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Attack on Code Bill Defeated

Byrum Measure Ousting Four Of Six Secretaries Lost in House by Vote of 55 to 41.

Rodman Defends Code

Lincoln, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The Byrum bill which would throw four of Governor S. R. McKelvie's six code secretaries out of a job and place elective state officers in their places, is dead. It was voted down in the lower house this afternoon, 55 to 41.

The defeat of this bill was looked upon in political circles as the doom of all anti-code secretary legislation and was not taken as a very good sign for the general welfare of the Byrum bill for a new budget system.

The fight on the Byrum bill was precipitated when it was referred back to the committee of the whole from the committee on miscellaneous affairs with a recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed. A minority report from the committee signed by Epperson, the chairman; Anderson (Hamilton), McKee, Franklin and Johnson that it be placed on general file, was presented.

Byrum Defends Bill.

A motion to adopt the committee report was made. A substitute to adopt the minority report followed. The vote on the substitute, 41 for and 55 against, was the deathknell of the bill.

Representative A. H. Byrum of Franklin, led the fight for adoption of the minority report. "The code bill is putting us each year closer and closer to one-man power and is stripping elective officers of their duties," Byrum declared.

Rodman of Kimball led the fight for the code bill. "We have fought this same proposition out at the constitutional convention and at the session two years ago," Rodman declared.

A number of others spoke for and against the bill.

Vote, 55 to 41.

The nonpartisan leaguers voted with the Byrum faction. So did the democrats. Following is the vote:

For adoption of minority report: Acton, Anderson (Hamilton), Axtell, Beans, Beckman, Behrens, Bock, Bowman, Byrum, Cole, Douglas, Dreusedow, Epperson, Foster, Franklin, Frost, Gifford, Gilmore, Hakanson, Hanner, Hilliard, Hoare, Hoffmeister, Johnson, Lauritsen, Leftwich, McFarland, McKee, Nelson, Nieweddie, O'Gara, Osterman, Peterson, Rank, Smith, Strong, Thompson, Ullstrom, Yeiser, Young, Anderson (speaker).—Total, 41.

Against: Anderson (Knox), Armstrong, Barbour, Bethea, Clizbe, Davis, Downing, Dyball, Essam, Frantz, Frausier, Good, Gould, Green, Hascall, Jeary, Kendall, Lundy, Lynn, McClelland, McLeod, Mears, Medlar, Mellor, Mickey, Miner, Morian, Mosley, Murphy, Nutzman, Palmer, Park, Perkins, Randall, Reed, Reneker, Robertson, Rodman, Ruddy, Sandquist, Snow, Sommerland, Sprick, Staats, Stephenson, Sturdevant, Vance, Votaw, Wallace, Webster, Westerhoff, Wight, Williams, Wolfe, Wood. Total, 55.

Wires in Nebraska Damaged to Amount Of $250,000 by Sleet

Damage to telephone and telegraph wires throughout Nebraska amounted to approximately $250,000, caused by the sleet which prevailed during the last 24 hours. The transcontinental telephone lines were broken in nine places in Nebraska.

Grand Island, North Platte, Broken Bow and St. Paul were isolated for a while from telephone service. The storm first struck between Julesburg and North Platte. More than 3,000 telephone poles were reported down. Telephone service throughout the state was interrupted. Though the storm was not accompanied by high winds, the steady sleet spread ruin along the wires.

In this same territory serious damage was sustained during March, 1920, by the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., the loss at that time being estimated at $500,000.

Pittsburgh Woman Attempts To Shoot Negro in Court

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 25.—Mrs. Lillian Bangham pressed the muzzle of a pistol to the side of William Wilson, a negro, charged with assaulting her, at a court hearing in Forest Hills borough, near here, today. She pulled the trigger, but the pistol did not go off. Forty or 50 women, assembled in the court room cried "kill him" and "we'll stand by you."

Wilson Uses Pen for First Time in Year and a Half

Washington, Jan. 25.—Congress received from President Wilson today the first message signed with pen and ink since the president was taken ill a year and a half ago. The message had to do with changes in customs districts. Since his illness and up to this time the president has used an indelible pencil in signing communications to congress.

Defaulting Kansas Bankers Sent to Prison for 33 Years

Coffeyville, Kan., Jan. 25.—Allen J. Newman, president of the defunct People's State bank of Coffeyville, and his brother, Rufus P. Newman, vice president, today pleaded guilty to embezzlement and forgery and each was sentenced to 33 years at hard labor in the state penitentiary.

