

All Bills to Stop Aliens Are Doomed

Little Prospect of Legislation To Prohibit Immigration, Either at Present Session Or the Next.

House Measure Defeated

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Feb. 6.—There is now no prospect of the passage of legislation, either by this or the next congress, completely suspending immigration for any period. It will be impossible in the remaining month of this congress, to pass any immigration restriction legislation, save possibly an extension of the passport visa system, and interest now centers upon the restriction bill that will be framed soon after the next congress is called in extraordinary session.

The Johnson suspension bill floundered on the rocks in the senate committee on immigration of which Senator Colt of Rhode Island is chairman. The other members of the committee are Dillingham of Vermont, Penrose of Pennsylvania, Sterling of South Dakota, Johnson of California, Keyes of New Hampshire and Edge of New Jersey, republicans, and Gore of Oklahoma, King of Utah, Harris of Georgia, Harrison of Mississippi and Phelan of California, democrats.

Chairman Colt of the senate committee and Senators Dillingham and Sterling, all of whom have specialized on immigration questions, were unalterably opposed to the suspension bill from the start and they carried a majority of the committee with them. They hold that the complete prohibition of immigration is wrong in principle and advocate various systems of restriction.

Publishers Demand Free Importation of Newspaper Print Stock

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Feb. 6.—Threat news print paper should continue to come in from Canada free of duty was advocated by both American paper manufacturers and newspaper publishers today before the house ways and means committee.

White House Motor Car Immune From Coppers

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Feb. 6.—The Washington police started out to enforce traffic regulations with a vengeance. Hundreds of motorists were arrested for various violations and the only offender known to have escaped with impunity was the White House chauffeur.

Farmer Loses Thumb and Two Fingers in Corn Shelter

Broken Bow, Neb., Feb. 6.—(Special)—Ralph Ash, 28, residing 18 miles north of Broken Bow, lost the thumb and first two fingers of his right hand in a corn shelter. He was cutting the machine and in trying to catch himself when his foot slipped, plunging his right hand into the machinery.

“Get Bergdoll” is Demand Of Americans in Europe

U. S. Dignity and Pride Injured by Washington's Action in Making Soldiers on Rhine Humble Themselves to Army Slacker Now in Germany.

BY FLOYD GIBBONS. Chicago Tribune Cable, Copyright 1921. Paris, Feb. 6.—American dignity and pride has been sorely injured in Europe by Washington's action in making American soldiers on the Rhine humble themselves on account of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the slacker, who escaped from America and now is being made a hero in Germany.

Americans in Europe are beginning to ask whether Bergdoll, the pacifist and drait evader, was not a fighter after all. The opinion is being formed here that he has licked Washington to a frazzle.

Americans in large numbers on this side are writing to the editor of the European edition of the Chicago Tribune, denouncing the situation.

Omaha Opinion Is Registered Against Bill

House Roll No. 1 Rejected by Every Test Applied to Show Local Public Opinion.

Lincoln, Feb. 6.—(Special).—“Let Omaha adopt 'home rule' and settle its own problems.”

That has been and is the plaint of out-state legislators when Omaha disputes come before them.

The theory is that in matters of purely local government Omaha should have what its citizens want.

By that theory the majority of the Douglas county delegation in the lower house expect out-state members to join them in defeating House Roll No. 1, the water board's bill to give itself additional power in handling electric light matters.

Omaha against the Bill. Insofar as Omaha opinion has expressed itself, through elective officers and civic bodies, it is pointed out that it is against the bill.

The lower house delegation from Douglas county stands 8 to 3 against the bill, with one non-committal.

Mayor Smith, who made public ownership of public utilities a plank of his platform, is emphatically against the bill.

The Omaha Real Estate board, which stood with the water board in earlier campaigns, is against the bill by the decisive vote of 46 to 21.

None of the various active civic organizations has endorsed the bill.

