

THE WEATHER: Fair Wednesday, somewhat warmer west; Thursday unsettled, warmer east.

ARMISTICE BASIS Laid FOR PEACE TREATY IN ARMISTICE

PRESIDENT APPROVES 28 BILLS IN QUICK TIME

Announcement Applauded in House; Will Not Call Extra Session Until Return from Europe.

Washington, Feb. 25.—On the first day of his return to the capital President Wilson put in more than 10 hours at his desk, signing 28 bills and joint resolutions, making a score of nominations, discussing government business for three hours with his cabinet and winding up the day's work by a conference on the legislative situation with democratic leader Martin, at which the president announced his decision not to call an extra session of congress until after his return from Europe.

PLAN CAMPAIGN AGAINST SWINDLERS.

Washington, Feb. 25.—War department postoffice officials are planning a vigorous campaign against swindlers who are seeking to defraud relatives of soldiers through false telegrams and letters. Complaints from relatives are being reaching the department, showing that demobilization has given a better opportunity for such criminal operations.

FRENCH GIRLS GRASP AMERICAN WAYS QUICKLY.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—How apt in learning the 114 French girls brought to this country to be educated under the general supervision of Dr. Robert L. Kelly, executive secretary of the American Association of Colleges, are the told the deans of women universities and colleges today, is shown by the fact that they already are calling him "dad," "father," and in one case, "grandfather."

POLICE CHIEFS HOLD CONFAB ON APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Ringer Says Four Men Will Be Affected by Changes; Mentions No Names.

Four changes in the police and detective departments were made at a conference of Police Commissioners Ringer, Police Chief Eberstein and Chief of Detectives John Dunn late Tuesday afternoon in the detective's office. The names of the men to be affected will be given out this morning at roll call, Chief Eberstein declared.

Prohibition Bill Permits Half of 1 Per Cent Alcohol

Washington, Feb. 25.—A favorable report on the bill of Senator Shepard of Texas to enforce the war-time prohibition law was ordered today by a senate judiciary subcommittee.

"For Gawd's Sake Quash Rumor That I'm Married" Says Col. "Bill" Hayward

Leader of "Hell Fighters" Tells How Story Started; Just a Simple Post Card With Phrase Written in Fun by Mrs. Westley J. Turner of Fremont and Another by Himself, Sent to Lincoln Man.

Special to The Bee.

New York, Feb. 25.—The report that Colonel "Bill" Hayward of the Three Hundred and Sixty-ninth infantry had married Mrs. Westley J. Turner, in charge of a Red Cross hospital in Noyen, France, before he left for the states is absolutely untrue.

"Last September I was in Paris. By accident I met Mrs. Turner there at a cafe. I had met Mrs. Turner three times before in Lincoln, Neb. Her family is well known there, as is my own family. In this case, Mrs. Turner distributed post cards to be sent to friends. I mailed a card to John Dorgan, joint friend of both families.

Wrote On Post Card. "Mrs. Turner wrote something of a light nature on the card. I did likewise; however, neither communication intimated that there had been a wedding and not even hinted at a courtship. This man, Mr. Dorgan, however, spread the news that 'something was in the wind.' I learned of this unfortunate rumor and called him to deny it.

"Mrs. Turner is a splendid woman, but I am not a marrying man. It would be a terrible thing for this rumor to gain impetus. For Gawd's sake, quash it."

HAVNER TO CALL EVERY BANKER IN IDA COUNTY

Judge Kennedy Has Still Further Investigations in View in Rathbun Pardon Case.

Special to The Bee. Ida Grove, Ia., Feb. 25.—With Ernest Rathbun on his way to Anamosa to serve a 10-year sentence in the state penitentiary for perjury, and condemned to life imprisonment for criminally assaulting Elsie Hagens December 22, 1917, Attorney General H. M. Havner, J. L. Kennedy and J. W. Kindig of Sioux City, assisting the attorney general in the prosecution of the case, still are in Ida Grove tonight.

NEBRASKANS IN HOUSE CONFER ON SPEAKERSHIP

Reavis, Kinkaid and Andrews Firm for Massachusetts Man; Others Likely to Take Same View.

Washington Bureau Omaha Bee. Washington, Feb. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—An informal conference of the republican members from Nebraska, who will sit in the 64th congress, Representatives Kinkaid and Reavis and Representative-Elect Evans of the Third district, McLaughlin of the Fourth district and Andrews of the Fifth district was held today in one of the parlors of the Congress hotel to reach a decision on the speakership situation.