Captain of Guards At Prison Promoted

Lincoln, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Dan G. Kavanaugh, connected with the Nebraska penitentiary for the last 12 years, where he is captain of the guards and assistant deputy warden, has been advanced by the state board of control to the deputyship, it was announced by the board Tuesday.

The salary of the deputy is $1,800 a year and maintenance.

He succeeds N. T. Harmon, who resigned last week to become chief state probational officer for the new board of pardons, at a salary of $3,000 a year.

The board accepted the recommendation of Warden W. J. Fenton that Mr. Kavanaugh be named as Mr. Harmon's successor.

Allied Council To Probe Europe's Economic Tangle

Supreme Board Rejects Proposal to Loan Money or to Turn Austria's Financial Problem Over to League.

Paris, Jan. 25.—(By The Associated Press.)—After rejecting a proposal to turn the Austrian financial problem over to the league of nations, the allied supreme council decided to appoint a commission to make a thorough inquiry into the entire question of the economic situation in Europe with particular reference to Austria.

The council took this action in view of the opinion of the conferees that as the Austrian situation involved the entire European economic situation it was advisable to have this situation thoroughly inquired into through the most competent representatives of the allied countries obtainable.

These representatives, it was decided, will be Sir Robert Horn, president of the British board of trade; Louis Loucher, France; Signor Giannini, the Italian economic expert, and probably the ministers of commerce of other allied countries, including Belgium. This commission was appointed this forenoon.

During the discussion in the council today the general opinion developed that it was useless to try to do anything for Austria apart from the solution of the economic problems of the neighboring countries, with which Austria's future is bound to be closely connected and the suggestion from the Austrian section of the reparations commission for an advance to Austria of $25,000,000 for 10 years, guaranteed by pledges on Austria's resources, was not acted upon.

Local Legion Cage Team After Contests With State Quintets

The Douglas county post of the American Legion is angling for basket ball games. The local post is represented by what members of the organization believe to be one of the strongest quintets in the state and they are anxious to prove this statement.

Any Legion teams in Nebraska or Iowa wanting contests with the Douglas county quintet are requested to communicate with Jake Isaacson, Star Shoe company, Omaha, Neb. The Omaha squad prefers to meet American Legion teams, although it will play any quintet, no matter how large or small.

The state activities committee of the American Legion is planning to stage a Legion basket ball tournament at either Lincoln or Omaha some time during March. Legion teams in the state anxious to enter this tourney should write to the committee at Lincoln.

505 Alien Anarchists Are Deported From U. S.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Five hundred and five aliens classed as anarchists were deported from the United States from February 1, 1919, to January 1, 1921, the Department of Labor announced today. Also 1,119 alien anarchists were ordered deported, the difference between "orders" and "shipments" being represented by those who were permitted to remain temporarily because of lack of transportation, appeals and other similar reasons. During the past month, 88 Russian aliens were deported.

Europe Approves Plan to Halt Immigrants at Source

Washington, Jan. 25.—Secretary Wilson's suggestion that the admissability of immigrants be considered at the source to avoid the "tragedy" of aliens breaking up their homes and coming to America, only to be excluded, has met with the instant approval of European governments and American diplomatic and consular officers, Anthony Caminetti, commissioner general of immigration, today told the senate immigration committee.

45,000 Bales of Cotton Glut New York Market

New York, Jan. 25.—The squeeze in January cotton contracts culminated today when shorts tendered 45,000 bales, the biggest amount for a day in years, making a total of 83,000 delivered to bulls during the month. Present dull mill demand and total absence of ocean freight room gives the impression that this cotton probably will remain here a considerable time.

Wife Slayer Pleads Guilty

Algona, Ia., Jan. 25.—L. T. Benjamin pleaded guilty to having killed his wife a week ago Saturday in the Kossuth district court this afternoon. He will be sentenced next Tuesday by Judge D. F. Coyle at Humboldt, it was said.

Retailers [redacted]ight Days Ahead

Silver Lining in Clouds of Present "Dull Times" Pointed Out by Nebraska Merchants in Meet.

Ad Campaigns Urged

There's a silver lining in the future and the outlook isn't half bad.

That's the attitude taken by members of the Nebraska Federation of Retailers, who are holding their annual convention at the Hotel Rome.

Following a short general business session the various units composing the main organization went into individual sessions to hear talks and addresses, which were optimistic from the word go.

