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PUBLIC BACK Cheers Follow Mention of Mrs. Catt as Candidate OF LANSING TAFT CLAIMS Nebraska Delegates Play Prominent Roles at Ratifi-cation Banquet of Woman's Suffrage Workers

Former President Says Resigned Secretary Was Acting Within Rights in Calling Con-

## OFFICIAL WASHINGTON FURNISHED SENSATION

Break Not Openly Discussed in Cloakrooms and Elsewhere, amendment, was given a place in Mesdames

St. Joseph. Mo., Feb. 14 -- William Mrs. W. E. Barkley of Lincoln St. Joseph. Mo. Feb. 14- william appeared in the rose-draped heart Kountze, C. E. Johannes, E. S. iloward Tait, ex-president of the and recited: "Cheer, cheer Nebras- Rood, Jennie Callfas, Cuthbert Vin-United States, said here that the ka's year. Everything has gone cent and F. D. Wead; Mrs. E. T. public will side with Secretary of well. We have rung the anti's knell, Hartley of Lincoln, and Misses State Lansing in the controversy with President Wilson which resulted in the resignation of Mr. Lans- cision returned by the Nebraska delegation: "Who, who, who are

"I believe that Secretary Lansing we?" was acting altogether within his numbers on the ratification prorights in calling conferences of the cabinet members," Mr. Tait said. "I would not call them cabinet meet-

ion of presidential authority within are and start one of your own. the meaning of the constitution."

### Polk May Succeed.

fter a dramatic clash with in the state.

dent Wilson, bow hait is known that Mr. president of the W. C. T. U., Mrs. Polls had determined to return to Agues T. Bover of North Platte repighte life and practice law, some resents the Maccabees, Mrs. Lulela over the entire United States, iends of the administration were T. Andrews of Lingoln, the republic Nebraskans will give a ba topeint that he might be induced to caus: Miss Grace Shallenberger of serve out the unexpired term of his Alma, the democrats: Miss Annis

Human Valentine Presented to President. Nebraska are Mrs. Draper Smith of Omaha and Mrs. W. E. Barkley of By MYRTLE MASON. Special Representative Omaha Bee. Omaha : Chicago, Feb. 15.-(Special Tele- Lincoln.

And Win Places on Committees-Lincoln Woman

ferences of Cabinet Members. gram.)-A living valentine was pre- The pioneers include Mrs. David ented to Mrs. Carrie Chapman Crowell of Omaha and Miss Ellen Catt, president of the National Harn of Kenesaw, Miss Mary Will-American Women's Suffrage asso-ciation, Saturday night at the bril-Harn. Mrs. P. T. McGerr of Falls liant ratification banquet of the vic- City, present chairman of the do y convention of the American partment of health, Nebraska Fed National Women's Suffrage asso- cration of Women's clubs, is attendiation held in the gold room of the jug the sessions. Others registered Congress, But Proves Most Prolific Matter for Talk in braska, as one of the states which Harrison, Lincoln; Miss Margaret have ratified the federal suffrage Kochler, Hastings; from Omaha George Bligh, Charles Neal, H. C. Sumney, James Richard-Eastman, Charles D. son, O. T.

For U. S. Chief Executive TO EXPLAIN

Cheer, cheer, Nebraska's year. Grace and Edith Abbott of Chicago will be added to the delegation later. Unanimous, we ratified." Members of Committees. From the floor came a quick de-

on the resolutions committee for the suffrage association, says there is We are from Nebraska." Jubilant and carefree were all which has not been handed into gram. Mrs. Catt inspired the feeltheir committee Mrs. Barkley and Mrs. Dietrich ing when in her opening words she said: "This is the ratification ban- are serving on the suffrage execu-

"To my mind, calling such meet-ings does not constitute an assump-like the program, rise up where you the League of Wemen Voters, which will consider a division of the Nebraska Big Factor.

