WEATHER FORECAST

Nebraska—Not much change in temperature.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Adversity is the path to truth—Byron.

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Army Revolt Plot Nipped With Arrest

Private Sentenced to 40 Years Imprisonment Enlisted to Spread Communism, Court Reveals.

Involved Six Others

Washington, April 15.—Additional light on the recent army court-martials at Honolulu was given the War department today in supplemental reports from Major General Lewis, commanding, which explained that indications of a plot to foment revolutionary movements, both among the garrison and civil population, had been disclosed in the trials of Privates Paul M. Crouch and Walter M. Trumbull. A 40-year sentence imposed on Crouch created something of a sensation in this country and the department had sought an explanation.

The summary of testimony at the trials was not made public by the department, but it is known to have pointed out that both Crouch and Trumbull, who was convicted on similar charges by a separate court, were educated men and to have added that Crouch had planned, when he enlisted, to attempt the organization of a revolutionary society in the ranks and among the civil population.

One a College Graduate.

Crouch, who gave his former occupation as "journalist" when he enlisted was described as having subscribed to the doctrine of the third internationale, which included a proposal that world revolution be forwarded through the spreading of disaffection and disloyalty in the military and naval services of various governments, including the United States.

Half a dozen or more other men of the Hawaiian garrison were involved with Couch and Trumbull, but have not been brought to trial as yet, so far as the War department knows. At least one other of these is reported to be a college graduate and nearly all of them were members of the headquarters company of the 21st infantry.

What has impressed officials here as at least unusual is that two or three or more educated men of communistic leanings should be found in a group as enlisted men in the Hawaiian garrison engaged in spreading revolutionary doctrine. Recruits go to foreign service in the army only on their own application and as far as possible are sent to the particular overseas garrisons in which they wish to serve.

No Court-Martial for Others.

The additional reports from Honolulu show that there was a more serious offense under consideration by the Crouch and Trumbull court martials than merely the writing of inflamatory letters to a Honolulu paper. Whether the idea of stirring up a revolt against the garrison and spreading it to the civil population as Crouch is accused of having planned when he enlisted, also actuated Trumbull or any other to join the army is not known. It is indicated, however, that some of the group are regarded by army officials in Honolulu as victims of the chief agitators. It is expected they will not be court-martialed, but merely be discharged and sent home.

Details were not contained in the telegram and the War department issued no statement, but officials are satisfied that the revolutionary plot never reached any serious proportions and that it did not succeed in stirring up unrest among the troops to an extent that justified any apprehension. The idea of expanding it to include formation among the civil population of revolutionary societies did not get going at all so far as known. Disclosure that the Honolulu court-martial was dealing with a deliberately conceived attempt to start such a movement, however, explains the drastic nature of the sentence imposed on Crouch.

We Have With Us Today

Frank Clark,
New York City,
Globe trotter.

A former newsboy, Frank Clark has managed to travel across the continent nine times and around the world twice without paying out a penny railroad or steamship fare, he says.

He arrived in Omaha Wednesday from San Francisco by automobile, but it wasn't his. His gray hair and his lore, gained through wide travel, influences motorists to pick him up, he believes. He recounts many adventures, including a trip through Spain as a beggar, riding a decrepit horse and begging without dismounting by using a tin can tied to a long stick.

Sidney L. Willson,
Holyoke, Mass.,
President, American Writing Topic Co.

Mr. Willson was a resident of Omaha away back in 1896. At that time he was connected with the Carpenter Paper Co. He still looks upon Omaha largely as home. "It is a wonderful city, he says." Those who live here now are to be congratulated upon the opportunity they have to make it an even more wonderful city. This is the first time Mr. Willson has had a chance to visit Omaha for three years. He didn't get a chance to play golf while he was here but he did look around through the retail district. He is carrying back east with him an enthusiastic report on Omaha.

TWO INJURED AS BUS LEAVES ROAD

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Fremont, Neb., April 15.—Two people were hurt when an Interstate bus left the highway at the Dodge-Douglas county line of the Lincoln Highway east of Fremont late Tuesday night.

