

O'Callaghan Starts Row At Capitol

Department Heads Differ on Who Is in Authority to Rule on Case of Mayor of Cork.

Davis Opposes Entry

Washington, Jan. 10.—Passport restrictions will not be waived by the State department to permit entrance to the United States of Daniel J. O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, who on his arrival last week at Newport News as a stowaway and without a passport, was temporarily admitted on parole by the Labor department.

The decision announced today by Acting Secretary Davis brought forth the assertion by labor officials that jurisdiction still rested with the secretary of labor. This indicated a continuation of the controversy between the two departments.

Sends Wilson Opinion

Secretary Davis said that he concurred in the opinion of the solicitor of his department as forwarded to him today, that there was no reason to make an exception in the case of O'Callaghan as regards admission without a passport. He said he was communicating his decision to Secretary Wilson and added the intimation that his department, acting under the wartime powers given the president to regulate immigration, might recommend that the Department of Justice be called upon to deport the Irish mayor.

Labor department officials asserted Secretary Wilson did not recognize that the case of O'Callaghan had not come within jurisdiction of the State department inasmuch as he had not formally returned to Secretary Davis. Secretary Wilson had not begun his consideration of the case today and it was said he would not take it under advisement until it had come to him through regular channels. At the State department it was said delay of the secretary of labor in rendering a decision after having paroled O'Callaghan would permit the lord mayor to accomplish his mission of testifying before the commission from the committee of 100 investigating the Irish question, regardless of whether he may be eventually deported.

Labor Bureau Probe

Labor department officials declared that should the secretary of labor find O'Callaghan inadmissible on immigration grounds, it would not be necessary for the secretary to refer the waiting of passport restrictions to the State department. Should he find the lord mayor admissible however, he would then be called on to decide whether the exclusion of O'Callaghan for having entered without a passport was a question to be passed upon by the State department.

While the State department first held that O'Callaghan's case had been brought before the department by the action of the immigration inspector in Norfolk, in requesting admission, Secretary Davis later stated he had amended this department would not take the case under advisement until it had been brought to his attention formally by the secretary of labor. When Secretary Davis learned Secretary Wilson was not disposed to consult the State department and that he had paroled O'Callaghan he again amended his decision and asked for an opinion from the solicitor.

Girl-Bride in Iowa

Charges That Hubby Has Wife in Omaha

Creston, Ia., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Miss Ade Lawrence, the girl-bride of Frank Lawrence, in a petition filed in the district court here, asks for the annulment of her marriage with Frank J. Lawrence, alleging that he already has a legal wife, Ruth Lawrence, residing in Omaha.

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Four Seaplanes On Way to Panama Reach San Salvador

San Francisco, Jan. 10.—Four seaplanes of the navy squadron, which are making the flight from San Diego to the canal zone, reached La Union, Republic of San Salvador, at 3:50 o'clock yesterday afternoon according to a message received by the navy radio here today from the supply ship Kanawha. The Kanawha was stationed at a point near La Union to supply the seaplanes.

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Ogden, Utah, Jan. 10.—Browning Bros. company of Ogden, a firm in which J. M. Browning, the inventor, is a partner, reported to police today that the store was robbed last night of one new automobile, 38 guns, a great quantity of ammunition, some sports clothing and \$100 taken from the safe, which had been broken open.

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Town Where Balloonists Are Expected Hit by Storm

Mattice, Ont., Jan. 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—Mattice, the small settlement on the transcontinental railway toward which the three stranded American naval balloonists are believed to be pushing from Hudson bay territory, today was in the grip of a snow storm, which old timers thought may prove severe.

State Buildings Decay, Permanent Plan Needed, Declares Engineer Hoge

Grand Island Man Points Out Lack of Provision to Replace Old Structures Now Wearing Out—Suggests Legislature Consider Some General Plan.