Realizing that a definite understanding might be helpful in solving the problem, so far as Nebraska's interest was concerned, the old and the new members met in a friendly way to talk over the first thing the republican caucus of next Thursday evening will have before it, the selection of a speaker and after that a clerk of the house, a sergeant-at-arms, a doorkeeper and a postmaster.

Without any attempt, whatever, to bind the Nebraska members, the speakership, Kinkaid, Reavis and Andrews announced themselves as for Gillett. Evans and McLaughlin said they could not be for Mann, but regretted that they could not vote for Fess, leaving the impression that they, too, might vote for Gillett when the time came, although the candidacy of Campbell of Kansas for speaker, announced this morning, may influence McLaughlin's vote from a neighborly point of view.

Gillett's Attitude. The politics of the speakership fight was reviewed and Gillett's vote against a woman's suffrage and prohibition were taken into consideration, but they were dismissed on the ground that prohibition had been eliminated as a national or local question for the reason of the adoption of the constitutional amendment and on the question of suffrage the Nebraska members were led to believe that Gillett, elected speaker, would vote differently.

One thing the Nebraska delegation did do affirmatively, however, was that it would support the candidate of Governor Harding.

Rathbun Goes to Prison. The long drawn-out fight for Rathbun's freedom last night came to an abrupt and unexpected ending, when the prisoner, son of a wealthy and influential banker, appeared before Judge E. G. Alberts, repudiated the pardon granted by Governor Harding and asked to be sent to the penitentiary.

Life Term "Too Long." Friends of Rathbun explained later that a life term was considered too long, and the prisoner's chance of commutation by beginning immediately to serve his sentence would be better than if he stood trial on other indictments.

Perjury Sentence Begins. He was called again into court this morning and sentenced to 10 years on a charge of perjury. He will begin serving the latter sentence immediately. At the expiration of 10 years Rathbun will start to serve the sentence for rape.

SAMMIES' NEW SPRING FOOTGEAR—These four doughboys are shown in the street of Valdoir, France, wearing wooden French "Caterpillars" on a muddy day.



IRELAND SEEKS RECOGNITION BY PEACE CONGRESS

Delegate, Who Reached Paris by Subterfuge, Says Erin Looks to Wilson to Support Its Cause.

Paris, Feb. 25.—Sean O'Cealligh, (whose name in plain English is J. T. O'Kelly), who is seeking recognition by the peace conference as the envoy of the Irish government, arrived quietly in Paris more than two weeks ago, having, according to his own statement, obtained a British passport by a subterfuge.

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Provision for 538,000 Men Inserted in Army Appropriation Bill

Washington, Feb. 25.—Coincident with the final enactment today of legislation providing for the resumption of voluntary enlistment in the army under the national defense act of 1916, limiting the military establishment to 175,000 men, the senate military committee approved and reported to the senate the annual army appropriation bill with provision for a temporary force of about 538,000 men after next July 1.

Art Collector Murdered in Midst of His Treasures

New York, Feb. 25.—No trace has been found by the police of the murderer of George A. Robee, eccentric bachelor and art collector, whose body was found today in his richly furnished bedroom in an exclusive lodging house which he conducted in Madison avenue, opposite the home of J. P. Morgan. He evidently was struck down with an antique weapon taken from his own collection.

Three-Year-Old Child Likely to Die of Burns

Little Lena Alpero, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Alpero, 1316 South Twelfth street, is likely to die at her home as the result of severe burns while playing with papers about a stove. The accident occurred last evening while the mother was away aiding a neighbor with her washing.

Liège Honors Whitlock.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The city of Liège has conferred the freedom of the city upon the American minister to Belgium, Brand Whitlock, and created him a burgher of the city.

Women Control Votes in Special Election for Geneva Improvements

Geneva, Neb., Feb. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Women played a prominent part in the election today on sewerage bonds amounting to \$35,000. An ordinance providing the sale of bonds for a municipal sewerage system was passed with 541 votes cast for, and 237 against.

COUNTRY NEEDS EFFICIENT MEN, PLUNKETT SAYS

Irish Leader Denounces Capital in Speech Before Omaha Bankers' Club at Athletic Club.

Sir Horace Plunkett, at a meeting of the newly organized Bankers' club of Omaha, held in the Omaha Athletic club last night, advised all business men to hold their ears to the ground during these days of after-the-war problems. He urged that there is a call, as never before, for high ethics in public service, and that men who would lead must first get the point-of-view of the masses.

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