

Ruling on Butter Is Protested

Dairymen, Creamery Men, Senators and Representatives Present at Hearing Before Commission.

Many Nebraskans Attend

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(Special Telegram.)—Representatives of the Farmers' and Dairymen's association of the middle and northwest sections of the country and a small army of men engaged in the butter-making industry crowded the rooms of the commissioner of internal revenue today to protest against his ruling that butter made from sour cream and neutralized by lime water or other agency came within the definition of "adulterated butter," and should be taxed 10 cents a pound.

Senators actively participated in the hearing, while a score or more of members of the lower house were present to enter their solemn protest against the dictum of Commissioner Williams.

The members of the Nebraska delegation, including Senator Hitchcock and Representative Jeffers, McLaughlin, Reavis, Andrews and Kniskern, were in the audience, as were representatives from Iowa, Kansas, North Dakota and Illinois.

Vigorous Protest

Congressman Jeffers followed Judge Fowler of Iowa, who made a vigorous protest against the ruling of the commissioner. In his speech Mr. Jeffers said that the Nebraska delegation was in entire accord with the sentiment of Congressmen Fowler. He said he represented in congress one of the largest butter-making industries in the country, and if the ruling should stand it meant ruin to one of Omaha's largest enterprises.

Senator Hitchcock, in his talk to the commissioner, covered much the same ground, setting forth the extent of the dairy business in the state. Commissioner Williams asked Senator Hitchcock if the Nebraska legislature had read the decision of the attorney general and the interpretation thereon by the commissioner previous to the passage of their resolutions protesting against the commissioner's ruling.

Opposed to Any Change

Senator Hitchcock stated that it made no difference whether or not the members of the legislature had read the ruling, they were opposed to any change or any new interpretation of the law passed in 1902.

At this point, Ex-Congressman E. J. Jernigan, representing the creamery interests, injected in the remarks that the Nebraska legislature had considered the text of the ruling and the commissioner's interpretation before entering their protest.

Congressman McLaughlin of Nebraska and a member of the agriculture committee of the house spoke for the committee in opposition to the ruling.

In the course of his remarks he said he kept lime water in his house for the children at all times and that to place a tax on butter made from sour cream, which had always been recommended by our mothers and which had been neutralized by lime water, was going beyond the limit of congress.

Presents Resolution

Senator Phipps of Colorado, through his secretary, introduced his protest against the ruling and presented a copy of a resolution passed by the Colorado legislature in opposition to the fiat of the commissioner. Franklin B. Jones of counsel for the dairymen, stated during the hearing that he would put on the stand members of congress who helped to enact the law of 1902, on which the ruling is based, to show that not only did congress not intend to include neutralized butter under the act, but specifically excluded it by voting down an amendment seeking to include it.

It is expected the hearings will extend over several days.

Enemies of Colombian Pact Lining Up Forces

Washington, Feb. 25.—Opponents of the Colombian treaty, which republican leaders plan to bring before the senate during the special session beginning March 5, started a private campaign against its consideration and ratification.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader, said, however, he believed the treaty could be disposed of promptly with virtually no other business during the special sessions.

Senator Fall, republican, New Mexico, who is to be a member of the new cabinet, also is said to have urged action at the special session.

Senators opposing consideration of the treaty at the special session and also its ratification, include Borah of Idaho and Kellogg of Minnesota.

Judge Freed of Murder

To Resign From Bench

Cleveland, O., Feb. 25.—Judge J. H. McGannon, recently acquitted of second degree murder in connection with the death of Harold C. Kasy, announced that he will resign as chief justice of the municipal court March 1.

The announcement was in reply to a request at the Cleveland Bar association today that he resign at once instead of March 15, the date previously set by Judge McGannon.

Postal Official Resigns

Washington, Feb. 25.—The resignation of William H. Lamar as solicitor of the postoffice department, to take effect Monday, was announced by Mr. Lamar, said he would practice law in Washington.

Allies Will Pay War Debts to U. S. Thomas Lamont Says

Representative on American Commission to Negotiate Peace Denies Secret Understanding With France Or Britain as to Cancellation of Obligations—Criticizes Work of Reparations Board.

By The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—All the allies will pay their war debts to the United States, Thomas W. Lamont, partner in J. P. Morgan & Company, who was one of the United States treasury representatives upon the American commission to negotiate peace, declared before the Philadelphia Public Ledger forum on the peace conference.

"I note a constant reference to some secret understanding arrived at in Paris," said the financier, "between President Wilson and his advisers on one hand and the French and British representatives on the other, to the effect that all indebtedness to the United States should, in whole or in part, be cancelled or forgiven."

