

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

Two Parties Clash Over Committee

Demos Denounce Fund Investigation as Useless; Republicans Insist in Aided Credit of State.

G. O. P. Wins; Bill Dead

By F. C. POWELL.

Lincoln, March 7.—Partisan politics occupied another four hours of the time of the lower house today when a bill came up for discussion which appropriated \$5,000 for a committee appointed two years ago by the state senate to investigate the truth or falsity of charges made by former Governor Charles W. Bryan that a deficiency of more than \$2,000,000 existed in the state's treasury.

The democrats insisted on a fight and the republicans did not appear backward in accepting the challenge.

The republicans won. The vote to advance the bill was 16 to 40. Those voting against the bill were Adams, Anderson, Aulen, Axell, Beck, Caldwell, Dick, Dunbar, Elliott, Gillespie, Heater, Heermann, Hoffmann, Hines, Hinman, Johnson of Phelps, Johnson of Washington, Keck, Keyes, Landgren, Lee of Boyd, Martenson, Mitchell, Nelson, Noybaer, Ogara, Omalley, Otteman, Pitney, Raasch, Regan, Rowls, Scheman, Sikes, Thompson, Towls, Waite, Waldron, Wells, Yochum.

Investigation Useless.

Democrats challenged authority of the senate in appointing the committee and denied that the investigation conducted by Senators Wilkins, Robbins and Banning accomplished any good.

Republicans retorted that the investigation of the large deficiencies charged by the governor proved the falsity of his statements and the necessity of re-establishing the credit of the state.

Representative George O'Malley, democrat, led the fight and his voice throbbed with emotion as he spoke of economy and the need of saving the taxpayers this \$5,000.

In the afternoon the house settled down to business, advancing a number of minor bills for reading. There was a sharp clash over a bill which would empower the state prison board to remove women prisoners in the state penitentiary to the home for women at York.

William of York, in opposing the bill, asserted that the York women did not wish to associate with the penitentiary women.

Auten, also opposed to the bill, informed the house that he had canvassed sentiment of women in the penitentiary relative to the proposed change and they were loath to be placed with the York women as the York women were opposed to "bunking" with the penitentiary women. The bill was killed.

Governor A. H. Mulven, who spent the week in attending the presidential inaugural at Washington, returned to his desk at the state house today.

Among the bills advanced to third reading were:

H. R. 283, by Reece and Humphrey, changing the open season on muskrats, foxes and other furs from November 15 to March 1 to January 1 to April 1.

H. R. 159, by Demore, providing that fees shall be charged on applications to the state railroad commission for issuance of securities.

H. R. 417, by Demore, increasing fees of county judges in probate matters where the value of a deceased person's estate is \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Increased work for the house is in sight, Speaker Burke told the members this afternoon. After receiving reports from chairmen of the various committees, he announced that only 59 bills now remain in committee and of them only half a dozen are likely to be reported for passage. Many of the others, he said, are duplicates of senate measures or are bills that will be smothered with consent of the introducers.

Emphasizing his desire that every bill introduced be given adequate consideration either in committee or on the floor, the speaker pointed out that this would be possible if the members will agree to hold long afternoon sessions from now on. Mr. Burke suggested that the house work daily until 5 o'clock instead of 3 as has been customary. Since there is little work left for committees, most of the members could be present in the chamber all afternoon, he said.

The house adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning.

Married in Council Bluffs.

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Harry R. Moran, Creighton, Neb. 22
Alice R. Baker, Columbus, Neb. 23
J. M. Beckford, Davenport, Ia. 24
Lydia A. Amend, Muscatine, Ia. 25
Law R. Jenkins, Des Moines, Ia. 26
Edna B. Cummings, Des Moines, Ia. 27
George Hammann, Creighton, Neb. 28
Wildred Frank, Creighton, Neb. 29
Vernon Houn, Belgrade, Neb. 30
Florence Hallinger, Fullerton, Neb. 31
Joseph Rose, Omaha 32
Alice Elliott, Omaha 33
Harold Webster, Tekamah, Neb. 34
Dorothy Robert, Omaha, Neb. 35
Mike Miller, Omaha 36
Victoria Lee, Omaha 37
Eugene Rostoff, Omaha 38
Barab Dickson, Omaha 39
A. W. Scobee, Omaha 40
Elizabeth C. Rasmussen, Omaha 41
William Christensen, Lincoln 42
Margaret Butts, Lincoln 43

Fire Rages in Hay Barns in South Side Stockyards

Fire of undetermined origin was raging at 8:30 Saturday night in the haybarns of the Union stockyards at Thirtieth and L streets.