(John Hoge, whose pertinent suggestions relative to Nebraska State institutions are printed below, is a civil and electrical engineer who served for some time as consulting engineer of the state board of control. Prior to that he was assistant engineer of Lincoln and an engineer in private practice. He is now practicing his profession at Grand Island.—Editor's Note.)

To the People of Nebraska: As a former public servant I feel it my duty to urge upon you and upon the legislature of our state some measures which in my humble opinion will aid materially in the conduct of the institutions which our state maintains for its wards.

As former efficiency engineer for the state board of commissioners of state institutions, it was my duty to visit our state institutions and examine the condition of the physical property, and during the year that I served in this capacity I had occasion to become fairly familiar with needs of our institutions as regards buildings, heating plants, lighting systems, water supply and plumbing.

No Criticism. Before proceeding further I want to say here and now that what I have to say is not offered as adverse criticism to the management, either past or present, of our institutions, either at the institutions themselves or of the members of the board of control. On the contrary, I have only the highest regard for all of these officers, and I personally feel that each is giving and has given to the institutions his best efforts to make them all that they should be.

It is because I am again a private citizen with no "axe to grind," that I can now speak my mind about things which public officers would scarcely care to mention for fear of being thought prejudiced.

In the first place, I will say without fear of contradiction that our state will find it necessary in the next few years to spend on the physical property of our institutions a vast amount of money to rebuild and to build them to a point of efficiency. In some cases new buildings will have to be built to replace buildings which are now in a state of decay past point where repair is either profitable or possible. In others it will be necessary to remodel extensively. Heating plants will have to be torn out and new ones installed. Water supplies will have to be enlarged and new facilities added to meet growing needs. New buildings will have to be added to meet present over-crowding and in some cases perhaps even new institutions will have to be added to meet growing demands.

And how are we going to meet these conditions? Log-Rolling in Past. Are we going to meet them as we have in the past, by appropriating only enough money so that by the greatest of economies are those in charge able to make ends meet? By appropriations made to meet political needs or because some committee of citizens from the town in which the

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Kansas Legion Men Organize to Fight Townley

Former Soldiers Say Organization Is Menace—League Workers Say Big Business Started Move.

Shina, Kan., Jan. 10.—Nearly 500 former service men representing cities in every section of Kansas, met today to perfect organized resistance to efforts of A. C. Townley and Nonpartisan league organizers to establish the league as a political weapon in the hands of farmers and laboring men of the state.

Approximately 1,500 farmers met in another hall to hear Nonpartisan league speakers outline the league's program.

O. Kitterman, commander of the Salina county legion post, outlining the purpose of the anti-league meeting, declared former service men were organizing to "combat what the people of Salina and Salina county thought a menace."

He said there was no disposition to use obstructionist methods, except that of "pitiless publicity."

He added that the anti-league delegates represented business men, farmers and laboring men.

League speakers described the anti-league movement as one fostered by big business and politicians "hiding behind the American Legion."

Capt. G. H. Mallon, manager of the league in Kansas, denied charges that the league program was "un-American."

"We are here to get all farmers to organize," he asserted. "We are here to help them cast their ballots in their own favor. We intend to stay here as long as the farmers want us."

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The move was in accordance with the president-elect's announced purpose to give up his seat when a change in the state administration would admit appointment of a republican successor. Governor-elect Davis has indicated Frank B. Willis, elected senator for the term beginning next March, would be named.

Mr. Harding made January 15 the effective date of his resignation. By giving up his office then, he will be permitted to devote the last six weeks before his inauguration to the preparation for the duties of his administration.

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Forty Bills Introduced in Assembly

Senate and House Receive Same Number; One Measure Would Give Counties Control of Road Building.

Ask New 'Blue Sky' Law

Lincoln, Jan. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Senate and house members introduced a total of 40 bills today. There were 20 thrown into the house hopper and a like number in the senate. Both houses adjourned late this afternoon until 10 tomorrow morning.

