

CONTROVERSY OVER LOCATION OF NEW BRIDGE

Parties Back of Movement Want Structure Located Below Railway Bridge at Yutan.

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Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Is politics or selfish interests or both playing an inconsequential part in the selection of the site of the new bridge across the Platte at Yutan are questions which Congressman Jefferis is up against in the interest of the taxpayers of both Douglas and Saunders counties.

Shortly after the present session of congress began F. L. Kirnan of the Alamito Dairy Co. of Omaha and Henry B. Cowles of Waterloo took up with the congressman from the Second Nebraska district the location of a proposed bridge across the Platte at the location named as a factor in the good roads movement. In their correspondence the parties named pointed out the advantages to be gained in locating the new bridge below the present Burlington railway bridge, which crosses the Platte at Yutan. They showed that this location would save the taxpayers of both Douglas and Saunders counties thousands of dollars in construction and gave figures to prove their assertions.

Referred to State Engineer. Mr. Jefferis immediately communicated with Governor McKelvie, who referred the matter to State Engineer George E. Johnson. On July 8 Johnson wrote the Omaha congressman that at the last meeting of the county commissioners of Douglas and Saunders counties these boards were unanimous in favor of locating the bridge above the Burlington bridge and Mr. Johnson further stated that while he had no preference in the matter and felt that there was little difference between the two sites, suggested he would base his decision on the recommendations of the commissioners of both counties.

The reply of State Engineer Johnson was communicated to Messrs Kirnan and Cowles by Mr. Jefferis and on July 24, the congressman was greatly surprised to learn that there was a "niggle" in the wood pile somewhere, for Mr. Cowles speaking for himself, Mr. Kirnan and other interested persons, unhesitatingly stated that the state engineer was wholly misinformed; that upon investigation Mr. Cowles found that no joint meeting of the boards of commissioners had been held for some time past, but that at the last joint meeting three commissioners of Saunders county, Soren Miller of Morse Bluffs, Amiel Helsing of Wahoo and George Heldt of Yutan voted for the location as did Henry McDonald and A. C. Harte of the Douglas county boards.

Engineer Misinformed. Mr. Cowles further said that if the state engineer refers to the present board of county commissioners of Douglas county he is also misinformed, and to prove his statement he enclosed a letter from H. S. McDonald, commissioner from the First district, who states that he never voted for the upper location and that he is in favor of the lower location for the reason that in his opinion a bridge built below the railroad bridge can be constructed and maintained at a saving of thousands of dollars to the taxpayers of Douglas county and will serve the interests of all concerned to much better advantage.

Mr. Cowles in his letter to Congressman Jefferis further alleges that the Saunders county commissioners are not in favor of the upper location, but no definite vote has been had on the proposition.

Referred to Governor. With these additional facts before him, Mr. Jefferis again took up the matter with Governor McKelvie and urged that in view of the discrepancy in the state engineer's statement and Mr. Cowles' that the governor investigate the situation personally. With the presence of State Engineer Johnson in Washington last week and upon the suggestion of the governor, Mr. Jefferis had a conference with Mr. Johnson setting forth all the facts. In this interview Mr. Johnson admitted that if the statements as given by Cowles were true he would be forced to change his position.