Blinging lights from an approaching car made it impossible for the driver, Thomas Hooper of Fremont, to see the road. To avoid upsetting in making the corner, Hooper steered for the ditch, bringing the bus to an abrupt halt.

Mrs. Bernard Book of Fremont suffered a sprained shoulder as a result of the accident and an Omaha man, whose name was no available, suffered a broken finger and minor bruises. Mrs. Book was to undergo an x-ray examination today to determine the extent of other possible injuries.

Eight passengers were in the bus, en route to Fremont. The bus was extricated from the ditch and continued its journey into Fremont with the passengers.

Scott, Waiting in Death Cell, Says He Will Not Hang

Former Wealthy Man Pins Final Hopes on Appeal to Supreme Court; Friday Fatal Day.

By Universal Service.

Chicago, April 15.—Russell Scott, once rated as a millionaire bridge promoter in Detroit and Windsor, was placed in the death cell today to await his execution for murder Friday.

All efforts to obtain a reprieve from Governor Small failed, and only the intervention of the supreme court Thursday afternoon or the sentencing judge can save him from the gallows. Both efforts will be pressed, his attorney declared today. The supreme court has Scott's lengthy petition before it, but failed to consider it today, recessing to Thursday, the eve of the execution.

Under Heavy Guard.

Scott, high in hopes, even in the face of his sentence, blanched when informed that Governor Small had refused to intervene. He grew nervous and sought to steady himself in cigaret smoking as he prepared for his removal to the death cell.

Because of his threats that he never would hang, it was feared that Scott would attempt to end his own life. It was this fear that prompted the authorities to put him under heavy guard for a longer time than the usual 24 hours before execution.

"I'm confident the supreme court will give me a stay," Scott remarked to his two guards, who are constantly with him.

He made no request for a spiritual adviser for what appeared to be his last hours.

Pleaded Guilty Once.

Scott was convicted of participating with his brother in the holdup of a drug store opposite the city hall and detective bureau a year ago. Both Scott and his brother escaped after killing the clerk, but Russell was traced through the raincoat he left behind. At his first trial he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to death. Then he managed to withdraw his plea and obtained a jury trial which rendered the same verdict.

MIDLAND STUDENT WINS ESSAY PRIZE

Fremont, Neb., April 15.—Johannes Klotsche, Midland college student, was awarded first prize in the essay contest conducted by the Dodge County Bar association, Judge Waldo Wintersten announced today.

Second prize was won by Phillips M. Bieswanger and third was taken by Ranier Dunkel. The essays were on the subject, "The Federal Constitution and the Courts," and will be entered in the state contest sponsored by the Nebraska Bar association.

The judges were District Judge F. W. Button, S. S. Sidner and Frank Dolezal. First prize was $15, second prize $10, and third prize $5.

Girl Who Strangled Baby Names Alleged Betrayer

Fort Morgan, Colo., April 15.—Elmer Van Matre, alias Elem Marsten, 23, charged by Laverna Arthington with being the father of her strangled baby, will have his preliminary hearing this week in justice court. Van Matre was brought back here from Minatare, Neb., where he was working on a farm, after the girl had named him as her betrayer in her confession after her arrest for killing her baby. Miss Arthington is also in jail here and both she and Van Matre will probably be bound over to the district court.

Rail Track Ties Being Cut on Farms Around Table Rock

Table Rock, April 15.—A community saw mill rigged up from an old traction engine and a saw and carrier apron is moving from one farm to another to cut track ties for the railway from the native oak, walnut, ash and elm timber. Ties net the farmers from 70 cents to $1.20 each.

Denver Company Offers to Refund Chappell Bonds

Chappell, April 15.—An offer from the United States Bonding company, Denver, to refund the city water bonds at a rate of 5 per cent indicates faith of investors in western Nebraska. The city board made a further reduction in the light and water rates at its last meeting.

Church Destroyed by Fire.

New York, April 15.—Holy Trinity Protestant Episcopal church at Lenox avenue and 122d street was destroyed by fire with an estimated damage of $600,000.

Omaha Government Cost Given

Expenses for 1923 Were $76.40 Per Capita; School Bill $2,151,001, U. S. Figures Show.

