

Final Vote Blocked on Censorship

Debate in House Ended by Adjournment—To Resume Discussions at Monday Session.

Berka Measure Carries

Lincoln, March 11.—(Special Telegram.)—A final vote on motion picture censorship was blocked in the lower house late this afternoon when those opposed to censorship pushed through an adjournment motion. It ended hours of debate on the motion picture problem.

The house must decide Monday whether to continue the fight then or set a special date for consideration of motion picture regulation bills. Possibly the house will turn the bills over to the sifting committee.

It looked ominous for those opposed to picture censorship when the house adjourned. Omaha members and others whose votes were certain to go against the censorship bill wanted to go home on an early train and if the house had failed to adjourn, the pro-censorship faction apparently had victory in their hand. They fought the adjournment motion.

Berka Bill Carries.

In the preliminary skirmish, a motion by Foster of Omaha to vote on the Berka bill, memorializing congress to pass a federal censorship law, carried. The Berka bill passed without a dissenting vote.

Then McFarland of York moved to indefinitely postpone his regulation bill which would make it a misdemeanor to show any picture tending to corrupt morals of youth and old age.

"Withdraw my bill in favor of the Byrum-Gifford bill," McFarland said. The withdrawal of the McFarland motion left two bills for consideration. One was the Byrum-Gifford bill and the other the straight censorship bill providing for a paid commission of three in Lincoln to censor pictures before they are shown in the state. The Byrum-Gifford bill provides a jail sentence for picture show and theater men who show pictures of scenes portraying first degree murder, statutory offenses and scenes involving undue exposure of the body.

Apparently motion picture men have lost hope of succeeding in quashing all regulation bills and turned their forces behind the Byrum-Gifford bill in an attempt to defeat censorship.

J. Reid Green, sponsor of the censorship bill, moved that it be advanced to third reading. Byrum moved as a substitute that the Byrum-Gifford bill be advanced to third reading.

Byrum, in support of his bill, declared censorship created more jobs, was un-American in its nature and failed to make as stringent regulations for straight dramas as his bill did.

"The girls, girls in the regular theater and some of the scenes and lines in them would put the motion pictures to shame," Byrum declared.

A dozen spoke in behalf of the censorship bill before adjournment. Representative Good said:

"The motion picture people are killing their own business the same as the saloons did. We would have saloons now if it hadn't been that the owners refused to obey the law and clean up their joint. The motion picture exhibitors persistently refuse to clean up their pictures."

The gallery was filled with women. Scores of telegrams from club women throughout the state were received by members today urging support of the censorship bill.

Woodrow Wilson Now Fully Established in Washington Home

Washington, March 11.—Woodrow Wilson rounded out the first week of his return to private life with a private dinner at which B. M. Baruch of New York and Norman H. Davis, former under secretary of state, who has been retained in the Harding administration as the American member of the international communications conference, were guests. It was said to signalize Mr. Wilson's intention to keep in touch with men and affairs.

The former president, it is said, is now fully established in his new home and has suffered no setback in health. His principal household difficulty, his friends report, has been to find room in his new house for his library of 8,000 volumes.

Mr. Wilson spends some part of every day dictating to a stenographer, attempting to dispose of a heavy correspondence, and with Mrs. Wilson, frequently takes motor drives in the afternoon.

Senator Cummins of Iowa Confers With President

Washington, March 11.—Senator Cummins of Iowa, one of the authors of the transportation act, conferred with President Harding today at the White House, and said the matter discussed was appointments. The railroad situation was not taken up, the senator said, adding that he did not expect to talk with the president on that subject until next week.

Colorado Fuel and Iron Foundry to Put on 1,000 Men

Pueblo, Colo., March 11.—The Colorado Fuel and Iron company today announced that owing to improved conditions in the steel industry, 1,000 additional men will be employed commencing next Monday morning. Four idle mills will reopen, running two eight-hour shifts.

Body of Langdon Will Reach U. S. on March 15

San Francisco, March 11.—The body of Warren H. Langdon, who was killed by a Japanese sentry in Vladivostok last January, will arrive in San Francisco March 15 on the army transport Sherman, officials of the Twelfth naval district said today.

The transport will be met here by Capt. Cecil G. Langdon of Mare Island, a brother of Lieutenant Langdon, and other relatives.

Referendum on Soldier's Bonus Passed by House

American Legion Charged With Bad Faith—Twelve Refuse to Cast Votes.

Lincoln, March 11.—(Special.)—A \$10,000,000 appropriation for a soldier's bonus will be submitted to a vote of the people of Nebraska under the terms of the Sturdevant bill which passed the committee of the whole of the lower house today by a vote of 57 to 32.