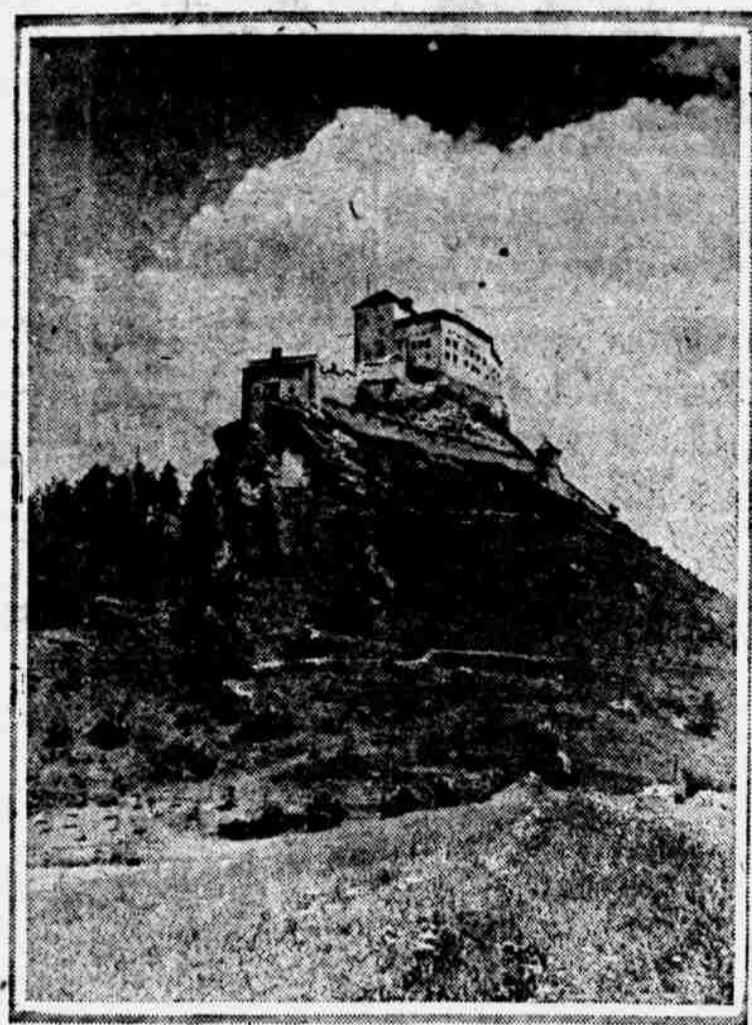
Mr. Jefferis is informed that County Commissioner A. C. Compton of the Third district of Douglas county is personally interested in securing the location of this proposed bridge across the Platte at the upper site because of the fact that he owns property adjacent to this location, and which would be greatly enhanced in value if the upper site was selected. Information also came to Mr. Jefferis that Commissioner Lynch has seen a new light and now stands ready to vote for the lower location. The proposed site below the Burlington bridge would be 1,400 feet long as against 2,300 feet at the upper site. If the upper site is selected there will be two channels to cross as well as Otter creek, in Saunders county, which will have to be bridged, in addition a high hill to be cut down and moved across into Douglas county in order to let the traffic across the sand adjoining the river at that place.

Funds are now being raised by popular subscription in Saunders county for the construction of this bridge and it is Mr. Cowles' contention that the great majority of subscribers to this fund are in favor of the lower site.

At the Empress. Dora Dean's dancing subbeams, appearing at the Empress, in a whirlwind of song and dance, start at top speed and maintain it throughout. Each member of the company is a specialist and Miss Dean gives them all a chance to entertain. A couple who meet with the hearty approval of the audience are Gibson & Betty, who offer exclusive song numbers and remarkably graceful dancing.

The balance-wheel of an average watch makes 300 vibrations every minute, 18,000 each hour, 432,000 in a day, or 157,788,000 per year.

HABITAT OF ANOTHER EXILE FOLLOWER OF THE KAISER—Switzerland is fast becoming a nation of "down and out" kings, princes and noble satellites who have toppled from their thrones and been divested of their rank by the great European political upheaval which developed in the wake of the world war. One of the latest "highnesses" to seek refuge in the little mountain republic of Switzerland is the ex-duchess of Hoesen. She has established her habitat in the famous castle of Tarasp (shown in the picture) in the lower Engadine.



CASTLE IN SWITZERLAND. PHOTO BY IREX.

