

TWAS A ROUGH DAY FOR OLD DOUGLAS

Demo Political Machine Captures First Line Trench and Plants Mine.

THEN STARTS BACKFIRE

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—It was a party line matter in the house today when the Shannon bill, aimed to perpetuate democratic control of the Douglas county political lunch-counter came up, and by a vote of 39 to 55, the bill, House Roll No. 202, was placed on third reading.

As Peterson, floor leader of the republican minority, said: "The purpose of the bill is to take care of a political machine in Omaha." However, in the face of great odds, the republicans put up a stiff fight, and although two democrats, Olson of Harlan and Wait of Lancaster, voted with the minority, the latter lost out.

The bill removes the county judge from the board which, with the county commissioners, gives out the county jobs, and puts the county attorney on the board instead, thus insuring places for the democratic jobless and sending republicans back to earning an honest living.

Democrats admit that it was a political game, pure and simple, and appear to be well pleased with the result.

Swat Jerry Howard.

Jerry Howard got another swat in the house when his eight-hour-a-day for female workers bill was sent to the legislative scrapheap. Regan of Platte was the busy toiler in the defeat of the bill. Although Regan and Howard both came from the side where the shamrock and the shalalash thrive, they never seem to be supremely happy unless they are opposing each other. Regan said that he knew a telephone company where they required the girl who attended to the phone during the day to sleep near the exchange in the night and answer what few calls might come. It was no hardship upon her and gave her a chance to make good wages. If she had to hire someone to help her neither one would be well paid for their work. He did not think that the small telephone exchanges could afford to take on the extra expense.

Registers Raise Fades.

Hopkins of Douglas moved to postpone indefinitely a bill of his own, House Roll No. 216, raising salaries of registers of deeds and their deputies. Hopkins had discovered that there was a scheme on foot to murder his bill and in reality the waylaid had already been accomplished when he moved to postpone. Amendments had been inserted in the bill reducing the proposed salaries to what the present law provides, \$2,500 for the register and \$1,500 for the deputy and \$80 a month for assistants. The Hopkins motion was carried unanimously amidst laughter.

An amendment proposed by the fees and salaries committee cutting the fee for adoption papers from \$8 to \$2 was agreed to. Felt's completed a member of the Douglas county delegation for proposing to cut out this fee altogether, but said that such action might be unconstitutional and for that reason it had been decided to retain a \$2 fee.

"This bill is for the protection of little children who have no homes," said the Furnas member. "We have taken care of the poor old landlords; now let's do something for the orphans."

Whack at Bob Smith.

Representative Shannon's bill to make Bob Smith, clerk of the district court in Douglas county, turn over his naturalization fees to the county treasurer, instead of putting them into his pocket, was advanced to the third reading calendar. It is an amendment to the law fixing salaries and fees of district court clerks in all counties, but as there are few naturalizations outside of Lincoln and Omaha the effect will be small on officials elsewhere.

Mr. Dalbey Offered an Amendment

to take care of Gage county, as to salary and fees, on the present basis after it passes the 40,000 population mark, which he said it will do soon.

Favorable Action.

The committee of the whole also took favorable action on these bills: H. R. 331—Changing catch as a game fish. H. R. 332—Fixing both fine and imprisonment as penalties for violating game and fish laws. H. R. 333—Authorizing county board in Saunders county and elsewhere to use county funds in paying county fair's indebtedness. H. R. 334—Empowering county boards, except in Ouse county, to pay needy blind persons \$200 per year pensions. Boosting deputy clerk of district court in Gage county from salary of \$1,000 per year to \$1,200.

State House Notes

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Barie B. Judd, Lincoln correspondent for an Omaha paper, who advised his position as private secretary to Senator Hitchcock, will not leave Lincoln until after the close of the present session of the legislature, which he is covering for his paper. Mr. Judd has been the Lincoln correspondent for the Omaha paper about six years.

Representative Shannon's street car bill, calling for vestibuled rear platforms, which was the cause of a fight in the lobby of the hotel between Trumble, chairman of the corporations committee, and Nielsen of Douglas, and later on the floor of the house when the bill was passed, has finally reached an indefinite postponement. The committee, after considering it in executive session last night, voted 4 to 2 to kill it.

H. D. McFadden, manager of the Wellington Inn of Omaha and the first hotel controller in Nebraska after the creation of the hotel inspection law, has again filed his claim with the legislature for \$25,000 for salary in absence of an appropriation during last term, which was under the Aldrich administration.

