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ANNEXATION BILL AMENDED; ENTIRE TERRITORY VOTES

Greater Omaha Measure Recommended and Changed to Provide for Special Election on Call of Governor.

MOTION IS MADE BY PARRIOTT

Carried After Warm Discussion by the Vote of Fifty-Two to Forty-Four.

BILL MUST YET BE PASSED

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 18.—(Special Telegram.)—S. F. No. 2, the Howell-Greater Omaha bill, was amended by the house today to provide for a vote on annexation by all the territory affected at a special election to be called by the governor in not less than thirty or more than sixty days after the bill becomes a law.

Action was taken in committee of the whole this afternoon after the bill had been recommended for special amendment on motion of Parriott of Nemaha. The vote was 52 to 44.

How Friends Stood.

There was a division among friends of the measure as to the advisability of making the change in its provisions, some of them preferring to let the bill stand as drawn upon its merits. Others thought the best interests and the least friction would result by the change, though in the event of final passage it would put all the municipalities affected up to the tank of fighting it out later.

As the bill now stands, the amendment made today must be engrossed, the bill must then come up for third reading in the house and must then go to the senate for conference in the changes made by the house.

At this late day in the session it is altogether probable it will be passed in this form finally, whether with the emergency clause, depending on the attitude of the house at the final passage which may be deferred until next week.

Calling of Election.

In case the bill passes with the emergency clause, the special election would be called after one or not longer than two months from the date the governor signs it. Without the emergency clause, the special election might be called in August or September. A majority of the vote decides under the amendment adopted.

Omaha's municipal election will be held May 4.

In support of his motion Parriott said that it would give a chance for home rule to be put in effect and give the people of a territory, which was in reality one community, a chance to say whether they wanted one municipal government or more.

Mockett was opposed to the motion as he was with the bill. Taylor tried to press a point of order that the motion was the same as the one killed in committee of the whole at a previous session, but the chair stretched the point a little in the interests of having the matter settled and ruled the motion on its merits.

Langman for Annexation.

Peterson and Norton also spoke for the motion. Langman made a strong speech.

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COLLEGE ORATORICAL CONTEST AT SIOUX FALLS

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Interest in the twenty-eighth annual contest of the Intercollegiate Oratorical association to take place Friday evening of next week in the City Temple in Sioux Falls. Those who will participate in the contest and the schools which they will represent are as follows: J. A. Johnson, University of South Dakota; Stephen Tabin, Yankton college; Clinton Anderson, Dakota Wesleyan university; Clement Thomas, Huron college; Miss Mable Styles, Redfield college, and Miss Leora Manbeck, Sioux Falls college. The debating contest will be conducted under the supervision of O. M. Phelps, secretary-treasurer of the state association.

The Weather

Forecast till 10 a. m. Friday.

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity.

Unsettled.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

High	50
Low	32
Mean	41
Normal	45
Deficiency	-4
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Comparative Local Record.

1915	1914	1913	1912
High	50	48	45
Low	32	30	28
Mean	41	39	37
Normal	45	43	41
Deficiency	-4	-4	-4
Normal	45	43	41
Deficiency	-4	-4	-4
Normal	45	43	41
Deficiency	-4	-4	-4
Normal	45	43	41
Deficiency	-4	-4	-4

Storms and State.

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Cheyanne, snowing	41
Denver, snowing	41
Des Moines, cloudy	41
Landis, snowing	41
North Platte, cloudy	41
Omaha, cloudy	41
Pueblo, cloudy	41
Rapid City, snowing	41
Salt Lake City, cloudy	41
Sioux Falls, cloudy	41
Valentine, cloudy	41

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

LLOYD GEORGE, chancellor of the British exchequer, accompanied by Brigadier General Owen Thomas, inspecting the London Welsh regiment.



FINDS FIRST DUTY STILL TO HER HOME

Speaker Would Not Have Daughters of Revolution Degenerate Into Aristocrats.

TALKS BY PROMINENT WOMEN

"We should not degenerate into a set of devaluated aristocrats," declared Mrs. A. W. Richardson of Lincoln, representative of the eborah Avery chapter to the state Daughters of the American Revolution conference at the Fontenelle. "Our first duty is to our homes, which we should not neglect like the woman I knew who had joined twenty-eight organizations. No woman could do that and neglect her home."