Large Quantity of Hard Cider Seized at Hooper

Fremont, Neb., Aug. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Over 300 gallons of cider said to contain from 5 to 7 per cent alcohol were seized by Deputy Sheriff Lowry and Special Agent Wolsey of Lincoln in a raid at the drink emporium of Oscar Bleyhl and Henry Rathman at Hooper. A sample of the cider was taken by County Attorney J. C. Cook 10 days ago following an accident in which Benjamin Janouvsy was killed. Janouvsy had been drinking cider at the Bleyhl and Rathman place. Bleyhl and Rathman were arrested and will be given a hearing in Fremont August 18.

Bela Kun and Assistants Granted Asylum by Austria

Vienna, Aug. 4.—Bela Kun, former dictator of Hungary and his assistants, have been granted asylum by Austria to avoid disturbances and unnecessary bloodshed in Budapest, according to an official statement explaining the presence of Bela Kun in this country. The statement says they will be allowed to remain in Austria under detention, until Hungary is able to receive them again, but will not be permitted to carry on political propaganda.

COBLENZ TO BE HEADQUARTERS OF U. S. ON RHINE

Antwerp Will Be Base Port for Forces That Remain—Pershing Will Sail Home September 1.

Coblenz, Aug. 4.—(By Courier to Paris.)—(By the Associated Press.)—Coblenz will become the headquarters of the American forces in Europe when American grand headquarters in Paris are closed about August 20, it became known today, when General Pershing arrived here on his final tour of the battlefields. Antwerp will be the base port for the American contingent that is to remain on the Rhine indefinitely.

General Pershing said he intended to sail from Brest about September 1. It was said to be probable that the composite regiment of picked men that marched in the Paris and London victory parades will sail with the American commander-in-chief.

General Pershing arrived here yesterday and spent the afternoon with Major General Henry T. Allen. They discussed the personnel of the permanent garrison that is to remain here after the departure of the Third division next week and the First division the middle of August. General Pershing said the area to be occupied by the Americans on the Rhine has not been determined by the interallied council, but that a decision is expected soon.

The French have virtually completed plans to take over the districts to be evacuated by American units. General Pershing spent the day visiting the First division, which is on the east bank of the Rhine, and is preparing to turn over the bridgehead proper to the French about August 15.

Three Killed in Switzerland

Paris, Aug. 4.—Five persons were killed at Basel, Switzerland during the recent strike riots there, according to official reports on the disorders. Fifteen persons were wounded.

Scenic Highway Named in Honor of Omaha Scientist

"Gilder Drive" Winds Through Historic Spots Located By Efforts of Newspaper Man.

Unsolicited, and over night, as it were, fame has dropped in on Robert F. Gilder, an Omaha newspaper man. In addition to doing newspaper work for a number of years, Mr. Gilder has interested himself in learning of human beings that inhabited Nebraska long before the Indians and later the whites appeared and located here.

In pursuing his investigations, Mr. Gilder reached the conclusion that hundreds and perhaps thousands of years ago a race of human beings lived in the Missouri valley and in the vicinity of Omaha these people tilled the soil and built their homes. When and where they went, Mr. Gilder is unable to say. To show their appreciation of his work in delving into the remote past and on account of the discoveries that he has made, members of the Chamber of Commerce have marked a new scenic auto highway, naming it the "Gilder Drive."

Drive 46 Miles Long. "Gilder Drive" covers a distance of 46 miles, or rather two highways of 20 and 26 miles, respectively. The southern section of the drive starts at Thirteenth and Farnam streets, turning west on Deer park boulevard to Twenty-fourth street and into Mandan park. In this park there are a number of burial grounds of prehistoric races. The graves are easily located on account of the depressions and dug out of some of them Mr. Gilder has dug stone and bone implements of war, peace, agriculture and the chase.

Indian Burial Grounds. Leaving the burial grounds, the "Gilder Drive" winds south along the crest of the bluff, close to the grave of Logan Fontenelle, the old trading posts of Lucien and Logan Fontenelle, Peter Sarpy, Joseph La Fleche and the old Pawnee Indian annuity house, all of which existed prior to 100 years ago.

