

POLICE CHIEF AND HUGE NEGRO STAGE BATTLE

Grand Island Officer Knocked From Car and Beaten by Prisoner Who Escapes; Wanted for Burglary.

Grand Island, Neb., April 19.—A spectacular fight between Chief of Police Mandeville and Thomas McLaughlin, civilian, on one side and a six-foot negro, took place in the eastern limits of the city at 10 o'clock Saturday evening.

Chief Mandeville went out to arrest him and succeeded. The man was placed in a runabout, McLaughlin driving while the chief stood on the running board.

McLaughlin jumped from his seat without stopping the car, which ran wild until it landed in a ditch, and ran to the chief's rescue.

Watson is a paroled convict of Illinois state prison and left the jurisdiction of the parole.

Tank to Take Part in Big Loan Parade at Fremont

Fremont, Neb., April 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Plans have been made for entertaining a large crowd here Sunday when the war tank demonstration will be given in connection with a Victory loan meeting.

Lutheran Conference to Be Held in Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., April 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The annual conference of the Evangelical Lutheran church of Nebraska will be held in Beatrice next Friday and Saturday. About 200 ministers will attend the meeting.

Woman "Crocus" Dies

Laporte, Ind., April 19.—Miss Mary Isabella Westervelt, one of Indiana's wealthiest women, died today of heart disease at the age of 80.



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Woman, Who Saw First Log Cabin Built in Omaha, Dies

Mrs. Harriet A. Sharp, One of the Pioneers of the State Who Came to Middle West More Than a Half Century Ago, Recently Died at Plattsmouth, Neb.

With the death recently in Plattsmouth, Neb., of Mrs. Harriet A. Sharp, pioneer settler, and for more than a half century resident of Nebraska, passed one of the few remaining links connecting the spirit of the antebellum days with the hurly-burly methods of modern progress and achievement.

Born on February 20, 1828, at Canadagua, N. Y., she arrived a country school teacher in the village of Council Bluffs in 1852, then known as Lainsville. She organized a school in the then far western town made frequent visits across the Missouri river and wandered over the plains which years later furnished the site for Omaha, the metropolis of the west. Mrs. Sharp used to enjoy telling of the occasion of one of her visits to the town of one of the greatest cities in the country, "observed the venerable woman. "It did not occur to any of us in those days," she remarked a short while before she died, "that even centuries ago the limited progress held in store a city like Omaha for the western country."

From Council Bluffs Mrs. Sharp moved to Glenwood, where she was married in 1859. From Glenwood she and her husband took up their home on the east bank of the Missouri river, opposite Plattsmouth. They conducted a trading post here, which later became known as Sharpburg. They lived here until after the civil war. In 1868 they moved to Plattsmouth. Her husband died in 1880, after having conducted a successful lumber and merchandise business.

She lived with a son at Plattsmouth until she died.



Mrs. Harriet A. Sharp.

FEW MEMBERS OF LEGISLATURE AT FINAL SESSION

Last Adjournment Comes Just Before Noon Saturday Signing of Code Bill Ends Official Business.

By a Staff Correspondent.

Lincoln, April 19.—Just before noon Saturday came the final adjournment of the Nebraska legislature, after one of the longest sessions in the history of the state. The senate got through first, quitting at 11:45 by the clock. The house adjourned sine die at 11:52. Only seven house members, including Speaker Dalbey, and an equal number of senators, including Lieutenant Governor Barrows were "at the death." The remainder had taken earlier trains home.

The moment came a message from Gov. S. R. McKelvie shortly before the close of the session, reviewing its work and praising it for fulfilling every campaign pledge. It was incorporated in the house and senate journals.

Last Business. The last piece of purely legislative business transacted in each body was the signing of the code bill, S. F. No. 2. It was first approved in the senate by the lieutenant governor and the secretary. Then Senator Harris juggled the bulky document over to the clerk where the speaker and chief clerk affixed their signatures. The pen with which the speaker signed it was given to Representative McLeod.