Other addresses at the afternoon session were made by Mrs. George Thacher Guernsey, Kansas state regent, and a candidate for national president general in opposition to Mrs. William Cummings Story of New York, who is the present incumbent, and by Mrs. Charles Wesley Bassett of Washington, national historical general of the Daughters.

"Our function is to prevent the nation from becoming ungrateful," declared Mrs. Guernsey in her address on "Practical Education." "In our rapid growth we have mistaken liberty for license. The rising generation does not feel the restraint it should in law observance. We should lay special emphasis on the historic debt of our national life and teach the debt owed to our fathers."

"We don't appreciate the free institutions of this country, because we don't realize the cost at which they were secured."

"This is the day when woman has come into her own. It is both a serious responsibility and a great honor to be an American woman just now. We claim no monopoly of love, but we believe that in the American home there is a higher conception of domestic felicity than in any other land. Our work is a great one."

History Too Little Studied.

The interests of Americans in historical research was deplored by Mrs. Bassett. "Intelligent Americans know more about interesting historical spots in Paris, Bonn than they do of similar American points. American boys and girls, too, are prone to take their pill of history coated with a thick marmalade of story and fancy, in marked contrast with other lands, where history is a serious study and is cultivated to insure high ideals."

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WILLIAMS TO MILLA AGAINST HIS MILLION PESO LEVY

Washington Tells Northern Leader Enforced Tax on Monterey Not Just the Thing to Do.

BRITISH-OWNED FIRM SQUEALS

Mexican General Not Particular Who Pays Money and City Can Collect from Anybody.

FIFTEEN DAYS IS TIME GIVEN

WASHINGTON, March 18.—A protest was sent by the United States today to General Villa against the collection from American citizens or other foreigners of part of a special tax of a million pesos levied at Monterey.

The British embassy had brought to the attention of the State department a report just received from Monterey saying that the British-owned light and power company there had been called upon to pay \$35,000 as its share of the new tax.

Just how the general assessment was to be apportioned, the State department was not notified, but the understanding was that General Villa had laid an embargo on the city leaving it to the authorities there to raise the money in whatever way they saw fit. The order was dated March 16. It was said, and fifteen days was the time given in which to raise the money.

The brief statement by the department in regard to the matter said: "The department has been informed in advice emanating from Monterey, that General Villa has imposed a forced contribution of 1,000,000 pesos on certain persons, including foreigners and church authorities. No details regarding the matter have yet been received."

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Utah Regents Deny Charges Relative To Faculty Changes

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 18.—The board of regents of the state university made public today a long statement in which it upholds the recent action of President J. T. Kingsbury in dismissing four professors and demoting the head of the English department. The statement also denies charges that the changes were influenced by religious or political considerations and that efforts are being made to limit freedom of speech and thought at the university.

Dr. A. A. Knowlton and Prof. George C. Wise, two of the men dismissed, are accused of having spoken disrespectfully of the university administration and of the chairman of the board of regents. The reason given for dismissing Prof. Charles W. Snow and Prof. Phil C. Bing is that their positions have been abolished. Prof. G. M. Marsh, head of the English department for more than twenty years, is made honorary professor of English and O. J. P. Widtsoe, at present an instructor in the Letter-Day State university, is appointed to succeed him as head professor of English.

Letters from Knowlton and Wise, incorporated in the statement, ask for public investigation of the charges against them, but the men declined to appear before the regents when assured that the board will hear evidence as to the facts. The regents re-elected President Kingsbury and announced that Joseph E. A. Alexis of the University of Nebraska, has been appointed to succeed Prof. Wise as associate professor of modern languages.

The statement says the recent meeting of alumni, which appointed a committee to investigate the dismissals, was not fair and that the regents will not make a public or any other investigation as a result of that meeting.

AGED WOMAN DIES SAME TIME AS HUSBAND

SHENANDOAH, Ia., March 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Going into the bedroom to tell of her grandmother John Spurlin's death this morning, Josephine Davis found her grandmother dead in bed. Death failure was the cause of the sudden death, which occurred at about the same hour as that of the aged husband at the city hospital, where he had been taken for an operation.

Both had been married before and left several children. Since they were in limited circumstances and there is no estate, the courts will not be called upon to decide which died first.

