

War Finance Body Passes Old Records

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Organization Disbands

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Nebraska's Record Best.

Nebraska, Flannigan said, had the only agency to show this kind of a record. He was seen a letter of commendation by Eugene Myers, Jr., head of the War Finance corporation.

"During our loaning of money we held the notes of 46,000 farmers and ranchers," Flannigan said. "The records show that the Nebraska farmer and rancher is honest and trustworthy. It is true in 1921 and 1922, with demoralized prices on grain and livestock, conditions in Nebraska were serious. But, give a farmer time and he will come out of his depression in good shape."

Bank Conditions Good.

Flannigan said many notes that looked like losses in 1922 have been paid off.

Banking conditions in the state are improving, Flannigan said. City banks are loaded with money and large reserves are being piled up at the Federal Reserve banks. The country banks, he said, are looking for good commercial paper to invest their idle money.

On January 5, in Washington, Eugene Myers gave the United States treasury a check for \$499,000,000, to retire stock in the War Finance corporation. He said that the gradual repayment of loans will be sufficient to take care of the remainder.

MAGISTRATE QUILTS AT GRAND ISLAND

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 9.—Police Judge William P. Mullen, asked, a week ago in a petition, to resign, because of alleged misconduct, following an accident in which he and a young woman companion figured, acceded to the request Thursday and relinquished his post, thus settling the controversy.

The car in which Judge Mullen and his companion were said to have been driving in the early hours of the morning, was struck by a freight train, the machine and occupants being hurled 40 feet, without serious injury to the pair, although the automobile was wrecked.

Paul N. Kirk, young attorney, was appointed by Mayor Ellsbury to succeed Mullen.

We Have With Us Today

W. B. Hatfield, Manufacturer, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mr. Hatfield is head of the oldest-established bottling establishment of Hatfield & Bell, Brooklyn. He is president of the American Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages, a national organization, and came to Omaha to address the Nebraska Soda Water Manufacturers, now in convention. C. B. Chesterman of Sioux City, Ia., vice president of the national organization, is also here.

"There has been a large increase in consumption of carbonated drinks in this country," said Mr. Hatfield. "This is not due to prohibition, but to the increased appreciation by the public of the food and health values of these beverages."

Bullet Hits Man on Forehead; Stops

El Centro, Cal., Jan. 9.—Rham Singh, Hindu rancher of Holtville, near here, was nursing a bruise on his head today as the result of a shooting affray in which a masked highwayman, frustrated in an attempt to hold up Singh and five other men, fired a bullet that struck Singh squarely on the forehead and stung him for a moment. Opinion was divided as to whether it was Singh's thick skull or a defective cartridge that saved his life.

Objection Raised to Confirmation of Stone to Bench

Colorado Man Lays Record of Court Before Committee in Case Where Nominee Appeared for Morgan.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Unexpected opposition to the confirmation of Attorney General Stone to be an associate justice of the United States supreme court arose today with a record of 25 years' industry and subcommittee deferred action pending examination of court records laid before it by James A. Ownbey of Boulder, Colo.

The records dealt with a suit brought against Ownbey by the executors of the estate of the late J. Pierpont Morgan, for whom Stone appeared as counsel before the supreme court. Ownbey lost the action, which came up from the Delaware state courts.

Receiver Appointed.

Ownbey was part owner and general manager for the Wooten Land and Fuel company, engaged in coal mining and other activities in Colorado and New Mexico, and, according to the court records, the executors of the Morgan estate, J. P. Morgan, William P. Hamilton and Herbert L. Satterlee, brought action against Ownbey in Colorado in 1915 asking for a receiver and an accounting of the basis of a claim that Ownbey owed the estate \$200,000 which had been advanced by J. Pierpont Morgan.

The receiver was appointed and Ownbey alleged in his bill that while a master was taking testimony for the receiver, the executors brought an action in the state courts of Delaware. A special bond of \$200,000 was required of him under the statute, and when he was unable to furnish it, the superior court refused to permit him to defend the action and forthwith entered judgment for \$200,187.37 against him.