This bill provided that ex-soldiers, sailors, marines and nurses shall receive \$15 for every month of service during the war, with a minimum of \$50.

This bill followed on the heels of a bill passed two days ago providing for a \$2,000,000 appropriation to be placed on interest to go to disabled soldiers and their families, to be handled by the officers of the American Legion.

Representative Rodman declared that American Legion men in the house were acting in bad faith in backing the Sturdevant bill with the Mears amendment.

"We were told by the American Legion men in the house that if we put the \$2,000,000 appropriation bill through they would demand another," Rodman said.

Passed Legislation.

It was declared that the \$2,000,000 appropriation bill passed several days ago was the bill demanded by the American Legion lobby while the Sturdevant bill was demanded by World War veterans and some members of the American Legion.

Following Rodman's denunciation of American Legion members in the house, the speaker declared on the Sturdevant bill, excepting Representative Griswold, who voted against it.

"I am an American Legion man but I think it is up to the federal government to provide the bonus," Griswold said.

Representative McKee, father of five sons in the service, voted against the bill.

"My boys can make their own living," McKee said.

The vote on the Sturdevant bill follows:

For: Anderson (Hamilton), Anderson (Knox), Beans, Bethea, Foster, Cole, Davis, Druesedow, Dyball, Bock, Franklin, Frost, Gilmore, Green, Hanson, Hoare, Hoffmeister, Jacobs, Jearry, Johnson, Lauritsen, Lund, Lynn, McFarland, McClellan, McLeod, Mears, Medlar, Mellor, Mickey, Mosley, Murphy, Nelson, O'Garra, Osterman, Palmer, Park, Perkins, Peterson, Rank, Robertson, Ruddy, Sandquist, Smith, Sommerlad, Staats, Stephenson, Strong, Sturdevant, Thompson, Vance, Votaw, Webster, Wight, Wood and Young.

Against: Acton, Armstrong, Axell, Barbour, Beckman, Behrens, Byrum, Clizbe, Downing, Dysart, Epperson, Essam, Frazier, Good, Goodrich, Gould, Griswold, Hanner, Kendall, Lettwich, McKee, Miner, Morian, Newkirk, Rodman, Snow, Sprick, Ullstrom, Wallace and Williams.

Not voting: Bowman, Douglas, Frantz, Hascall, Nutenman, Randall, Reid, Reneker, Westenhof, Wolfe, Yeiser and Anderson (speaker).

Papers Claim Roads Charge Too High Rate on Newspaper

Washington, March 11.—Nine newspapers filed complaints today with the interstate commerce commission alleging that unreasonable rates were charged by the railroads on newspaper paper. The complainants were:

Enid (Okla.) Eagle; Denison (Tex.) Herald; Wichita Falls (Tex.) Record News; El Paso (Tex.) Times; Kansas City (Kansas) Journal; Miami (Okla.) News; Hastings (Neb.) Tribune; Fort Smith (Ark.) Southwest American; and the Hutchinson (Kan.) News.

Trailing the Rum Hounds

A thrilling and detailed description of methods used and difficulties encountered by Omaha and federal sleuths in trailing bootleggers and home brewers will be a feature of next Sunday's Bee. Don't miss it.

A collection of photographs of work and play in Omaha "Night Life" is offered on Page One of the Rotogravure Section. On Page Two is a series of striking light and shadow pictures of screen stars.

Railroads' Wage Cuts

Association of Executives Announced Concerted Move Will Be Made to Reduce Pay of Skilled Men.

Great Western Leads

By The Associated Press.

Chicago, March 11.—Virtually all of the larger western railroads today had swung into line in the policy started a few days ago by several eastern railroads of taking steps to bring about reductions in the wartime wage scale of unskilled employees.

The reductions will be urged, railroad officials said, to keep the roads out of bankruptcy and enable them eventually to reduce traffic rates which were said to be "higher than the public can bear."

Various railroad presidents declared the roads were existing entirely on credit.

None Will Escape.

At the same time came statements from officials of the Association of Railway Executives that lower rates of pay for skilled workers probably would be sought after the wage for unskilled men had been settled.

One road, the Chicago Great Western, took the lead among the western lines in the matter of reductions by announcing that it proposed a 20 per cent decrease in the pay of every employee, from the president down, with the exception of train service men, telegraph operators and unskilled men. The pay of unskilled workers would be brought down to conform with the rates paid in other industries, if possible.

