

SHERIDAN FARM OWNERS SWARM IN CAPITAL CITY

Visiting Men and Their Wives Given Special Invitation to Hall of House of Representatives.

Potash Plants Proving Gold Mine in Hitherto Barren Field.

THOMAS DELIVERS SPEECH

Lincoln, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Sheridan county and Sheridan county farmers and their good wives held the center of the stage today in legislative halls, having been present on special invitation of the house given through Representative Lloyd Thomas of Alliance, their representative.

The delegation was greeted by a little address by Representative Richmond of Douglas to the house calling attention to the presence of so many fine looking men and beautiful women, and after Speaker Jackson had welcomed them without reciting any poetry, Mr. Thomas was called upon to do the real honors of the occasion, which he did in an address calling attention to the rapid development of Sheridan county and the rustling ability of its citizens.

West to Front.

Mr. Thomas said that there were many things which had brought western Nebraska into prominence. Prof. Condra with his motion pictures showing the activities of western counties had done much along this line. The people themselves had done much by their thrift and energy, together with their determination to stick under adverse circumstance, to bring Box Butte and Sheridan counties, the counties of his district, into the limelight. Speaking of a new industry, Mr. Thomas in closing said: "During the last three years a new industry has been developed in Sheridan county which is of vital agricultural and commercial importance. The state now leads the world in the production of potash, which is used in making fertilizer. In the southern part of the county there are a number of alkali lakes which for many years were deemed of little value until some enterprising young men from the University of Nebraska discovered that they were rich in potash."

New Plants Started.

"There are now four huge evaporating plants in operation, taking the potash from the water in these lakes. The largest of these plants is turning out an average of forty tons per day. Altogether the potash production of southern Sheridan county is now approximately 100 tons per day. At their present rate of production and with potash remaining at its present price, these four plants will turn out during the coming year not less than \$10,000,000 worth of potash—perhaps twice that amount."

Eight Bills Voted Against Alleged Chicago Grafters

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Eight indictments, according to an announcement from the state's attorney's office, were voted today against men involved in the police graft investigation which recently led to the arrest of former Chief of Police C. C. Healey, other police officers and various alleged go-betweens accused of aiding in collecting tribute from the underworld. It also was stated that the October grand jury, which has been hearing witnesses in the graft inquiry, would be dismissed with the return of the indictments. This action was regarded as the outgrowth of the charge that a member of the grand jury had communicated happenings in the grand jury room to former Chief Healey's bondsmen.

The Weather

Table with columns: Hour, Deg., Fair, Rain, etc. for various times of day.

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House Members Forestall Lobby That Drove Them Wild in 1915

House Adopts Motion Showing Itself in Favor of Extending Terms.

MOTION MADE BY DEFOE

Lincoln, Jan. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The bill to make the terms of county officers four years will pass if an expression taken this morning really reflects the feelings of the members. The vote was taken in order that the lobbyists might know whether it would be necessary to come to Lincoln or not. The vote stood 87 yes to 7 no.

When the question came to a vote, the only ones found opposing the proposition were Beal, Gormley, Keegan, Lovely, McAllister, Mostley and Stuhr. Those absent and not voting were Greenwalt, Leidigh, Mills, Murty, Osterman, Schneider and Stearns.

RUSS ON OFFENSIVE ALONG SERETH LINE

Attempt of Huge Mass Formation to Break Through Near Fundeni is Failure.

MUCH ACTIVITY IN GREECE

(Associated Press War Summary.) The Russo-Romanian defense of the Sereth line in northern Roumania has turned to the form of heavy counter attacks, which are being delivered both along the Moldavian frontier and between Fokshani and the Danube. The most ambitious attempt to push back the Teutonic front was made along the main Sereth line between the mountains and the Danube in the vicinity of Fundeni. Russian troops in mass formation were thrown into a storm attack yesterday. The Teutonic lines were reached, but could not be held by the attacking forces. Elsewhere there has been little fighting, so far as the current official reports reveal. There are signs of impending activities of an important nature, however, along the front in Macedonia.