The fire was discovered at 7:30. A second general alarm had been sounded.

The fire was spectacular, the flames shooting many feet in the air and attracting a crowd of several thousand spectators.

Automobiles lined the L street viaduct and the new stockyards viaduct.

The fire was in Warehouse No. B and the efforts of the fire fighters were being concentrated on this barn in attempts to confine the flames there.

The barn contained 200 tons of hay. A number of high-power electric wires overhead were threatened by the flames and a score of electricians were summoned to cope with the situation should these wires snap and endanger the lives of firemen or spectators.

No one was reported hurt.

7th Corps Area Chief of Staff to Be Transferred, Reports Say

Col. Harry Eaton Acts as Mouthpiece for General Duncan in Official Matters.

By ARCH JACOBS.

Col. Harry A. Eaton, chief of staff of the Seventh Corps area, will leave his post as chief of staff July 1, according to reports received in Omaha from the War Department at Washington.

Colonel Eaton is the "mouthpiece" to hundreds of officers of the Seventh Corps area. It is from him that officers of this area receive orders.

"He is more of an assistant to the president," the officer at the army building summarized Colonel Eaton's position.

Army officers never receive orders directly from Maj. Gen. George B. Duncan, commander of the Seventh Corps area. They must see the chief of staff in order to get permission to see General Duncan.

Colonel Eaton attended the University of West Virginia and set a record there of attending every drill for four years without receiving a demerit.

He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the West Virginia National guard. When the Spanish-American war broke out, Colonel Eaton was pursuing a law course at the university. He enlisted in the First West Virginia volunteers and received a commission as second lieutenant in the regular army.

During the war he was with Colonel Eaton served with the 56th division at Camp Grant, Illinois. He was placed in charge of the officers' training school, and was later given command of the large officers' training camp at Camp Lee, Virginia.

After the armistice he was sent to Europe to make a tour and inspect the battlefields in France. He returned attached to the second division and was sent to Camp Travis, Texas. He commanded the Second division from August, 1919, to February, 1920. The War Department then detailed Col. Eaton as instructor at the general service schools at Fort Leavenworth. Later he was detailed in the general staff corps and assigned to Omaha as assistant chief of staff for operations and training until November, 1923, when he became chief of staff of the Seventh Corps area.

Colonel Eaton was born in Indiana, September 18, 1874, and was educated in the public schools of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Providence, R. I.; and Huntington, W. Va.

JURY FREES MAIL THEFT SUSPECTS

After deliberating for a record length of time a jury reported in District Judge Wakely's court Saturday afternoon, giving a verdict in favor of the Elkhorn Valley Drainage district in the suit brought against it for \$26,000 damages by Daniel G. Hopper, farmer near Waterloo.

The case went to the jury at 4 Thursday afternoon and the dozen men deliberated continuously from that time till Saturday afternoon, except for hours when they were permitted to go home to sleep.

Hopper asked for damages on the ground that river water backed up in ditches of the drainage district less than the productive value of his land. In two previous suits he was awarded some \$20,000 damages and his latest suit set forth alleged damages in more recent years not covered by other suits.

Hopper has another case, protesting drainage district assessments, pending in the supreme court.

BURGLAR EGOTISM LEADS TO PRISON

Rome, March 7.—An Italian burglar nicknamed "The Squirrel" because of his amazing ability in scaling walls and facades of houses, is languishing in prison due to his desire to "show off" before comrades who doubted his ability to climb the front of a certain house.

A plain clothes policeman was the unseen watcher to a performance by "The Squirrel" in which he climbed up a drain pipe and over a wall with astonishing agility. He also heard him boast to his admiring comrades that he had "traveled" over much more difficult surfaces.

The policeman thereupon disclosed himself and arrested "The Squirrel" on suspicion. Since his imprisonment the epidemic of daring burglaries in Rome has ceased.

Maniac Believed to Be in Hiding on Island

Plattsburgh, N. Y., March 7.—Residents of Cumberland Head believe an escaped lunatic or an eccentric hermit has made his home on an island in Lake Champlain, close to the shore.

Each night piercing screams, like those of a man in pain, ring out through the darkness from the direction of a small island which is regarded as barren.

The noises have continued for several nights and local adventurers are waiting for the lake to freeze over so that they may investigate. No light or sign of habitation can be discerned from shore, but the startling yells, followed by continuous laughter, are disturbing.

Plans for Tennessee Forest Are Abandoned

Washington, March 7.—The National Forest Reservation commission announced today it had abandoned plans to establish a national forest in the Smoky mountains of Tennessee. Title to land which would have been purchased was in doubt, it was said.

