Mayor Hits Light Bill By Letter

Smith Not Opposed to H. R. No. 1, "Astounded" By Answer.

Committee Has Hearing

Metropolitan water district, at I should not give it, hearing today before the commit- "I believe in municipal ownership a hearing today before the committee on cities and towns when J. A. of public utilities such as the electric C. Kennedy counsel for the Nebras-ka Power Co., read a letter from Mayor Ed P. Smith of Omaha de-claring the mayor's absolute opposi-I will be in favor of its acquisition tion to house roll No. I, the water by the city. As long as it is operated district's electric light bill.

today and at a hearing last week I do not favor House Roll No. 1 Howell, with his arm extended and for the following reasons: his finger pointed at officers and attorneys for the Nebraska Power Co., shouted: "You will never get the mayor of Omaha to take any hand in legislation against this bill this year as he did two years ago." It was the third utterance of this defi today which brought Kennedy

"I will read for the benefit of Mr. Howell and members of the commit-tee a letter from Mayor Smith to Representative T. B. Dysart," Ken-

Mayor Against Bill.

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 nearly crown Forces in read one driving argument after another of the mayor of Omaha against house roll No. 1. Briefly the mayor's letter covered

these points: Omaha wouldn't profit as a whole with two competing plants where city council already has

power to regulate rates. To create a competing plant would entail years of expenses and the tearing up of paved streets for conducts, at a great cost to tax-

The water board might cut rates to big downtown concerns and force the Nebraska Power Co. to serve the small property owners as the water board couldn't, and thereby force the company to raise rates to small property owners.

H. R. No. 1, would force city

water board, no matter what the competing rate might be. Howell Astounded.

get street lighting juice from

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Berger Scores Wilson For Refusal to Grant

commute the sentence of Eugene V. cases in general.

The decision of the supreme court in the Chicago socialist cases shows that there are signs of sanity returning to some of the depart-ments of our government," he said. Sanity will not return to the White House, however, so long as Wood-row Wilson holds sway there.

"It is not too much to expect nevertheless, that the new national administration will see the prosecution of the socialists in general and of Eugene V. Debs in particular, in the proper light."

Japanese to Fight Alien Property Bill cathedral steps, was shot through the ping to Omaha. The corn in ea

Lincoln, Feb. 1. (Special.) - The alien property bill, similar to the California law, introduced by Representative E. S. Davis of Lincoln

county clerk, relative to large quan-tities of land owned in Lincoln court yesterday. county by Japanese and charging members of that race with dodging personal taxes were placed on desks

of members today by Davis. It was reported that Japanese will appear before the committee to plead for their property rights.

Union Foundry for 30 Years Adopts "Open Shop" Policy

Dencer, Feb. 1.-The Queen City foundry of Denver, a union shop for 30 years, today began operations as an "open shap" under police protection, according to an announcement by George Cordingly, general manager. The action taken by the Queen City company will be fol-

Murderer Escapes From

Utah State Penitentiary Salt Lake City, Feb. 1.—Frank de ratto, convicted in 1916 of complicity in the murder of Eugene Allen, a grocer at Bingham, Utah., and who was sentenced to death.

Omaha Chief Executive Tells Why He Opposes

Transferring Municipal Electric Light Power

From City Council to Water Board.

R. B. Howell, After Boasting

Lincoln, Feb. 1. — (Special.) — and a duplication of overhead expense, all of which must ultimately be paid by the consumers.

Second: For the water board to opposition to House Roll No. 1, the lay conduits and wires throughout metropolitan water district's elec- the entire city, would take years of tric light bill, follows:

I took somewhat of an active part out the business section of our city in opposing it, but because of the (and all admit there is where they pendency before the city council of would first seek to furnish light the application of the Nebraska and power), would necessitate the Power company for an increase in tearing up of miles of pavement at Lincoln, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—
Astonishment, anger, and chagrin registered successfully on the face of R. B. Howell, manager of the Oma-

by private ownership. I am in favor Time and again at the hearing of strict regulation of its rates, but

Evils of Duplication.