Conferees will be held with the employees at Oelwein, Ia., March 19. About 9,000 men would be affected.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and the Chicago & Alton were two roads to announce today that they would seek reductions for unskilled employees. The former proposed a reduction of 8 1/2 cents in pay of unskilled workers at a meeting with representatives of employees yesterday.

All Follow Leaders.

The Santa Fe, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, and the Chicago & Northwestern announced proposed reductions last night.

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The Illinois Central had no official statement to make, but it was understood that this road and several others expected to take the same action as the other lines.

The Chicago & Great Western railroad, which yesterday announced that it would seek conferences concerning wage reductions for its un-

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Opening Arguments Heard in Rate Case Before Supreme Court

Washington, D. C., March 11.—Opening arguments before the supreme court of the United States in the case, counsel for that and 42 other states declared that the transportation act as construed by the Interstate Commerce commission to give the commission control over state rates, "is destructive of our dual form of government and contrary to the spirit of our constitution."

Counsel for the railroads argued that the commission had full authority to right the injustices caused where a state had "claimed an unfair advantage over a sister state who has acted liberally in the public interest."

M. B. O'Brien, special counsel for the state of Wisconsin, argued for the principal applicant and John E. Denton, general solicitor of the National Association of Railway and Utility commissioners, represented the numerous state bodies.

Omaha Printer Seriously Wounded While on Train

A Rhode, about 40, 617 South Sixteenth street, an Omaha printer for the last 10 years, lies critically wounded in the Ensworth hospital at St. Joseph, Mo., with a bullet through his left lung.

Rhode shot himself on a Burlington train en route from Omaha to St. Joseph at 1:30 yesterday morning. The bullet entered his breast just below the heart, passing out through the back. Physicians state that his recovery is doubtful.

Rhode supposedly was on his way to visit a brother, Charles, in St. Joseph. His mother is a resident of Plattsmouth, Neb.

Heirs to \$800,000,000 Estate Organize to Fight in Court

Portland, Ore., March 11.—Heirs to the \$800,000,000 estate of the late Jacob Baker of Philadelphia have been enlisted in two associations of Baker heirs to fight in court for possession of the property, according to a statement today by O. N. Ford of Gresham, Ore., who said he is one of the heirs and a member of the board of directors of the Baker Heirs' association of Detroit, Mich.

Russians Form Regime To Supplant Soviets

London, March 11.—Reports from Russia state that Russian emigrants are forming a government there, to include representatives of all the anti-bolshevik parties, which soon will enter Russia. The flood of Russian refugees over the frontier has suddenly ceased, the reports say, and it is presumed the soviet authorities are preventing anyone from leaving Petrograd.

Missouri Legislators Engage in Fist Fight

Jefferson City, Mo., March 11.—Representatives Hubbard of Lawrence county and Burch of Sullivan county engaged in a fist fight in the cloak room during adjournment for lunch today.

The fight resulted, according to witnesses, over differences over the veterinary inspection bill. Neither sustained serious damage.

Lawson Given Life Sentence In State Prison

Wife-Slayer Found Guilty of Murder in First Degree; Jury Out Only 3 1/2 Hours.

Burnell Lawson was found guilty of murder in the first degree for the slaying of his young wife January 24, and sentenced to life imprisonment in the Nebraska state penitentiary by a jury in District Judge Troup's court at 9:25 last night. The jury had retired for deliberation at 6.

Young Lawson took the verdict calmly, although showing some signs of apprehension as the jury-men filed into the court room. He sat with his face buried in his hands until the last word of Foreman Theodore K. Rud's finding had been read. He was then returned immediately to his cell in the county jail.

Neither the prisoner's mother, Mrs. Hope Lawson of Little Rock, Ark., nor the sister of his murdered wife, Miss Enolia Worthum, were in the court room.

This murder trial was one of the longest on record in the local district court. It started Monday, February 28. Nearly two days were required to get a jury. Adjournment was taken last Friday evening until Monday morning. Since Monday the case has been pushed, so that altogether it took 10 days.

The court room was crowded throughout the hearing.

Lawson was charged with murder in the first degree. County Attorney Abel Shortwell, leading the prosecution, fought for the death penalty.

The defense was emotional insanity, an attempt being made to prove that Lawson came of a family in which there has been insanity and also that his mind had been weakened by disease.

Immediate Action on Tariff Legislation Is Promised by Penrose

Washington, March 11.—Speedy action on tariff and tax revision at the special session of congress was promised today by Chairman Penrose of the senate finance committee. He said the object of the conferences arranged for Monday between republican members of congressional committees and Secretary Mellon of the treasury was to arrange a program "behind which all republicans can put their shoulder."