Dunbar Postmaster Improves

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Dunbar, Neb., March 7.—Fred C. Easley, postmaster at Dunbar, has returned from the St. Elizabeth hospital at Lincoln, where Dr. A. J. McKinney removed parts of his ribs a month ago.

Demotion of Insurgents Is Blocked

Borah and Norris Foil Attempt by Old Guard to Punish Rebel Senators.

Leaders Join in Fight

By FRANKLIN WISSNER.

Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

Washington, March 7.—An acrimonious fight developed today in the senate when old guard republican leaders offered a resolution to ignore the rules so as to insure speedy demotion of La Follette, Tamm, Ladd and Brookhart, the four independent republicans who were insurgents in the last campaign.

After considerable debate the program was blocked by Senator Norris of Nebraska and the matter went over until Monday.

Senator Borah of Idaho led the attack on the old guard plan. He warned his colleagues they had agreed upon a very dangerous program, which would come back to plague them.

When informed by Senator Watson of Indiana, chairman of the committee on committees, that the four independent republicans had been placed at the foot of each committee to which they were assigned, and the seniority rule had been ignored, Borah declared:

"If that program is ratified, the seats of many republicans in this body will be imperiled in 1926. The program is not only impolitic from the party standpoint, but exceedingly impolitic as it will affect the work of this body. It is unjust and unwise from any standpoint."

Borah said he received "no comfort from reviewing the incidents of the last campaign," adding:

"There was a great difference of opinion among republicans as to the issues of the campaign. It would be much better for the country and for the republican party, since these senators indicated a desire to be considered republicans, to have assigned them as republicans.

"It is not only unfair to them, but to the constituents which they represent to demote them. They represent great republican states and the voters of those states are entitled to fair representation on committees."

Attorneys Ready for Opening of Teapot Dome Suit

Fall Is on Way to Cheyenne to Testify; Annulment Suit to Start Monday.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 7.—After a series of conferences that lasted throughout the day, attorneys representing both the government and the defense announced tonight they were ready for the opening in federal court here Monday of the government's civil suit seeking annulment of the lease of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve to the Mammoth Oil company. The Mammoth is one of the Harry F. Sinclair companies.

Atte. Fomerey, who with Owen D. Roberts, is special government counsel, probably will open the trial for the government in a statement in which he will outline the high spots of the government's case. These are expected to include the legality of the late President Harding's executive order, issued in May, 1921, transferring the oil reserve from the Navy department to the department of the interior; and the allegation of fraud in execution of the lease, as charged by the government, in the conduct of the negotiations by Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior.

Mr. Fall now is en route to Cheyenne from his home in El Paso, Tex. According to present plans of the government, Mr. Fall will not be called as a witness until March 14.

Mr. Sinclair, who arrived here Friday night, has brought together a large army of legal counsel for the Mammoth company to resist the fight to restore the Teapot Dome oil fields to the government. Included among the attorneys are Martin W. Littleton, E. H. Chandler, George P. Hoover, R. W. Ragsdale, J. H. Holmes, G. T. Stanford and John W. Lacey.

Test Flight from London to Tokio Via Alaska, Plan

San Francisco, March 6.—An announcement that plans were in the making for a test flight from London to Tokio via Alaska, with the object of restoring the commercial air route, was made here today by Haakon H. Hammer, formerly aide to Ronald Amundsen, explorer.

The 5,000-mile flight can be made in 50 flying hours with only two stops for refueling, Hammer said.

Hammer returned yesterday from Japan, where he stated, he succeeded in securing the promise of cooperation of the Japanese government in the enterprise.

A Big Load but Nan and Bill Can Pull It



Giddan! Here are Lowell and Pauline Wallahan and Arthur and Roy Cappell of Villisca, Ia., out for a drive in their "twin-goat" machine. Is everybody happy? Looks that way. Even the goats seem to be enjoying it. They never speed, either.

Aircraft Row Unsettled by Target Tests

Anti-Plane Guns Fail to Score Hits; Searchlights on Ground Prove Useless.

By KENNETH CLARK.

International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Langley Field, Va., March 7.—Instead of settling the acrimonious argument that has raged between the army air service and other branches of the service over the ability of anti-aircraft guns to protect American coast lines against possible air invasion, the tests conducted here have only added fuel to the flames.

From practically every point of view the demonstrations of yesterday and last night, in which anti-aircraft guns fired at targets towed across the sky by slow-moving bombers, gave supremacy for the air service.