"First: Where the power to regutwo separate organizations or com-Omaha to have two street car companies, two electric light companies, crease would fall on those in the or two gas companies, each occupying our streets and competing with each other for business. ness center of the city, and on the We learned by experience that two Howell drew back astounded, telephone companies were neither desirable nor profitable. Two com-

Ireland Using Bloodhounds

Youth Killed in Dublin When Nebraskans Urged to Help in Auxiliary Police Fire On Congregation Leaving Church.

Dublin, Feb. 1.—Col. Maurice Moore, who commanded the Connaught rangers in the South African war, was arrested by the military at hold out their hands to the world, begging piteously for food. The farmers of Nebraska have been given an opportunity to fill those little, who ran to the bridge and told Jesse ware the their ratios. Smelter employes who saw the girl's fatal leap notified C. E. Harvey, 3116 Avenue D, Council Bluffs, who ran to the bridge and told Jesse screen for their ratios. his home in Dublin today.

"I admit I am astounded," Howell nected with the nationalist volunteers and Missouri, was in the early days of the war. He is nunciation of Mayor Smith's alleged a brother of George Moore, the fa-

Lord Dunsany will be court-marleged illegal possession of ammuni-

The king's bench today unanimously decided that they were pow-Pardon to Eugene Debs erless to stop the execution of Jos-Milwaukee, Feb. 1.—Criticizing Cork jail. But the bench held that the court-martial had erred in barring the sentence of Eugene V. nesses on testimony previously given, ment issued, expressed hope that the and recommended that Murphy be new administration would take given air opportunity to make further favorable action in the socialist that a constant the army act, and for this purpose. Murphy's execu-

row morning. esterday by crown forces following Omaha. the finding of a man's cap at the scene of an attack on military at

with no results. When the congregation was leav- mission ing the Catholic cathedral in Dublin,

Dissolution of Eastman

Kodak Company Ordered Buffalo, Feb. 1.-Federal Judge Hazel entered an order in the case county, will be considered before the of the United States against the house judiciary committee Thursday Eastmas Kodak company under the Sherman anti-trust law, directing Copies of letters written to Rep-resentative Davis from A. S. Allen, pany's lines. The corporation with-

> The decree orders the sale of the Premo factory and the Century, Folmer and Schwing factory in Rochester and the Aristo plant in Jamestown. These lines represent an investment of approximately \$3.-786,000 and the total sales in them in 1920 totalled more than \$7,000,000,

Woman Serving Life, Freed by Confession of Another, Dies in Pen

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 1.—Sarah Wyckoff, 76, is dead today in the state prison after 42 years' imprisonlowed by nearly all the foundries in ment, during which she five times the state, according to officials of the Colorado Foundrymen's associblized to learn that a death bed continued to learn that a death bed c fession had completely exonerated her from the charge for which she Montana Copper Company

was sentenced. Forty-two years ago Sarah Wyckoff entered the state prison to serve a life sentence, as the convicted accomplice in the murder of her ing company, will be suspended to-Allen, a grocer at Bingham, Utah., and who was sentenced to death, the sentence being later commuted to life imprisonment and last November to life imprisonment to life imprisonment and last November to life imprisonment and last November to life years' imprison
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Text of Mayor Smith's Letter

"Two years ago, when a similar measure was before the legislature, these conduits and wires throughers could hope to profit thereby if the service were furnished only to the downtown district.

Who Would Profit? "Third: If the water board furnished light and power at reduced

is probable they would, the big downtown stores, the large hotels, and the office buildings would be the ones that would profit by this reduction in rates; but to take that business away from the Nebraska Power company, leaving it with the late exists in the city council, as it same investment, the same undernow does, I do not believe the city ground system of distribution and of Omaha would profit by having practically the same overhead expense that it now has, might so depeting companies furnishing the same service to the people. I do not believe it would be beneficial to be inevitable.

