

Charges of Corruption Wiped Away

House Committee Clears Commissioner of Indian Affairs After Probe of Alleged Swindle.

Oklahoma Court O. K.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The majority report of the special house committee which investigated administration of the office of Indian Affairs, today exonerated Commissioner Burke of charges of maladministration, preferred by Hugh Murphy, former judge of Oklahoma county, Okla., and cleared the Oklahoma court of similar charges brought against it by the Indian Rights association of Philadelphia.

Representative Hastings, Oklahoma, and Hill, Washington, Democrats, filed minority reports, concerning disposition of \$1,100,000 of the estate of Jackson Barnett, wealthy, aged, restricted Creek Indian, in two equal gifts, one to his wife, and the other as an endowment for an Indian school and orphanage.

Outcome Determined.

Representative Howard, Democrat, Oklahoma, who brought the Murphy charges to the attention of the house by inserting them in the Congressional Record, declared the outcome of the investigation was the "most detrimental thing that has happened to the Indians in 25 years," and would doubtless "inspire other parties and scheming attorneys to seek the money of the rich Indian with the hope of having the co-operation of the bureau of Indian Affairs in the dissipation of Indian estates."

The majority report, signed by Chairman Snyder, New York, and Representative Leavitt, Mont., Gardner, Okla., and Drumm, Pennsylvania, Republicans, and Hayden, Ariz., Democrat, found that "there is nothing to sustain any charge of corruption against the commissioner of Indian Affairs, Charles H. Burke, or any other official or employee of the Indian bureau or the Interior department."

Charges Unfounded.

The evidence shows, the report stated, "that the charges are unfounded and untrue and were conceived and given wide publicity to injure the commissioner of Indian Affairs and other departments of the government of the refusal of the Department of the Interior to allow a claim for large fees from the estates of full-blood restricted Indians."

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MODERN FAGIN IS SENT TO JAIL

An alleged modern Fagin, who went right into a home to force a boy to steal, was arrested before Judge Day Thursday morning.

Allen, 27, was sentenced to 90 days in all in police court recently and had appealed to district court.

Father and Daughter Injured in Auto Crash

Scottsbluff, Feb. 19.—Henry Kauffman of Bayard was seriously injured and his daughter, recently, at the point of death as the result of an automobile accident near the Scottsbluff sugar factory.

Land Company Promoter Held on Federal Charge

Los Angeles, Feb. 19.—A. C. Johnson, president of the Mexican Land company and formerly of Oklahoma, was ordered committed to the county jail by the United States commissioner here today on the charge of using the mails to defraud in connection with his land operations.

Australian Government to Stem Influx of Aliens

Melbourne, Feb. 19.—The Australian federal government today took up with shipping companies, foreign consuls and others concerned, the matter of preventing the present influx of aliens.

South Dakota Women May Get Jury Service

Pierre, S. D., Feb. 19.—Women citizens of South Dakota who now enjoy every right of citizenship except to males except the right to serve on juries, would be granted that privilege under a measure pending in the house of representatives offered by Mrs. Celia Kelley.

Meningitis Epidemic.

Mexico City, Feb. 19.—A sanitary dictatorship has been decreed in the states of Guerrero and Morelos to check the spread of spinal meningitis.

ROBBER SUSPECTS ADMIT CAR THEFT

Shenandoah, Ia., Feb. 19.—John R. Howard of Sidney and Brock Campbell of Council Bluffs, captured at Malvern when the two men and Howard's wife, suspects of robbery attempt at Hamburg, pleaded guilty to stealing Darrell Murphy's car in which they fled, Judge George Whitmore will sentence them Friday.

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Beef to Be Scarce and Expensive

Cattle Raisers Declare Prices Will Rise Because of Herds Dispersed During Post-War Slump.

Shortage Will Be Acute

New York, Feb. 19.—The American family's "T-bone steak" and "prime roast beef au jus" will be both scarce and dear by next September, a delegation of cattle raisers and dirt farmers from midwestern states told Wall Street financiers at a luncheon today.

The westerners brought word of the butcher would be forced to put on the screws because of herds dispersed during the ruinous post-war slump.

