and improvement of public buildings were approved by the house as drafted by the appropriations committee.

U. S. RUM CHASERS TO PATROL WATERS

New York, Dec. 30.—A fleet of 40 government rum chasers headed by five destroyers was dispatched by the coast guard authorities to patrol nearby waters to prevent the landing of New Year's liquor from the 18 schooners and steamers now on run row. Government officials estimated that there were at least 100,000 cases—and perhaps as many as 500,000—aboard the liquor ships.

MASON CITY MAYOR DIES OF SMALLPOX

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Mason City, Dec. 30.—J. V. H. McGhee, mayor of Mason City, and member of the house of representatives in the 38th and 39th general assembly, died last night after a week's illness of smallpox. Failure to recognize the disease in its early stages is blamed for the death. E. J. Patton, commissioner of public safety, automatically becomes mayor and the third place on the commission will be filled by appointment.

Coyote and Rabbit Hunt to Be Staged at Bostwick

Bostwick, Dec. 30.—A big coyote and rabbit hunt will be staged New Year's day by Oswin Keifer, former state representative, and prominent rancher of this place, who has invited American Legion members of Superior and surrounding towns to participate. About 300 individuals are expected to take part. The hunt will be over the 1,200-acre Keifer ranch between Bostwick and Superior. Coyotes are doing considerable damage in this vicinity, and rabbits are eating much grain and destroying young trees by gnawing the bark.

Trinity's Name Changed.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 30.—Trinity college at Durham, N. C., officially became Duke university today. Joseph G. Brown of Raleigh, chairman of the trustees, presented to Secretary of State Everett the amended charter changing the name to "Duke university."

Explosion Blows Wife From House

Not Expected to Live, Hospital Authorities Say; Hurlled to Ground From Second Story Window.

Building Burns Down.

By P. C. POWELL, Staff Correspondent of The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Dec. 30.—Robert G. Cox, farmer living five miles west of here, was blown to atoms tonight and his wife was hurled from an upper window of their home when a carbide lighting plant in the basement exploded. Cox, who is 70, had gone into the basement to repair the lighting plant. Mrs. Cox, who is 65, was sitting in a front room of the house sewing. The couple live alone. Furniture Blown Out. In some manner the large carbide tank exploded. Cox was literally torn to pieces by the explosion. His wife was hurled through the window to the ground. Furniture from the home was blown from the building. Then flames from the exploded tank set fire to the place. The house was burned to the ground.

Hunter Finds Them.

R. E. Phillips, Lincoln, a hunter, happened to be near the house at the time of the explosion. He heard the explosion and, seeing the fire, hurried across the fields. He found Mrs. Cox and had her removed to a Lincoln hospital. She was unconscious when found and had not regained consciousness late tonight. Mrs. Cox is not expected to live. Mr. Cox is survived by 10 children.

LEGION TO NAME CONVENTION DATE

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 30.—Fixing of dates for the seventh annual national convention of the American Legion, to be held in Omaha next year, and the appointment of members of national committees will be on the program of the national executive committee of the legion when it meets here January 12 and 13. National Adjutant Russell Creston announced today. Other business to come up includes the proposed exhibition in this country of the French war painting, "The Pantheon de la Guerre," appeal for the erection of the Yorktown battle-first step toward a naval investigation today, the White House revealed that President Coolidge still is hopeful of another international arms conference within a year. Mr. Coolidge is not entirely convinced that such a venture will be possible, but he still is on the lookout for a favorable opportunity to call such a conference to discuss naval armaments. His general attitude remains the same as that stated in his message to congress, when he called attention to the steps for a conference taken by the league of nations and declared the outcome of that proposal must be awaited before there could be a definite decision.

COOLIDGE HOPES FOR ARMS MEET

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U. S. Will Not Undertake New Air Mail Service

Washington, Dec. 30.—Establishment of an air mail service to Central American capitals from the United States will not be undertaken in the near future by the United States government, it was indicated, because of the heavy expense.

Summary of the Day in Washington

The senate adjourned until Friday noon. The house decided to limit its holiday adjournment to one day—Thursday. The house naval committee decided upon an investigation into the needs of the navy. The house passed the treasury postoffice supply bill carrying the peace time record amount of \$763,000,000. President Coolidge was said to be hopeful that another international naval disarmament conference would be held within another year. The state department directed the American embassy at London to make representations to the British government against the potato embargo. President Coolidge was declared to see no occasion for action by the American government in the French war debt situation on the basis of present advice.