Per Capita Debt $153.28

Washington, April 15.—The Department of Commerce announces that the total payments for expenses, interest and outlays for the city government of Omaha, Neb., for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1923, including the independent school district of Omaha for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1923, and the independent public utilities district for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1923, amounted to $15,614,430, or $76.40 per capita.

Of this total, $5,861,816 represents the expenses of operating the general departments of the city government; $2,151,001, expenses of operating the public service enterprises, such as water works, markets and similar enteprises; $1,659,945, interest on debt; and $5,941,668, outlays for permanent improvements, including those for public service enterprises. In 1922 the total payments for the city were $13,479,455, and in 1917, $6,130,091, a per capita of $67.15 and $33.59, respectively. The totals include all payments for the year, whether made from current revenues or from the proceeds of bond issues.

Revenues $13,543,893.

The total revenue receipts of Omaha for 1923 were $13,543,893, or $66.27 per capita. This was $3,871,131 more than the total payments of the year exclusively of the payments for permanent improvements, but $2,070,537 less than the total payments including those for permanent improvements.

These payments in excess of revenue receipts were met from the proceeds of debt obligations. Property taxes represented 54.9 per cent of the total revenue for 1923, 59.5 per cent for 1922, and 55.4 per cent for 1917. The increase in the amount of property taxes collected was 167.6 per cent from 1917 to 1922 but there was a decrease of 8.7 per cent from 1922 to 1923. The per capita property taxes were $35.38 in 1923, $40.58 in 1922, and $16.68 in 1917.

Earnings of public service enterprises operated by the city represented 26.4 per cent of the total revenue for 1923, 24.8 per cent for 1922, and 16.4 per cent for 1917.

Indebtedness $31,327,782.

The net indebtedness (funded and floating debt less sinking fund assets) of Omaha on December 31, 1923, was $31,327,782, or $153.28 per capita. In 1922 the per capita debt was $149.41, and in 1917, $99.57.

For 1923 the assessed valuation of property in Omaha subject to ad valorem taxes for city corporation was $326,203,722. The levy for all purposes for 1923 was $8,649,008, of which $3,183,748, or 36.8 per cent, was levied for the city corporation; $3,736,381, or 43.2 per cent, for the independent school district; $652,407, or 7.5 per cent, for the state; and $1,076,472, or 12.4 per cent, for the county. The per capita tax levy for city, school, state and county was $42.32.

In all of the data shown for this city, the financial transactions of the independent school district for the fiscal year closing July 31, 1923, and of the independent public utilities district for the fiscal year closing December 31, 1923, are included. This treatment seems desirable because it puts the data on a basis comparable with those cities in which the schools and public utilities are not independently administered.

School Expenses.

The total payments for the school district amounted to $5,441,103. Of this total $3,078,607 represents the expenses for school maintenance; $439,968, interest on debt of school district; and $1,922,528, school outlays. The total payments for the public utilities district amounted to $4,080,435. Of this total $2,042,360 represents the expenses for maintenance of the district; $561,300, interests on its debt; and $1,476,775, outlays.

The revenue receipts of the school district amounted to $4,514,275, or $926,888 less than payments for maintenance, interest, and outlays. The recenue receipts of the public utilities district amounted to $3,611,257, or $469,178 less than payments for maintenance, interest and outlays.

Of the total net indebtedness of the city at the close of the year, $8,187,728 was for the independent school district, and $10,482,950 for the independent public utilities district.

Bridgeport School Head Elected Member of P. B. K.

Bridgeport, April 15.—For meritorious work at the summer school last year, Superintendent G. O. Kelley of the Bridgeport schools has just been honored by membership in the P. B. K., a national honorary scholastic fraternity. This is an honor conferred on only a few educators each year, and seldom does it go to a city as small as Bridgeport.

Falls City Paving Contract Awarded Monarch Company

Falls City, April 15—The Monarch Engineering company of this city, with a bid of $104,700.13, was the successful bidder for the 38 blocks of asphalt paving to be laid this summer. Work is to be started within 10 days and is to be completed by September 1. This additional paving will give Falls City about 14 miles of paving.