Abolishment of the statutes providing for acceptance of federal aid on highways, establishment of county roads requiring classification by the highway commissioner and the code law providing for allotment of 75 per cent of auto license revenue to the state highway fund are proposed by Epperson of Fairfield in a series of bills introduced. Another Epperson measure provides for repeal of the law requiring counties to maintain state highways within their borders after the roads have been permanently improved. With these laws repealed, Epperson provides in another bill to give county highway engineers power similar to that of the present state bureau of roads and bridges. In short, he would place highway construction in the hands of the counties.

Board of Public Employment. Yeiser of Omaha, presented a 12-page, closely typewritten bill, which in substance would create a state board of public employment to guarantee employment of idle laborers on public works at a wage of \$5 a day and force the issuance of state labor warrants, redeemable when a special tax levy of \$250,000, proposed for the first year, was collected.

Nelson of Pierce would abolish the state share in automobile licenses. But in a bill introduced, proposed to hike the county's share from 25 to 75 per cent.

Franklin of Beaver City would enforce railroad companies to transport caretakers of live stock on the same train the stock is shipped.

Sturdevant of Atkinson proposed to create a license on crops and personal property not exempt from execution.

New 'Blue Sky' Measure.

Provision for co-operative companies to issue preferred stock and guarantee a reasonable rate of interest is made in a bill of Hoare of Monroe.

In the senate, Anderson of Lincoln introduced a bill creating a new "blue sky" law, doing away with state permits for sale of stocks and empowering the bureau of securities to deny anyone it sees fit the right to sell stock.

In a high-powered car, who have been terrorizing Omahans for the past few weeks, lies dead in a house at 2527 Patrick avenue which he attempted to rob early last night. His body had been riddled with bullets from the guns of Detectives France and Heller, who encountered the marauder in the home.

Bandit Killed In Gun Battle With Officers

Two other men, believed to be the dead man's pals, giving their names as William Orchard, 2112 North Fifty-seventh street, and Harry Ackerman, 3121 North Fifty-seventh street, were captured immediately after the shooting five blocks from the house by Motorcycle Officers Kruger and Sherwood.

Two minutes after policemen reported killing the bandit, the police cyclone squad, emergency squad, motorcycle officers and all available officers reached the neighborhood of the attempted burglary, in what is believed to have been a successful attempt to round up the entire gang of criminals.

Police received a tip yesterday that the home of Mrs. William Crutchfield was to be robbed. Armed with riot guns and revolvers, six detectives went to the home early last night, ordered the family away from the house and secreted themselves within. Heller and France stationed themselves at opposite ends of an upstairs hall, and four other detectives secreted themselves on the first floor.

The bandits drove up in an automobile, and after satisfying themselves that the house was empty, one broke the lock on the door and entered. Detectives allowed him to reach the second floor. When he noticed the two officers in the hall, he opened fire, none of the shots taking effect, however.

Then Heller and France led drive simultaneously and the bandit drove to the floor dead.

Plans Made to Bring Farm and City Closer Together by Movies

Chicago, Jan. 10.—A plan for a moving picture educational campaign through which it is hoped to bring the city and the farm closer together and solve many problems now confronting farmers, was announced by W. E. Skinner, secretary of the National Dairy association.

For this purpose, Mr. Skinner said, the Farmers' Film corporation has been formed, and co-operation with it will be the federal department of agriculture and state agricultural colleges. The American Farm Bureau federation, the National Dairy association, the American Bankers' association, Grange movements and co-operative buying and marketing associations.

One thing to be undertaken will be to help the American Bankers' association raise a \$1,000,000 trade expansion fund. It is planned to begin the first picture next week.

Chicago Man Found Dead Under Car at Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 10.—A body found under an overturned automobile here early today is said by the police to have been partially identified as that of Raymond C. Thorpe, member of the firm of Montgomery Ward & Co. of Chicago.

Opera Soprano Dies

Montreal, Jan. 10.—Madame Beatrice La Palme, 40, Canadian grand opera soprano, died here.