The railroad of Nebraska has suddenly dropped their application for increased decrease charges on interstate cars in order to put them on the interstate basis.

The State Banking board has issued two orders to the following institutions: First State bank of Omaha, capital, \$1,000,000; president, John W. Green, vice president, R. E. Cook; cashier, A. F. Morry. Park State bank of Park, capital, \$10,000; president, R. E. Green; vice president, J. G. Riley; cashier, H. J. King.

Condolences to Senator Charles W. Deal of Cedar county were drafted and approved by the senate this morning by a standing vote. Senator Deal is now in Mexico, Mo., where he was called Monday afternoon by the unexpected death of his father. The resolutions committee consisted of Senators Randall, Nease and McAllister.

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Huge Steel Net to Guard New York Harbor From Submarine Invasion



Above is a map showing how the new steel net, now being made aboard the old monitor Amphitrite at the Brooklyn navy yard, will guard New York harbor from the invasion of submarines. The net is constructed of heavy steel cable and cross-sections

Naval Officer Is Arrested Often Across Germany

Copenhagen, Feb. 15.—(Via London.)—Warrant Officer Hardy of the American gunboat Scorpion, station ship at Constantinople, arrived here last night from Constantinople after an experience of arrests, detentions and trials covering the period since the announcement of unrestricted warfare. Hardy left Constantinople January 30, and as he was wearing a uniform, was the object of suspicion from the outset.

He was taken from the train at Sofia, Budapest and Vienna, but in each instance was permitted to proceed. When he fell into the hands of the German authorities at Dresden, however, he was detained in a military prison for three days. Thence he was forwarded to secret service headquarters at Berlin.

After an investigation he was permitted to proceed to Warnemunde, where he was again detained before being put on board the ferry for Denmark. The Germans apparently feared he might be carrying information, for he was subjected to the full course of acid washings and other scientific methods of detecting communications written in sympathetic ink. His uniform and effects were searched in the most thorough manner.

Hardy is the only exception so far as is known here to the German rule for the detention of Americans. Aside from those on the train, which carried members of the staff of the American embassy at Berlin, no Americans are known to have crossed the Danish frontier since the arrival of The Associated Press correspondent here from Berlin last Sunday.

Uncle Sam Tries Thrift In Mail Transportation

Thousands of dollars a year may be saved for Uncle Sam in the transportation of mails, if plan now being worked out by Captain W. S. Felt of the railway mail service are found to be feasible. In this connection he has gone to Denver to investigate the space-rate method of paying the railroads for carrying mails west from Omaha.

Since this method has supplanted the weight basis of payment, the railway mail officials have sought to economize further by careful study of conditions, statistics and requirements.

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Spencer With Villa at Columbus. Spencer was made a prisoner of Villa at the Ojita ranch early in March, 1916, while Villa and his bandits were advancing on Columbus from the interior, according to those who know the negro well. Spencer was taken to Columbus with the Villa raiders and succeeded in escaping from them during the confusion of the raid of March 9, 1916. He was later arrested by United States army officers as a participant in the raid, but was liberated when it was established that he was a prisoner of Villa at the time. He is said to be one of the two persons who know positively that Villa was present in person at Columbus, the other being Mrs. Maud Hawk Wright, who was also a prisoner of Villa's on the march to the border.

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GERMANY NEEDS MORE SOLDIERS

Kaiser Begins to Feel Lack of Fighting Men for His Armies.

OVER MILLION MEN DEAD

Paris, Feb. 15.—Americans arriving in the French capital today from Berlin, who were in a position to see what was taking place behind the screen, regard General von Luddendorff, the first quartermaster general of the German imperial army, as the most vital person in the small group surrounding Emperor William responsible for the German policy.

The military situation in Germany, according to the same source of information, is regarded as beginning to be affected by the exhaustion of man power. Nearly every man in the country between the proper ages has been replaced by men physically unfit for active service or below or beyond the age limits.

The German losses in dead, officially placed by the last public announcements, as having reached slightly beyond 1,000,000 officers and men, is, according to cautious estimates, 300,000 or 400,000 beyond that figure. The sanitary service of the German army has been very good and because of this a high percentage of wounded soldiers has been able to return to the active army. Yet the number of permanently disabled among the wounded probably will bring their irreplaceable losses considerably beyond the 2,000,000 mark.