Advertising was the keynote of the speech delivered to the members of the Retail Dry Goods and Ready-to-Wear association by Fred H. Schock of Falls City, Neb.

Plenty of Business.

"There is nothing the matter with business," the speaker said. "There is plenty of business in all lines if the retailer will only make an honest effort to get it. Advertising and plenty of it will help solve the problem of 'dull times.' Business is everywhere, all that needs to be done is go after it."

Mr. Schock outlined his methods of conducting special sales, of disposing of remnants and accumulations of stock and gave other "shop" hints.

L. C. Nash, Omaha, a director in the national association, read a report on the national convention. He urged all members of the Nebraska association to join the national organization at once.

Need Team Work.

In speaking of business Mr. Nash said:

"Team work counts in any business just as it does on the athletic field. Retailers should adopt the idea. With team work, one man who has suffered losses through bitter experiences may pass his ideas along to his fellow merchants and assist them to avoid mistakes he made."

Cliff Crooks, Fairbury, Neb., talked on "In the Period of Readjustment of Prices, How Are We to Adjust Our Expense Account." Various methods pursued during the readjustment period merchants are now passing through, were explained by Mr. Crooks.

P. M. Ivey, professor of marketing at the state university college of business administration, delivered a lecture on "Advertising and Selling Shoes," to the retail shoe dealers.

Imagination Needed.

"Imagination is needed in business," Mr. Ivey said. "The business man in his advertising must put his wares to the public in such a manner that they will not only attract attention but make an appeal. Goods being dvertised should be placed before the public in suitable surroundings."

Mr. Ivey then gave examples of advertising ideas used by several of

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Wilson to Receive Ohio Governor at White House Today

Washington, Jan. 25.—Former Governor James M. Cox of Ohio will be received by President Wilson tomorrow at 11 o'clock, it was announced today at the White House.

Among those with whom Mr. Cox conferred today was George White, chairman of the democratic national committee, who arrived here today. Mr. White had no comment to make on politics. He will appoint an executive committee while here to take charge of party affairs until the next democratic campaign.

While here Mr. Cox is making further arrangements for his trip to Europe. It is said that he purposes to visit each of the countries involved in the war so he will be competent to discuss and weigh international questions which probably will arise after his return.

Paris will be made the headquarters of Mr. and Mrs. Cox and party while abroad and Ireland is included in the itinerary as now arranged.

Kansas Senator Attacks Appointment of Rickards

Washington, Jan. 25.—Charges that the appointment of Maj. George C. Rickards as chief of the War department militia bureau was made contrary to the spirit of the law are made in a resolution introduced by Senator Capper, republican, Kansas, as allowing the department to disclose the recommendations of the appointee.

The resolution said the adjutants general of 35 states had united on Charles I. Martin, adjutant general of Kansas, for the job.

Committee Finishes Audit Of Bank of North Dakota

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 25.—The report on the audit of the Bank of Nort Dakota and other state-owned industries was submitted to the state board of audit today and copies given to speaker of the house and the president of the senate. The committee of nine instructed by the house to make a report on the audit will meet tonight and organize at an executive session. Public hearings will begin tomorrow.

Hundred Millions Asked For Roads in House Bill

Washington, Jan. 25.—Appropriation of $100,000,000 for public roads during the next fiscal year is proposed in a bill reported today by the house roads committee.

$200 Reward Offered For Capture of Slayer

Lincoln, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Governor McKelvie announced this afternoon a reward of $200 for the arrest and conviction of the slayer of Adrian F. Barstow, prominent Lincoln young man, who was murdered here last Saturday night.

At the same time County Attorney C. E. Matson announced that he would ask the county commissioners to offer a large reward, and it is understood that a private fund of $5,000 will be offered.

The police had no new developments in the case to offer today.

"Babes in Well" Appear in Court At Dr. Kent Trial

Prisoner Takes No Notice of Infants; Miss Boeke, Charged With Being Mother, Visibly Affected.

A surprise was "sprung" by the state in the prosecution of Dr. H. S. Kent yesterday afternoon when the two "well babies" he is accused of having tried to kill last July were brought into the court room.

In the arms of two nurses from the Methodist hospital, little Jimmie and Betty Wells, as the twins have been named, were carried in. The nureses took front seats, while Jimmie in his little blue coat and Betty in her little red coat immediately began to take in the scene with intelligent interest.