HOW ARE YOUR BRAKES? Let Raybestos Brake Service Station inspect them. Better be safe than sorry. Drive in. Auto Electric and Radio Corp., 2515 Harney St.—Advertisement

Bulgarian King Faces Bullets of Assassins Calmly, Escapes Unhurt

Outnumbered, King Boris and His Attendants Flee to Safety, but the Monarch Returns to Spot in Command of Group of Soldiers to Fight Bandits.

By The Associated Press.

Sofia, Bulgaria, April 15.—King Boris of Bulgaria probably owes his life to the fact that he is an expert automobile driver. Yesterday when his car was attacked from ambush by a band of alleged communists and the chauffeur wounded the king seized the wheel and attempted to steer the machine out of the danger zone. The steering gear was damaged, however, and in a moment the car hit a telegraph post.

Meanwhile the king's six assailants continued to fire on the occupants of the automobile, and they, in turn, retaliated with revolvers, but their shots apparently were without effect. Realizing the only chance of escape lay in flight, the king and three of his attendants ran to cover in a little copse a few yards down the road, which leads from Orchanie to Sofia.

King's Retreat Covered.

M. Iltcheff, director of the Sofia museum, already was bleeding profusely from a body wound but he continued to defend the king. Almost immediately a servant was shot through the heart and Iltcheff became unconscious. The chauffeur was some distance from the king and the others, so Captain Stanatoff, aid de campe, urged Boris to make a bid for safety and run towards an auto bus carrying mails, which the royal car had passed a few minutes before reaching the ambuscade. Stanatoff covered the king's retreat, although Boris wished to attempt to carry off Iltcheff's body with him.

The king and his aide ran towards the auto bus, the driver of which was endeavoring to turn back but was hampered by the narrow road. The king took the chauffeur's place, turned the bus and speeded off down hill, pursued by the bandits, who fired and hit the bus, but without success.

Arriving at Orchanie the king hastily mobilized a platoon of troops and, remaining at the wheel of the automobile bus, hurried back with an officer and 28 soldiers, to the place of the ambuscade. The bandits were robbing the bodies of Iltcheff and the servant. They were surprised and one was wounded. The others fled and, aided by small wiry horses escaped.

The king's calmness during the affair was related with admiration by those who witnessed the attack. One passenger on the auto bus admitted that on hearing the shots he hastily threw a large sum of money into the bush beside the road. On returning several hours later he failed to discover the place, but the king, who had remained on the spot directing operations, showed him where it was. Finally, after all had been cleared up, the king drove another car back to Sofia and reported to the government what had occurred.

Holiday Declared.

The king's sister, Princess Eudoxia, was not a member of the party, although she usually accompanies her brother everywhere. Boris spends much of his time motoring about Bulgaria, visiting the peasantry and searching for wild flowers and plants. He was on one of these expeditions when his car ran into the ambuscade.

Who the bandits were, whether they planned to kill the king or whether they wished only to rob the automobile bus is a mystery.

After a thanksgiving service this morning, an unprecedented manifestation took place in Sofia. Thousands of persons of all classes acclaimed the king who appeared on the balcony of the palace. The march past the building lasted two hours. When the premier communicated the news to the Sobranje the members made a great display of sympathy for the sovereign. The diplomatic corps called at the palace to congratulate the king; the town was beflagged and shops were closed.

Cosmopolitans Plan for Meet

Frank Runyon, H. R. Rynerson, C. B. Darlow, A. H. Anderson on Committees.

Plans were outlined at the Cosmopolitan club meeting Wednesday noon to send one-fifth of the membership of the Omaha and other Nebraska Cosmopolitan clubs to the annual convention of Cosmopolitan International, in Tulsa, Okla., the first week in June. Frank Runyon was appointed chairman of the convention committee and C. B. Darlow, chairman, H. R. Rynerson and A. H. Anderson were named to handle the publicity work.

Omaha Cosmopolitans believe this state will have a record attendance, in proportion to the total membership. A rally of the various Nebraska clubs will be held Tuesday night in Lincoln to complete the plans. Fifty member from Omaha will attend the rally.