"Under those conditions, that inoutlying business districts, the smaller stores away from the busistores, big hotels, office buildings panies, each seeking to perform the and large consumers of electricity same public service, will necessarily for advertising, might profit by result in a duplication of equipment (Turn to Page Six, Column Two.)

Farmers Will Be **Asked to Donate** Corn for Relief

Contributing 500,000 Bushels of Grain for Hungry European Kiddies.

ing corn for their relic. In recent years the colonel has Dr. J. E. Kirby, Des Moines, reptaken an active interest in the national Near East Retained who summoned police, and then, in tionalistic movement, and was contracted with the nationalist volunteers.

Today they will ask all farmers of Nebraska to help in donating 500 .tialed this week charged with al- 000 bushels of corn to be converted into corn food products to b shipped to orphanages, hospitals and hungry kiddies in the near east. Last week Dr. Kirby directed the shipping of 160 tons of corn to Constantinople, where it will be distributed through the famine district.

All Corn Used for Bood. All corn donated by the farmers this district will be used as food. ot one pound will be sold. Dr.

D. Burr Jones will handle all the shipments of corn and will furnish tion, at present, is fixed for tomor- any information to farmers interested in the project. His office is Bloodhounds were used in Dublin at 321 Railway Exchange building,

All corn donated from western Iowa and Nebraska will be convert-Terenure. The hounds took auxiliary ed into edible cereals by the Miller police on a long trail, in which they Cereal Co. of Omaha. The cost of crossed two thoroughfares, the scent conversion, 15 cents a bushel, transfinally ending at a vacant house, portation and shipping to Armenia will be born by the relief com-

All farmers who can donate last night, a half dozen shots were enough corn to make up a carload. fired by auxiliary police. Thomas are asked to notify D. Burr Jones Ivory, 13, who was standing near the in Omalia and he will direct ship-

The corn in each car should either be all yellow or all white, and does not require sacking.

Moisture Extracted.

When it has been milled, it is is then sacked in 10-pound sacks and these sacks wrapped in burlap for

President Howard of the American Farm Bureau is heartily in favor of disposing of the excess corn supplies of the middlewest in this manner. He has appointed Carl Vrooman, former assistant secretary of agriculture, to represent the national farm bureau in making the for corn to the farmers.

The plan is to get 100 carloads of corn from Nebraska within the next five or six weeks. Dr. Kirby says, The corn products when shipped o Armenia go to feed 112,000 starving children in 222 ornhanages and the inmates of 60 hospitals. Besides

these institutions there are several hundred feeding stations and 100,000 Russian refugees who fled into Armenia when General Wrangle's army was destroyed, to be supplied There are 600 American men and women in Armenia directing the work of relieving the hunger of Jews and Christians of the famine-stricken

To Suspend Operations Butte, Mont., Feb. 1.-Zinc opera- Sugar Prices Hit Lowest tions of the Anaconda Copper Min-

Lost,

Stenographer Jumps to Her Death From Douglas Street Bridge to Missouri River Below.

Into River

Brother Explains Cause

In the ice-covered waters of the Missouri river the final chapter in another broken romance was written at 7:20 yesterday morning. While employes of the smelter stared amazed a girl calmly climbed

over the guard railing of the Doug-las street bridge and leaped into the river to her death. Through an Omaha & Council nished light and power at reduced Bluffs street railway commutation rates to the downtown district, as book, which was found in her purse, the girl was identified as Miss Alice Hatch, 28, 921 Avenue A, Council

> Disappointment in love was given as the cause of the girl's act by co-workers at the Fairbanks-Morse company, where she was employed as a stenographer, and by her broth-er, Leroy C. Hatch, Oakland court, Council Bluffs.

Inmate of Asylum.

Miss Hatch was committed to the state insane hospital at Clarinda on October 22, 1914, by the Pottawattamie county insanity commissioner, sitting at Council Bluffs. Information was filed by Charles D. Campbell, her cousin, who is now a city people who use electricity for light- alderman. Dr. J. M. Barstow coning their homes. The department ducted the medical examination stores, big hotels, office buildings which resulted in her commitment, Later she was paroled into the custody of Mr. Campbell upon the recommendation of Dr. Max E. Witte, superintendent of the state hospital. On February 28, 1916, her parole was extended for six months and on March 27, 1916, she received her final discharge from the institu-

No inquest will be held in the case, according to Henry Cutler, coroner. Body is Recovered.