Dr. Kent did not once turn his head in their direction but kept his gaze steadily "front and center."

Miss Boeke Affected.

Louise Boeke, 25, charged with being the babies' mother, sat with her mother. The instant she saw the babies, a flush went over her face, she clutched the arms of her chair and said something to her mother. Then she gazed at the babes steadily as they rested on the laps of the nurses.

The appearance of the children was the signal for the attorneys on the two sides of the case to make legal motions bearing on the right of the babes in court.

Judge Troup finally ruled to exclude Betty from the courtroom, but to permit Jimmie to stay, he having been the first babe placed in the well.

Lulu Hollar, Jimmie's nurse, then took the witness stand and testified while Jimmie sat on her lap and cooed affably at the jurymen, who smiled broadly at him.

Says Kent Was "Goat."

"Dr. H. S. Kent is not the father of the 'well babies' and the defense will show the utter absurdity of the accusation that he placed them in the abandoned well," declared Eugene O'Sullivan, attorney for Kent, in his opening statement to the jury yesterday morning.

O'Sullivan declared that Kent has been made the "goat" in the whole affair.

"We will prove," he asserted, "that Kent did not leave his confectionery store for one minute between the time the first babe was found in the well and the time the second was found there. Now, if he didn't put the second baby in the well, is it likely that he put the first one in?"

In the state's opening statement to

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Nationalizing of Coal Industry Is Favored By Nebraska House

Lincoln, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—A resolution by Representative Harry Foster of Douglas, putting the lower house on record as favoring the nationalizing of the coal industry of the United States, was adopted after a hard fight today by a vote of 42 to 37.

Foster claimed that the only manner in which the constantly quarreling coal operators and miners could learn of the disgust and disfavor of the public at the resultant increases in prices was to go on record at legislative and other public assemblages for nationalizing such property.

State Agent Under Fire Of Scottsbluff Council

Scotts Bluff, Neb., Jan. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The city council of Scotts Bluff forwarded to Governor McKelvie today resolutions of protest against the state agent, Gus Hyers, who has been conducting an anti "booze" campaign in this city, branding the work of the sheriff and his deputies as "Prussian methods of law enforcement against free American citizens." The resolution commends the work done here by Police Chief P. J. McSween, who is said to have been accused by Hyers before Mayor McCreary of "being crooked."

Deputy Sheriff Carl Schmitt is accused of brutally striking a man he had arrested and forcing him to undress in jail for Schmitt's amusement.

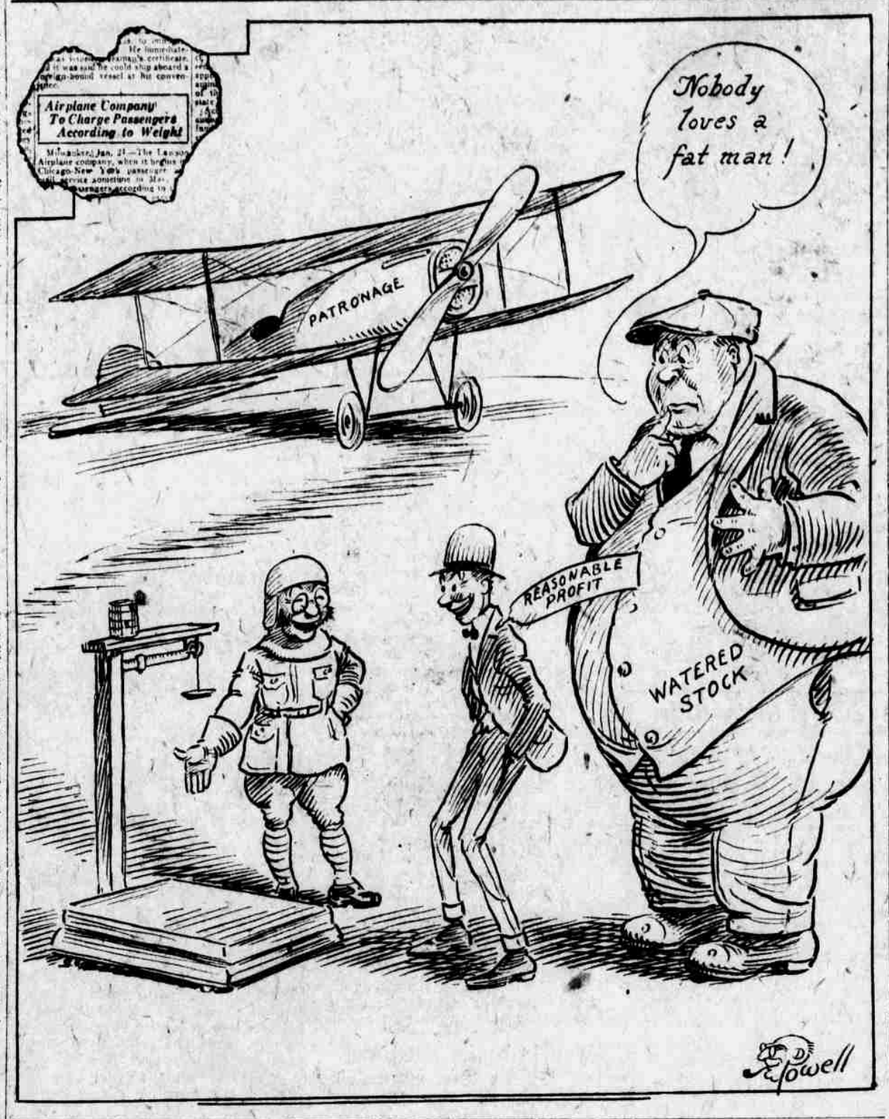
Man Sentenced to State Prison for Stealing Hog