It was on January 7 that the legislature convened. The house met on 28 different days, but the journal will only show 76 because Thursday was the last day with an attendance sufficiently large to take a roll call that would show a quorum, and the official record will accordingly include everything done since then under that date.

Two years ago, which was the longest session ever held, the house ran to 86 days and the senate had 77. It was prohibition legislation which delayed the adjournment at that time.

The only house members present for the final ceremonies were Speaker Dalbey, Christy, Hostetter, Mears, J. Reed Green, Stout and Sturdevant. The senators who remained to the last were Peterson, Saunders, Cordell, Ainlay, Randall, Chappell and Harris.

All six house members were appointed on a committee to notify the governor and the senate that the lower chamber was ready to adjourn. When they called on Governor McKelvie at 11:44, he exclaimed: "What! So soon?"

"I want to take that under careful advisement," Mr. McKelvie replied.

Moves to Adjourn. At 11:48 the committee reported back to the house. A few minutes were a few minutes that the necessary entries were made. Then at 11:52 J. Reed Green moved to adjourn sine die. Speaker Dalbey put the motion and his gavel announced the last act of the 1919 legislature.

An unofficial part of the final proceedings in the house was the taking down of the big flag behind the desk of Speaker Dalbey, which was voted to him last week by the chamber for the G. A. R. post at Beatrice. Grant Mears climbed on a stool on the speaker's desk and tried to loose the sticks. The speaker returned home this afternoon.

Lieutenant Governor Barrows made a short talk to the senators. He thanked them for the courtesies shown him during the session and commended the work. The 1919 session, he reminded, will be remembered along with that of 1907 as the most notable in the state's history.

Atkinson Druggist Will Not Ride With "Thirteen"

Lincoln, April 19.—(Special.)—Because his 1919 automobile license number contained the terrorizing, superstitious "13," Charles Wilson, druggist of Atkinson, Neb., has asked state officials to issue him a new number devoid of the so-called unlucky number.

Wilson sent his request to Representative B. E. Sturdevant, a member of the legislature, and the solemn turned it over to the secretary of state's office.

"We received our auto tag for 1919 but it is 'N. G.' It contains a number '13,' is the way Wilson starts his letter. In part he says: "Do you suppose it would be possible for you to get this changed for me to some number without a thirteen. It would take a load off our minds."

The secretary of state's office has sent the Atkinson man a new number and it does not contain a "13." Wilson's old number was 130073.

Daughter of Fremont Man Drops Dead at Door of Home

Fremont, Neb., April 19.—(Special.)—Miss Marguerite McMahon, 20-year-old daughter of Thomas McMahon, dropped dead as she entered her home here last night on her return from the theater. The young woman had been in good health. Heart trouble was the cause of her death, physicians said. Her father and two sisters survived.

Rifle Shot Destroys Sight of 12-Year-Old Beatrice Lad

Beatrice, Neb., April 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The 12-year-old son of W. A. Arnold lost the sight of his right eye and may lose the other in a peculiar manner Saturday. A man named McLain was shooting at a mark with a 22 caliber rifle when the ball struck some hard substance, deflected and struck the lad in the eye, destroying the sight.

Great Britain Is Nearer to Bankruptcy Than Ever Before, Says Sir Runciman

Former President of British Trade Board Says Government's Spending Madness Brought Nation on Verge of Financial Impotence—U. S. Collects \$50,000,000 Annually on Interest Alone From Britain.

By ROBERT WELLES RITCHIE.

(Universal Service Staff Correspondent.)

London, April 19.—"I would rather leave Russia bolshevist than see Britain bankrupt," said Premier Lloyd George in his impressive speech in Parliament Wednesday, in which he further declared, "with all solemnity and with a great sense of responsibility" that even if a war policy against the bolshevists were acceptable, Britain had not the money to prosecute such a war.

"How near bankruptcy—if near at all—is Britain at this moment? For an answer to this question I went to Sir Walter Runciman, former president of the board of trade and an acknowledged trade expert.

