

\$2,500,000 Is Lopped Off Budget

Finance Committee of State Legislature Chops Down Amount Asked by McKelvie to \$21,284,774.

Increase Only \$93,839

Lincoln, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—More than \$2,500,000 was lopped off Governor McKelvie's requested budget...

The governor's budget called for approximately \$26,000,000. The cut was made, however, on only \$24,066,701.91...

Some Requests Ignored. Requests for funds by the child welfare commission were ignored by the finance committee...

But an appropriation of \$300,000 for a state reformatory for men asked by the governor in his message, was allowed.

A new nurses' home at the University hospital in Omaha, to cost \$100,000, was also allowed.

Salary Increases. Numerous salary increases are found in the bills offered by the committee, which are not included in salary bills now before the legislature.

An effort to equalize salaries of lesser officials under code secretaries with salaries of lesser officials under constitutional officers, is given as the reason for these increases.

Landis Draws Sharp Distinctions Between Violators of Dry Law

La Crosse, Wis., Feb. 24.—Called on to sentence 70 persons convicted of violating the prohibition act and a half dozen convicted of other charges, Federal Judge K. M. Landis made a sharp distinction between what he termed fireproof good fellowship violations of the dry act...

Men who had made liquor for their own use and had not attempted to sell it, got off more easily than those who had engaged in the traffic for profit.

Impressment and fines were given to those engaged in the traffic.

Farm Hand Collects Wages From Estate After 36 Years' Labor

Lincoln, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Adam J. Blair, who worked as a farm hand for his sister's husband, John M. Willman of Otoe county, for 36 years, is entitled to \$13,000 for his services, the Nebraska supreme court holds.

This was the judgment of the district court, which the supreme court affirmed, in the claim brought by Blair for \$15,920 or \$7,200 with interest accruing between 1881 and 1917, against the estate.

The evidence showed Willman paid Blair \$100 every year, with the intention of telling the statute of limitations to Blair could collect what was due him after the former's death. His wages were \$300 a year.

Charges Soldier Bonus Bill Held Up in Committee

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—Charges that the soldier bonus bill was held up in the finance committee until it was too late to pass it at this session, giving ex-service men and the country "false impressions," were made in the senate by Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi.

Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, replied that the committee was waiting for exact cost data which had been charged to the committee tomorrow.

Four Defendants Convicted Of Coercion and Conspiracy

New York, Feb. 24.—John T. Hetrick, lawyer, alleged author of the "code of practice" in the plumbing trade here, and three co-defendants, were found guilty of coercion and conspiracy by a jury in the court of general sessions. The defendants were immediately given sentences of from six months to three years in the state prison.

Table of Appropriations

Table with columns: Expenses Last Biennium, Governor's Budget, Appropriation Bill. Rows include: Judiciary, Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Attorney General, Supt. of Public Instruction, Land Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Department of Finance, Department of Labor, Department of Public Welfare, Department of Public Works, Dept. Trade and Commerce, National Guard, Railway Commission, Public Lands and Buildings, Capitol Commission, Library, Vocational Education, Board Pardons and Paroles, Board of Agriculture, Historical Society, G. A. R., Irrigation Association, Irrigation Society, Spanish War Veterans, Revision of Statutes, University, Normal School, Board of Control, Maintenance and Cash Buildings.

Totals \$21,190,834.51 \$24,066,701.91 \$21,284,774.43

U.S. Demands Part In Settlement of German Holdings

Note to League Says Disposition Cannot Be Undertaken Or Effectuated Without Assent of America.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The American government has taken an unequivocal stand as to its right to a voice in the disposition of the former possessions of Germany.

Secretary Colby, in his note to the league of nations council made public tonight at the State department, submits that the disposition of those possessions, "cannot be undertaken or effectuated" without the assent of the United States.

He states that the United States, as one of the "principal allies and associated powers," has "an equal concern and an inseparable interest" with other powers in the territories taken from Germany and "concededly an equal voice in their disposition."