Broken Bow, Neb., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Joseph L. Beyett, charged with stealing a hog from George Thurman of Oconto several weeks ago, was found guilty in district court and given and indeterminate sentence of from one to five years in the penitentiary.

Minister to Be Arraigned.

East St. Louis, Ill., Jan. 25.—Guy Kyle, 47, former rector of the Free Methodist church at Mt. Vernon, Ill., who has confessed participation in the $212,000 mail robbery at Mt. Vernon January 14, last, was brought here today from Mount Vernon for arraignment before a United States commissioner.

Weigh In



Those Photos of Yours May Prove Buried Treasure

Dig 'Em Out—Bee Offers $50 in Prizes for Best Work of Amateur Photographers.

Why keep those photographs hidden away where they are seldom seen and almost forgotten? If they're good ones, they're worth showing to your friends and they're worth money.

Look them over, select the best ones and put them in competition for the $50 prize money in The Bee's Amateur Photographers' contest. If you think you could take better pictures now, try some new ones. One photo may win for you a $25 prize.

Showing Keen Interest.

The Bee's contest is bringing forth for publication many clever examples of the best work of Nebraska and Iowa photographic amateurs.

Pictures submitted during the first few days of the contest indicate there's going to be keen competition for the prizes offered and the title of champion amateur photographer of two states. There are several possible prize winners among the photos already offered.

Inquiries regarding rules of the contest have been received from many amateur photographers not regular subscribers of The Bee.

Conditions of Contest.

For their benefit conditions of the competition are repeated here:

Pictures must be taken "somewhere in Nebraska or Iowa" by Nebraska and Iowa amateur photographers. Pictures taken either before or after the opening of the contest are eligible.

There are no restrictions regarding the subject matter of the photographs.

There is no restriction on size of pictures eligible to entry in the contest.

Prize-winning pictures to be published in The Sunday Bee rotogravure section.

All pictures submitted to become property of The Bee, with the condition due credit be given to the photographer for all pictures published.

The Bee asks permission to use the original negatives of prize-winning pictures for purposes of enlargements.

First prize to be $25; second prize, $15; third prize, $10.

Prizes to be awarded by a board of three judges, composed of two professional photographers and the editor of The Bee rotogravure.

Pictures to reach contest editor by February 19.

Name and address of contestant to be on back of each picture submitted.

Toledo Bandits in Jewelry Store Get Over $30,000

Toledo, O., Jan. 25.—Four bandits entered the Daniels jewelry store here today, bound the proprietor and customers, hand and foot, and escaped in an automobile with jewelry valued at more than $30,000.

Funeral Services Held

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 25.—(Special Telegram.) — Impressive funeral services were held here for John R. Hayes, United States commissioner and once republican candidate for congress in the Third district. Burial was made in Norfolk.

Chicago Girl Slips One Over on Rich Dad; Weds Champion Poet

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Prisible Pardridge has put another one over on her wealthy father, A. J. Pardridge, real estate dealer. This time she has contracted matrimony, her husband being Lester Cohen, champion poet of the Dill Pickle club.

