

GOVERNOR BALKS AT SMITH PROBE; ASKS MORE PROOF

Neville Says Mayor Dahlman's Charges Are Indefinite and Lack Specific Evidence; Investigate Further.

Lincoln, May 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Neville has requested Mayor Dahlman of Omaha to make the charges against Ed. P. Smith more definite and specific. The governor does not feel warranted in taking any action on the information thus far presented by Dahlman in connection with Mr. Smith as a member of the exemption board of appeals.

The governor, however, indicated that when proper and sufficient information shall have been presented to him he would investigate the four cases referred to by the mayor. A letter along this line has been transmitted by the governor to Mayor Dahlman.

A sentence of the mayor's letter to the governor reads: "I understand that Ed. P. Smith, as member of district exemption board, etc."

The mayor's charges against Ed. P. Smith followed public utterances during the campaign talks in Omaha. The mayor cited four specific cases by numbers and names and declared Mr. Smith had used his influence in obtaining deferred classifications or exemptions in these instances.

Smith's Statement.
Mr. Smith made the following statement: "I have waited a week for Mayor Dahlman to give to the public proof of his charge of favoritism made against me while acting as a member of the district exemption board. That proof has not been forthcoming. I probably owe it to my friends as well as to the public generally, to say that his charge is false—maliciously false."

"In November, 1917, President Wilson appointed me as a member of District Board No. 1. Since that date I have devoted practically all of my time to the work of that board and have refused to accept any compensation whatsoever for my services. I have been only too glad to render this service to the government without compensation. Acting with the other four members of that district board, we have classified more than 25,000 registrants."

"Mayor Dahlman's charges impeach the integrity of every member of that district board. Those charges are utterly and maliciously false, whether applied to myself or any other member of that board."

Says No Favoritism.
"Every registrant has been classified without the least degree of favoritism and with a full sense of our obligation to the government of the United States, as well as to the registrant."

"My eldest son was within the draft age. He had a wife and child 1-year-old, dependent on him for support. I urged him to waive any claim for deferred classification, place himself in Class 1, and hold himself in readiness to respond to the call of his country when his number was reached, the same as many hundreds of thousands of young men all over the country have done. This he did. I was proud of him for doing so. Does any one believe I would urge my own son to leave his family and all on earth that is dear to him and go in Class 1, and that I would then unduly favor some other person's son?"

"Mayor Dahlman's charge is not only false, but is infamous; it was made for the express purpose of creating dissatisfaction among the boys who are already in service or who are about to be called to the service. It was a direct assault upon the selective service law. If that charge had been made by certain persons in Omaha whose names and nationality are well known, they would have been interned or sent to Leavenworth until the war is over."

Perry Reed, Henderson, Files For State Senate Nomination

Lincoln, Neb., May 3.—(Special.)—Perry Reed of Henderson, who represented Hamilton county in the last regular and special sessions of the legislature, has filed for the republican nomination for state senator from the 17th senatorial district, composed of York and Hamilton counties.

This district has been represented in the last two regular sessions by C. E. Sandall of York county and, according to an unwritten agreement, it is Hamilton county's turn at the "game." Mr. Reed was one of the popular members of the two sessions he served, and his promotion to the senate would be a deserved recognition of a level headed and hard working member of the lower branch.

Humphrey Turns Out in Big Force at Patriotic Meeting

Humphrey, Neb., May 3.—(Special.)—A rousing patriotic rally was held at Flakus hall last night. Charles J. Thielen was chairman. The principal address was made by Dr. W. H. Mullen, who analyzed the oath of allegiance and declared that any citizen who had taken this solemn vow and was against America today was not even an ordinarily honest citizen."

State Gets First Remittance Under New Hail Insurance

Lincoln, Neb., May 3.—(Special.)—The first remittance under the new hail insurance law was received by State Treasurer Hall yesterday morning, coming from Colfax county and was for \$209.25. This is the premium received for insurance of crops under the state hail insurance law.

Jay Morton Will Attend State Historical Event

Lincoln, May 3.—(Special.)—Word has been received by A. E. Sheldon of the State Historical Society that Jay Morton and his son, Sterling Morton, will be present May 14 on the occasion of the hanging of the portrait of J. Sterling Morton. The exercises will be in agricultural hall.

This Man Says He Wore First Straw of Season

W. E. Arnold, 2424 South Twenty-fourth street, says he is the first Omaha man to appear in public this season beneath a straw hat.

He braved the glances of men and women and traffic cops, Thursday afternoon by sauntering down town by way of Twenty-fourth street to Farnam and then proceeding on a line of march east on Farnam street to Sixteenth street.

"I reckon that somebody has got to start it off," he nonchalantly remarked.

State Auditor Fred Ayres Files for Renomination

Lincoln, Neb., May 3.—(Special.)—There are still people in the state house who believe that there is some chance for a democrat to win out in the next election, and one of them is Deputy State Auditor Fred Ayres.

Mr. Ayres dove down in his "jeans" Thursday morning and produced sufficient funds to file for the democratic nomination for state auditor. Being a newspaper man, Fred is naturally optimistic and, while some may criticize his judgment, none will now dare question his bravery. In either case there is no doubt of his ability.

State Treasury Balance Continues to Increase

Lincoln, Neb., May 3.—(Special.)—The balance in the state treasury was greater at the close of April than shown by the report of the month before, and also the overdraft, according to the monthly report of State Treasurer George Hall. The balance at the close of the books, March 31, was \$1,277,268.97, while on April 30 it was \$1,432,874.97. The overdraft at the close of March was \$429,223.43, while at the close of April it had grown to \$466,664.96. The trust funds of the state are \$10,404,100.19.