He Kills Wife, Her Mother and Neighbor

BILLINGS, Mont., March 18.—Leon William, a rancher living near Forsyth, shot and killed his wife, his mother-in-law and a neighbor, John Harris, today. William escaped to the hills, pursued by a sheriff's posse.

William has served jail sentences for abusing his wife and Carter had befriended her.

Pioneer Cattleman of Texas is Dead

FORT WORTH, Tex., March 18.—Ruben Burnett, 51 years old, pioneer Texas cattleman, died here today. Burnett was known from end to end of the Chisholm trail, the famous old cattle path from the southwest to Kansas. He was an uncle of Colonel S. Burke Burnett, sr., owner of the famous 686 brand.

STOP OFF IN OMAHA THE GATE CITY OF THE WEST

Do you know that Omaha possesses one of the finest coin collections to be found anywhere? It is "The Byron Reed Collection," displayed in our handsome public library building. It is complete for American coinage for the period it covers, including the rare original 1804 dollar. For those interested this collection alone will repay a stop.

Russians Burn German Towns; Triple Retaliation is Threatened

BERLIN, (Via London), March 18.—The German war department gave out the following statement today: "Western theater: A French advance against our position on the southern slope of the Lorette hills was repulsed."

"Partial French attacks in Champagne, to the north of Le Menil, were brought to a standstill by a counter attack. A fresh French attack which was begun there last night has been repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy."

"In the Argonne yesterday the fighting abated. French aviators threw bombs on the undefended Alsatian town of Schlettstadt. Only one bomb took effect, falling on a seminary conducted by a woman and killing two children and severely wounding ten. In reply German aviators last night dropped bombs of big size on the fortress of Calais."

"Eastern theater of war: Russian attacks on German positions between the Plesna and Orzy rivers in Northern Poland, as well as northeast of Pruznany continued yesterday without success. West of the Skwa river we took 500 prisoners of war and east of the Skwa 1,000 prisoners and four machine guns."

"Hordes of the Russian imperial militia gained a cheap victory by invading the most northern corner of East Prussia in the direction of Memel. They pillaged and burned villages and estates. As a retaliatory measure, towns on Russian territory occupied by us were compelled to make payment of large sums. For every village burned down by these Russian hordes on German territory and for each estate destroyed, three villages or estates on Russian territory occupied by us will be sacrificed to the flames. All damage caused by fire in Memel will be answered by the destruction by fire of Russian government buildings at Suwalki and other provincial capitals in German hands."

"PARIS, March 18.—(Via London)—The war office this afternoon gave out the following statement: "The Belgian army continued its progress on the Yser. Its artillery bombarded one of the enemy's convoys on the road from Dinmude to Lessen."

"From the Yser to the Oise there was artillery action. The enemy bombarded in particular the spur of the hill at Notre Dame De Lorette and the villages of Corroy and Marcoroy."

"There is nothing new in the operations in the Champagne."

"In Lorraine there was an artillery duel. One of our aviators bombarded the railway station at Conflans."

OMAHA LIGHT PLANT BILL IS ADVANCED

Measure is Placed at Head of Sifting File on Motion Made by Representative Trumbull.

MANY MESSAGES OF PROTEST

LINCOLN, March 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Senate file 6, the Omaha water board lighting bill, has been made a special order for 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Like the annexation bill, both sides are claiming victory, but it is noticeable that numerous changes against the bill have been made during the last day or so.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., March 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Arising to a question of personal privilege, Representative Trumbull, chairman of the telephone and telegraph committee, charged that an Omaha paper had made unjust charges against him, intimating that he was holding back senate file No. 6, the Omaha water board electric lighting bill.

Trumbull pronounced the story false and moved to place the bill at the head of the sifting file, which carried almost unanimously.

Telegrams are pouring in to the members of the house delegation from Douglas county this morning, praying them to use their votes and influence to defeat senate file No. 6, the Omaha water board electric light bill.

The messages came from many of the most prominent business men of Omaha and all different, but urging its defeat.

One from John D. Creighton, says: "Don't favor a plan to use public power and public funds to destroy investments honestly made in Omaha," carrying the sentiments of the rest.

There appears to be a strong sentiment crystallizing against the bill.