"There ain't no such thing," from start to finish of the peace conference the president and his advisers without exception, opposed vigorously and finally, any such suggestion or proposition of cancellation. There was no commitment, expressed or inferred, near or remote, moral or otherwise, as to the handling of the allied indebtedness to the United States government.

"The whole question of international debts is a most important one. The American people must, in the

Mail Aviator Is Cited for Bravery In Night Flying

Message From Wife in Cheyenne Sets Knight's Mind at Ease Regarding Mythical Mato in Chicago.

Two precious bits of paper will be tucked in the pocket of Jack Knight, hero of the Cheyenne-Omaha-Chicago night air flight, when he hops off for Cheyenne this morning.

One is a telegram from Otto M. Praeger, third assistant postmaster general and highest official of the air mail system.

It was presented to him when he landed here yesterday, and is a citation by Mr. Praeger of his bravery in flying from Omaha to Chicago at night, over a course which was unfamiliar to him.

The other message is from Mrs. Knight in Cheyenne. Its contents were not made public, but Jack looked very happy when it was given him.

Cherishes Both Messages

"I don't know which message I cherish the most," the daring young aviator said, smiling. "The message from Mr. Praeger alone is worth all the hardship and danger of the trip to Chicago through the dark."

"But I certainly am glad to hear from my wife, too. You know the Chicago papers all said my wife rushed into my arms when I landed there the morning after the flight."

"Well, I was worried. My wife really was in Cheyenne and no woman whatever rushed into my arms in Chicago. But what if my wife had seen that report? What would she think?"

"I was almost afraid to go back to Cheyenne," concluded Jack, laughing. "Of course I could have explained everything, but then—"

Hailed as Hero

When Jack landed at the air mail field here yesterday morning he was hailed as a hero by everyone present. He had saved the day, or rather the night, by leaping into the breach, so to speak, and taking his "ship" with the consignment of mail.

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Virginia Inn Keepers Will Move to Fairbury

Pawnee City, Neb., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Warren have disappeared from the Virginia Inn, the hotel at Fairbury, and will take charge of a hotel at Fairbury. They have operated the Virginia hotel for several years.

Fat? 'Ha, Ha,' Chortle City's Jolly Cherubs

Pity the poor fat man? "Ha, ha, 'tis a merry jest of the ignorant and unobservant—a jealous sarcasm from the contingent of the lean and hungry look," declare Omaha heavyweights.

Prominent possessors of avoirdupois tell about the pleasures and advantages of rotundity in a humorous feature in The Sunday Bee.

That Rotogravure Section, with a page of inauguration pictures, snappy movie page and a collection of photos of cats and dogs in unique poses, is one you will not want to miss.

Union Labor Will Fight Alien Bill

American Federation Opposed To Dillingham Measure Providing Admittance of Immigrants on Per Cent Basis.

Wants Full Restriction

By The Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 25.—Organized labor will endeavor to prevent the final passage of the pending Dillingham bill, restricting immigration to 3 per cent of the number of aliens of each nationality in the country in 1910, as the first move under the new legislative program adopted here by representatives of the national and international unions affiliated in the American Federation of Labor.

Announcement was made today at the federation headquarters that the legislative representatives of the organization would attempt to obtain substitution of the Johnson bill, virtually prohibiting immigration for one year, for the Dillingham proposal. The latter was passed by the senate and an agreement on it by senate and house conferees is now pending in the house.

Legislative representatives of organized labor also have been instructed to press their efforts to obtain a congressional investigation into conditions in the strike area in West Virginia.

May Fight Sherman Act

Whether labor will attempt to bring about introduction of a bill at the extra session of congress for the repeal of the Sherman anti-trust act will depend, according to information today, upon what action is taken to exempt labor organizations from liability under that law.

Counsel for the United Mine Workers and other international organizations were said to have begun preparation of final details of a bill to be introduced in the extra session that would legalize union organization work in all lines of industry, despite any individual contracts made between employer and employe not to join a trades union.

Plan Publicity Campaign

Plans for the new publicity campaign to be waged by the federation were being completed today, while the executive council was in session discussing means for raising the money necessary for the movement.

A project of the Typographical union in the labor conference yesterday, that a fund of several million dollars be raised for propaganda work, it was learned today, was voted down and it was decided that no special fund would be advisable for this work.

An executive council of the federation was in session here all day, but made no announcement as to its work, except that it had considered several jurisdictional disputes.

1,000 Jews Victims Of Red's Pogroms

Campaign Was Carried Out Under General Balakovich's Direction.

London, Feb. 25.—More than 1,000 Jews were victims of pogroms carried out by the troops of General Balakovich, former anti-bolshevik leader, in the regions of Minsk and Hanel, according to a statement issued today by the Federation of Ukrainian Jews in London.

The pogroms were of a terrible character, the statement declares, women being mistreated and tortured and children being murdered in cold blood. Thousands of children were made orphans.