New Budget \$7,500,000,000. "When Parliament resumes next week," said he, "the budget will be submitted—probably 1,500,000,000 pounds (\$7,500,000,000). Last April Bonar Law imposed would yield 650,000,000 pounds (\$3,250,000,000) and that the post-excess profits duty would still yield 300,000,000 pounds (\$1,500,000,000) in 1919.

"That makes a total conceivable revenue of 950,000,000 pounds (\$4,750,000,000) with a deficit of from 400,000,000 to 500,000,000 pounds (\$2,000,000,000 to \$2,500,000,000) which will have to be met by borrowing.

"Since the armistice the government has been borrowing about 10,000,000 pounds (\$50,000,000) weekly and there is no sign of an immediate decrease.

"Every unemployment donation—

one of the worst bumbles in history—is now paid from borrowed money. We are traveling faster and faster toward financial impotence.

Two Ways Out of Bankruptcy. "There are only two ways of terminating the descent to hopeless bankruptcy: "1—Increasing the country's productive power.

"2—Reducing the expenditures. "Just as private extravagance at this moment is anti-social, so state extravagance is nothing short of a serious blow to the very foundations of the empire.

"The chancellor of the exchequer should not have allowed Colonel Churchill (the war minister) to foist such an appalling estimate as 400,000,000 pounds (\$2,000,000,000) for the war and air ministries on him.

Every government department has gone mad with spending.

Impossible to Increase Productivity. "But it is impossible to increase the country's productivity if a higher and higher debt is accumulated, entailing more burdensome taxation and diversion of vast sums from trade for non-productive military purposes.

Every sovereign diverted to military purposes reduces the fertility of Britain's industries.

"Now, America, in her favorable position as the world's creditor to tune of 2,000,000,000 pounds of sterling (\$10,000,000,000) not only absorbs our securities, but collects interest charges of 10,000,000 pounds (\$50,000,000) yearly.

"Is Britain bankrupt? Not yet I answer; but she has been nearer to it than ever before in history."

UNEMPLOYED IN VIENNA STORM PARLIAMENT

Five Policemen Are Killed and Forty Wounded During Disturbance in the Austrian Capital.

Copenhagen, April 19.—Five policemen were killed and 40 wounded and 20 demonstrators and bystanders were injured during the disturbances in Vienna Thursday, when a crowd of bolshevik sympathizers attempted to storm the Austrian parliament building, according to Vienna advices received here.

Vienna, April 19.—Crowd which attempted to storm the parliament building here yesterday was made up of unemployed men urged on by bolshevik agitators. A large number of the windows in the building were broken. The demonstrators were eventually dispersed by troops and the police.

Charges Made Against Legislators Found to Be Without Grounds

By Staff Correspondent.

Des Moines, Ia., April 19.—Charges printed in evening papers Friday to the effect that legislators had been guilty of carousing with women were found to be without foundation by a special house committee which investigated the affair today.

Municipal Judge Bonner, whom newspapers quoted, declared that he had no evidence except that of one woman. The committee which reported to the house completely exonerated legislators from any blame before adjournment tonight.

The legislature passed the appropriation bill authorizing annual expenditures for the next two years as fixed by present general assembly at \$11,291,000. The state tax levy, it is estimated, will be about 7 1/2 mills.

The Dean bill making an annual appropriation of \$37,500 to the attorney general's department for use of state agents has been adopted by both branches of the Iowa legislature. The original bill went to a conference committee when the senate and house failed to agree, the house standing for an appropriation for \$75,000.

Both house and senate passed a measure to require a course in civics, American history and economics for teachers in public and high schools.

The house today defeated the Rule cigarette bill to license the sale of cigarettes which had previously passed the senate.

Would Exclude Japanese From California Schools

Sacramento, Cal., April 19.—The assembly of the legislature today adopted an amendment to the senate school bill which would prohibit Japanese from attending regular elementary schools where special schools for Mongolians are established.

Administration leaders urged that the amendment be withdrawn and when it was brought to a roll call voted against it.

Postal Orders. Washington, April 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Postoffice established at Apolonia, Weston county, Wyoming, with John E. Higgins as postmaster. Postoffice discontinued at McPaul, Fremont county, Iowa, mail to Bartlett; Callister, Dakota county, Wyoming, mail to Spring Valley.