Ownbey alleged that his stock, which he claimed had been seized, was worth \$400,000, but that its value had been destroyed by the receiver's action and that, since this constituted his entire fortune, he was unable to obtain the bond required by the court, although he sought to get it in Washington, New York, Chicago, Denver and Boulder.

Report Delayed.

After judgment was entered, an appeal was taken to the Delaware court of appeals which upheld the lower court. The case then went to the United States supreme court, which, in a divided opinion, held that the Delaware law requiring the special bond was not in conflict with the constitution. Associate Justice Pitney delivered the opinion for the court in 1920 and Chief Justice White and Associate Justice Clarke dissented.

Ownbey was heard by the subcommittee behind closed doors. Immediately afterward Chairman Sterling began a study of the record presented, but he said he did not think the subcommittee could report the nomination to the entire committee at the regular meeting next Monday as had been the program.

STERLING CLIMBS TO NEW HIGH LEVEL

New York, Jan. 9.—Vigorous buying of sterling exchange in anticipation of the currency's eventual return to par, coupled with the conversion of British capital which has been held in this country, today carried the rate to a new high level above \$4.75. Active operations in the exchange were conducted in Paris and London as well as in the local market, resulting in a net advance for the day of about a cent.

Denver Awarded 1926 Rotary Club Convention

Denver, Colo., Jan. 9.—Denver today was awarded the 1926 convention of the International Rotary club, Roy O. Sampson, secretary of the local club, announced today. Tentative dates for the convention have been fixed as June 15-19, Sampson said. The convention is expected to attract between 10,000 and 11,000 delegates and visitors.

Falls City School Girl Dies of Scarlet Fever

Falls City, Jan. 9.—Scarlet fever claimed its first victim of the year here with the death of Vera Margaret Waller, 14, freshman at the high school. A thorough examination by School Physician G. W. Rensker disclosed that there were no more such cases in the school, thus allaying fears of parents.

Teacher Is Blamed in Boy's Death

Jest of Instructor Said by Parent to Have Led Dana Coolidge, Jr., to End Life.

Lad Wrote Note to Aunt

Blame for the suicide of his son, Dana, 20, is laid to a former teacher in Minneapolis High school, by the father, D. H. Coolidge, who arrived in Omaha Friday, 12 hours after his son died in Lord Lister hospital from self-inflicted gunshot wounds.

The boy shot himself twice in the left breast Wednesday night and was found wandering the streets by a policeman. He told Fred Christianson, 908 1-2 North Sixteenth street, he had shot himself over a girl and mentioned Margaret Forrest, daughter of a Minnesota banker, with whom he had attended school.

Father Blames Teacher.

The boy's father, however, declared his dead son had been only a schoolmate of the girl and that the quarrel had been with the teacher who, it is rumored told him the only way out of his difficulty was to "commit suicide."

It was the opinion of Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson, Minneapolis, and uncle of the dead boy, who whom he stayed while attending school, that the teacher was largely responsible. "Dana was such an impressionable boy, so sensitive, and he probably let her suggestion prey upon his mind."

Thought Father Dead.

It developed also that the dead boy was laboring under the hallucination that his father was dead in Madison, Wis. Christianson displayed a clipping from an Omaha newspaper detailing the suicide of F. X. Bernard and shooting of a romance language teacher at the University of Wisconsin.

"The fact that his brother and sister attend a university probably directed in his mind until he imagined I was involved," declared the father. Mrs. Robertson, his aunt, declares the boy left Minneapolis Wednesday after having written her a letter saying he was "going west."

Discarded Grip Found.

The body will be shipped to Minneapolis tonight for burial. Police found the boy's discarded grip, containing a clean shirt and letter at the switch shack at Thirteenth and Grace streets, where he was found by a trackwalker.

A Bible, which the boy had in his clothing when taken to the hospital, was returned to the father, and again he nearly broke down and wept. Dr. R. C. Drake, dentist in the Bankers' Reserve building, accompanied the relatives in retracing the steps taken by the youth while in Omaha.

FRENCH AVIATOR IN NEW RECORDS

Biennes, France, Jan. 9.—Sergeant Major DesCamps, the French aviator today established what are claimed to be new world records for flights of 100 and 200 kilometers, with a load of 500 kilograms (1,102.31 pounds), over a 50-kilometer course. He made the 100-kilometer flight at an average speed of 206.42 kilometers (slightly more than 128 miles) per hour, and the 200-kilometer flight at a speed of 202.133 kilometers (slightly more than 125 miles) per hour.