"Gilder Drive" continues through Bellevue striking the King of Trails and the Washington highway, winding back into Omaha. The second leg of the "Gilder Drive" is to the north along the Prentiss Mile. Here is located the site of an immense Pawnee Indian

PEACE CONGRESS WILL NOT SEND AID TO HUNGARY

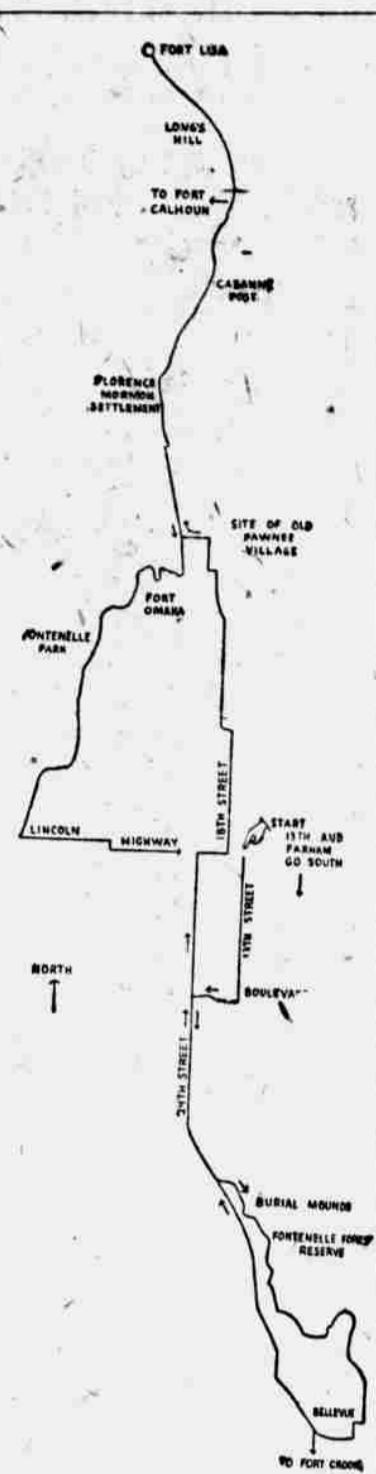
Clemenceau Declares Supreme Council Will Not Interfere in International Affairs of Country.

Copenhagen, Aug. 4.—Premier Clemenceau, president of the peace conference, replying to a wireless message from the Italian military mission at Budapest, declares that the supreme council of the peace conference does not intend to interfere in the internal policy of the Hungarian government, and adds that Roumania will be asked to halt its forces on the line which has been reached and will not be asked to withdraw its troops to the line fixed on June 13, until the new government at Budapest has strictly confirmed the conditions of the armistice between Hungary and the allied powers, according to a Vienna dispatch received here.

The Italian commander, it is said, has sent a reply to M. Clemenceau stating that the new government is prepared to fulfill the armistice conditions as speedily as possible and that it requests the allied and associated powers to lend support by each power ending one regiment to Budapest. It is suggested that this be done in such a manner that the movement of the troops should not partake of the nature of intervention but would be more of a voluntary demonstration.

Representative From York Makes Flight Over Capitol. Washington, Aug. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—"The thrill that comes once in a lifetime" came to Representative McLaughlin in an hour and a half tour of the city and environs in an airplane piloted by Lieut. G. E. Haynes. The start was made from Bolling field and during the flight the pilot took the congressman from the Fourth Nebraska district over his home at Twentieth and Jackson, where the representative from York dropped papers from his home city and a copy of The Omaha Bee, hoping that his family would get them. He flew over the capitol dome and along the Potomac to Great Falls and at one time reached an altitude of 6,000 feet.

The sight was perfectly beautiful and it was the most delightful experience I have ever had," said Mr. McLaughlin.



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