Priscilla has been a series of sensations ever since she graduated into the debuntante and sub-deb class. Once she was on the stage, but her father snatched her from the footlights. Then she caused society to gasp by accepting a position in a Denver department store.

Meanwhile, Lester Cohen, the champion of the many poets who inhabit the Dill Pickle club, had risen out of the ordinary, by tuning his lyre to sing sympathetically of the cruel deportation of Emma Goldman. Aside from this master effort, little is known of him. His wife, Priscilla, announces that she will return to the stage.

Conductor in Jail for Killing Man Whom He Found in His Home

Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 25.—O. L. Bentley, a conductor on the Chicago and Northwestern line between Albert Lea, Minn., and Fort Dodge, Ia., is in jail at Albert Lea, on a charge of murder. Bentley is held for killing Orie Olson, a world war veteran, whom he is said to have found in his home.

His wife also is in custody. Bentley who is supposed to have started on his run to Fort Dodge, returned home unexpectedly, and on finding Olson there, it is declared, opened fire, sending two bullets into his body.

Naval Court of Inquiry Concludes Langdon Probe

Vladivostok, Jan. 25.—The American naval court of inquiry and the Japanese military court concluded an inquiry here into the shooting of Naval Lieutenant Warren H. Langdon by a Japanese sentry here early this month.

A decision is expected soon.

The U. S. S. New Orleans, which brought Admiral Gleaves, commander-in-chief of the American Asiatic fleet and the board of naval officers here, left Monday for Shanghai, taking the body of Lieutenant Langdon.

Preserved Spinach Causes Death of Two Persons

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 25.—Two persons, a nurse and an orderly, are dead at Blodgett hospital here, three others are dying and several more are in a critical condition as a result, hospital authorities believe, of eating preserved spinach last Saturday night.

The dead are:

MISS FLOSSIE COYLE, a nurse.

JOHN SMITH, 35, hospital orderly.

Plot to Exterminate Dry Agents Found in Alabama

Florence, Ala., Jan. 25.—A plot to exterminate the force of prohibition enforcement officers operating in northern Alabama has been unearthed, according to State Supervisor N. L. Pierce. Discovery of the plot, he said, today, followed the arrest of 11 persons in connection with the killing Saturday of Don Stephenson, a member of a prohibition squad, and the wounding at the same time of two other officers.

Fordney Tariff Bill Is Delayed By Filibuster

Plan to Aid Farmers Opposed By Democratic Senator—Talk Continued Until Adjournment.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The Fordney emergency tariff bill was brought into the senate for consideration today, but immediately ran into a small filibuster. Merits of the bill and reasons for its early enactment had scarcely been outlined by Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, before Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, launched an attack which continued until adjournment.

Tactics in forcing delay in consideration were considered sound by opponents of the bill inasmuch as the postoffice appropriation bill is scheduled for tomorrow and several other money bill are expected to be ready after that measure is out of the way.

Senator McCumber appealed for action, on the ground that the bill would effect more than 30,000,000 people.

"You want to make the farm attractive," he said. "You know how as well as I do. It is to make farming worth while. It is the glow of the dough that is attractive and that's why this measure should be passed quickly."

Senator Harrison charged that the North Dakota senator wanted "to save a few people by making the rest of the country pay the bill." Such a tariff as asked on wheat, he said, could do nothing but increase the price of bread. He asked whether in the recent campaign it had not been one of the chief arguments of the republican party that the cost of living should be lowered.

The bill, he said, was being used to "hoodwink" the farmers and he asked the republican side where, then, only two senators were seated, if it were not wrong "to fool your constituents so soon after election."

When Senator McCumber asked adjournment be taken, Mr. Harrison walked out of the chamber with a grin.

Political Factional Fight In Mexico Near Solution

Mexico City, Jan. 25.—Solution of the struggle between the cooperatisa party and the liberal-constitutionalist organization, which has led to the inauguration and functioning of two municipal governments in Mexico City is believed to be within reach as a result of the refusal of President Obregon to aid the cooperatisa party. The president received a delegation of leaders from this organization yesterday, and declared he could extend no help to it which would increase its chances of controlling the city council.

The Weather

Forecast.

Fair and colder Wednesday.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	29	1 p. m.	26
6 a. m.	29	2 p. m.	26
7 a. m.	28	3 p. m.	25
8 a. m.	28	4 p. m.	26
9 a. m.	28	5 p. m.	26
10 a. m.	27	6 p. m.	26
11 a. m.	27	7 p. m.	26
12 noon	26	8 p. m.	25

Shippers' Bulletin.