Harding Officially Gets Ohio's Presidential Votes

Columbus, O., Jan. 10.—President-elect Warren G. Harding officially received Ohio's 24 votes in the electoral college today when the Ohio presidential electors, meeting here, cast their vote for him and Calvin Coolidge for vice president.

The result of their balloting will be delivered by messenger to the president of the United States senate.

Lincoln Man Hangs Self In Prison at Fond Du Lac

Fond Du Lac, Wis., Jan. 10.—L. C. Purcell of Lincoln, Neb., who claimed to be Willie F. Dickenson, who was kidnaped in Florence, Wis., in 1881, committed suicide in the jail here today. Purcell made a rope of towels and handkerchiefs and hanged himself from the top of his cell.

What to do?



Pershing May Be Chief of Staff

Harding Expected to Remove One of Most Grotesque Anomalies in Army.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Gen. John J. Pershing is to be the next chief of staff of the United States army, according to information in high army circles.

The present chief of staff, Major-General Peyton C. March, will cease automatically to be entitled to that rank or position, and will resign his resignation to President Harding probably on March 4.

Army chiefs say the designation by President Harding of General Pershing as chief of staff will remove one of the most grotesque anomalies in an army establishment. General Pershing is the generalissimo of the whole army of the United States, but he cannot issue any order, except by leave of a major general who happens to be chief of staff.

There will be nothing incongruous, the authorities say, in General Pershing being generalissimo and chief of staff at the same time. In fact, there is not much honor or glory in being general over an army without power to command anything or anybody.

It is understood that when General March retires from office of chief of staff he will get some assignment worthy of his work in the army during the period of the war.

Sea-Level Canal to Parallel the Panama

Advocated by Baker

Washington, Jan. 10.—Construction of a sea-level canal to parallel the Panama waterway was advocated today by Secretary Baker. Within 15 years, he said, the Panama canal would be inadequate to handle world commerce between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

"Commercial reasons primarily and military considerations in a less degree indicate we should begin preparing to build another canal, he said. "It should be built either through Panama at the point once considered as a site for the present canal, or through Nicaragua."

A suggestion made yesterday by President-elect Harding that the Panama canal be changed to a sea level waterway prompted Mr. Baker's statement. He did not favor such a project, he said, believing that the money should be applied to the construction of a new canal.

"I have not given great consideration to the military considerations involved," he added, "and do not know what the Navy department's plan as to the size of future battle-ships are, but it is conceivable that next dreadnaughts may be of too great beam to pass through the present canal."

Sarah Gorton Holcomb, 92, Dies at Home Here Today

Sarah Gorton Holcomb, 92, mother of Mrs. John N. Baldwin, died yesterday. She is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Morris E. Mason, and a son, George G. Holcomb. The funeral, which will be private, will be held Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. John N. Baldwin, 406 South Fortieth street.

Overdue Notes Force Nebraska Bank to Close

Refusal of Farmer Customers to Sell Grain at Low Prices Is Cause, Officers Say.

Chappell, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Inability to collect on its customers' notes is given as the reason for the closing of the doors of the First National bank here today, pending action of the national bank examiner as to its further activity and resumption of business in the next 30 days.

The customers insist upon a strengthening of the market before they will dispose of their wheat in the bin and elevators to meet their notes, according to officials of the bank.

All of the depositors will be paid in full, these officials declare, and the affairs of the bank are regular and in good shape. The inability to force the collections of reliable wheat growers' obligations to the bank has hindered its progress in the last 90 days, they maintain.

The last statement of the bank showed \$600,000 deposits and \$800,000 loans, with a capital of \$30,000 and a surplus of \$50,000.

The First National bank was organized as the Commercial State bank in 1886, but was converted into a national institution in 1910 by H. L. Babcock, cashier, who has served in that capacity for 34 years.

Radicals Lose in French Election

Paris, Jan. 10.—In elections held to fill one-third of the seats in the French senate, seven members of Premier Leger's cabinet were among candidates. Of these, Frederic Francois-Marsal, minister of finance, and Albert Sarraut, minister of colonies, were elected on the first ballot.