An analysis of the three favorable votes on the Douglas county delegation makes the showing still more striking.

Write Own Biography

Confessed Mail Bandit, Imprisoned Nearly Half of Life, Finds Way to Get Money Honestly.

True Identity Hidden

Benjamin Fuller, confessed forger and robber of the United States mails, has discovered a way to make money honestly.

He began his life of crime at the age of seven years. He has had many adventures and narrow escapes.

“What is wrong in Washington? Are there no Americans left in public life who can strike back for this?”

“I've already started to write the story of my life,” he said last night. “It will be a very interesting story, I assure you.”

“What will I call it? Why, I think I'll call it the autobiography of a bad boy.”

“I'm only a boy, you know, if a bad one. I really haven't grown up.”

“When I was 7 years old I escaped from the reformatory and got back home. I thought I'd be welcome, but found I wasn't. So one night I took a little bread to keep me from starving and ran away from home. If I hadn't I'd have been sent back to the reformatory.”

“Since then I've gone through a thousand hell, and not a single heaven. I am now 29 years old. I've spent 14 years of that time in confinement.”

Fuller's only robbery job was committed in Kalamazoo, Mich., in November of 1920, according to his confession, when he stole a government mail pouch from a railroad station and filled its contents.

The sack contained \$25,000 in checks and drafts, only a small part of which was negotiable, he said.

“I cashed some of these checks in New York and Canada and destroyed the others, he asserted.

Fuller said he determined to reveal the attack upon him.

“He said he was hauled from his bed late Saturday night by five men, who had entered his home on the plea of wanting to see him on important business. He was taken downstairs and shoved into a waiting automobile. Then he was blindfolded and the car was driven, he judged, several miles out into the country where a wall, it was said, was made, and his head was shorn of the long hair he usually wears and the coat of tar and feathers applied.

Madison Man Pleads Not Guilty to Statutory Charge

Madison, Neb., Feb. 6.—(Special).—Preliminary hearing for J. E. Brown, alleged assailant of Mrs. Martens, was continued to February 14 to enable Brown to obtain counsel. He pleaded not guilty to a charge of an attempted statutory offense and his bail fixed at \$5,000. He is being held in jail.

Will Editor Harding Run the Government Like a Newspaper?



Bandits Wreck Bank at Orchard; Escape in Auto

Vaults Blown Open and Loot Estimated at From \$2,000 To \$10,000 Taken Early Sunday.

O'Neill, Neb., Feb. 6.—(Special Telegram).—The Citizens State bank of Orchard was robbed at 3 Sunday morning, the two doors to the bank vaults being blown and the safety deposit boxes rifled.

Bank officials estimate that between \$2,000 and \$10,000 worth of Liberty bonds were taken. H. R. Browning, assistant cashier of the bank, was an eye-witness to the robbery.

Three others were in the director's room, where Browning was taken, bound and gagged. One of the two others, he says, were working on the vault doors, which were in another room.

The furniture of the vault and safety deposit room were wrecked by the explosion and several of the boxes jammed in such a way that the bandits could not open them.

The bandits, as described by Browning, answered the description of the six men seen here Saturday.

The Citizen State bank of Orchard is capitalized for \$30,000. T. A. Drayton of Orchard is president; E. R. Gurney of Omaha, vice president; W. S. Bowen of Orchard, cashier, and H. R. Browning of Orchard, assistant cashier.

Governor of Reserve Board Is Optimistic

New York, Feb. 6.—Discussing credit expansions arising from the participation of the United States in the war, W. P. G. Harding, governor of the federal reserve board, minimized the danger of a business collapse or financial crisis.

“I say this in all candor,” he asserted. “We are now looking forward to a year of constructive development. I want to say that intrinsically there is no comparison today with conditions a year ago, when there was uneasiness and apprehension among the best informed over the badly expanded credit. Business is now rapidly reaching a new level and approaching a sound and sane basis.”