No hits were obtained by the three-inch batteries in the daylight tests, and at night the big searchlights were unable to pick up the targets—thus supporting the contention of Brig. Gen. William Mitchell that ground fire is of little use against airplanes.

The one direct hit on any target was by an ordinary .30-caliber machine-gun bullet.

Hundreds of rounds.

The new heavy three-inch and the regulation army machine guns of the Fortress Monroe battery, just a few miles from here, fired hundreds of rounds.

"Yes, but—" chorused the artillery officers, "if we had been shooting at the bombers instead of small canvas targets, the results would have been far different."

"That's so much hosh," retorted the air men. "If you had shot at us all afternoon you'd never have hit us."

The personnel of the air field here was extremely jubilant today. It felt that it not only had squelched the anti-aircraft gunners, but naval critics as well.

During the demonstrations, pursuit planes and bombers "blew up" a target battleship on the ground, scoring almost perfect hits with each bomb, heavy and light.

"Yes, bill—" said the naval officers, "your planes would never have gotten so close to us if it had been a real battleship, our own aircraft and machine guns would have kept you away."

"Bunk!" the air service chorused.

"An airplane can blow out of water any battleship ever built," repeated Mitchell, who flew around in his own plane directing the tests.

To the civilian observers it seemed that the only way the three-cornered row can be settled is to have another war. The tests did not silence the talk and claims in the officers' clubs.

WRONG FATHER PASSES CIGARS

Elvira, O., March 7.—"How's my wife?" inquired John Cox, phoning Memorial hospital.

"Congratulations!" the nurse replied. "You are the father of fine twins."

Cox passed the cigars and celebrated. But—

Upon reaching the hospital's maternity ward, Cox learned it was a case of mistaken identity. The twins were born to Mrs. William Cox, Mrs. John Cox underwent a minor operation.

40 Workers Busy Compiling New Omaha Directory

Great Care Being Taken to Get Names and Addresses Accurately for New Issue.

Forty trained workers will be busy for six weeks compiling the data gathered for the 1925 Omaha city directory, according to Otto Bollinger, superintendent for the R. L. Polk & Co., publishers.

"Accuracy is the keynote of our work," he said. "The name and address solicitor must be a careful and untiring worker. He must be willing to return to a place a dozen times if necessary to obtain his information. He must seek and trace every family till every adult and worker is classified."

"A complete course of instruction in methods is given all solicitors before they start out and their work is examined and checked daily. Every name is double-checked, both at the residence and at the place of employment."

"Many obstacles are encountered, chief of which is failure or the interviewees persons to speak English. If occupants of a house are absent when the solicitor calls he must call again till he finds somebody home and gains his information."

New Ambassador Already Chosen

New York Man to Get German Post, Say Political Observers.

Washington, March 7.—President Coolidge has decided upon a new American ambassador to Germany—a New Yorker—but his identity was a matter upon which the White House would not comment tonight.

Charles D. Hilles, republican national committeeman from New York, had been selected, but later developments tended to cast considerable doubt as to their authenticity.

There were also reports that Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, now minister to China, and ex-Congressman Frederick C. Hicks had got the call, but confirmation was similarly lacking.

The belief prevailed in some quarters tonight that Dr. Schurman will get the post. He has been marked for diplomatic advancement for some time. He was proposed once as ambassador to Japan, but the Japanese government pronounced him unacceptable because of certain of his Chinese policies and the proposal was withdrawn by this government. Prior to his going to Peking, Dr. Schurman was president of Cornell university.

British-French Understanding on Security Reached

Herriot and Chamberlain Agree All Allies Shall Have Voice in Pact.

By Associated Press.

Paris, March 7.—Austen Chamberlain, British foreign secretary, and Premier Herriot, in their talks last night and today, reached the determination to settle the security question "in accord with all the allies."

That was the most important result of the British statesman's visit here, according to an official communique issued after this afternoon's conversation.

This was more than expected in French circles after Mr. Chamberlain's recent speech in the house of commons, indicating how much he favored the German security plan.

The coolness of the British toward the Danzig corridor, which was accorded Poland on the late President Wilson's insistence that that country be given access to the sea, was remembered in connection with the commons' debate, and the conclusion was drawn that England was inclined to induce Poland to relinquish this corridor in order to obtain a general security pact.

The official communique was interpreted in French circles as setting all doubts on the Danzig question at rest and indicating plainly that a security pact must receive the full agreement of all the allies, including Poland.

Germany's admission to the league was the principal detail of the security problem discussed by Mr. Chamberlain and M. Herriot. This was believed to indicate that the allies will look more to the league of nations for the application of whatever security measures are finally adopted.