M. L'Hopiteau, minister of justice, elected 33 out of 35, while the radicals show only 33 as compared with 54 seats previously held.

U. S. Steel Tonnage Report Shows Decrease Over Dec.

New York, Jan. 10.—The monthly tonnage report of the United States Steel corporation, made public here today, showed 8,148,122 tons of unfilled orders on hand December 31. This is a decrease from last month's unfilled orders, which totalled 9,021,481 tons.

King Celebrates Birthday

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 10.—Former King Ludwig III of Bavaria, who died December 31, celebrated his 76th birthday.

U. S. to Quit Parley on Peace Pact

President Wilson Resigned to Keep Hands Off International Affairs Involving War.

"Pass Buck" to Harding

By GRANTON S. WILCOX. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Local Wire.

Washington, Jan. 10.—President Wilson is resigned to keep hands off international affairs involved in the treaty of Versailles for the remaining weeks of his administration.

Positive indication of this attitude came today when it was learned that the United States will withdraw from the council of ambassadors at Paris, representing the principal allied and associated powers.

Although no formal announcement was forthcoming on the subject from authoritative quarters this withdrawal is to be ordered in the near future.

Harding Must Decide

President Wilson, it is declared, takes the view that only the coming national administration can interpret what the American people decided in the recent "solemn referendum" as to what America's foreign policy shall be. The mandate of the people, as expressed in the overwhelming election of Senator Harding to the presidency, Mr. Wilson believes, must be interpreted by Mr. Harding. Mr. Wilson cannot presume to interpret it, his close associates say, and because of this view, he proposes to withdraw from the council of ambassadors at Paris all American representation.

The president's decision is said to mean that he will make no further efforts in behalf of the peace treaty of Versailles and will leave it to his desk, where it now reposes, for President-elect Harding to reflect upon when he assumes office March 4.

Not New Plan

The question of discontinuing American representation at the ambassadors' conference has been under consideration for some time, although no notification has yet been sent to foreign governments.

Disclosure of the government's attitude came today following an admission that the United States would not be represented at the forthcoming conference of allied premiers in Paris to discuss the question of German disarmament.

Aside from the general view taken by the president regarding the responsibility imposed by the American people on the forthcoming administration which withdrawal from the council of ambassadors will be based, was summed up here today as follows:

Summary of Reasons

The council of ambassadors was set up for two main purposes: First, to deal with the question of performance by Germany of the armistice requirements, and second, to deal with such questions arising from the execution of the treaty of Versailles as might still require treatment by the allied and associated powers.

The armistice questions have practically all been disposed of; and this government participated in the deliberations concerning the execution of the peace treaty in the belief that the treaty would be ratified by the United States; but as America has refused to ratify the treaty, there is no reason for it to continue to be represented on the council of ambassadors. In some cases where the United States has direct interest the president feels that negotiations with the allies must continue, nor does he recommend the American arbitration committee by the category of a "hands off" policy, as that is a matter he undertook personally at the request of the league of nations.

Among the problems in which the United States has an immediate interest and must continue its association are the communications commission and the Rhine land association. These contacts, however, imply no political considerations.

Texas Opposes Admission of Mexican Farm Laborers

Washington, Jan. 10.—Admission of Mexican farm laborers to relieve conditions in border states was opposed before the senate immigration committee by Representative Box, democrat, Texas, who said the scheme "involved a system of peonage and did not smack of freedom."

"Moreover, the Associated Charities have found it necessary to adopt broad plans for relief of penniless Mexicans," he said. "They do not stand for good citizenship. They become tools of a few men who are willing to use that class of labor to degrade the courts and politics."

The Weather

Forecast. Tuesday probably snow; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures table with columns for time and temperature.

Shippers' Bulletin. Frost likely during the next 24 to 36 hours from temperature as follows: North, 20 degrees over and south, 25 degrees over; wind, 20 degrees.