"We cannot look for improved business," said Senator Penrose, "until the tariff and internal revenue legislation is outlined and government extravagance stopped."

Urging less interference by the government in business, Senator Penrose said he favored abolishing "all of the automatic mushroom government boards—all the Wilson boards—which rose during the war."

These provide civil service commission for the Omaha police department and power for the city council to call a special election to vote bonds not exceeding \$25,000 to repair and modernize the Auditorium. The Auditorium amendment was proposed by City Commissioner Harry B. Zimman, who said in his plan, the basement of the Auditorium would be completely excavated, and stalls put in and rented for a city market. The rent from these stalls, he argued, would, in time, pay for the bond issue.

Another amendment proposed by Col. Amos Thomas provides for calling a special election to vote bonds for an armory in Omaha for the Nebraska National guard, the amount of the bond issue to be determined at a later date.

Mrs. Brandeis Unaware Suit for Divorce Filed

Madeline Frank Brandeis, whose suit for divorce from Ervin John Brandeis was filed in district court in Omaha Thursday afternoon, is winning at the Beverly Hills hotel in Los Angeles, and was unaware her divorce suit had been filed, she told newspaper men there yesterday.

Mrs. Brandeis told them, however, the petition had been prepared and she expected it would be filed soon.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Foster said yesterday that the summons on Ervin John Brandeis to answer the suit of his wife, Madeline Frank Brandeis for divorce, would be served by leaving at "his usual place of residence."

War Degrees Still Figure In Howard College Awards

Cambridge, Mass., March 11.—War degrees still figure in academic awards at Harvard college. In an announcement today, it was stated that about half of the 87 men given the degree of A. B. were granted it with 25 per cent allowance "for honorable service in the war."

Award degree was conferred posthumously on Richard B. Varum, 21, of Oakland, Cal., word of whose death in Paris reached here a few days ago. Varum was a former aviator in France and was a holder of an American field service fellowship at the University of Toulouse.

Sleeping Sickness Found In Town in Wisconsin

Wausau, Wis., March 11.—Seven cases of sleeping sickness in or near this city and one death from the disease in the village of Birnamwood have been reported to the health authorities here during the past week.

OMAHA AUTO SHOW

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CITY AUDITORIUM
Clarke G. Powell, Mgr.

The Danger

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Omaha Charter Bill Is Passed By Senate Body

Committee of Whole Passes Amended Measure After Recommended by Cities and Towns Committee.

Lincoln, March 11.—(Special.)—The Omaha charter bill was referred out of the senate committee on cities and towns with a favorable recommendation this morning and passed through the senate committee of the whole.

The bill carries with it the amendments prepared by the committees from the Chamber of Commerce, Real Estate board, and members of the city commission.

These amendments were explained in full to the Douglas county delegation at a meeting here a week ago. The bill also carried amendments proposed last night at a meeting of the cities and towns committee of the senate.

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Hearing Tuesday

Commissioner Zimman also urged that policemen and firemen salaries should be fixed in an amendment put in with that bill. This was not included, however, in the charter bill which was put up to the third reading today.

The charter bill introduced in the lower house, however, does carry this amendment.

A hearing on the house charter bill will be held next Tuesday evening, according to an announcement today by Robert Druesedow, chairman of the house committee on cities and towns.

Woman Kills Three Children, Shoots Three, Kills Self

Lowell, Wyo., March 11.—Mrs. James Watters, wife of a prominent rancher in the Big Horn basin, last night shot and killed three of her children, wounded three others, and reloading the revolver, killed herself.

Two of the children were reported to be dying, while one may live. Mrs. Watters is believed to have been insane.

West Point High School Holds Declamatory Contest

West Point, Neb., March 11.—(Special.)—Richard Krause of the local high school will represent West Point at the district declamatory contest. His subject will be, "The Old Olive Branch." Miss Adeline Weischlaeger took second place and Miss Kathryn Reimers, third in the contest here.

Mining Engineer Killed

San Pedro, Cal., March 11.—Fred W. Nash, a mining engineer of national repute, was killed when the automobile he was driving plunged 100 feet down the side of a precipice.

Anti-Saloon League Declares Open War On Opinion of Palmer

Boston, Mass., March 11.—Three ways of overcoming what he termed the erroneous opinion of former Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer that beer and wine can be prescribed as medicine were outlined by Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League of America here today.

"First," he said, "we will ask the attorney general to revise the opinion."

"Second, we will endeavor to get the remaining nine states that have no enforcement codes to do what the other dry states have done and prohibit the prescribing of beer for medicinal purposes."

"Finally, we will ask congress to change the law in this respect if it is necessary to do so."