Though only one of 48 states, Ne-

Washington, Feb. 14.-Under-braska has one-twentieth of the secretary Polk, John W. Davis, am-total number of the registered delessador to Great Britain, and Hugh gates at the conventions of the Wallace, ambassador to France, American Woman's Suffrage asso- distinguished in a picture featured foremost among those being dis- cration and the League of Women by the Chicago Tribune Saturday used to head the State department voters. The delegation headed by successor to former Secretary Mrs. Charles Dietrich of Hastings banner surrounded by ing, who appounded his resig- represents a wide range of interest

the large valentine.

Mrs. Lela Dyar of Boone is state say their pictures will be shown Chaikin of Lincoln is secretary of Harn is 91 years of age, and is pres-

Senate Adopts Resolution to Have President Make Public Negotiations With Britain Over Selling German Ships.

BRANDEGEE HINTS AT SECRET UNDERSTANDING

**Representative Jefferis Criti**cizes Executive for Even Entertaining Idea Vessels Should Go Outside America.

Washington, Feb. 14 .- President Wilson was asked in a resolution adopted by the senate today what agreement, if any, he had made with British authorities regarding the disposition of the German ships for sale by the shipping board.

The resolution was presented by Senator Brandegee, republican, Con-Mrs. Draper Smith, who is serving necticut, who told the senate he had card on what he considered good nothing from Heaven to the grave authority that the president had entered into an understanding as to final disposition of all the German vessels which came into American possession during the war and after he armistice.

Acts Without Debate.

The senate acted virtually with United States into regions for purnit debate. "I have not the knowledge in the

poses of organization and work. sense of having seen any of the doc-uments," said Senator Brandegee. Mrs. Dietrich is not only leader for Nebraska suffragists in name, "But I have the information from a but in obvious fact. She was easily friend of mine whom I consider reliable

sitting beneath a standard carrying The resolution requests the president to inform the senate "whether the state name and an improvised state any, and if so, what agreement or delegation. She carried the same understanding exists between him standard Saturday noon in a parade and officials of Great Britain confor the benefit of movie artists, who cerning the disposition by United States of America of the German ships which the Shipping Nebraskans will give a banquet Board is purposing to sell or which Monday in the Russian tea room, were acquired by the United States doing particular honor to Ellen after the termination of hostilities Hann, pioneer from Kenesaw, Miss between the United States and the

central



The Passing Show of 1920

Senator Norris and Other Notables Harshly Criticize President for Lansing Resignation – Assert Chief Executive Is Physically and Mentally Unfit.

By E. C. SNYDER, said the method by which it was View of Thousands in the force at my continand the abso-

# **RAILROAD STRIKE IS POSTPONED** WILL WAIT ON OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE

President of Maintenance of Way Employes and Railroad Shop Laborers Halts Walkout on Request of Wilson.

# RAILWAY COMMITTEEMEN WILL MEET FEBRUARY 22

To Decide Whether Demands For Increased Pay Shall Be Pressed on Government or Passed to Rail Corporations.

Detroit, Feb. 14 .- The strike of 300,000 members of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes and Railway Shop Laborers, set for next Tuesday, was tonight in-definitely postponed by Allen E. Barker, international president of the union, in accordance with the request of President Wilson that action be delayed until after the general conference of railway union committeemen on February 23.

Notice of the decision to postpone the strike was communicated o Director General Hines by Mr. Barker in the following message: "In compliance with recommendations of the committee of the brotherhood, now at Washington, I am indefinitely postponing the strike order which was to have become effective Tuesday morning, Febru-ary 17. However, I am confirmed in my belief that strike action would been eminently justified to have force favorable action on the wage demands of the men for whom I speak. It is evident our committee id not desire that the Maintenance Way Brotherhood should be driven into a position seemingly orgetful of the public interest due unfriendly interests including the avenues of information by which the public can be reached; the people being ignorant of actual conditions

Bandits Try to Steal Bonds in desire to impress upon you with at bers immediately if a most serious situation from which there will be no retreat is to be avoided." Messages Sent Out.

