

# THE OMAHA MORNING BEE

# CHARGES ENFORCED BY GOVERNMENT

## War Finance Body Passes Old Records

\$13,000,000 Loaned Nebraska Farmers by Corporation and Only \$300 Not Returned.

## Organization Disbands

A total of \$13,000,000 loaned to farmers and ranchers of Nebraska and only \$300 in losses. Of 46,000 loans made not a case of foreclosure of a chattel mortgage or a plaintiff in any court action.

That is the record of the Nebraska agency of the War Finance corporation started business November 9, 1921. In 13 weeks, the agency loaned \$13,000,000 to Nebraska farmers. Then the call for loans ceased. On January 1 the agency had but \$59,000 outstanding. Flannigan says this money will be collected within six months. He said that expenses incurred in handling the business will not exceed one-eighth of 1 per cent annually.

Members of the committee at the time the Nebraska agricultural agency of the War Finance corporation was loaning money were Fred W. Thomas, Robert F. Morrison, Bert A. Wilcox, vice presidents in Omaha banks, and Carl Fell, Lincoln.

The money was loaned on security that consisted of wheat in the bins and livestock on the grass and in feed lots.

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 Ellsberry 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."

Mr. Hatfield is prominent in politics of Greater New York.

## Bullet Hits Man on Forehead; Stomps

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 in the federal court 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 receivership 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.

He also told Christianson of a quarrel which Christianson understood to have been with the Forrest girl.

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."

Tears sprang to the father's eyes when Christianson, in telling what the boy had told him when he met him after he was shot, pressed the dead boy's purse into the father's hand and told how his son had requested that he personally "give this to Dad."

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 drilled 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."

The letter was written in such a disconnected fashion that it immediately saw he was not right when he wrote it," she said. "But we were helpless. We hadn't the slightest idea where he had gone."

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

Etampes, 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

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

Threatened divorce proceedings of Nels Thirshlund, 1949 South Twenty-third street, against his wife, Christina, are off.

The little family which started so bitterly less than a year ago is happy again in the little home which Nels has been furnishing.

Mrs. Thirshlund, when she recovers from the effects of illuminating gas, inhaled in the kitchen of her home last night, will be singing about the place once again and Nels will be hurrying home from work as in the early weeks of his married life.

Both have made declarations to this effect.

"Complained Too Much." The Thirshlunds were living as happily as ever did the prince of a fairy tale until a sort time before Christmas. Then Mrs. Thirshlund learned a secret. She knew her husband should share the secret with her, but how to tell him she did not know.

So she worried, and with her worries came fits of poor temper. Nels objected and that made matters worse.

Then, early this week, Nels refused to be bothered with complaints any longer. He left and returned to the home of his mother.

For three days he refused to communicate with his wife and for three days his wife worried and fretted until she was nearly ill.

Friday morning came word from her husband. He intended to sue for divorce. He and Christina were meant for each other and it was best that they part at once.

Mrs. Johanna Herlan, 1940 South Twenty-third street, a neighbor of the Thirshlund family, had become interested in the affairs of the couple. She often came to the house to advise and console Mrs. Thirshlund. It was into her ears that Mrs. Thirshlund poured the news of the impending divorce action and the secret which had come between her husband and herself.

Later in the day Mrs. Herlan went to see Mrs. Thirshlund. An odor of gas greeted her as she opened the front door.

In the kitchen, lying on the floor, was Mrs. Thirshlund, unconscious, every burner of the gas stove turned on full.

Nels Thirshlund was sent for at once and efforts to resuscitate Mrs. Thirshlund were begun.

She was revived and Mrs. Herlan told Nels the cause for all the marital trouble.

Nels began to smile.

"Divorce? Not now there will be too many to take care of," he declared.

Mrs. Thirshlund will recover, attending physicians declared.

## Jury Awards Youth \$1 Damages in Suit

Deliberate 24 Hours Before Reaching Verdict in Case Against Neighbor.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Tecumseh, Neb., Jan. 8.—After being out for just 24 hours, the jury in the \$10,000 damage case of Melvin Hegelbach, by his father, Louis Hegelbach, against Martin Anholz, for alleged injuries, returned with a verdict of \$1 and costs for the plaintiff.

The verdict was returned in the Johnson county district court at 5 this evening.

The Hegelbach and Anholz families were neighbors on farms southeast of Tecumseh in August, 1923, and Anholz caught young Hegelbach stealing in his house, the boy admitting the theft. Anholz gave Hegelbach a severe beating, the claim being that young Hegelbach had suffered permanent injuries at Anholz hands.

The case was before Judge John B. Raper and required three days of the session.