The national meat shortage, the visitors agreed, threatens to become so acute by fall that it may cost North America its position in world markets as a meat producer.

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W. O. Mitchell said 95 per cent of the cattle on Texas ranges were less than a year old.

Ben R. Barkerville, a Missouri cattle feeder whose farm furnished the young beef served at the luncheon, said aged or heavy heaves had disappeared.

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NEW ATTACK UPON MUSCLE SHOALS

Washington, Feb. 19.—Opponents of the Underwood Muscle Shoals leasing bill launched an attack today in the senate on the conference report, which they contended should be rejected on the ground that the conference had exceeded their authority.

A point of order was made against the report by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, leader of the opposing forces, who contended that legislation had been injected in the measure in conference. Senator Underwood, Democrat, Alabama, author of the bill, defending the report, declared it was germane to the house and senate bills and that the conference had kept within their rights.

President Cummings of the senate withheld decision on the point order, however, and the question went over until tomorrow.

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Joseph Jefferson to Have Memorial Church Around the Corner

Parable of Good Samaritan and Actor's Famous Role, Rip Van Winkle; First Exhibit of Biblical Story With Secular Figures.

New York, Feb. 19.—A memorial window to Joseph Jefferson, the actor, will be unveiled tomorrow at the Church of the Transfiguration, popularly known as the "Little Church Around the Corner."

Jefferson's foremost role, Rip Van Winkle, and the parable of the Good Samaritan, are combined in this picture—said to be the first example of a Biblical story being depicted with secular figures in a church window.

It shows Jefferson in the tattered leather garb of the awakened Rip Van Winkle, supporting the shrouded body of his actor-friend, George Holland, as the Savior stands with outstretched hands at the gate of the "Little Church Around the Corner" to welcome them.

Below appear the words ascribed to Jefferson when he learned this friend would receive proper burial: "God bless the little church around the corner."

Scenes from Rip Van Winkle are shown in smaller designs at the window.

Miss Laurette Jefferson Corlett, youthful great-granddaughter of Jefferson, will unveil the window.

The church got its popular name in 1870 when a group of actors led by Jefferson were trying to arrange funeral services for Holland. The story is that they went first to the Church of the Atonement on Madison avenue near Twenty-eighth street. The pastor of that church declined to perform the service. Asked by Jefferson where he might have the funeral services read, he replied, "go to the little church around the corner."

In reply to this the actor made the famous remark, which is on the memorial window: "God bless the little church around the corner."

After that day many members of the theatrical profession became members of the church, which is still best known by the name they gave it.

Chinese Capture American Captain

Gunboats Being Rushed to Assistance of Imprisoned Mariner.

Peking, Feb. 20.—Captain Hawley, an American, of the steamship Chinese, which flies the American flag, is being detained by military authorities at Kweichowfu, Szechwan province, because his ship struck a mine.

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LABOR HEADS WILL TALK THIRD PARTY

Conference in Chicago Will Define and Outline Some Political Course.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Chief executives of 16 labor organizations affiliated with the Conference for Progressive Political Action will meet here tomorrow preliminary to the conference which is being held at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel.

Tomorrow's meeting, called by Warren S. Stone, Cleveland, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and treasurer of the LaFollette campaign committee of the Conference for Progressive Political Action, is "for the purpose of defining and outlining their positions in so far as their further activities and cooperation with the Conference for Progressive Political Action are concerned."

Some of the transportation brotherhood executives are known to be strongly opposed to the organization of a new political party. Support of a third party movement by the transportation brotherhoods and other labor organizations affiliated with the conference will not be decided until a fight, one of the brotherhood executives predicted.

Senator Robert M. La Follette, the choice of the Conference for Progressive Political Action for president at the last election, will be represented at Saturday's and Sunday's meetings. The convention is considered an adjourned session of the meeting in Cleveland last July where the question of organizing a new party was held in abeyance pending the results of the November election.

AUTO VICTIM WINS SUIT FOR \$20,000

A jury verdict awarding Jim Dimatteo, Union Pacific machinist, \$20,000 for injuries he received in an automobile accident more than two years ago, was read in District Judge Wakeley's court Thursday morning.