The possessions of the Jews were looted, the statement adds, and great numbers of them were made homeless.

The second indictment charged Senator Newberry and members of his senatorial campaign committee with "conspiracy to commit the offense of perjury" in connection with reports made to the senate.

In a letter explaining the action, Mr. Palmer wrote: "It was felt that the issues presented were fully tried out in the first indictment and that it was not necessary to resort to any further prosecution in the premises."

Three Bold Robberies Mark Day in New York

New York, Feb. 25.—Three daring robberies were held today on New York's crime sheet.

The latest occurred this afternoon, when seven bandits, held up the office of the Connecticut Screen company and escaped with \$35,000.

At noon two robbers felled a jeweler in his office on the ninth floor of a Broadway office building and escaped with \$20,000 worth of his wares.

Earlier in the day the watchman of a Bowery theater, located a short distance from a police station, was found slain in the dressing room after evidences of having engaged in a pistol battle with the slayers.

Hob-Nailed Army Shoes Cause \$125,870 Damage to Paris Hotel

New York, Feb. 25.—Hobnailed shoes of 200 doughboys, guards posted at the Hotel Crillon, where the American peace commission had its headquarters in Paris, caused virtually all of the damage for which the owners charged the commission \$125,870.22, the manager of the hotel, Henry Deques, said here today.

It was this item of damages in the expenses of the delegation heretofore considered a protest, was voiced recently in the house of representatives and which, among other expenses, President Wilson was asked to itemize in a resolution adopted in the house.

The 200 American soldiers who guarded the commission in Paris damaged the Hotel Crillon to the extent of about \$625 each," said M. Deques, quickly adding that it was not the fault of themselves, but the shoes they wore.

"They were neither impolite or boisterous, but they had to tramp in and out all about the hotel all the time, wearing hobnailed shoes over the polished floors and expensive rugs. It cost the hotel 650,000 francs to replace the carpets and 3,000,000 francs to put the hotel in order," he declared.

M. Deques thought the boots of the French soldiers would have had the same effect, and said he understood the British did more damage to the Hotel Majestic.

Will Editor Harding Run the Government Like a Newspaper?

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New Enforcement Prohibition Plan Being Considered

Abolishment of Present Dual System and Centralization of Authority Contemplated by Next Administration.

Washington, Feb. 25.—A new plan for enforcement of prohibition is being discussed among republican leaders as a prospective policy of the Harding administration. It contemplates abolishing the present dual enforcement machinery of the Treasury and Justice departments and centralization of full responsibility and authority under the attorney general.

Whether the plan under discussion contemplates retention of a federal prohibition commissioner apparently has not been definitely determined. It is understood, however, that all state prohibition enforcement agents would be dispensed with and the prohibition enforcement work left to the Department of Justice, through state's attorneys, and their local or augmented assistants.

Advocates of the cash bonus, however, argued that the funds necessary under that plan would not be payable for two years and that by that time economies would be effected which would relieve the strain on the treasury.

Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, presented figures to show that cash bonus would entail a minimum cost of \$1,400,000,000. The increased insurance plan, Senator McCumber estimated, would cost considerably more.

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Posses Scour in River Bottoms for Quartet Of Mail Car Robbers

Roodhouse, Ill., Feb. 25.—Posses today are combing the Mississippi river bottoms, in the vicinity of Quincy Junction, 37 miles west of here, where four men armed with rifles held up Chicago & Alton passenger train No. 10 from Kansas City, early this morning and escaped, after forcing the mail clerk to hand over three registered letters and a registered package.

While the amount obtained by the bandits is not known, reports received here indicate it will not exceed \$50.

Messenger Ayers, in charge of the baggage car, saved several hundred dollars in express remittances by hiding the pouch containing the money when he heard the bandits order the door of the mail car opened.

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League Council Takes Up Disarmament

Paris, Feb. 25.—The resolutions of the Geneva assembly of the league of nations regarding disarmament were taken up by the council of the league at today's session here. Particular consideration was given the assembly's recommendation that the powers limit their armament budgets for the next two years to amounts not exceeding those expended last year.

The council's session today was a private one, but was not surrounded with the same degree of secrecy as yesterday's session, when the American note on mandates presumably was under consideration. Further consideration of the American communication has been postponed pending the receipt of instructions by the members of the council from their respective governments.

Receiver Appointed for Birmingham & Atlantic

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 25.—Judge S. H. Sibley, in the federal court today appointed President B. L. Bugg as receiver for the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic railway. The order was issued on petition of the Birmingham Trust and Savings company of Birmingham, Ala., which alleged that it held a note for \$90,000 due, March 7, which the road was unable to pay.