Judge Frank Dineen, who talked on the rehabilitation bureau of the American Legion, said there are 11,000 disabled veterans of the world war in this district, comprised of parts of Nebraska and Iowa. The local post, Judge Dineen said, is taking care of a number of these boys and has assisted some in securing compensation.

WALSH WILL ASK OIL LEASE PROBE

By The Associated Press.

Great Falls, Mont., April 15.—Senator Thomas J. Walsh will "press for a senate investigation," of how the Midwest Refining company gained alleged domination over the Salt Creek Oil field in Wyoming by acquiring leases from the department of the Interior, he announced here tonight.

Senator Walsh, who is here as the chief defender of his colleague, Senator Burton K. Wheeler, in the case which goes to trial in federal court tomorrow, declared that he will urge adoption of an investigation resolution in the upper branch of congress immediately after it convenes in December.

Oklahoma Oil Concerns Delay Postal Hearings

Los Angeles, April 15.—Ten Oklahoma oil companies, known as the "Invader Interests" charged with misuse of the mails, which appeared in federal court here today to resist a government demand that their books be submitted to the federal grand jury of Los Angeles, had their case postponed until Saturday.

The companies involved deny the charge and also assert that the court order for examination of their books is too sweeping. Their headquarters are in Muskogee, Okla.

Uni. Students Sell Their Blood to Go Through School

Ann Arbor, Mich., April 15.—One hundred and fifty university of Michigan students are giving their blood in transfusions to help pay their way through college, Dr. John L. Garvey, chief resident physician of the university hospital said.

New Cuban Ambassador.

Washington, April 15.—Rafel Sanchez Aball will be the next Cuban ambassador to Washington, it was announced tonight, to succeed Don Cosme de la Torriente, who recently resigned.

Sewer Gas Is Fatal to Man

Boilermaker Found Unconscious in Basement After Attempt to Open Pipe.

Sewer gas, deadly in effect, claimed a life in Omaha late Saturday night, according to a death certificate filed Wednesday. The victim was Otto J. Staral, boilermaker, 5564 Mayberry avenue. He was found unconscious on the basement floor of his home by his wife, after he had gone down to open a clogged sewer pipe. He was dead less than two hours later.

According to Dr. Ben F. Ewing, who attended him, the gas caused him to vomit from nauseation, thus causing strangulation. F. S. Garhart and E. B. Mayberry, neighbors, assisted Mrs. Staral in moving the man from the basement. Had he been found sooner his life could have been saved, it was stated.

Staral went to the basement about 7 p. m. and when his wife became worried after his long absence she investigated. It was about 9 when she found him at the foot of the stairway unconscious, after he had attempted to open the congested sewer.

Staral was 39 and had lived in Omaha about 23 years. He was employed by the Drake-Williams-Mount company as a boilermaker.

Funeral services, in charge of the Masons, were held Tuesday at the residence, with burial in West Lawn cemetery.

ARMOUR LEATHER EARNINGS SMALL

Chicago, April 15.—Although the Armour Leather company made sales that totaled $40,000,000 last year, the company's annual report, submitted to stockholders today, showed net earnings of only $50,000. Sales showed an increase of $5,000,000, compared with 1923.

"The results are not altogether pleasing, except insofar as they indicate improvement in a very unsatisfactory situation which has prevailed in the entire leather industry since the war," said the report.

The report showed an increase of about $3,000,000 in the company's working capital during the year.

Curb Market Asked to Bar Stock of Copper Concern

Boise, Idaho, April 15.—Stewart Campbell, Idaho state mining inspector, today in a public statement addressed to the Boston Curb Exchange, declared that "the statements and recommendations concerning the stock and mine of the Idaho Copper corporation are so grossly misleading and extravagant that they are discrediting the good name of the state. Idaho regrets that your exchange is being used as a medium in hoisting the stock upon the public, and we trust that in behalf of the Boston Curb Exchange that you will accede to our request that the stock of the company should be barred from the curb."

The statement also was made available to the press and a copy was sent to the Massachusetts commissioner of corporations.

Mrs. Hart Improves.