General von Luddendorff, the Americans say, appears to be the brain that conceives the military plans, while Field Marshal von Hindenburg, chief of the general staff, is the hand that executes them. General von Luddendorff is described as being of a military mind rather than of a political one. Yet his immense influence in the entourage of the German emperor gives him a voice in purely political and foreign policies.

Americans whose business in Berlin was to study the springs of action of the German government, say they know that General von Luddendorff dislikes Americans and has contempt for their military strength; that is, while aware of their potentialities, yet so far as any organization and application of them is possible, they could not, in the opinion of the German quartermaster general, be brought to bear upon the present war, which, in his belief, will be finished before the United States could get into action.

The conviction in the small group responsible for the acts of the German government appears to be that the submarine war can be successful against England within three months; that in any event it is a powerful arm for immediate and continual use until the war is ended. Consequently it will be used for all it is worth.

Indianapolis Chief of Police is Indicted

Indianapolis, Feb. 15.—Chief of Police Samuel V. Perrotti, City Sealers Herman F. Adam and five police officers, all of Indianapolis, appeared at the office of United States Marshal Mark Storen at noon today and surrendered on an indictment returned by the federal grand jury yesterday, charging election conspiracy.

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Cops Listlessly Visit Jurors About to Disband

Unless something unexpected comes up the grand jury will adjourn Saturday, possibly sooner. This bit of information is said to have come "with authority" from one of the sixteen closed-door jurymen. If the grand

jury lasts until Saturday it will have completed a three weeks' session, lacking one day.

The wisecracks about the court house opine that there is nothing in sight for the grand jury to do. The inquisitorial body has investigated and investigated and returned quite a batch of indictments, none of sensa-

tional consequence, however, as was predicted the grand jury would do when it reported for duty two weeks ago Tuesday.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

F. D. Johnston, superintendent of the railway mail service, has gone to Cheyenne and Denver to install new chief clerks in those offices.

Friday White Goods Specials

50c (32-in.) Irish Dimity, 35c 30c (32-in.) Irish Dimity, 25c 50c (32-in.) Persian Lawn, 35c 25c (32-in.) Persian Lawn, 19c 30c (27-in.) Wide Welt Pique, 20c

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\$1.00 Slipper Sale Friday Only

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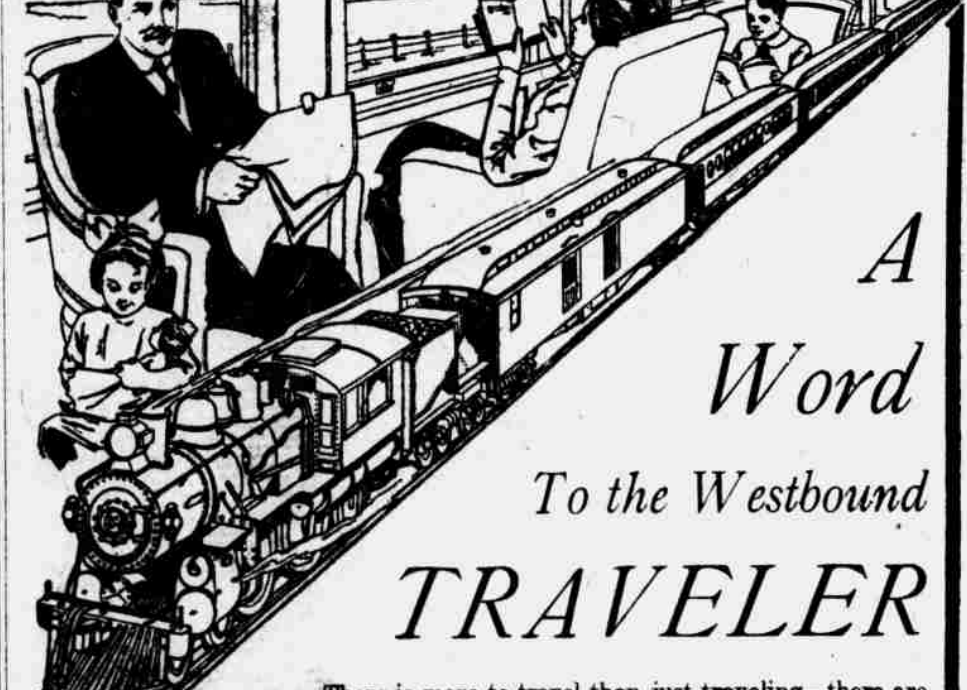
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