Declaring that the American government cannot regard itself as bound by the terms of the mandate given to Japan over the Pacific islands of Japan, Secretary Colby stated that on December 17, the secretary requests that the council, having obviously acted under a misapprehension of the facts in assuming that the United States had approved a Japanese mandate over the island, reopen the question for further consideration, which is the proper settlement of it clearly required.

Position Strengthened. Discussing the note today, State department officials declared that in acting now the present administration had strengthened the position of the new administration, rather than adding an embarrassment. The opinion also was expressed that there might be a conference of interested powers to discuss the question. It is understood such a conference would be acceptable to the American government.

Referring to the Yap mandate, Secretary Colby says in his note that during the discussions at Paris, President Wilson "was particular to stipulate" that it had been reserved for future consideration and that subsequently the United States in notes to Great Britain, France and Japan, "set forth its contention that Yap had in fact been excepted" from the proposed mandate to Japan for the Pacific islands north of the equator formerly held by Germany.

Interest in Paris. By The Associated Press. Paris, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The proceedings of the council of the league today provoked lively speculation as to the effect of the American note on the members. It became known when the text of the note was made public that the United States, in addition to making objections to the mandate to Japan, also had demanded an equal interest with other principal allies and associated powers in the disposition of the overseas possessions of Germany.

The theory had been advanced that the possible friendly solution would be for Japan to say that she did not insist on the mandate for Yap and would be agreeable to the internationalization of Yap under Japanese supervision.

Thus far Japan has not committed itself and the general impression is that the matter must go to the supreme council.

Sessions Closed. The adversaries of publicity in connection with the proceedings succeeded today in hermetically closing both sessions. The mere announcement was made tonight that the council had continued to consider the proposal submitted by Secretary Colby for today called for the hearing of a representative of the Swiss government on its refusal of permission to continents of troops detailed by the league to keep order in the Vltava plebsicite zone, to cross Switzerland and also Polish complaints that Austria was not only refusing naturalization of Galician Jews who had taken refuge in Austria from Galician territory, but was threatening them with expulsion.

Jack Pickford Ill. Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 24.—Jack Pickford, motion picture actor, ill here with bronchial pneumonia, was said by his physicians not to be in a dangerous condition.

Court Authorizes Sale of Armour Yards Interests

Packing Firm Disposes of 20 Shares of Chicago Stock to Prince & Co.—Other Cases Continued.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Sale by Armour & Co. of its interest in the Chicago stockyards to F. H. Prince & Co. of Boston was authorized today by the District of Columbia supreme court.

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Hearings on other features of the revised plans of the five big packers for disposal of their stockyards, terminal and market newspaper holdings in accordance with the voluntary decree issued about a year ago, were continued until Monday.

The court intimated plans filed by Morris & Co., Wilson & Co. and the Cudahy Packing company, providing immediate surrender of their holdings to a trust company to be named by the court, were most nearly in accordance with the idea in the mind of the court. The trust company would be under control of the court. Technical objections only have been presented by the government to the Morris and Cudahy plans, and no objections have been interposed to the Wilson plan.

Much of the argument had to do with the plans submitted by Swift & Co. and by Armour. Assistant Attorney General Kresel contended that the Swift and Armour plans did not provide for an early and complete divestment of their holdings by the court during the sale. He declared that on some of the stock a prohibitive price was being placed by the packers, asserting that they were holding the St. Louis yards at \$120 per share, when Wilson & Co. had admitted that their holdings there had been only \$88.

Attorneys for Armour denied a prohibitive price was being asked and asserted that except in a few instances the price fixed was far below the stock value and the value fixed by appraisers. Counsel for Wilson explained that the price was due to the feeling among investors that the court would order an immediate sale at any obtainable figure.

The attitude of the Turks made an excellent impression upon the conference. Premier Briand of France declared after the sitting that the conference had gone a long way towards a settlement.

House Members Stand Up for Men Who Smoke

Washington, Feb. 24.—The house, composed largely of smoking men, stood up tonight for the man who smokes peacefully while working at a government desk.