Lansing resignation fur- the University of Nebraska Alemri nished official Washington with a association and Miss Edna Bullock ident of a club in a town which mation unparalleled since William of Lincoln comes from the legisla-Bryan departed from office. The tive reference burcan. Among the than any place in the state. She come a convert to the propaganda statement of Secretary Lane, who is past state suffrage presidents from

he felt an equal responsibility with VILLA PLANNED meetings to which President Wilson objected, seemed to add possibilities of further cabinet resignations for a time, but this was disposed of by a statement at the White House that here were to be no further retirements as a result of the incident.

Congress Discusses Sensation.

Congress discussed the sensation with avidity, but in the cloak rooms, however, and the subject did not ome up in debate on the floor of either house or senate. Such comient as was made was more or less divided, opponents of the treaty

praising Mr. Lausing's course, and thers recalling that one of the president's prerogatives is to select the memoers of his own official family. The row served to bring to public

light much that has been going on under the surface since the president ports current in Torreon. fell all, and the principal effect was to emphasize that President Wilson were at loggerheads on many important subjects even before the United States went into the war in 1917 and that these disagreements. were on fundamental questions of tolicy, dontinued through- would shoot the 12 Americans. out the peace negotiations at Paris and even into the handling of the Mexican situation since the president

has been sick. Acted on President.

The best informed of those close

to the administration were sure that the climax was the result of an accumulation of conditions which continued over the question of whether the peace treaty and the league of nations covenant should be separated or treated as one document, ranged ato the recent handling of the Mex-can situation and wound up in the

side administration discussion of whether the president's illness inapacitated him from discharging the daties of his office.

Mr. Lansing's friends said that in calling the cabinet together he was ting with precedent to support in, and that although as ranking alled the meetings, other members of the cabinet agreed in the procefure. They point to Secretary Lane's statement that he assumed equal responsibility and that all the cabinet posals and the new republican res- Howard hotel. ponsibility and that all the cabinet ervation recently proposed, it was pointed out, is the insertion in the

ngs a good thing. Much Private Discussion.

The under-the-surface discussion which the United States would dethe incident, however, the sort cline to bring into use to preserve which goes on between officials and the integrity of other countries. It is not intended for publication- was suggested by some senators onnects at least the first of cabinet that a compromise might be posneetings tast October with the spec-fation which was going on at the ime as to whether Vice President means." There was no assurance, darshall ought to be called upon o take over the duties of the presilency. While it is known that the

meeting of the cabinet officers, it is ilso known that it was discussed priately and that some of the reports hich were taken to the president ucluded Secretary Lansing's name day by the senate agriculture commong those who were discussing mittee of the revised Kenyon-Kenthat probability. How much this drick bill providing for federal regu-(Continued on Fage Two, Column One.) | lation of the meat industry.

CAPTURE OF 12 AMERICANS

Intended to Hold Them as Hos- U. S. Circuit Court Refuses. Americans, with the requirement

cans Sentenced to Die.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 14.-During his recent raid on Lerdo and Gomez Palacio, kiburbs of Torreon, Coa-huila, Francisco Villa declared that he intended to capture 12 American citizens, whom he would hold as hostages for the surrender of residents of Los Angeles, who had been sentenced to death, according to re-

The first of these Americans was mer. Their reprieve expires Freb-Joseph E. Easkew, an employe of ruary 20, but the court action acts ation on our merchant marines. and his formet secretary of state the Tlahualilo company's plantation '

near Letdo, it was said. Villa is reported as having threatened that if the American government refused to deliver the Mexicans in Los Angeles over to him he

> Position of Leaders In Pact Compromise

treaty negotiations still stand at an cases. impasse with opinion among leaders divided on the possibilities of a

compromise to insure satification when the treaty again is sken up in the senate next week. Discussion centered on the two re-vised article 10 reservations submitted by Senator Hitchcock, the demo-

cratic leader, but there seemed little disposition by any considerable number of republicans to accept

cither of the proposals. The republican leaders said that no formal reply had been made to Senator Hitchcock and that there would probably be none.