Dimatteo brought suit for damages against Joseph Lapinus, automobile dealer, charging that he was driving carelessly when his automobile struck Dimatteo and injured his hip at Twenty-second and Leavenworth streets in September of 1922. The suit was brought at the time of the accident, and had been pending up till a few days ago, when the trial started.

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France Will Float Loan to Peg Franc

Seeks \$100,000,000 in America to Put Pressure on Exchange and Provide Needed Capital.

Must Vote Budget First

Paris, Feb. 19.—The finance minister, M. Clementel, closed the general discussion of the finance bill of the budget by a speech in the chamber of deputies today, breathing confidence in France's ability to overcome the difficulties of her financial situation.

"It is clearly understood," he said, "that the very cornerstone of the restoration of the treasury to a healthy condition is a foreign loan. Conversations have begun on this subject and I have a semi-official promise that as soon as the budget is voted an issue of \$100,000,000 will be possible in America."

"This loan and one which will be raised for the devastated regions will supply our coffers with fresh money and we shall be able to bring pressure on exchange."

Dawes Money to Rebuild Country. This second loan, the finance minister described as one to be issued by certain of the devastated departments "abroad" to the extent of \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000.

The first official report of M. Clementel's speech made him refer to a levy on capital as a measure France might choose to adopt, but a correction which was quickly sent out showed that he spoke only of "special taxes," which might be raised.

His words, "I have decided to appropriate the entire annuities under the Dawes plan to the devastated regions for four years," gave the impression that the four years constitute a moratorium for the French debt to Great Britain as these annuities have been suggested for utilization in repaying Great Britain.

Finances in Good Shape. M. Clementel referred to two loans, the first of \$100,000,000 to be raised in America for treasury needs and the second, of \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000, to be raised abroad, not by the state, but by the devastated departments, doubtless under state guarantee.

"France's treasury," continued the minister, "is in the same position as a great manufacturing house with all its factories going, but hampered by insufficient working capital. If I could put in our coffers 1,000,000,000 in fresh money the problem would be solved. At any rate, the chamber can rest assured that it will be solved."

M. Clementel claimed great credit for the country because after the most terrible war in history it had suppressed the extraordinary budget continued to exist for 20 years after the war of 1870. There was not the slightest hope of raising an internal loan for the devastated regions, he declared.

FIELD'S DAUGHTER SUES FOR DIVORCE

Shenandoah, Ia., Feb. 19.—Charging cruelty and inhuman treatment, Mrs. Faith Field, daughter of Henry Field, well-known seedman, who conducts the KFNF broadcasting station, has filed suit for divorce from Marshall Lowrey, traveling salesman. They have two sons, 3 and 1 years old.

The couple were married in August, 1919.

Before coming to Shenandoah Mr. Lowrey's home was at Pattonsburg, Mo.

HOME SOUGHT FOR PRISONER'S SON

Juvenile authorities of Council Bluffs are seeking a family which will adopt Wilbur Campbell, 13-year-old son of Brock Campbell, who is charged with the attempted robbery of an oil filling station at Hamburg, Ia., three weeks ago.

The boy has been attending a school in Council Bluffs, and juvenile authorities do not wish to have him placed in an institution. His mother died several years ago, and his father has been paying for his board at the home of Mrs. Charles Foley, 118 South Seventh street.

Campbell and another man and a woman were arrested at McClelland, Ia., after a chase by deputy sheriffs through three counties. He was brought to Council Bluffs Thursday to see his son.

Dr. Powel Retained as Head of Adair Commercial Club

Atlantic, Ia., Feb. 19.—Dr. Preston Powell was re-elected president of the Adair Commercial club at the annual banquet, held at Adair Tuesday evening. The club roster shows an enrollment of over a hundred members in good standing. The organization is one of the liveliest civic clubs in southwestern Iowa, and has accomplished much good work at the home of Mrs. Charles Foley, 118 South Seventh street.

Vassar May Abolish Annual Daisy Chain

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 19.—The senior class at Vassar college is considering taking steps toward the permanent abolition of the daisy chain, the unique and historic feature of Vassar's commencement week. Some critics have declared that the daisy chain is "too much like a bathing beauty contest."