The mutilated body of the dead girl was picked up from the ice in the river by Emergency officer Buglewicz and Motorcycle Officer Emery, who carried her to a shack on the east side.

She had missed the stream of water in the center of the river by a scant 10 feet. Her life had been crushed out by the force of her fall. By JOHN LESTER.

The starving kiddies of Armenia Both legs arms, spine and her skull hold out their hands to the world, were fractured.

James notified the bridge tollman,

Leroy C. Hatch, the girl's brother, said she had been engaged to Sam-

(Turn to Page Two, Column Two) Missing Teacher Found In Her Own Apartment In Hysterical Condition

Miss Lucile Erazin, 24, public school teacheer who mysteriously disappeared Monday morning, was into convulsions, which left him unfound in a wall compartment in her conscious until his death. flat, at the St. Claire apartments yesterday morning by her sister, Miss Elizabeth Erazin, and Miss Marie Hiber, another teacher,

friends had conducted an unavailing see their friend alive again they 24-hour search for the missing girl. She had lain in the compartment, which is low and contains an under-slung bed, the entire time, in the opinion of her sister, who says she was not feeling well and probably been arranged, but will probably be hid there rather than alarm her. The girl was in a hysterical con-

dition and gave no explanation of how or when she entered the wall compartment,

May Tighten Regulations For Sacramental Wines

Washington, Feb. 1.-New regulations covering the use of sacramental wines for the coming Jewish holidays may be issued by the internal revenue bureau, as a result of a conference put through a process which extracts between bureau officials and a delegation of rabbis from various parts of the country. Spokesmen for the delegation said prohibition enforce-ment officers had expressed a willingness to adopt any reasonable regulations consistent with the enforcement of prohibition laws.

Sheep Growers of Utah

Salt Lake City. Feb. 1. - The acters in Omaha than any other of-Utah Wool Growers' association an- ficer now on the force. nounces that it will pay shearers this year 9 cents a head for every sheep three years ago when he captured French Deputies Defeat heared and will charge \$1 a day for Roy Green of Council Bluffs durboarding the shearers. The shear- ing a running gun fight through the ers' union announces that it will raiiroad yards, seek to have contracts calling for 121/2 cents per head of sheep with miant daughter, employers providing the board.

Man Who Sought Family With Children Rents Home Pine Bluff, Ark., Feb. 1 .- The home of Thomas Ashcraft, banker which he advertised yesterday he would rent only to a family with children, the rent to be reduced in

proportion to the number of children

was leased yesterday to a family

with six children. Mark Today for Last 2 Years

This Ground Hog Sees His Shadow



By Thief Loses Fight for Life New York, Feb. 1.—Mrs. W. G. Harding began selecting the contents of her White House clothes

tal-Murder Charges Will Be Filed Against Assailant.

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

Detective Cooper was shot in a revolver duel with Norman "Nels' ohnson, confessed burglar, last Friday night at Eighteenth and Howard streets. His wounds were in the abdomen,

wrist and leg. Late Monday afternoon he went Comrades Notified.

His comrades on the police force were notified at noon yesterday the Police, Pinkerton detectives and end was near and if they wished to should go to the hospital. A number of the officers took ad-

vantage of the warning. Funeral services for the officer who died in line of duty have not in charge of the police department. File Murder Charges.

charges of burglary. Murder charges will probably be

to the county attorney. to the electric chair, Acting Chief was driven to the garage where he of Detectives Jack Pszanowski de- was tied with a rope and a heavy mediately after the report of the officer's death.