Virtually the only difference be tween one of the Hitchcock pro-

gencies

latter of the words "or by any other

means" in enumerating the measures

however, that the leaders of either party would accept such a proposal

ubject never came up actually at a Kenyon-Kendrick Meat Bill

ELECTROCUTION AGAIN POSTPONED BY COURT ORDER

raised more for suffrage per capita

To Dismiss Appeal of tages for Surrender of Mexi-

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 14 .- (Special, -Electrocution of Alson B. Cole and Allen V. Grammer was again automatically postponed today, according to information received by Attorney General Davis from Mason Wheeler, assistant altorney generai, stating that the United States

Grammer.

circuit court of appeals refused to dismiss the appeal made by Gram- Britain for two-thirds of their value as a stay of execution,

nor Barrows to hear their pleas for Why our country should continue a commutation of sentence during the policy of transporting products

in the office only pertains to emer- youd my comprehension as an Attorneys for Cole indicated that

they would immediately start sim-ilar action but Governor McKelvie Baldwin Casts His Lot thas already indicated that a stay Still at Impasse thas already indicated that a stay for one of the men would cause him to grant the other the same right, due to the similarity of their

> The two men were convicted complicity in the death of Mrs. Headquarters of the Pershing Lulu Vogt of near Elba, Neb., on the night of July 4, 1917, Mrs. Vogt established at 107-108 Paxton hotel

was Grammer's mother-in-law. Fire at Sioux City

Does \$100,000 Damage club, is in charge of the headquar-Sioux City, Ia., Feb. 14 .- One hun- ters. dred thousand dollars' damage was done by a fire at Third and Jack-

son streets Saturday night. The heaviest losers were: F. X. Zabue, \$25,000: Independent F. X. Zabue, \$25,000: Independent Auto Repair company, \$40,000; Mar-Pershing's home state, and under

tin Tent company, \$20,000. For a time the fire threatened the

Ship Fire Extinguished.

New York, Feb. 14 .- The fire on the steamship William Henry Webb. reported last night after the ship had been previously reported as drifting with crippled engines, has 11, 1919, will receive an increase of been extinguished, a wireless report received early today said. Th steamer Panama has the Webb in

tow and is making for New York. "Lizards" Raise Prices

Paris, Feb. 14 .-- Parisan "lounge

up to \$4.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Favorable report was ordered unanimously to-day by the senate again t Swiss in League. Bern, Switzerland, Feb. 14 .-- Presi-

he claims

tary neutrality

Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee. Jefferis a Convert.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14 .--Representative Jefferis has be-(Continued on Page Two, Column Five.) against the sale of former German-

owned ships, the Hearst paper here quoting him as follows: "In my opinion the German ships cized by the United States during the war should not be sold by the president or shipping board to Great Britain or to a British corporation. If this flect is to be sold t less than value it should be to cism as the republicans have been, ly.

strained and frank. flag. "No true American can concien-

tiously assist Great Britain in mongossip over the matter was made opolizing the ocean-carrying trade of the world. If freedom of the by : seas meant so much to America as to call for the sacrifice of lives and reaction. sillions in money by our country

in the late war, we certainly should utilize these seas for commerce by developing our merchant marine.

Fears Further Demoralization.

"The sale of ships to Great "The United States is financially

Another development in the case better able to retain these ships Throughout all the excitement the Conservative officials in congress are bandits soon was swallowed up in cent, the greater increase to go to was the refusal of Acting Gover- than is Great Britain to buy them. general trend was that of sympathy deeply concerned over the outlook, the traffic, Telegrams were sent im- the lower paid workers. sing, Even the democrats themthe absence of the governor. Gov-to the water's edge there to load ernor Barrows holds that his power them into foreign bottoms, is be-

American citizen.