F. H. Sears, Former Mayor of Anita, Dies at Des Moines

Atlantic, Ia., Feb. 19.—F. H. Sears, resident of Anita, Ia., for 25 years and prominent in southwestern G. A. E. circles, died Monday at the home of his only daughter, Mrs. W. H. Faulkner, Des Moines. He was past 77 years of age.

Mr. Sears was one time mayor of Anita and was several times elected justice of the peace.

British Mandate Over Palestine Recognized

Washington, Feb. 19.—Senate foreign relations committee approval was given to a treaty by which this country recognizes the mandate of Great Britain over Palestine. American nationals are given equal rights in Palestine with those of Great Britain.

Centenarian Dies.

Wabasha, Ind., Feb. 19.—"Uncle Jack" Higgins, 106, died.

FORMER GOVERNOR DISCOVERED DEAD

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 19.—Cassius M. Barnes, 80, governor of the territory of Oklahoma from 1897 to 1901, was found dead in bed here this morning. Death was believed due to natural causes. The funeral, according to arrangements announced here, will be held in Guthrie, Okla., Saturday. Mr. Barnes was one of the leaders in the campaign for statehood for Oklahoma.

Plattsmouth Toll Bridge Repairs to Require 10 Days

Ice Deepens Channel and New Piling Needed; Survey Started for Steel Structure.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Plattsmouth, Neb., Feb. 19.—For 10 days Plattsmouth will be without a toll bridge.

That fact was published today when T. H. Pollock began the work of replacing the piling under the north span of the Pollock toll bridge, which were swept by ice yesterday.

The south, or main channel, of the river has been frozen over and the ice, dynamited from near Louville, has been forced over to the north side of the Platte river. The grinding ice tore away great sections of the soft north bank and river bottom until the piling and booms obtained from Omaha this morning were too short to be used.

Engineers at Work. Pollock has done his best, residents of Plattsmouth declare, to reopen the toll bridge came on the heels of the arrival of state engineers from Lincoln to survey the ground for a new bridge which is to be built in the near future.

The engineers were at work early this morning and left before noon to confer with members of the Chamber of Commerce and business men of Omaha.

All doubt that there will be a new steel and concrete bridge over the Platte river at Plattsmouth was killed with the arrival of the engineers.

New \$125,000 Bridge. Omaha and Plattsmouth capitalists formed a company, to be known as the King of Trails Bridge company, several weeks ago. They agreed to raise \$125,000 to pay for the proposed steel and concrete bridge across the Platte.

At a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce in Omaha yesterday these men announced that the money had all been raised and is now on deposit at the First National bank, Omaha.

Bids for the work on the new structure have been advertised and will be opened March 2. The chief stipulation of the bids is that the bridge be finished not later than August 1, 1925.

CHILD RUN DOWN BY MOTORIST

Leona Swanson, 5-year-old daughter of Mrs. Margaret Swanson, 3150 South Thirtieth street, suffered a concussion of the brain when she was struck by an automobile driven by William Duermeyer, Fifty-eighth and L streets, at Thirty-sixth and Q streets, Wednesday afternoon. She is in a serious condition at St. Joseph hospital.

Duermeyer told police the girl was crossing the street and he stopped his car. The child also stopped, he said, and then both started ahead at the same time and the car struck her.

Duermeyer picked up the child and called for the police surgeon.

ATLANTA PRISON CASE GIVEN JURY

Atlanta, Feb. 19.—A jury in United States court this evening retired to consider the case of A. E. Sartain and L. J. Fletcher, former warden and deputy, respectively, of the Atlanta Federal penitentiary, and Laurence Rice, of Columbus, Ga.

The defendants are charged with conspiracy to accept bribes from wealthy prisoners at the penitentiary or their associates, the indictment naming Father Thomas P. Hayden as a conspirator, although the former chaplain was not indicted.

Summary of the Day in Washington

President Coolidge addressed a conference on inheritance and estate taxation.

The War department invited the house aircraft committee to witness tests of anti