There was a shouting of "noes" when a senate amendment to the sundry civil bill directing heads of departments to issue anti-smoking orders in government buildings came up for its first test. Less than a score of members supported it.

The law was designed as a protection against fire.

Pastor Tried for "Dry Raid" Murder Is Freed by Jury

Sandwich, Ont., Feb. 24.—Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, former liquor license inspector, was acquitted of a charge of manslaughter in connection with the shooting of Beverly Trumble, an inebriated, in a bar here last November. The verdict was returned 55 minutes after the case had been given to the jury.

Governor Refuses to Sign Oregon Eugenics Measure

Salem, Ore., Feb. 24.—The bill passed by the state legislature requiring women as well as men applying for marriage license to submit to physical examination was filed today by Governor Olcott among a number he refused to approve.

Wynore Auto Burns. Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—A car driven by A. O. Boettcher of Wynore ran off a bridge east of the city, caught fire and was completely destroyed. Mr. Boettcher escaped with slight injuries.

Nebraskan Delivered War Threat

J. M. Ostrey, Former Confidential Secretary to Lansing, Transcribed Note to Mexico.

Light on Cabinet Upset

J. M. Ostrey, former confidential secretary to Secretary of State Lansing, now superintendent of schools at Dodge, Neb., re-affirmed today by telephone to The Bee, the facts contained in his letter to Secretary Tumulty, published below.

By Universal Service. Washington, Feb. 24.—The mystery surrounding the dismissal of Robert Lansing as secretary of state seemed near solution yesterday when it was learned that a letter first filed at the White House and later sent to the State department declares positively that he threatened Mexico with war unless that country complied with our demands. This was in direct opposition to the Mexican policies laid down by President Wilson.

The letter states that the threat was contained in a verbal note delivered by A. C. Kirk, confidential assistant to the secretary of state, who informed the Mexican ambassador that decision had been reached.

The writer, J. M. Ostrey, formerly confidential stenographer to Secretary Lansing and now superintendent of schools at Dodge, Neb., relates that he transcribed the stenographic notes apparently taken at the time America's decision was announced to Mexico.

Threat Made in 1919. This remarkable incident is understood to have occurred in December, 1919, shortly after W. O. Jenkins, United States consular agent, was kidnapped at Puebla, Mexico, and the issue thus created had become a most serious one between the United States and the Carranza government. At the same time American oil interests were making strenuous objection to their treatment by Carranza.

By a somewhat curious coincidence, everybody connected with the delivery of this verbal note or who had immediate knowledge of it, has either been compelled to resign or has been sent as far away from Washington as it was possible to go.

Mr. Lansing himself was forced to resign February 13, 1920. Mr. Ostrey says he was immediately removed as secretary of the State department and forbidden to access to the files of the State department and later was compelled to leave the department altogether. Mr. Kirk was made secretary to the embassy at Tokio and sent to Japan.

Curiously enough, Mr. Ostrey's letter was not written to acquaint Mr. Tumulty, to whom it was addressed, with the Lansing note, which he appended to it.

Turk Envoy Agrees To Plan of Allies Delegate of Constantinople Regime Declares Intentions of Groups.

London, Feb. 24.—(By The Associated Press.)—Rehad Pasia, delegate of the Constantinople government to the near east conference here, speaking in the name of both his group and that of the nationalists, told the allied conferees at today's session that both factions of the Turks would accept the decisions of the allied council.

The attitude of the Turks made an excellent impression upon the conferees. Premier Briand of France declared after the sitting that the conference had gone a long way towards a settlement.

Randolph Sells Light Plant To Village of McLean, Neb.

Randolph, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The village of McLean purchased the complete 220 volt direct electric light plant owned by this city and will install it once it is placed in the plant destroyed by fire in 1910. A change of current to 110 volt alternating current in Randolph made the purchase possible.

The change in current was made necessary here by the large increase in the number of consumers. Hall in the residence section of Randolph is now using the new system.