Hollywood, Cal., April 15.—The condition of Mrs. Winifred Westover Hart, former actress and wife of the screen actor, William S. Hart, was "greatly improved" today, her physicians announced. She was given light nourishment at noon.

Doctor Upon Stand Bares Attack Tale

Details of Alleged Experience of Indiana Girl With Ex-Klan Official Related in Court.

She Planned to Kill Man

Indianapolis, Ind., April 15.—Dr. John K. Kingsbury, first witness today at the inquest into the death of Miss Madge Oberholtzer, 28, related the details, as told to him by the young woman, of the alleged attack made on her by D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan. Miss Oberholtzer died yesterday after a long illness attributed to poison taken following the alleged attack.

Miss Oberholtzer's story, as repeated by the physician, told how she had been induced to visit Stephenson's home a few doors from her own residence in the Butler college district, how she had been attacked and how she had threatened at one time to kill Stephenson with his own revolver and then end her life with the weapon.

Funeral Arranged.

Arrangements were completed today to hold funeral services tomorrow for Miss Oberholtzer. The services will be held at her home which is only a few doors from the Stephenson residence.

Stephenson is at liberty under $25,000 bond pending a ruling on motions to quash the indictments against him. Eph Inman, attorney for Stephenson, has indicated that he will not ask time for arguments on the motions. In event that he adheres to this course, Judge James A. Collins is expected to make his ruling on the motions tomorrow.

Dr. Kingsbury said he had been summoned to the Oberholtzer home by a woman employed there who told him Miss Oberholtzer had been injured in an automobile accident.

Describes Bruises.

"I went upstairs to her room," Dr. Kingsbury testified, "and found Miss Oberholtzer lying on the bed. Her dress was open in front exposing lacerations and bruises on her chest. There also was an apparently bruised area on her right cheek.

"She was in a state of shock. Her body was cold and her pulse rapid.

"She told me that on two evenings before—Sunday evening previously—she had been summoned by telephone to the home of D. C. Stephenson and had been escorted from her home to his place by some one whose name I don't remember. She said that on entering the house she was sure she had been trapped.

"She said she was forced to drink three drinks. I don't know what it was—she didn't say. She said shortly she felt weak and nauseated and sank into a chair; that she felt unable to offer resistance.

"She said she was then taken to the Union station by Mr. Stephenson and two other men and taken up to the train and put in a drawing room or compartment."

Upon arriving at Hammond, Ind., Miss Oberholtzer, according to Dr. Kingsbury, said she was taken to a hotel and there compelled to occupy a room with Stephenson. It was there that she decided to kill Stephenson, the physician said Miss Oberholtzer told him.

PEACE SOCIETIES IMPERIL SECURITY

New York, April 15.—The growth of peace societies, especially those among women who seek to obstruct preparedness, in their main effect, is to imperil the national security, Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, retired, said today in an address before the Brooklyn chapter of the Society of New England Women.

The requirements of women have been the main basic causes of war, Admiral Fiske asserted, in describing the desire of men to give their wives and families greater comfort and safety.

"Wars seem inevitable," he said. "Thinking men have realized that all of the ill effects of war, the worst effects have come to those who were unprepared for war.

"The best way to prevent war is not to keep raising the standard of living, but to lower it.

"We do not need to live herded together in enormous cities and live the purely artificial and tremendously expensive life that we live now. But so long as we do lead that life we must enter into competition with foreign nations to get the money that life costs, and therefore we must dwell in the continual shadow of war."

Canadian Wheat Crop Is 95 Per Cent Merchantable

Ottawa, April 15.—Ninty-five per cent, or 250,096,000 bushels of the estimated Canadian wheat crop of 1924, totaling 262,997,000 bushels, is reported by crop correspondents as having proved to be of merchantable quality the dominion bureau of statistics announced today. Last year's corresponding figures were 95 per cent, or 454,804,000 bushels, out of 474,199,000 bushels.

Married in Council Bluffs.