"In the meantime the brewers cannot make any real beer until the new regulations are made, and then only in very small quantities, as it can only be used in nine states under strict regulations."

Man Who Helped Draw Final Covenant Says League Is Successful

Philadelphia, March 11.—The covenant of league of nations was declared a success, in that it met the first real test when it was accepted by the competent governmental authority of nearly every country in the world, by David Hunter Miller of New York, here tonight.

Mr. Miller, who with I. B. Hurst of the British foreign office, drew the final draft of the document, spoke before the Philadelphia Public Ledger forum on the peace conference. Mr. Miller was attached to the mission of Col. E. M. House and later appointed technical adviser to the American commission to negotiate peace at Paris.

"The covenant has two schools of critics," he said, "and perhaps three: those who think it goes too far, those who think it does not go far enough and those who approve of it, but do not like some of the people who wrote it."

Chinese Murderer Is Hanged in Wyoming

Rawlins, Wyo., March 11.—Yee Geow, Chinese murderer, went to his death early today with a smile on his face. The death trap of the gallows was sprung at 12:24 o'clock and death was not pronounced until 13 minutes later.

Yee Geow was convicted of the murder of Thomas Holland at Cheyenne, on September 10, last. Several requests for clemency were made to Governor Carey, who at the last moment appointed a committee of doctors to examine his sanity. He was pronounced sane.

Merger of Southern Pacific and Rock Island Planned

Los Angeles, Cal., March 11.—A merger of the Southern Pacific, the Rock Island and the El Paso and Northwestern railroads is being considered, according to a statement by N. L. Amster of Boston, member of the board of directors of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad, made public here today.

Mr. Amster said no formal proposal had as yet been made by any of the lines to the others. Southern Pacific officials here said they knew nothing of such a plan.

Revolutionists Send Ultimatum To Soviet Heads

London, March 11.—Revolutionary authorities at the fortress of Kronstadt have sent an ultimatum to the soviet authorities in Petrograd, demanding the surrender of the city before March 25.

If the city is not given up, the ultimatum declares, there will be a general bombardment, it is asserted in an Abo, Finland, dispatch to the London Times. Wholesale arrests and executions of workmen are said to have occurred at Oranienbaum, Syssterbak and Petrograd.

Kronstadt last night sent out a wireless dispatch denying bolshevik statements that the fortress was without food, says a telegram from Stockholm. To the contrary, there is plenty of food and ammunition there, the message stated.

"Artillery fire from Kronstadt has been extremely well directed," the wireless dispatch is quoted as saying. "The fortress of Todleben and all other soviet batteries on the Karelian peninsula have been completely demolished. Two of the four 12-inch guns at Krasnoye Gorka have been silenced by shells from the battleship Petropavlovsk. Krasnoye Gorka has been isolated, the railroad to it has been destroyed and a thaw has placed the surrounding marshes in such condition that the fortress has been cut off from the rest of the bolshevik forces."

A great anti-bolshevik movement in the vicinity of Minsk, white Russia, is reported in a Reuter's dispatch from Helsingfors. Soviet troops are said to have mutilated and murdered bolshevik commissars there.

Another dispatch mentions street fighting between the bolsheviks and anti-soviet units in Kiev.

Prominent Banker of U. S. Sues for Divorce

New York, March 11.—James A. Stillman, president of the National City bank, has begun an action for divorce against Mrs. Stillman, the former "Fifi" Potter, and Mrs. Stillman has started a counter suit, it became known here today.

Although attempts have been made to keep the action secret, filing of the suits was confirmed by Supreme Justice Morschauser. He has appointed John E. Mack of Poughkeepsie guardian of Guy Stillman, born in 1918, whose inheritance rights are said to be involved.

The Stillmans were married here June 3, 1901. Bishop Henry C. Potter, uncle of James Brown Potter, the bride's father, performed the ceremony. Her mother, a well-known beauty, went on the stage in 1880 after a separation from her husband.

Fritzi Scheff Anderson Granted Divorce Decree

Waterbury, Conn., March 11.—Fritzi Scheff Anderson, comic opera star, was granted a divorce in the superior court on the grounds of intolerable cruelty and intemperance. Her husband did not contest the case. This makes her third divorce.

She told the court her husband had frequently struck her in the face, blackening her eyes. He also refused to work, she said, and had a liquor bill of \$75 a week.

Her husband was "a charming man" when sober, she said.

One-Step Father of All Dancing Evils, Officer Says

Kansas City, March 11.—The one-step was placed under the ban in Kansas City, Kan., under regulations covering public dance