Saloon Men Hire "Dummies" To Serve Jail Sentences

New York, Feb. 24.—Prohibition agents charged today that saloonkeepers, sentenced to jail for violating the Volstead act, are substituting "dummies" to serve their terms. After pleading guilty, the agents say, the saloonkeeper is permitted two days grace to wind up his business and generally hires "dummy" partners for \$75 or \$100, who presents himself at the jail.

Quarterly Dividend Passed

New York, Feb. 24.—The Ajax Rubber company announced that, because of business conditions, it had passed its quarterly dividend of \$1 per share.

Boy Charged With Stealing \$14,600 in Bonds Sentenced

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Feb. 24.—Elliott Wade Michener, 14, who confessed to have stolen \$14,600 worth of bonds and other securities from his father, C. B. Michener, was arraigned before Probate Judge Whitman on a charge of delinquency and sentenced to the state industrial school at St. Anthony, Idaho.

Important Notice. Notice is hereby given to the proprietors of the OMAHA DAILY BEE, that it is a message of importance.

Poor Old Father Time



Tariff Measure Is Sent to House For Final Action

Conference Committees Smooth Out Differences on Fordney Emergency Bill—Expect Vote Saturday.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—Differences in the Fordney emergency tariff bill were smoothed out today by conference committees of congress, and the battle-scared measure was sent back to the house for final action.

Although the bill has a parliamentary right to consideration tomorrow, it was deemed unlikely that it would be called up before Saturday. Some supporters, however, may compel earlier consideration.

As the bill stands, it carries a flat rate of 2 cents a pound tariff on sugar. The senate amendment, which was considerably higher, was slashed to pieces and a new rate in substitution for the present tariff on sugar was accepted.

While agreeing to the sugar tariff, the house conferees stood out on a refusal to permit a tariff on hides and leather products. They likewise forced a reduction of 50 cents a pound from the senate rate on certain classes of tobacco. The senate rate of 4 cents a pound on cherries was cut to 3 cents.

Some differences in the provision for a duty on rice compelled a re-writing of that item, with a flat rate of 1 cent a pound on all except cleaned rice and rice used for the manufacture of canned goods.

There was speculation tonight whether the house would concur in the agreement of its conference committee on the sugar duty.

List of Rates. The rates charged in conference are: Wheat, 35 cents a bushel; rice (cleaned), 2 cents a pound; 1 cent a pound on others; olive oil (in bulk) 40 cents a gallon; in less than 5-gallon lots, 50 cents a gallon; cotton (staple one and one-eighth inches or longer), 7 cents a pound; sugar, 2 cents a pound; butter and substitutes, 6 cents a pound; wrapper and filler tobacco, the product of two or more countries when mixed, \$2.35 a pound if unstemmed and \$3 a pound if stemmed; filler tobacco, unstemmed, 35 cents a pound; stemmed, 50 cents a pound; cherries, 3 cents a pound; olives, in solution, 25 cents a gallon; not in solution, 3 cents a pound.

Atlantic Fleet Completes Transit of Panama Canal

On Board the U. S. S. Pennsylvania, Feb. 24.—(By Wireless to The Associated Press.)—The Atlantic fleet completed transit of the Panama canal and headed for Guantanamo bay to continue gunnery practice.

The first joint maneuvers of the battle fleet, comprising the Atlantic and Pacific fleets, were athletic. The Atlantic fleet won the athletic trophies in rowing and sailing events and nine of the 15 boxing and wrestling bouts. The Pacific fleet won the base ball championship.

Youth Charged With Attack Against Former Kaiser

Doorn, Holland, Feb. 24.—A German youth armed with a revolver, according to reports current here today, slipped through the guards around the home of the former German emperor yesterday, but was caught inside the grounds. The report could not be confirmed, however.

Cross-Country Flight Made in 22 Hours 27 Minutes

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 24.—The official time of Lieut. W. D. Coney's flight from San Diego, Cal., to Jacksonville was 22 hours and 27 minutes. The official time between Dallas, Tex., and Jacksonville was eight hours and 11 minutes.

Montreal Bank Robbed

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 24.—A daring robbery was committed here today by the head office of the Bank of Montreal, when nearly \$200,000 in cash and \$11,000 worth of securities were stolen from a box in the paying teller's cage.