Pontiff Extends Congratulations to President Wilson

Washington, Jan. 16.—Congratulations from Pope Benedict XV on the recent peace movement of the American government were conveyed to President Wilson today by Juan Ryoano, the Spanish ambassador. The pope has sent no suggestion for future moves. The message was conveyed through the Spanish ambassador because the papal legation here has no diplomatic status. On its own account the Spanish government has already replied to President Wilson's peace note, taking the position that it would do nothing for the present. In transmitting the message from the pope today the Spanish ambassador acted merely as an intermediary.

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DEMOS PROPOSE BIG BOND ISSUE

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RAISE INHERITANCE TAX

Washington, Jan. 16.—Ways and means committee democrats today met and formally agreed on a revenue program embracing a bond issue of \$289,000,000, an increase of the estate or inheritance tax to produce \$22,000,000 and an 8 per cent tax on excess profits above 8 per cent on capital of corporations and partnerships. In addition temporary certificates of indebtedness will be decided upon to \$100,000,000 to run until June 30. The president, Secretary McAdoo and Chairman Kitchin have agreed to that program. This is the program as now arranged: Inheritance or estate tax to produce \$22,000,000. Tax of 8 per cent on all over 8 per cent net profits on business of corporations and co-partnerships with income of \$5,000 a year and over to net \$24,000,000. Bond issue on account of Mexican border and other expenses to produce \$289,000,000. Probably \$100,000,000 certificates of indebtedness, a temporary expedient to take care of the treasury until the present year's income tax returns flow in. The estate tax would increase to 1 1/2 per cent the 1 per cent tax on the minimum taxable estates from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and increase to 15 per cent the present 10 per cent tax on estates over \$15,000 in value. The bond issue is to pay \$162,000,000 for Mexican border expenses, \$1,000,000 for the Alaskan railway, \$20,000,000 for the nitrate plant, \$11,000,000 for the armor plant, \$25,000,000 for purchase of Danish West Indies, and \$50,000,000 for creation of a merchant marine under the shipping bill. No decision was reached at the 3 per cent certificate indebtedness under which there is authority to issue \$200,000,000 to run not more than three months. Chairman Kitchin indicated that there might be a decision later to issue \$100,000,000 merely to take care of the treasury between now and June 30, by which time \$200,000,000 in income tax is expected to be in the treasury.

Wyoming Senate Votes to Submit 'Dry' Amendment

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 15.—The Wyoming senate today passed a bill submitting prohibition, as a constitutional amendment, to the people of the state in 1918. The bill now goes to the house.

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Rules Committee Spreads Drag-net Over Financial District of New York as Result of Lawson's Testimony.

WITNESS TALKS FURTHER

Goes Into Detail Regarding Alleged Interview With Chairman Henry.

WANTED WOMAN MISSING

Washington, Jan. 16.—Spreading a dragnet over the financial district of New York, the house rules committee today extended the peace note "leak" investigation to a general inquiry into the stock market. In an executive meeting the committee considered the advisability of employing expert counsel familiar with financial affairs to conduct the examination of witnesses. It also planned to ask congress tomorrow for an extension of time to report. As the first step in enlarging the scope of the hearing the committee subpoenaed J. P. Morgan, H. P. Davison, F. A. Vanderbilt, Arthur Lipper, Sol C. Wexler and J. S. Bache, New York financiers. Woman Disappears. Vying in interest with the summoning of the financiers was the disappearance of Mrs. Ruth Thomson Visconti, who Thomas W. Lawson says told him Secretary Tumulty and "others" had profited in the stock market by the "leak," and that William W. Price, one of the White House correspondents, had acted as the "go-between" in the affair and received \$5,000 for his work. Sergeant-at-Arms Gordon and several assistants tried in vain to find Mrs. Visconti. Mr. Lawson expressed great surprise over the disappearance. Lawson, whose sensational testimony aroused the committee to go to the depths of the "leak" rumors, occupied the witness stand again today, reviewing, and supplementing his statement. Attacks Henry's Denial. At the outset Lawson attacked Representative Henry's denial of his testimony and emphatically declared that he or Henry was guilty of rank perjury. In a characteristic outburst, Lawson shouted his reiteration that "When there is a direct difference of opinion—stronger than a question of veracity," said Lawson, "it is perfectly obvious that one of the other of us is committing perjury, deliberate, rank perjury. Unless your chairman said the things that I have said he did, I am guilty of foul perjury and I am unfit to be here or anywhere outside the bars of a jail."

