

Mayor Hits Light Bill By Letter

R. B. Howell, After Boasting Smith Not Opposed to H. R. No. 1, "Astounded"

Committee Has Hearing

Lincoln, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Astomishment, anger, and chagrin registered successfully on the face of R. B. Howell, manager of the Omaha Metropolitan water district, at a hearing today before the committee on cities and towns when J. A. C. Kennedy counsel for the Nebraska Power company, read a letter from Mayor Ed P. Smith of Omaha declaring the mayor's absolute opposition to house roll No. 1, the water district's electric light bill.

Mayor Against Bill

Howell drew back astounded. Various expressions flashed with machine gun rapidity across his face. The large audience which filled the room was tittering, with many applauding. Finally, Howell grinned for just a second. Then, he leaned against a desk and his fingers nervously playing on his lips, as Kennedy read one driving argument after another of the mayor of Omaha against house roll No. 1.

Howell admitted he was astounded. Then he indulged in scathing denunciation of Mayor Smith's alleged denunciation of the bill.

Berger Scores Wilson For Refusal to Grant Pardon to Eugene Debs

Milwaukee, Feb. 1.—Criticizing President Wilson for refusing to commute the sentence of Eugene V. Debs, Victor L. Berger, in a statement issued, expressed hope that the new administration would take favorable action in the socialist cases in general.

Japanese to Fight Alien Property Bill

Lincoln, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The alien property bill, similar to the California law, introduced by Representative E. S. Davis of Lincoln county, will be considered before the house judiciary committee Thursday afternoon.

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Text of Mayor Smith's Letter Transferring Municipal Electric Light Power From City Council to Water Board.

Lincoln, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Mayor Ed P. Smith's letter to Representative Dysart, in which the Omaha chief executive declared his opposition to House Roll No. 1, the metropolitan water district's electric light bill, follows:

"Two years ago, when a similar measure was before the legislature, I took somewhat of an active part in opposing it, but because of the pendency before the city council of the application of the Nebraska Power company for an increase in rates, I have thought it proper to take no active part in the controversy at this time. But since you ask my opinion, I see no reason why I should not give it.

Crown Forces in Ireland Using Bloodhounds

Chicago Tribune Cable, Copyright, 1921. Dublin, Feb. 1.—Col. Maurice Moore, who commanded the Connaught rangers in the South African war, was arrested by the military at his home in Dublin today.

Youth Killed in Dublin When Auxiliary Police Fire on Congregation Leaving Church.

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Dissolution of Eastman Kodak Company Ordered

Buffalo, Feb. 1.—Federal Judge Hazel entered an order in the case of the United States against the Eastman Kodak company under the Sherman anti-trust law, directing the dissolution of some of the company's lines. The corporation withdrew its appeal to the supreme court yesterday.

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This Ground Hog Sees His Shadow



Detective Shot By Thief Loses Fight for Life

Detective Arthur Cooper died at 2:45 yesterday afternoon in the Clark Memorial hospital. At his bedside when the end came was his wife.

Wife Is at Bedside at Hospital—Murder Charges Will Be Filed Against Assailant.

Detective Cooper was shot in a revolver duel with Norman "Nels" Johnson, confessed burglar, last Friday night at Eighteenth and Howard streets.

French Deputies Defeat Strict Economy Program

Paris, Feb. 1.—The Briand government failed to obtain compliance by the chamber of deputies with the government's economy program in its first parliamentary assault on extravagance.

70 Radical Deportees Sail From United States

New York, Feb. 1.—Seventy radicals, including several women, ordered deported to Russia, left here today aboard the steamship Esthonia for Liban, Latvia.

Mrs. Harding Opens New Clothes Campaign From New York Hotel

New York, Feb. 1.—Mrs. W. G. Harding began selecting the contents of her White House clothes cabinet today. She did not go shopping, but conducted a hotel suite campaign for clothes.

Son of Wealthy Tacoma Man Kidnaped by Lone Bandit; Gains Freedom

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 1.—Arthur Rust, 20, son of W. R. Rust, wealthy Tacoma resident, was kidnaped here today by a lone bandit and forced, at the point of a revolver, to write a note to his father for \$25,000 ransom, according to reports to the police.

Robber Steals \$22,000 Jewel Bag on Pullman

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 1.—The police of Atlantic City, Philadelphia and New York, together with railroad detectives, are searching for the robber who stole \$22,000 in jewels, the property of Mrs. M. R. Gano of Philadelphia, last Friday while she was on her way here in a Pullman car from Philadelphia.

Confessed Wife Murderer Is Sentenced to 50 Years

Algona, Ia., Feb. 1.—L. T. Benjamin, confessed wife slayer, was sentenced to 50 years in the state prison today by District Judge D. F. Coyle. Sentence was passed after Benjamin had repeated a confession made last week.

Harding Asks for Special Session of Senate March 4

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Daniels in Favor of Petroleum Embargo

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Texas Governor Attacks Suspended Sentence Law

Austin, Tex., Feb. 1.—Outright repeal of the law providing for suspending sentence was recommended to the legislature by Governor Neff in a message delivered today.

The Weather

Fair and colder Wednesday. Hourly Temperatures.

House for Army Force Of 150,000

Strong Sentiment for Reduction in Present Strength Shown in Debate on Annual Appropriation Bill.

U. S. Now Well Prepared

By The Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.—Taking up the \$328,000,000 army appropriation bill, the house in its debate today showed it was ready to fight any attempt to put the enlisted personnel above 150,000, provided in the measure.

Guarantees Reduction

Mr. Anthony insisted this number would be sufficient, that the national guard would become an invaluable adjunct if given the support and sympathy of the War department, and that there would be no difficulty in bringing down the present total by July 1.

State Department to Leave Jap Question to New Administration

Washington, Feb. 1.—State department officials indicated that the solution of the question growing out of the evacuation of the California anti-Japanese land law would be left to the Harding administration.

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