4,921 Warrants Issued by State Auditor in April

Lincoln, Neb., May 3.—(Special.)—The state auditor's report shows that during April his department issued 4,921 warrants, a total of \$497,321.48, making 19,805 so far this year, with a total of \$2,307,909.07.

During the same period of 1917 there were 17,050 warrants written for a total of \$1,857,741.12, while in 1916 there were 14,850 warrants written in the same period for a total of \$1,698,658.22.

Thirteen Cuming County Men Leave for Fort Logan

West Point, Neb., May 3.—(Special.)—The third contingent of Cuming county men of the second draft left West Point for Fort Logan, Colo., Thursday afternoon. Great crowds of people lined the depot and approached at their departure. The men leaving were: Oscar L. Weatherby, Edwin S. Vakiner, Elmer W. Lorenson, Daniel W. Ettelman, Paul W. Vogt, John V. Krause, John W. Groskwith, Frank J. Kuhn, George H. Salsbury, Harvey A. Smith, William A. Fugle and Dorsey B. Belmont. Edwin H. Thompson of Wisner was an alternate.

Permits to preach and teach were granted by Judges Allen and Welch to Rev. William Mangelsdorf, Evangelical; Rev. P. A. Grobbel, Rev. J. Roth and Rev. A. Brass, Catholic; and Rev. P. H. Harms, German Lutheran. They are registered enemy aliens.

Fremont News Notes.

Fremont, Neb., May 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The explosion of a bottle of turpentine in the basement of the drug store of the Clarke drug company, resulted in a fire that caused several hundred dollars' damage. Harold Dana, a clerk who held the bottle when the explosion took place, escaped with slight burns.

Fremont's Liberty loan flag was dedicated this evening, following a parade, in which the home guards and other citizens took part. A band played national airs and Dr. E. D. Hull made the dedicatory speech. The flag was hoisted on the municipal flagpole at the intersection of Main and Sixth streets. Fremont's quota in the third drive was \$315,000 and the local committee estimates that by tomorrow evening the total will be boosted to \$500,000. Nearly 400 persons at the two local theaters pledged to take out an additional bond, following the example of President Wilson.

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FARMERS FAVOR OMAHA ELEVATOR

Co-operative Association at Lincoln Meeting Decides in Favor of Big Terminal in This City.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, May 3.—(Special.)—The Farmers State Co-operative Elevator association at its session here decided that Omaha is the logical point to operate a terminal elevator. Proposals submitted to the association now are being considered by the stockholders of each co-operative association and, if they meet the approval of these representatives the plan will be carried out.

According to a report made by Charles Watts, manager of the Omaha live stock activities of the association, the Farmers' association stands first in amount of business transacted in Omaha and second in St. Joseph.

In the absence of the president of the association, Arthur Schultz, of Scribner, C. H. Gustafson of Mead, president of the Farmers' union, presided.

Bernecker Holds Banks May Not Deduct Liberty Bonds

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, May 3.—(Special.)—Secretary O. E. Bernecker of the state board of assessment declares the at-

torney general of the state is wrong when he says banks in making returns for assessment may deduct the amount invested in liberty bonds from the capital stock in the assessment.

He makes this decision against the attorney general in response to a letter of inquiry coming from V. T. Winchell of O'Neill. Secretary Bernecker says:

"I will say that this opinion of the attorney general is null and void as there is no law on the statute books which allows banks to deduct liberty bonds or any other bonds from the capital stock."

"Do not allow any deductions and if those banks are so unpatriotic, which I cannot believe, as to ask a deduction of their liberty bonds from capital stock, let them appear before the county board of equalization."

"They have no more right in my opinion to deduct their liberty bonds from the capital stock than you or I have to deduct ours from our capital stock, and if all liberty bonds were deducted from the capital stocks of the owners we could close our shop and would have nothing to assess on any more."

Nebraska's Contingent On Way to Fort Logan

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, May 3.—(Special.)—Nebraska's contingent of the draft quota sent to Fort Logan, Colo., left Lincoln this afternoon over the Burlington.

Among the number was Douglas county's quota of 180 men, with Lancaster's 73, which with those from out of the state made up a train of 12 coaches.

REV. KORTE HAS A CHANGE OF HEART, HE TELLS JUDGE

Fremont, Neb., May 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Rev. F. X. Korte of Olean and Rev. John Pimper of Howells, Catholic priests, were granted permits to preach under the alien enemy act by Judge F. W. Buton, at Schuyler. Both made favorable showings and Rev. Mr. Pimper took out his first naturalization papers. They filed statements attesting their loyalty.

Rev. Mr. Korte became involved in a quarrel in a barber shop at Dodge a few weeks ago, when it is said, he made statements that did not measure up to a high standard of Americanism. Friends of Rev. Mr. Korte say that he has experienced a decided change with regard to his views concerning the war. Both priests were granted licenses to teach their parochial schools, inserting a clause that they must do all the instructions in English. He also suggested that they use English in preaching their sermons.

Former Omaha Man
Accused of Disloyalty
Lincoln, May 3.—Gustav Steinbring, formerly of Omaha, is under arrest in Stanton county, this state, charged with violating the espionage act by making disloyal remarks at a food conservation meeting near Stanton, United States District Attorney Thomas Allen announced today. Steinbring is employed on a farm in Stanton county.

Farmers Mention Pollard As Candidate for Governor

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, May 3.—(Special.)—During the session of the farmers' war congress here this week, some of the farmers favored E. M. Pollard for the governorship. Mr. Pollard was here during the week, his duties as

a member of the South Platte exemption board calling him to the city. He was present at the congress when his duties would permit and was in fact chairman of the committee which drew up the labor resolutions which covered the matter of organization for a strong fight on the part of the agricultural class for best results. Whether Mr. Pollard will consider entering the race is not known.



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