COURT HEARS HOW THE BANDITS WORK

Story of Conduct of Assman and Calcord Told Again at Fremont.

DEFENSE ASKS FOR TIME

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Only fifteen of the twenty-eight witnesses County Attorney J. C. Cook had subpoenaed for the state in the bank robbery case were called upon to testify against Louis Assman, one of the defendants. The state rested its case this afternoon and Attorney Berger asked for time to bring an expert from Omaha who will testify as to Assman's competency. Judge Button adjourned court until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. The story of the robbery, the chase of the bandits across Washington and Thurston counties and the subsequent arrest of Assman and Tom Calcord were told by witnesses today. The court room was crowded to overflowing again. George Voll, cashier of the Winslow State bank, was the first witness called. He testified to the defendants coming into the bank, commanding Assistant Cashier Elmer Ruwe to hand over the money and "do it quick," and then firing shots in the ceiling. Voll said when the bandits took Ruwe to the vault he ran over to a store to call for help. He identified both defendants as the two robbers who raided the bank. Logan Lambert of Winnebago, to whom the defendants surrendered following their fight with Clint Hoffman, Winnebago marshal, told of the hunt and the capture of the bandits. Lambert said Assman and Calcord came out of the Cashier Elmer Ruwe where they had hidden and throwing up their hands said, "we are through, boys; we give up."

Never Did Say It.

In that connection, in answer to inquiries by Representative Garrett as to what Henry told him about "a cabinet member, a member of congress and a banker," Lawson said he never had asserted that Henry had told him anything about Secretary McAdoo, the mysterious "Senator O." and H. Pliny Fisk. The cabinet member Henry spoke of, Lawson said, was Mr. Lansing and the banker, Mr. Baruch. The fact that Baruch is a "speculator and investor" and not a banker had led to a misunderstanding in the committee regarding Lawson's previous testimony. Information Mr. Lawson said he received in regard to McAdoo, Fisk and "Senator O." came from another source, which he did not reveal. The Boston financier insisted on reciting to the committee in great detail the disputed confidential conference with Chairman Henry. For more than an hour he recounted what he had said to Henry and what he alleged Henry had said to him. Remembers Something. With regard to his testimony yesterday bringing in the names of Secretary Lansing and Baruch, Lawson said he had forgotten to add that Henry told him the committee had received information concerning the substance of all of one of Secretary Lansing's alleged conversations with Baruch and part of another. Lawson was questioned closely concerning the letter he received from Mrs. Visconti, the missing witness, and the conference with her at a local hotel. When Representative Pou asked him if he had not previously acquitted Secretary Tumulty of any connection with the leak Lawson declared he never had had Mr. Tumulty in mind respecting it until he met Mrs. Visconti. Even then, Lawson said he told the woman her efforts seemed to him to have been actuated by an ulterior motive. She insisted, he said, in the presence of her attorney, that she had no such motive, but wanted to disclose information she thought congress and the public should have. Afraid to See Tumulty. Asked by Representative Pou why he had not acquainted Tumulty with the information given by Mrs. Visconti, Lawson declared that he never had any intention of making the woman's letter or her statements public when he did and that he would not have done so yesterday had the committee not demanded that he give them all information in his possession on pain of punishment. Lawson said he had sought a conference with Mr. Price, but that reports which came to him concerning his effort caused him to let the matter drop. He said he probably never could have gotten up his courage to go to Tumulty in

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