## WAGES REDUCED IN COTTON MILLS

New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 9.—The New Bedford, cotton manufacturers' association at a meeting this afternoon voted to reduce wages in the cotton mills 10 per cent, the cut to become effective January 15.

The reduction will affect approximately 40,000 operatives in this city alone. Following the announcement of the pending cut, a union official stated the various labor organizations will call meetings of their members within the next few days to vote upon the question. East union will report the result of its meeting to the textile council, the governing body of the labor organization, which in turn will report the final outcome to the cotton manufacturers' association.

The mills are now operating on a scale that is 80 per cent normal. This is said to be 100 per cent better than the scale on which they were operating last May.

## ESTELLA TAYLOR GRANTED DIVORCE

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—A decree of divorce was granted by common pleas court today to Ida Estella Taylor Beck, moving picture actress, whose reported engagement to Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, has several times been denied. The grounds for divorce were cruel and barbarous treatment. The suit was started September 29, last.

## Work on Federal Reserve Bank in Denver Halted

Denver, Colo., Jan. 9.—Construction on the Denver Federal Reserve bank branch building was abruptly halted on receipt of telegraphic communication from reserve heads at Kansas City today. The dispatches directed C. S. Lambie, head of the company in charge of construction of the building, to stop work at once. No reason was given for the order.

## Shenandoah Water Supply

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## SALESMAN HELD FOR JURY PROBE

Los Angeles, Jan. 9.—The county grand jury today indicted William D. Campbell, automobile salesman, on a charge of communicating with John J. Appel, a juror sitting in the recent trial of Kid McCoy, ex-pugilist, who was convicted of manslaughter in connection with the killing of Mrs. Theresa W. Moss.

A warrant was issued for Campbell. The indictment followed a week of investigation of alleged jury tampering by the county judge.

## Relief Anticipated

Grain exporters expect the situation to be relieved during the latter part of the month or next month when France, Belgium and Germany, having exhausted domestic grain, will be in the market for the American supply.

In the meantime the Pennsylvania and the Western Maryland railroads are accepting shipments by permit only. This has been necessitated, according to J. W. Allison, freight traffic manager of the Western Maryland, to prevent promiscuous shipping in the west.

Traffic officials explain this condition, which has resulted in the great accumulation of grain in the history of the port to be caused by a decline in the export market this year. The value of the grain in the elevators is estimated to be more than \$20,000,000.

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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.

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.

The facts are that Bryan did not call Attorney General Spillman's attention to the matter until Saturday, January 3, at which time he gave the attorney general the results of the federal investigation, together with some reports the governor saw fit to make.

Spillman Sworn to Secrecy. This was all given to Attorney General Spillman in strict confidence, that he might go through the report and prepare a case to be filed in the district court of Lancaster county before the parties charged could take to cover and make it more difficult for the state to recover in case of guilt. And at the very moment Bryan was counseling the attorney general to secrecy in the interest of the state and of justice, Bryan was preparing to spring it in his message and thus win great credit to himself as the watchdog at the portals.

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## OMNIBUS PENSION 'BILL TO SENATE

Washington, Jan. 9.—An omnibus pension bill increasing the pension rolls by \$13,250 a year, was passed today by the house and sent to the senate.

About 800 widows, dependent children and civil war veterans, previously denied pensions, are beneficiaries of the legislation.

Increase in pension of \$10, \$15 and \$20 a month are allowed in individual cases.

## Union Pacific Harvesting Ice on Lake Gothenburg

Gottensburg, Jan. 9.—A crew of 50 men is harvesting ice on Lake Gothenburg. One hundred and forty-five cars have been shipped to date by the Union Pacific railroad for storage. The ice is about 16 inches thick and of exceptional quality, and all ice houses are being filled.

## Table Rock, Jan. 9.—People in this section of the state who put up their own ice supply during the winter report the harvest better this year than for many years. The ice ranges in thickness from 12 to 18 inches, which is unusual for this part of the country.

## The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 a. m., January 9, 1925. Precipitation, inches, and humidity, Total since January 1, 6.34. Deficiency, 1.15.

Hour	Temp.	Wind	Dir.	Hum.	Clouds
8 a. m.	21	2	W	75	1-2
9 a. m.	21	2	W	75	1-2
10 a. m.	21	2	W	75	1-2
11 a. m.	21	2	W	75	1-2
12 noon	21	2	W	75	1-2

## Mail Pilot Shoots Antelope; Cost Him \$155

By Universal Service. 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.

Pomeroy was fined \$155 when investigations disclosed that the aviator while making a regular mail flight from Omaha to Cheyenne, descended and shot one of a herd of antelope which he sighted from the air.

The pilot grammared the antelope into his plane and resumed his flight.

## England, America Slowly Agreeing on Reparations

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

By