House Votes For Aerial Mail Item

Expected Appropriation to \$1,250,000 for Postoffice Bill Dissipated

By Jefferis.

Value of Training Cited

By E. C. SNYDER. Washington Correspondent Omaha Times. Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—What looked like a perfectly hopeless proposition, getting the house of representatives to agree to the conference report on the postoffice appropriation bill with a less sum than \$1,250,000 for the air mail service, was completely dissipated today through the masterful tact and good nature of Congressman Jefferis.

Congressman Tincher of Kansas, the "fat boy" from Medicine Lodge, began the verbal fireworks in opposition to the conference report by poking fun at Omaha. He said the item, while of interest to some cities, was really an advertisement for the Gate city and he thought a \$1,200,000 was entirely too much money to pay for a useless toy, even though an Omaha congressman stood for the rap on the treasury.

Passes Over Jobs. "Big Jeff," who has learned not to take his colleagues too seriously, passed lightly over the jobs from the man from Medicine Lodge and discussed the appropriation from a high plane and from a national standpoint.

He spoke of the training it would give the men in the event of war and the vast benefit that would grow out of bringing the west and the east closer together.

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Altogether two hours largely devoted to the discussion of the air mail service, the item was retained in the bill by a vote of 221 to 111. Representatives Evans, Andrews and Reavis voting against the item; and Jefferis, Kinkaid and McLaughlin for the air mail service and the conference report.

Home Folks Planning Farewell Reception For President-Elect

Marion, O., Feb. 24.—Elaborate preparations are being made here to give an old-fashioned farewell reception to President-elect Harding March 2, two days before he is to be inaugurated.

Practically every man, woman and child is planning to take part in the celebration, which will be held at the famous front porch of Mr. Harding's residence.

A solid silver plaque, bearing a testimonial to the love from his fellow-townsmen will be presented to the president-elect by Dr. T. H. McAfee, pastor of the Trinity Baptist church, of which the Hardings are members.

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San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 24.—Mrs. Virginia Lucie, 37, was arrested today on a charge of murder in connection with the deaths of her children, Ralph, 8, and Frances, 6.

National Bank Call Made By Currency Comptroller

Washington, Feb. 24.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business on Monday, February 21.

The Weather

Forecast. Fair and colder Friday.

Hourly Temperatures.

29 Motion Picture Shows

Taken Over by Syndicate

Announcement was made here that George Monroe, manager of the Gilbert theater of this city and Hostetter Bros. of St. Joseph had taken over a string of 20 theaters in various parts of Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri, which they will manage.

Labor Demands Representative In New Cabinet

Ample Food Purchasable in Manchuria—Majority of Transportation Difficulties Overcome, Report Says.

By The Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 24.—Starving China is expected immediately to succeed the children of Europe in the hearts of generous America, said Thomas W. Lamont, chairman of the China famine committee, in giving out reports received through the State department from Charles R. Crane, American minister.

Millions of dollars are needed, but ample food is purchasable in Manchuria and transport difficulties have been overcome.

Speaking of the improved transportation conditions, Mr. Crane says 3,000 tons of food a day are being moved by railroad and this quantity could be increased to 6,000 tons if the money was forthcoming to buy the food. In addition to the railroads, rivers and canals soon will be open to traffic.

Mr. Lamont's statement says: "We have received advices from Peking bearing upon various phases of the situation. I may summarize these as follows: "Our contributions are being devoted effectively to the saving of life. Every dollar we send goes to relieve terrible suffering.

"The committee in charge are made up of active and experienced men.

"Congestion of transport has been relieved and our advices are that the railroads are now handling the extra charge, all the supplies that are offered.

"If money can be made promptly available there are on the spot food supplies that can be purchased. The immediate need therefore, is money to be expended not only for food, but for clothing and medical supplies."

Millions Needed To Aid Starving People of China

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Calls on Harding to Appoint "Real Spokesman of Working People Who Understands Toilers."

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