In Many Gun Battles. Detective Cooper was one of the

est-liked men in the department. He was known as the most ret- the blanket and attracted the at-icent chap on the force and had tention of a negro, who called the no enemies from the head of the de- police. parrment down, He had been in more gun battles

He was promoted to detective He is survived by his wife and

70 Radical Deportees

New York, Feb. 1.—Seventy when he opposed efforts to raise the radicals, including several women, agricultural appropriation for reordered deported to Russia, lett here gional offices from 15,000,000 francs today aboard the steamship Esthenia to last year's figure of 22,200,000 for Libau, Latvia. From there they francs. The deputies insisted on a will be sent by rail at government larger sum, however, and the minexpense as far as Riga and thence ister finally consented to the inacross the Russian frontier. Most crease. the radicals were sent to the Ellis island immigration station from Boston and Philidelphia, where they have been held.

Southern Pacific to Lay Off 1,200 Men on Saturda

Mrs. Harding Opens New Clothes Campaign From New York Hotel

Wife Is at Bedside at Hospi. cabinet today. She did not go shopping, but conducted a hotel suite campaign for clothes. Modistes tailleurs, furriers and jewelers followed one another into her rooms. where she spent nearly eight hours inspecting their offerings.

Scores of fabrics, gowns, hats and a few models were taken to her suite, but the crowd that momentarily expected Mrs. Harding to appear for an automobile ride or shopping tour waited in vain,

laws of fashion will be blue after March 4. That is the favorite color of Mrs. Harding. Mrs. Harding also made it clear that there will be no foreign frills in her wardrobe. "I'm 100 per cent American," she said. Her jewels also were "All American," the favorite being colonial types.

Son of Wealthy Tacoma Man Kidnaped by Lone

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, Johnson, who fired the fatal shot at the point of a revolver, to write which killed Cooper, is held for a note to his father for \$25,000 rantrial in the district court on two som, according to reports to the police.

Rust later was found bound in filed against him today, according a garage on the tide flats below the city. He said be had accepted a Efforts will be made by the po- stranger's invitation of an autolice department to send Johnson mobile ride to work, and immediately yesterday afternoon, im- blanket thrown over his head, After binding the boy, the kidnapers, police believe, left to summon a messenger to notify Rust's father. While his captor was away the boy said he chewed a hole in the blanket and attracted the at-

The messenger who took the note to Rust's father was arrested. The Reduce Shearers' Pay with criminals and desperate char- elder Rust, head of the big Tacoma smelter, said he would have paid the

Paris, Feb. 1.-The Briand gov-

ernment failed to obtain compliance

Strict Economy Program

by the chamber of deputies with the government's economy program in its first parliamentary assault on extravagance. The cifort was Sail From United States made by Finance Minister Doumer,

1.200 Men on Saturday

Dividend Passed

New York, Feb 1.—The board of lirectors of the American Hide and be laid off on February 4, owing to November to five years' imprisonment, escaped from the state prison
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mere, will be affected and is the lowest price quoted for
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Harding Asks for Special Session of Senate March 4

Wilson Requested to Convene Body So It Can Confirm State Department to Cabinet and Other Appointments.

Washington, Feb. 1 .- A request rom President-elect Harding that a special session of the new senate be called for March 4 to confirm cabinet and other appointments to be anti-alien land law would be left to Style dictators predicted that the made by the incoming executive was the Harding administration. conveyed today to President Wilson. Such a session is customary when there is a change of administrations, and it usually lasts only a week at most. The request was made through Senator Underwood, democratic leader.

Nearly a score of new senators were elected last November and in order for them to be here by March 4 the call for the special session would have to go out 10 days or more in advance of that date. After the present session ends the new Bandit; Gains Freedom senate would meet oud the new members would be sworn in. The senate would meet oud the new senate then would be ready to act upon Mr. Harding's nominations. The call for the special session of the new congress will be issued by Daniels in Favor of Mr. Harding after his inauguration.

It is expected that this session will begin either late in March or early

Robber Steals \$22,000 and New York, together with rail- senate naval committee and with the road detectives, are searching for the endorsement of the Navy depart-robber who stole \$22,000 in jewels, ment head, the California senator the property of Mrs. M. R. Gano of said he would press the measure. Philadelphia, last Friday while she In reply to an inquiry from Chairwas on her way here in a Pullman man Page of the committee, Secrecar from Philadelphia.