**Converts** Liquor Store Into Home; With Ex-Service Men Who Are for Pershing

New York, Feb. 14 .-- A test to deide whether a man can convert his firm of A: mour & Co., the Standard liquor store into his private home Oil Co., and about 20 other defenand store liquor there will be fought and already many former service in the federal courts between John men have enrolled under the "Persh-H. Brede of Brooklyn who tried it, ing-for-President" banner.

and revenue agents, who seized nine John Baldwin, secretary of the barrels of wing and 1,500 bottles of whisky, gin, champague and other liquids. As soon as prohibition went "It is true that I was for Govinto effect Brede tacked a card on

ernor Lowden at first," said Mr. his liquor store door reading: Baldwin. "I find, however, that Governor Lowden has conceded Ne-"Private residence of John. Brede

\$27.000.000 Worth of Pelts those circumstances I have no hesitancy in casting my lot with Ne-braska's favorite son." Sold at Annual Fur Sale which has injured their credit with St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 14 .- More certafu hotels.

Case In Courts

20 Per Cent Increase for than \$27,000,000 worth of pelts were

sold at the 12-day auction at the In-Washington, Feb. 14.-Soldiers which ended Saturday. Buyers as-Men Overseas Since July 11 serted that it was the largest sale in

the have served overseas since July the trade's history. Approximately 1,500,000,000 skins. 20 per cent on their entire base pay said to be about half the visible fur supply of the world, were disposed instead of on the old base pay authorized during the world war. It is estimated that from 250,000 of. of. Price advances were recorded in nearly every lot sold.

to 300,000 soldiers will submit claims for back payment and it will require approximately \$1,800,000 to settle Hog Island Land Turned

Over to Shipping Board Champion Short Horn Bull

Washington, Feb. 14 .- An agreement with the American Interna-

dent Motta read a telegram to par- tional Shipbuilding company was male dancers whom Tashionable liament announcing the appropriate reached today by the United States deen cattle show 5,000 guineas were patronesses formerly were able to of Switzerland into the leave of na shipping board by which the board paid for the champion short horn hire for 50 cents a round has shot tions with guarantees for her mili- takes title to the land of the Hog bull "Rothie Brisbane Knight." Island shipyard at Philadelphia.

juridiction.

H

brought about and the rebuke ad-San Francisco — Get ministered by the president on the pretext that his action in holding (Special Telegram.)-Greater polit- cabinet meetings was unconstitutionical excitement has been created al, was "unwise and deplorable." here over the forced resignation of Another side of the question re-San Francisco, Feb. 14 .-- While Robert Lansing, secretary of state, lated to the action of cabinet ment- hundreds were passing by the place.

than has been produced by any other incident connected with the Wilson administration. That excitement is in the office of a Liberty boud coupled with indignation, all directed sing to its rightful conclusion every brokerage company at Turk street, at President Wilson. Secretly the member of the cabinet, and Secre- in the heart of the business disdemocrats are as harsh in their criti- tary Tumulty should resign prompttrict here this afternoon. The men. If Lansing committed a "crime" E. R. Stroud, one of the proprietors the latter being, of course, unre- in holding the conferences, then of the place, and H. A. Bohlman, a those others of the president's ot- stranger looking for work, were

given in a day which was full of accessories after the fact.' Repeated observations were made keeper, after receiving a bullet in Senator Norris, which, while that the "president wants nothing the head, seized a handful of Libmore blunt than most utterances, is but a mere puppet in his cabinet."

Lansing resignation demonstrates means for meeting inture situations. The bandits dodged through the two things," said Senator Norris, that arise in which the chief execu-First, that the president is incapaci- tive is unfit physically or mentally tated, and that it was necessary for for the discharge of his duties." someone to look after the affairs of It is probable that the foreign re- machine was one believed to have with the railway administration in

expert who has been employed at order an investigation of the conduct the white house was discharged too of the government's affairs since the

with the attitude of Secretary Lan- feeling their weakness in the most mediately to all police headquar important branch of the government ters in central California with a full selves, while admitting that the Lan- at a time when above all others description of the men. sing resignation might be desirable. strength is demanded.

The plaintiffs contended in the

Last Mercantile Marine

London, Feb. 14 .- According to

the Exchange Telegraph company'

Amsterdam correspondent, a mes-

sage has been received there from

Berlin announcing that an allied

One of the first public expressions ficial family who attended them are

a fairly good index of the general that whom the gods would destroy plate glass window to the street. prepared to say whether the executhey first make mad" and that "con- Her condition was said to be five committee would join the other "The incidents connected with the gress must immediately provide serious,

automobile and sped away.

government: second, that the mental lations committee of the senate will been stolen.