Cozard Merchant to Make Address at New Orleans

Cozard, Jan. 9.—Fred W. Anderson, the big merchant in a small town, left here for a trip to New Orleans, where he is to speak next Monday before the Association of Commerce of the southern states. He will spend some time looking over the oil fields of the south on this trip, and will make a study of the farm methods of Alabama and Mississippi. Returning he will deliver an address at Louisville, Ky., and address the Chamber of Commerce at St. Joseph, Mo.

Winter Wheat Prospects Showing Improvement

Columbus, Jan. 9.—Below zero temperatures nightly accompanied by gradual thaw in the daytime are holding down an overflow of moisture that would prove disastrous in river bottoms should it continue night and day. Winter wheat prospects are showing marked improvement. Orchard owners, in view of the steady cold, predict a record year for fruit because of the lessened dangers attendant on a late spring.

Bride Attempts to End Date Threatens Divorce

Husband Understands Wife's Actions and Goes Back to Home—Couple Reunited After Neighbor Rescues Girl From Suicide.

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Federal Men Take Lead in Road Probe

Investigation of Alleged Irregularities Started by Them and Not by Bryan, Who Seeks Political Glory.

Governor Takes Action

By WILL M. MAUPIN, Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Jan. 9.—Nothing could more clearly show the difference between the incoming and outgoing governors than the messages of the two delivered yesterday. Governor McMullen made no promises impossible of fulfillment; the retiring governor sought up to the last to make it appear that he and he alone stood between the people and the rapacity of the taxgatherers.

Governor Bryan's attempt to glorify himself by making it appear that he had discovered gross irregularities in the road fund and called the attention of the attorney general thereto, will fall flat when the circumstances are known. In the first place he made no investigation of charges of irregularities; that investigation was started by the federal authorities and prosecuted by them. Bryan would have it inferred that after he had discovered gross irregularities and called the attention of the attorney general thereto, the attorney general had been dilatory.

Jury Awards Youth Grain Embargo in Ohio Is Expected

More Than 11 Million Bushels Accumulate in Baltimore Port Elevators; No Space.

Baltimore, Jan. 9.—Accumulation of more than 11,000,000 bushels of grain in the port elevators of Baltimore today resulted in the declaration of an embargo by the Pennsylvania railroad against shipments for about a month, it was expected.

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Mail Pilot Shoots Antelope; Cost Him \$155

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 9.—Hunting antelope in a government mail plane proved an expensive pastime for George Pomeroy, postal pilot, according to the state game warden's office here today.

England, America Slowly Agreeing on Reparations

British Chancellor Eager to Economize; U. S. War Damage Claims May Be Whittled Down.

Paris, Jan. 9.—Great Britain and the United States are getting together slowly "but normally" on the American reparation claims which are to finally come before the conference of allied finance ministers in session here.

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Dragon Held as Kidnaper of Youth, 19

Colorado Governor-Elect Gives Bond for Leader in Court of Judge Ben B. Lindsey.

Police Witness Ceremony

Denver, Jan. 9.—Dr. John Galen Locke, grand dragon of the Colorado realm of the Ku Klux Klan, will face Judge Ben B. Lindsey, Denver's nationally known juvenile judge Saturday morning, to plead to charges of conspiracy and kidnaping in connection with an alleged forced marriage in his office last Tuesday night.

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MORE ATTENDING COLLEGE YEARLY

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Summary of the Day in Washington

The house shipping board committee resumed hearings. The Carnegie corporation voted a plea for inclusion of the arts in the curricula of American colleges. "The arts are knocking at the college gate for a place in the curriculum," said Dr. Keppel. "They should have it—but don't prescribe them as it will raise up a generation of young people to loathe, not to love them."

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 a. m., January 9, 1925.	
Precipitation	inches
Total since January 1, 1925	deficiency .115
Hourly Temperatures.	
8 a. m.	21
9 a. m.	21
10 a. m.	21
11 a. m.	21
12 noon	21