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Name and Address.	Age.
Theodore Sterling, Omaha	21
Doris Patterson, Omaha	18
W. J. Van Brocklin, Creighton, Neb.	40
Effie Stubben, Creighton, Neb.	35
Elmer Luhnow, Ithaca, Neb.	21
Beatrice Endres, Ithaca, Neb.	20
Frank Brideaux, Omaha	24
Hazel Nixon, Omaha	18
Henry Lunes, Marcell, Neb.	22
Hanna Haenrichs, Marcell, Neb.	20
G. R. Schinaedelex, Underwood, Ia.	25
Mary Evelyn Webbe, Underwood, Ia.	20
Henry Timmerman, Glenwood, Ia.	20
Velmar Foster, Treynor, Ia.	21

CONVENTION FUND DRIVE IS STARTED

Business leaders of Omaha met yesterday afternoon in the Hotel Fontenelle at the call of Eugene Eppley and arranged to raise $15,000 for the Disabled Veterans of the World War convention here June 22.

Mr. Eppley presided and the sentiment was unanimous for raising the money. George Brandeis represented the retailers, Fred Warren the wholesalers, H. A. Jacobberger the laundries, L. J. Millard the lumbermen, E. S. Waterbury the packing houses, John Fitz Roberts the livestock exchange, Mac Harding the creameries, John L. Kennedy and Ford Hovey the banks and John Welch the restaurants.

It is expected that the convention will bring 8,000 to the city.

Shipping Board Prepares Fight Upon Ship Sales

Members Who Dissented From Sale to Dollar Line Also Will File Answers in Injunction Suit.

Washington, April 15.—Shipping board counsel planned tonight to file in the District of Columbia supreme court tomorrow their answer to the petition of the Pacific Mail Steamship company for an injunction staying consummation of the sale of the five vessels of the California-Orient line to the Dollar interests.

At the same time answers of members who dissented from the sale are expected to be filed. All have been made defendants in the action as commissioners and the board has instructed its general counsel, Chauncey G. Parker, to represent it in the proceedings.

Dissenters Refused Counsel.

Final touches were put on the answers today, including those of the three dissenting members, Commissioners Plummer, Thompson and Benson, who previously, by a vote of four to three, in the board, had been refused the assistance of lawyers in its legal department in preparing them. The vote was the same as the one authorizing the sale.

The position of the dissenting members is understood to be that, while the board, as a group, should file answer through its general counsel as a matter of firm, this should not be construed as setting forth the position of all the commissioners individually. They intend to file their view in detail, separately, it was said.

May Go to High Court.

A motion to dismiss the proceedings was made by Parker yesterday and will be taken up with the petition of the plaintiffs by the court Monday, when hearing will be begun on making the temporary injunction, previously issued, permanent. In the dismissal motion, the jurisdiction of the court was challenged in the case, but if it decides to take jurisdiction, all phases of the many controverted questions are expected to be examined with the possibility that the language of the merchant marine act of 1920 may be given judicial scrutiny for the first time. Whatever the immediate outcome, the probability exists that the supreme court of the United States may eventually be called upon to pass upon issues presented.

REVOLUTION IN HONDURAS QUIET

Managua, Nicaragua, April 15.—An apparent setback to the Honduran revolution was reported today when a party of revolutionists, en route to Honduras, was detained at Ocotal, Nicaragua, by authorities of this country. Ocotal is 63 miles southeast of Tegucigalpa, capital of Honduras.

Nicaraguan reports yesterday said that Gen. Gregorio Ferrera, Honduran revolutionary leader, had started a revolutionary movement; with 800 followers, and that the government had declared martial law.

The Honduran government recently bought 3,000 rifles, 20 machine guns and 2,000,000 rounds of ammunition in the United States, with the consent of the State department. Assurance was given these would be used only in support of the regularly constituted government and to protect foreign lives and property.

Hastings Ad Club Backs Made-in-Hastings Show

Hastings, April 15.—Hastings Ad club will sponsor a fall trade opening for all retail stores of Hastings. This was decided when the organization reviewed the success of the spring opening which it promoted.

The club also decided to hold a made-in-Hastings show at the Municipal auditorium. The exhibition will be restricted to products of home industry.