Protect shipments during the next 24 to 36 hours from temperatures as follows: North and west, 10 degrees; east and south, 20 degrees.

Death of Wife Slayer To be Asked

Coroner's Jury Orders First Degree Murder Charges Be Made Against Man Who Shot Bride.

Prisoner Is Unaffected

Death penalty will be sought by the state for W. E. Berton, Kansas City actor, who shot and killed his bride, Jeanette, 22 Monday, after summoning police to his apartment in the Hollywood with the word he was going to murder his wife, according to Deputy County Attorney Raymond Coffey after the inquest yesterday afternoon.

The inquest was held at the Stack & Falconer morgue at 2. But three witnesses were examined. They were Miss Eulalia Wortsmith, sister of the dead bride, and H. M. Pratt of Muskogee, Okl., and William Silvers of Kansas City, friends of the slayer.

All three testified they had heard the husband threaten his wife.

Real Name Revealed.

Berton's real name is Burnell Lawson, it was revealed at the inquest.

The defendant was not placed on the witness stand. His confession to the police was read to the jury which immediately returned a verdict ordering him held without bond for trial for murder.

Deputy Coffey said first degree murder charges would be filed against him today, and his trial would probably be held the first week in February.

The sister and two men will be held as state's witnesses.

Mrs. Berton, pretty bride, was shot through the head. She died in the Wise Memorial hospital last night.

Berton took the news of his wife's death calmly and slept soundly in his solitary cell at Central police station the rest of the night.

Besides Berton, Eulalia Wortsmith, alias Edna Milo, sister of the dead girl, and two friends of the husband, H. M. Pratt of Muskogee, Okl. and William Silvers of Kansas City are held.

Berton will go the electric chair for shooting his wife if Acting Chief of Detectives Pszanowski has his way.

Berton Unperturbed.

Nonchalantly whistling the latest ragtime, "Margi," the young man sat in his solitary cell yesterday unperturbed by the knowledge that his pretty young wife lay dead from a bullet he had fired.

"Down in my heart I know I did right," he maintains. "She wasn't square with me. She laughed when I threatened to shoot her. I saw red. And I shot.

"No, I knew what I was doing."

Berton declared, however, he will enter a plea of not guilty when tried. His plea will be temporary insanity, he said.

He is a neat fellow, dressed in well fitting clothes of the latest cut. He wore a light tan chinchilla overcoat and a Fedora hat of the same color. His shoes are tan and his suit is dark. He wears his collar like the man in the advertisement, and when he smiles, he displays two rows of even white teeth.

Says "Slept Like Log."

"I can't worry," he says, and shows his teeth. "Yes, I slept like a log last night after they told me she died."

Quite the opposite of this carefree youth, over in the matron's ward lies the pretty sister of the dead bride.

She is prostrate with grief. But

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Five Hospitals Are Planned for Veterans

Washington, Jan. 25.—House republican leaders approved a program which calls for the construction of five hospitals for war veterans suffering from mental and nervous disorders and tuberculosis. After a conference, Chairman Langley of the public buildings committee, announced he would introduce a bill appropriating $13,000,000 for such hospitals. Members of the committee have agreed, he said, to report the measure favorably and assurance has been given that it will be taken up for passage by the house early next week at the latest.

The $13,000,000 would be used to construct in various parts of the country three hospitals for the treatment of mental cases and two for the tubercular patients, at $2,500,000 each. The remainder of the fund would be used to convert buildings on the government reservation at Walla Walla, Wash., and at Fort McKenzie, Wyo., into hospitals.

Woman's Bill Repealing Beer Amendment Passed

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 25.—The assembly last night unanimously passed a bill introduced by Mrs. Margaret B. Laird, a member from Essex county, repealing Governor Edward's 3.50 per cent beer law enacted last year to aid New Jersey in its fight before the United States supreme court against prohibition.

Immediately afterwards the house adopted, 51 to 4, a concurrent resolution for New Jersey's ratification of the federal prohibition amendment.

Kansas City Has 30,706 Negroes in 1920 Census

Washington, Jan. 25.—The negro population of Kansas City, Mo., in 1920 was 30,706, an increase of 7,140 or 30.3 per cent, the census bureau announced today. The white population was 293,532, an increase of 68,555 or 30.6 per cent and all others 172.