Wealthy Illinois Farmer And Wife Found Murdered

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 25.—Jarvis Gindrich, a wealthy Toulon farmer, and his wife were found dead in their home near here by county officers. Gindrich had been killed evidently by a shotgun. His wife's head was crushed and her throat cut. Both were fully clothed. The assailants left no clues.

Boy Takes \$772,000 From Bank

Nationwide Search Started for 17-Year-Old Chicago Clerk Who Escaped With Almost Million in Bonds.

Known as Model Lad

By The Associated Press. Chicago, Feb. 25.—The police of the nation were on the lookout tonight for William Dalton, 17-year-old \$15 a month bank clerk, whose alleged theft of \$772,000 worth of Liberty bonds yesterday from the branch of Northern Trust company was made known by bank officials today.

Although convinced that Dalton was hiding in the city, the police department telegraphed a description of the boy all over the country with the information that \$1,000 would be paid for his arrest and \$25,000 for recovery of the bonds.

Dalton is believed to have secreted the bonds—all in large denominations—at his person when he went out to lunch yesterday. He had been sorting them in a cage and has not been seen since the noon hour.

Second Large Theft. The theft was the second in this district recently in which a youthful bank clerk fled, the other being at Ottawa, Ill., when a 19-year-old clerk named Cary, who received \$90 a month, attempted to steal nearly \$200,000, but was caught and the money recovered. This case started an attack by Senator Dial of South Carolina on Judge K. M. Landis, the senator taking exception to a statement the judge made from the bench that bank officials were partly responsible for the theft because they underpaid clerks who were in responsible positions.

Dalton was known in his neighborhood as a quiet, home-loving church-going boy, whose chief ambition was to become successful in business so that he could provide comforts for his aged, widowed mother who was partly dependent upon him.

Mrs. Dalton tonight refused to discuss her son, but neighbors said that Willie Dalton, as they knew him, was in every way a model youth. He seldom went out at night and his chief recreation was swimming, boxing and playing billiards at the Y. M. C. A., they said.

In Line for Promotion. At the bank, Dalton was looked on as one of the brightest boys in the institution and was in line for rapid promotion. He was promoted a few months ago with an increase in salary, but even with that promotion, it was largely accidental that he had an opportunity to steal the bonds.

Ordinarily bank officials said Dalton would not have had anything to do with the bonds. They were temporary ones, however, and it was planned to exchange them for permanent bonds as they came due, and other young employes were given the task of sorting the securities. While his companions were not looking, it is believed he hid the bonds on his person and it was not until he failed to return from lunch that they were missed.

The bonds had no coupons. They were of the 4 1/2 per cent, fourth issue. Four were for \$10,000 each, nine for \$5,000 each and the balance were in denominations of \$1,000, \$500, \$100 and \$50. Most of the loss is covered by insurance.

Dalton has two sisters, both older than he, and a younger brother.

Prominent Attorney Held Under Mann Act

South Bend, Ind., Feb. 25.—John Talbot, supreme president, Order of Owls, and a prominent attorney in South Bend, was arrested on an indictment charging violation of the Mann act and conspiracy.

The information on which the indictment was returned was furnished by Miss Pearl Bagley of Topeka, Kan., who claims she was lured to South Bend and then forced to submit to terrible practices. She claims that before she could escape from the Owl hospital, in which she alleges she was held and which she refers to as a "house of fear," Talbot and his emissaries had clipped her hair so as to prevent her escape.

After her escape, she says, she appealed to the sheriff to lock her in jail for safety. Her request was granted.

Utah Solon Would Prohibit Growing Tobacco in State

Salt Lake City, Feb. 25.—Following the passage of the anti-cigarette bill in the Utah legislature yesterday, Representative Segmiller today announced that he would present a bill within the next few days calling for the prohibition of the growing of the manufacture or the sale of tobacco. The bill calls for an appropriation of \$25,000 for enforcement of the proposed act.

50 Auxiliary Police Are Ambushed by Police Arm Men

Macroom, Ireland, Feb. 25.—Fifty auxiliary police, traveling in lorries, were ambushed between this village and Ballyvourney this morning by 300 men. The ambushing party opened fire from the cover of rocks along the road, killing one policeman and wounding six. The night was still going on at latest reports.

Found Guilty of Murder

South Bend, Wash., Feb. 25.—J. Fred Welch was found guilty of murder in the first degree in connection with the explosion of the dredge Beaver, near here, December 16, in which four lives were lost.

The Weather

Forecast. Saturday fair; not much change in temperature.

Table with 2 columns: Hourly Temperatures and values for various times of day (5 a.m., 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon).

Shippers' Bulletin. Protect shipments during the next 24 to 36 hours from temperatures as follows: North and east of degree: west, 25 and above. Shipments south can be made safely.