The jewels were in a beaded bag and Mrs. Gano had gone to the provisions of the bill, and I am of washroom in the car. She laid the the opinion that the enactment of bag down on the stand and a minute this legislation is highly desirable, or two later left the room, forgetting the bag. As soon as she discovered her loss she hurried back, but the bag had disappeared.

Confessed Wife Murderer

Algona, Ia., Feb. 1.-L. T. Benjanin, confessed wife slayer, was sen-teneed to 50 years in the state prison vehicle" by which a great number tenced to 50 years in the state prison today by District Judge D. F. of criminals escape punishment and characterized it as "the incubator Benjamin had repeated a confession of professional sriminals." made last week. Benjamin said his wife had accused him of interest in other women and in anger he had seized a hammer and struck her.

The Weather

Forecast. Fair and colder Wednesday. Hourly Temperatures. Shippesr' Bulletin. Protect shipments during the next 24 to 35 hours from temperatures as follows; north, 15 degrees; east, 26 degrees; south, 25 degrees; west, 16 degrees;

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. Chairman Anthony of the appropriations subcommittee, declared that in reducing the amount provided for the army's maintenance, t had responded to public demand and effort to end "waste and extravagance that has characterized the military establishment for the last few

The chairman was interrupted by a volley of questions, indicating strong support for an army of 150.-000 men and approximately 14,000 commissioned officers,

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

'After March 4, I can guarantee that the army will be reduced," he In fixing the maximum, he de-clared it had been agreed upon after

careful study of the country's actual needs, adding that the United States was better prepared than any other nation to fight, as it had ammunition on hand that it could not use in 20 Discussing civilian employes, the chairman said:
"If this bill is passed, the War department will be called on to perpartment will be called on the partment will

form a surgical operation that will rid it of 40,000 civilian employes." Big Appropriation Asked. The total cost of the military establishment this year was \$494,000,-000, he said, while for the next fiscal year the department had asked for

\$692,000,000. Representative Sisson of Mississipi, ranking democrat on the submmittee, declared that in adopting resolution directing the secretary of war not to recruit beyond 175,000, congress was not prevented from insisting, on a less figure. He said there were too many civilian em-

Leave Jap Question to New Administration

Washington, Feb. 1.-State partment officials indicated that the solution of the question growing out of the enactment of the California

Officials said the present negotiations between the American and Japanese governments were designed to effect a termanent settlement of a question which had been open for nearly 30 years and that a final settlement probably would require considerable more time than was left to the Wilson administration.

Conversations between Ambassadors Shidehara and Morris, which were concluded last week with the submission of their reports and reccommendations to their governments. might have to be reopened, it was indicated, after the respective governments had studied the agreement

Petroleum Embargo

Washington, Feb. 1—Secretary Daniels has given his approva! to a bill by Senator Phelan, democrat, Jewel Bag on Pullman California, authorizing the president Atlantic City, N. L. Feb. 1.—The to embargo petroleum exports. The colice of Atlantic City, Philadelphia Phelan bill is pending before the ment head, the California senator tary Daniels said: "I am in hearty accord with the

Texas Governor Attacks

Suspended Sentence Law Austin, Tex., Feb. 1 .- Outright repeal of the law providing for suspending sentence was recomended Is Sentenced to 50 Years to the legislature by Governor Neit a message delivered today. He

Commission Proposed

To Select a State Flag Lincoln, Feb. 1 .- (Special-) -- Appointment of a commission to select a state flag for Nebraska and present the emblem to the next legislature for legal adoption as the "Nebraska state flag," is proposed in a bill in-troduced in the lower house by Representative Williams of Fillmore

Nashville Firm Fined

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 1.-The Nashville Railway and Light company was fined \$2,000 in a case in which it was alleged to have violated the statute providing for the separa tion of the races on street can case will be appealed to court for a test of