Both bandits were unmasked. One wore a mustache. Whether the One wore a mustache. Whether the bandits obtained anything cannot be determined until, a check is as to whether the demands for in-Pork and Bean Biscuit made. Mrs. Lasater said they might Suit Is Appealed to have taken several thousand dol-lars' worth of bonds.

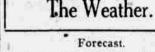
State Supreme Court Engineer at State The suit of Grace Osborne and Industrial Home Is Louise Osborne Fergson against the Dismissed on Charges

Safely Away.

been appealed to the supreme court from the district court of Douglas county, which decided against the plaintific on the decided against the

Clara Quimby, following complaints however, from higher union authorplaintifis on the grounds of lack of made by three inmates of the Girls' ity, the conference of union heads. Assurance was given the union officials by the president in his Industrial home at Geneva, is being district court that they are the own-investigated by members of the ers of a patent pork and bean bis- State Board of Control. Commisproposal that he would provide machinery for dealing comprehensively cult which the defendants are maksioner Allyn investigated the affair with their claims; he proposed the ing and which they have no right following the report made by the use. They also contend that the superintendent, but would give out naming of a commission of wage defendants have been able to secure no details of the nature of the girls' experts to begin the compilation of data bearing on the controversy. the influence of certain newspapers charges.

The president said he was "certain Following his summary dismissal Engineer Hagen was allowed to it is apparent to all reasonable men stay all night at the school, but and women that these momentous moved into the town of Geneva the questions must be dealt with by an next day. He remains silent on the agency which can continue to function after March L" Of Germany Demanded charges. Steps Wilson Contemplates. "I wish, therefore," he said, "to



note has been handed to the German government requiring the sur-render of the remainder of Ger-many's mercantile marine. Iowa-Generally fair Sunday and

Monday: continued cold Sunday; rising temperature Monday Nebraska-Mostly cloudy Sunday: promply use my influence and so far

#### somewhat colder in southwest; Monday fair with rising temperature. Brings 5,000 Guineas at Sale Hourly Temperatures.

### Aberdeen, Feb. 14 .- At the Aberpaid for the champion short horn It will be exported to Argentina

The telegram to the membership postponing the strike was sent ou tonight to the approximately 6,000 local secretaries of the brotherhood In it President Barker briefly reviews events leading up to the is suance of the strike order and the sending of the executive committee to Washington. This commttee, the telegram said, after consulting with high officials "who are true friends slain as they grappled with the of the railway workers" recommend-

bandits. Mrs. M. Lasater, the book- ed that action be postponed. A special convention, Mr. Barker said, might be called to deal with erty bonds and plunged through a the wage controversy. He was not railway brotherhoods in the Wash-

Referred to Conference.

road wage controversy was referred

today to a general conference o

creased pay will be pressed on the

government or passed on to the rail-

road coroporations, soon to resume control of their properties. Representatives of 14 unions, who

have been conferring with Director

General Hines since February 3,

and whose spokesmen laid their claims before President Wilson yes-

terday, have tentatively accepted the

announce to all railroad employes

at this time that I propose to carry

out the following steps: "1. In the event that in conne-

tion with the return to private con-

trol provision shall be made by

law for machinery for dealing with

as such law confers power upon me,

I shall promptly exercise that pow-

er to bring about the earliest prac-

ticable organization of the ma-

hinery thus provided. "2, In the event that no such

provision is made by law for dealing

with these matters, I shall employ

(Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

shall

railroad wage matters I

Washington, Feb. 14 .- The rail-

The bandits dodged through the ington conference. The strike order was issued last tried to hold them, leaped into an Monday after failure of union repre-The sentatives to reach an agreement wage negotiations begun last sum

for mer. ner. The men had demanded increases Although it was followed blocks by other cars and by perpresident's illness began in October. sons on foot, the car with the amounting to approximately 40 per