MACHINE GUNS USED BY REDS TO DEFEND MUNICH

Decisive Battle for Bavarian Capital Expected When Government Troops Arrive in Force.

Berlin, April 19.—(Via Copenhagen.)—Serious fighting between Bavarian communist and government troops occurred Friday near Freising, resulting in fairly considerable losses for both sides, a Munich dispatch to the Tagblatt says.

The communists had constructed trenches near Freising, which is 20 miles northeast of Munich, and defended them with machine guns.

Await Reinforcements. Three thousand Wurttemberg troops, the dispatch adds, arrived at Dachau, north of Munich, last night. The government leaders will not engage in a decisive battle with the communists until they have at least 30,000 troops around the Bavarian capital. It will be several days before this number of troops will be in position to move on Munich.

Bamberg, which has been the seat of the Bavarian government of Premier Hoffman, was the scene yesterday of a strong communist uprising, according to the Vossische Zeitung. The communists occupied the central railway station, the former royal residence and all the military barracks in Bamberg.

Ruled by Five Men. London, April 19.—The central council at Munich has been dissolved and the power at present is in the hands of a committee of five men elected by the soldiers' council of the Bavarian capital, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen says.

Food ration cards have been taken away from the bourgeoisie and the gas and electric supplies to bourgeois homes will be cut off.

The committee of five has decided that the strike of the workingmen shall continue until the communist troops have made secure the power of the communist government. The government has decided to take over all drug stores and to transform hotels into dwellings for the proletariat.

The Weather. Comparative Local Record.

Table with columns for Highest yesterday, Lowest yesterday, Mean temperature, Precipitation, etc.

Mr. Crutchfield is president of the Cantaloupe Shippers association, active in the Northwest Fruit exchange, and said to be the largest individual grower of apples in the United States.

The plan, said Mr. Crutchfield, is to merge citrus interests of California and Florida, and apple interests of various sections, to remove the hazards associated with the fruit business by neutralizing the losses of any given districts in an off year by pooling the profits of the entire territory covered by the merger.

WILL USE ARMY TO ENFORCE TREATY IF GERMANS BALK

Special Train in Waiting for Enemy Delegates to Return Home If They Refuse Terms.

Paris, April 19.—(Havas.)—The text of the preliminary peace treaty will be transmitted to the press Friday or Saturday of next week, April 25 or 26, the Petit Parisien says.

The Echo de Paris declares that in case Germany refuses to sign the preliminary peace, a special train will immediately be put at the disposal of the enemy delegates for their return to Germany and the allies will take military and naval measures to enforce the treaty.

Under Military Guard. The German delegates to the peace congress are coming to France by way of Spa, Belgium, to which point they will travel in their own conveyances, says the Petit Journal today. At Spa, however, a special train provided by the French authorities will await them and their journey thence will be made under military guard. At Versailles a military delegation will receive them and conduct them to their lodgings.

The German representatives, the newspaper states, will be treated courteously, but will be regarded as enemies as long as the peace treaty remains unsigned. They will not be allowed to go about as they please, nor will newspaper men be permitted to interview them, on pain of being charged with communicating with the enemy.

Invitation Not Yet Received. Berlin, April 19.—(Havas.)—The German armistice commission reports it has not yet received the official invitation for the German delegates to attend the peace negotiations at Versailles.

Announcement was made in Paris Wednesday that the formal invitation to the German delegates had been forwarded to Berlin.

Flying Circus Performs Over Boise for Two Hours

Boise, April 19.—More than 20,000 visitors came to Boise today from all parts of southern Idaho and eastern Oregon to see the Victory loan flying circus. For two hours this afternoon eight war airplanes circled over Idaho's capital city.

The weather was fine, the day warm, and the program went through without untoward incidents or mishaps.

One of the aviators flew 20 miles up the Boise river and photographed Arrow Rock dam from an altitude of 1,500 feet.

Gov. D. W. Davis was one of the five passengers taken for flights by the Victory loan aviators.

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