Minimum of 48 Drills National Guard Basis

Washington, April 15.—Expenditures for national guard armory drill pay from the $1,332,000 deficiency appropriation will be based on the minimum of 48 drills during this fiscal year for each guard organization. No obligation for drill pay will be created in excess of the amount apportioned to each state for that purpose.

The Weather

For 24 hours ended at 7 p. m. April 16.
Precipitation, Inches and Hundredths.
Total precipitation since January 1, 3.11; deficiency, 3.84.

Hourly Temperatures.

6 a. m.	46	1 p. m.	56
7 a. m.	46	2 p. m.	56
8 a. m.	46	3 p. m.	56
9 a. m.	46	4 p. m.	55
10 a. m.	46	5 p. m.	55
11 a. m.	46	6 p. m.	55
12 noon	46	7 p. m.	55

Debt Ridden French Turn to Caillaux

Man Exiled as Traitor Five Years Ago Now Offered Post as Minister of Finance.

Painleve Made Premier

France has turned to Joseph Caillaux, its expatriate, to guide it through the financial storm which threatens to engulf the currency of the country.

Five years ago Caillaux was ordered from France, which disowned him. And an exile he remained until 1924, when an amnesty was granted him. Now he has been offered the all-important portfolio of minister of finance, a trusted servant of the country, which called him "traitor."

The financial ability of this stormy petrel of French public life has never been questioned. He is France's strong man of finance and would long ago have taken the helm had his past not risen up to bar his path.

Five years ago he was dead politically. Now all Paris buzzes with conjecture as to when Caillaux will be supreme, the prime minister of the country which rejected him. That his rise to the highest office in the gift of the nation is now only a question of time is generally agreed by observers well acquainted with pinwheel antics of French politics.

By The Associated Press.

Paris, April 15.—Joseph Caillaux's acceptance of the post of minister of finance in the cabinet now being formed by Jaul Painleve overshadowed all other developments in France's political crisis today. The return to power at the head of one of the most important ministries of the man who five years ago was regarded as politically dead for all time has caused varied but strong emotions in the French political world, accustomed as it is to spectacular coups and dramatic ups and downs of its statesmen.

M. Painleve, on whom devolves the task of the premiership from which Edouard Herriot was deposed, called on President Doumergue at 11 tonight and informed him that negotiations for the constitution of a cabinet were progressing as normally as could be expected and that he would be in a position to present his ministry to the president late tomorrow afternoon.

The ministerial declaration will be read in the chamber on Friday and a vote of confidence demanded. M. Painleve will himself take the office of foreign affairs, but beyond the appointment of M. Caillaux the other cabinet posts have not yet been announced.

Raise Currency Limit.

Throughout the day the coming of Caillaux had thrown all other cabinet talk into the background. There was far more discussion as to whether he had been, or was going to be asked to take the ministry of finance than whether M. Briand would take the foreign office. When M. Painleve telephoned to him at Mamer this morning, M. Caillaux said he would be glad to come but his automobile was out of order; whereupon M. Painleve sent one of the automobiles to the presidency chamber to fetch him.

A bill authorizing the Bank of France go raise the legal limit of circulation from 41,000,000,000 to 43,000,000,000 francs and advances to the state to 26,000,000,000 francs, was passed by the chamber after slight modifications by a vote of 325 to 28. The senate met in special session tonight and also ratified the bill, 195 to 5, about 100 members of the opposition abstaining from voting.

Socialists Support Painleve.

M. de Monzie sponsor for the bill, said that when the Bank of France draws up its weekly statement tomorrow with full legal authority from parliament, the figures of paper

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Summary of the Day in Washington

Representative Oldfield, Arkansas, was operated on for acute appendicitis.

President-Elect Machadoe of Cuba was received in Washington with special honors.

Hearings were opened before the Interstate Commerce commission on the Nickle Plate merger plan.

Aircraft bombing demonstration at Quantico was said by officials to have produced satisfactory results.

The first woman member of the foreign service, Miss Lucille Atcheson of Columbus, O., was assigned to the Berne legation.

The War department disclosed that privates recently court martialed at Honolulu were believed to have conspired for the purpose of fomenting revolution.