Premier Herriot and Secretary Chamberlain, after today's talk, virtually confined themselves to confirmation of the terms of the communique. Both expressed satisfaction at the tone of the conversation and both expressed hope in the outcome of forthcoming negotiations.

Asked specifically if there were any prospects of finding a scheme acceptable at the same time to Germany and Poland, Mr. Chamberlain replied there was no inherent reason which would make such a result impossible. It was generally accepted, however, that there would be considerable preliminary work necessary before the negotiators can get down to consideration of actual propositions.

AMERICAN YACHTS TO CROSS OCEAN

Cowes, England, March 7.—Several American yachts are expected to cross the Atlantic to compete in a new challenge cup trophy which is to be offered for ocean yachts at this season's Cowes regatta.

The suggested new race will be for yachts not exceeding 50 feet on the water line, and the course will be from Cowes to Plymouth.

WOMAN STUNG BY BEE, DIES

Verona, Utah, March 7.—Mrs. James Ellifritz, 39, was stung on the thumb by a honey bee today and dropped dead five minutes later.

Mrs. Ellifritz is the mother of 11 children, all living.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., March 7. Precipitation, inches and humidity. Total, 1. Total since January 7, 1.45. Forecast.

Officer on Guard Is Wounded

Bandits Terrorize Employees and Patrons, Scoop Up Cash and Make Escape in Car.

Cop Is Shot in Wrist

Four armed bandits held up and robbed the Securities State bank, 4827 South Twenty-fourth street, of between \$5,000 and \$10,000 Saturday night at 7:30, terrorizing employees and bank patrons with a volley of shots.

Tom Baughman, bank officer, was shot in the wrist when he opened fire on the gunmen from a balcony on which he was concealed with a shotgun.

At the time of the robbery the South Omaha business district was filled with hundreds of shoppers.

Falling in an attempt to force W. A. Easton, president of the bank, to open the vault, the bandits quarrelled and scooped up money which was in the teller's cage and escaped through a rear door, jumping into a car waiting with a running motor in the alley.

Exchange Lauds Buckingham Life

Resolutions Deplore Leader's Death Before Earthly Temple Is Finished.

Indications that the \$1,000,000 exchange building being erected at the Union Stock yards will be named for the late Everett Buckingham are contained in a resolution adopted Friday at a meeting of the Omaha Livestock exchange, as follows:

His work is not done, but his column is broken.

The sudden calling of Everett Buckingham to his final reward last Friday night deprives him of the privilege of seeing his earthly temple completed, but the plans are made so that the building will be finished and his name as the originator honored.

Mr. Buckingham was a man of strong character, high ideals and powerful civic force, a true friend and a man of vision with a practical mind to carry his plans into effect.

He was a valuable asset to the community in which he lived. His was a busy life—thinking, planning and building for the future, and his success is best illustrated by the upbuilding of the Omaha yards and the growth of the Omaha livestock market. His improvements were emblematic of his character and friendship—strong, substantial and enduring, and.

Whereas, Mr. Buckingham has been a member of the Omaha Livestock exchange for many years and has devoted a good part of his life in the upbuilding of the Omaha livestock market, therefore:

Be It Resolved, by the Omaha Livestock exchange, in regular meeting assembled this 6th day of March, that in his death we have lost one of our valued members, the city one of its most public-spirited citizens and the livestock industry a loyal worker and a true friend.

W. R. TARG,
J. R. ROOT,
A. F. STRYKER.

PRINCE OF WALES RAPPED IN SPEECH

Dumbarton, Scotland, March 7.—Calling the prince of Wales a "blimpie," David Kirkwood, suspended member of the house of commons, again attacked the amount of money spent by the prince on his world tours in an address to his constituents here today.

"The money that the working class produces ought not to be wasted on a nincompoop like the prince of Wales," Kirkwood shouted. "This fellow ought to do some work instead of spending his time attending race meetings and dog races."

Kirkwood was suspended by the speaker of commons on Thursday for heckling Austen Chamberlain, British foreign minister. This action resulted in the entire laborite body walking out of the session. However, they returned to parliamentary deliberations yesterday, although the suspension of Kirkwood still stands.

Classmates Will Pray for Missing Nebraskan

Lincoln, March 7.—The student body of "Caine" college, at Bethany, by action taken at chapel convocation will contribute 20 cents each toward a fund and engage daily in a moment of prayer, for the finding of Betty Jean Britt, a teacher in the schools at Warren, O., of whose disappearance last February 15, of other students have been notified. Unsuccessful efforts have been made to locate Miss Britt. It was said she was a member of the class of Caine college in 1923.