Passengers Safe. San Francisco, Feb. 6.—The 19 passengers who were on the steam schooner Klamath when she went ashore at Delmar, 80 miles north of San Francisco, early Sunday morning, were taken to Point Arena today.

Woman Sells Punch Bowl to Buy New Hat; Hubby Beats Her Up

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Feb. 6.—Punch bowls do not mean anything since the eighteenth amendment became more or less effective and Mrs. Evelyn Neilson grew weary of polishing up the large cut glass bowl, part of her household treasures.

“I agree with you,” said the court, as he indicated that he would grant her a divorce.

Strike of Kansas Miners Is Called

Alexander Howat Orders Men in Two Pittsburg Coal Mines To Lay Down Tools.

Pittsburg, Kas., Feb. 6.—Alexander M. Howat, president of the Kansas miners, announced today he had called a strike of 200 miners employed in the two mines of the G. H. Mackie Fuel company. In calling it, Howat said he had acted on directions of the union's district board.

Howat and other mine union officials are under injunctions not to call strikes in the Kansas coal fields, and county officials tonight were understood to be considering what steps to take.

Explaining the strike, Howat said: “The action was taken after the failure of the operators to put into effect an award made more than two years ago in the case of Karl Mish-mash.”

Man Who Put Beads in Moonshine Arrested

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Hammond, Ind., Feb. 6.—Federal prohibition agents found in a new kind of bird in Hammond today. His name is Steve Vargo and he was the inventor of bead oil used in disguising hooch. Steve noticed that his customers were not content with smelling or tasting his moonshine, but shook the bottle to watch for the little beads that littered in the real stuff, so he invented a concoction which he called the beads, and did a land office business until his place was raided and the secret disclosed. He says the bead oil cost him \$2 an ounce.

Harding May Appoint Esch on Interstate Commerce Body

Washington, Feb. 6.—Representative J. J. Esch of Wisconsin, who will retire after 22 years of service, probably will be named by Mr. Harding as a member of the interstate commerce commission, according to general reports.

Heavy Sleet and Snow Storms Rage in Middle West

“Old Man Winter” Rudely Awakens Nebraskans to Fact That Winter Isn't Over—Slight Temperature Drop.

“Old Man Winter” sprang a wicked surprise on Omaha and Nebraska and Iowa in general when he set Mother Carey to picking her chickens early Sunday morning, causing many a sleepy citizen to bestir himself earlier than usually is his wont on the day of rest and rummage through a dusky basement for the snow shovel put away in the fond hopes that spring was here.

Naturally the temperature had to take a sudden slump, but not so much as might have been expected and the mercury actually began to rise a little in Omaha after 1 in the afternoon. The mercury hovered near the 20 above mark most of the day.

Out-state didn't fare so well, either in snowfall or temperature. McCook was visited by snow flurries, followed by rain which was freezing, with a temperature of 25 above, according to the 4:40 p. m. report received by the Western Union wire chief. Here's the way he had the weather in other Nebraska towns sized up.

Hastings, raining and freezing; Davenport, snowing, 30 above; Cedar Rapids, cloudy, 30; Ottumwa, cloudy, 25; Des Moines, six inches of snow, 30; Sioux City, snowing, strong northeast wind, 12; Waterloo, snowing since 10 a. m., northwest wind, 20.

Weather at Minneapolis, Minn., was cloudy, 10 above; Wichita, Kan., clear; St. Louis, Mo., cloudy, 50; North Dakota, clear and calm, 25; Kansas City, Mo., cloudy, 55.

Department Won't Approve County Agent Appointment

Lodgepole, Neb., Feb. 6.—Despite the fact that G. E. Burke is a practical farmer and the unanimous choice of the Cheyenne County Farm Bureau board, the department at Washington will not approve his appointment as successor to county agent H. G. Gould, who recently resigned to become assistant to state county agent leader, R. E. Holland. Mr. Gould will retain the office until a qualified substitute is appointed.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska—Fair Monday with strong shifting winds.

Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. 22 1 p. m. 19 6 a. m. 23 2 p. m. 21 7 a. m. 23 3 p. m. 21 8 a. m. 23 4 p. m. 21 9 a. m. 23 5 p. m. 21 10 a. m. 21 6 p. m. 20 11 a. m. 21 7 p. m. 20 12 noon 20 8 p. m. 19

Secrecy on U. S. Loans Denounced

Policy of Keeping Negotiations With Foreign Countries Concealed, Scored By Senate Leaders.

Big Task for Harding

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Feb. 6.—The Wilson administration will follow a policy of hands-off with regard to America's \$10,000,000,000 foreign loan for the remainder of its term. It is quite content to leave the task of collecting the principal and interest to the incoming republican administration.

Information to this effect was conveyed to the senate today in the form of a letter from Secretary of the Treasury Houston to Senator Lodge of Massachusetts. The letter was to the senate for the enlightenment of senators who were puzzled by dispatches from England telling of Austen Chamberlain's speech to the effect that the British government has proposed the cancellation of the foreign debt but that the United States had objected.

“The Liberty bond act contemplated that the secretary of the treasury should negotiate an exchange of demand obligations of foreign governments held by the United States for long time obligations. Accordingly, the negotiations to that end involving a postponement of the time for payment of interest, was undertaken. This is all set forth in my annual report of 1920. Such negotiations have not been concluded, except that during August, 1920, an arrangement was made by the British government in respect of \$122,017,633, of its obligation held by the United States as set forth on page 63 of my annual report of 1920.

“Under this arrangement, \$17,633,577 of the principal, together with the accrued interest on the principal, the accrued interest on the remainder, thereafter, interest is payable semi-annually and the principal becomes due in equal annual installments during April and May of the years 1921-2-3-4. The negotiations before mentioned have not been concluded, entirely orally. There have been only official proposals on the subject that would in any way bind this government or the foreign governments, other than the agreement of the foreign government contained in their demand obligation held by the United States to give long time obligations, if requested, in exchange therefor.

“For obvious reasons, I shall not during the remainder of my term of office, proceed further with such obligations, leaving my successor free, if he sees fit, to continue them without any commitments having been made.”

Chicago Labor Czar Wanted for Robbing Mails Eludes Police

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 6.—Although “Big Tim” Murphy, labor czar, is giving extended interviews to the press, protesting that he is being “framed,” the police and government sleuths have been unable so far to arrest him on a charge of engineering the robbery of \$100,000 in a registered mail sack at Pullman last November.

Murphy's friends say he has gone into hiding until his lawyers can arrange a proper defense and provide the \$50,000 bond demanded by the government for his release.

Assistant United States Attorney Milroy says the government has positive proof that Murphy and Vincenzo Cosmano were members of the band that stole the registered mail pouch. Cosmano was arrested yesterday and hurried to the jail in an attempt to prevent attempts by his friends to liberate him. Clarence L. Darrow will appear as his attorney, but has not been able, so far, to secure the \$50,000 bail.

Senate Sidetracks Fordney Tariff Bill

Washington, Feb. 6.—Yielding to the demands for action on the big annual appropriation bills, republican leaders in the senate sidetracked the emergency tariff bill, temporarily, to make way for the sundry civil bill.

Democratic senators taunted them with statements that they were afraid of a showdown on the bill and dared them to bring it to the vote next week.

It is understood that the sidetracking of the bill was due in large part to the visit of Harry M. Daugherty, who brought word that President-elect Harding would call an extra session much sooner than had been expected unless the legislative jam was broken.

Atlantic Coast Fleet Now on Way to Panama

Valparaiso, Chile, Feb. 6.—The United States Pacific coast fleet sailed for Panama this evening after a five-day visit, to join the Atlantic fleet for maneuvers.