Madden and Cook Are Found Guilty

NEW YORK, March 18.—Richard Madden and Gustave Cook of Hoboken, N. J., were found guilty today of conspiracy against the United States in aiding Richard P. Steigler, a German naval reservist, to procure a false American passport. The jurors, who considered the case and who were selected for their neutral opinions on the European war, deliberated for six hours before they reached a verdict. They added to it "a strong recommendation for mercy."

The men will be sentenced late tomorrow and immediately afterward Steigler, who became a state witness and testified against the two men, will be called for trial.

The penalty for the offense is a maximum of two years in prison, \$10,000 fine, or both.

Fires Do Damage in Three Iowa Towns

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., March 18.—Fires in three southwestern Iowa towns in the last twenty-four hours destroyed three large stocks of merchandise and one postoffice, entailing an aggregate loss of over \$50,000.

At Grant the general store of Smart & Co., in the building of Charles Klipatrick, and the postoffice with all the mail and supplies were destroyed by a fire which started about midnight. The loss was half covered by insurance.

At Mount Etna the big general store of Thomas Nicoll and building was burned. The loss was \$30,000 and the insurance \$12,000.

At Dunlap last night the Nordaker Dry Goods company was burned out with a loss of \$12,000. There the Odd Fellows also lost their hall and effects.

VEILED TURK WOMEN ARRIVE IN SWITZERLAND

GENEVA, March 18.—(Via Paris)—Wealthy Turkish families, some of them still veiled, arrived in Switzerland this week by way of the Austrian Tyrol. Their baggage consisted chiefly of valuable jewel cases.

French Yachts Sighted

SIDNEY, Neb., March 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Grand Custodian of Masons Robert E. French of Kearney closed a very successful school of instruction here tonight.

OUTER FORTS OF PRZEMYSL ARE TAKEN BY RUSS

Unofficial Report Says First Line of Defenses of City Fall Before Assaults of Armies of the Czar.

RUMOR OF FIGHT NEAR TILSIT

British Experts Believe Situation in East Preclude Possibility of Sending Germans West.

SLOW PROGRESS IN THE STRAITS

The Day's War News

RUSSIAN FORCES continue their efforts to throw back the Germans in northern Poland, but the German war office announces that all these attacks have been repulsed. The statement shows, however, that the Russian army succeeded in penetrating German soil once more, striking in at the northern end of East Prussia.

ALTHOUGH FIGHTING is still under way in Belgium, Champagne and the Argonne, the French and German statements indicate that the activity yesterday was limited principally to the artillery. The Belgians are said to have made further progress along the Yser.

EMPEROR WILLIAM has arrived at the German army headquarters near Lille for a council of war with the kings of Saxony and Wurttemberg and others.

UNOFFICIAL REPORTS indicate that the relations between Italy and Austria are becoming more unsettled. A Paris dispatch says that Germans at reports in the Italian Riviera have been notified to evacuate the country at once.

OPERATIONS of the allied fleet against the Dardanelles are being carried on slowly and carefully, and a French officer is quoted as saying that at least another month will be devoted to the effort to silence the Turkish fortifications.

OFFICIAL BRITISH account of the recent fighting at the town of Navee Chappelle says the place was laid in ruins. No estimate is given of British losses, but it is said that in two sections near the town 2,500 bodies of German soldiers were counted.

VIENNA DISPATCH concerning Przemysl is in disagreement with a Petrograd message of yesterday to the effect that the Gallican fortress would fall within a few days.

LONDON, March 18.—The outer forts of Przemysl, toward which a part of the Austrian army has been struggling in an effort to bring about the relief of the besieged garrison, have at last fallen before the Russians, according to unofficial reports reaching London.

Although confirmation is quite lacking, British newspapers this morning apparently are eager to regard the report as not improbable. They refer to the fact that news dispatches received from Petrograd yesterday said the surrender of this stronghold was but a matter of a few days.

True or untrue, this is about the only overnight news from the eastern front, although there has been much speculation concerning the engagement reported on the northern frontier of East Prussia and referred to in wireless messages from Berlin as "weak Russian attacks on Tatrovograd and Langensargen." Langensargen is just within the borders of East Prussia, not far from the German fortress of Tilsit, and the presence of Russian troops at this point may mean a new invasion of German territory.