

Fiscal Bill Deadlocks Legislature

House Refuses to Accept Report of Second Conference Committee on Omnibus Appropriation Measure.

Movie Bill in Conference

Lincoln, April 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska legislature was deadlocked again tonight over the omnibus appropriation bill. For four hours orators begged, rebuked and argued with the lower house to accept the report of the second conference committee on the appropriation bill.

Twice a vote was taken to concur. Each time the best the bill could do was to get 52 votes. Sixty were necessary under the rules.

The memorial gymnasium and the Fort Crook road appropriations were not included in the original budget and were tacked on after the bill went to the senate. Under the rules it takes a two-fifths vote of the house to pass appropriations not included in the regular budget.

Appropriations Tied Up. With these and other appropriations in the omnibus bill the regular appropriations were tied up. However, late this afternoon the house adopted rules which will call for separate votes on the Fort Crook road and memorial gymnasium appropriations, and a separate vote also will be taken on the regular appropriations.

The conference committee trimmed the Fort Crook road appropriation \$50,000 and the memorial gymnasium \$100,000 in an attempt to get a concurrence.

Members of the senate watched the debate in the lower house, as, according to the program, the senate would concur on the appropriations if the house did. But the house didn't and another day must be added to the 40th session.

Falling Prices Given as Reason. Falling prices on farm products and scarcity of money were given by farmer members as reasons for voting against appropriations. State pride was cited as a reason for voting for the appropriations.

The conference committee added \$37,000 to appropriations for the home for women at York, \$25,000 to the soldiers' home at Grand Island, and \$40,000 was added to the Kearney industrial school appropriation. The entire Douglas county delegation voted for the appropriations. Besides the big appropriation bill, the movie regulation and statute revision bills are in conference and may be considered tomorrow.

200 Million Spent Last Year for Ads

Newspaper Space Gains Favor as Medium of Determinable Results.

New York, April 26.—Newspaper advertising throughout the country during 1920 amounted to more than \$200,000,000, an advance of \$50,000,000 over that of the previous year, the bureau of advertising of the American Newspaper Publishers' association reported today.

Newspaper advertising space has gained in favor as a medium of determinable results and of sure economy, the committee reported. Increase of service to advertisers has made necessary the opening of a San Francisco office to supplement the Chicago and New York offices. The results of market surveys and statistical reports were eagerly sought by advertisers and bankers as well as several booklets and other literature. Total gross income of the bureau was \$38,124. Expenses amounted to \$48,581.

Mother and 4 Children Die When Home Burns

Great Falls, Mont., April 26.—The wife and four children of John Lambert were burned to death today when a can of kerosene with which a fire was being started exploded and set fire to the Great Northern section house in which they resided.

The father and a 10-year-old son jumped from the burning building and the latter saved his 2-year-old sister who was asleep on the first floor.

Corning Farmer Found Unconscious After Attack

Corning, Ia., April 26.—Mr. James Phillips, resident alone on his farm five miles north of here, was waylaid in his home Thursday evening while preparing his evening meal and slugged and cruelly beaten about his head causing unconsciousness until Friday evening when he was found roaming aimlessly about his yard. There was no robbery committed so far as known and all concerned are unable to suggest a motive for the assault.

Bloodhounds were at once put on the track and as a consequence a suspect is being held in the county jail.

Phillip's memory fails him beyond the point of building his fire for the evening meal.

Kansas Wholesale Grocers Fined \$12,000 for Being Trust

Topeka, Kan., April 26.—The state supreme court yesterday ordered 35 wholesale grocery companies in Kansas to pay \$12,000 into the state school fund and issued a permanent injunction restraining them from maintaining a trust. The action was the result of an agreed stipulation. The suit was brought under the Kansas anti-trust law.

Soviets Seek Trade Pact With Germany

Riga, April 26.—Immediate signature of a trade agreement between soviet Russia and Germany is being sought by the Moscow government through M. Scheinmann, who arrived here yesterday on his way to Berlin. It is possible the convention will be signed before May 1. M. Scheinmann is understood to have been empowered to make whatever change in the original proposals that will benefit Germany.

Leonid Krassin, head of the bolshevik trade delegation in London, is expected to arrive in Berlin on April 27.

It is declared the government will seek to take advantage of the situation in Germany resulting from the allied reparations demand.

Sheriff Asks Dismissal of Police Heads

Des Moines' Officers Charged in Formal Complaint With Giving Protection to Notorious Crooks.

Des Moines, April 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Formal charges were presented to the civil service commission here today by Sheriff W. E. Robb asking the dismissal of Chief of Detectives John Brophy and Assistant Chief of Police Frank Hartly.

The action follows a broadside fired by the sheriff at the police heads in the form of numerous affidavits in which it was charged that Brophy and Hartly had conspired with notorious criminals as to the commission of crime in Des Moines and arranged to protect them.

Robb charges the two city police officials not only allowed criminal conditions to exist and wilfully failed to suppress them, but also conspired with notorious criminals and made arrangements with the crooks to protect them and have carried out these alleged graft agreements.

The recent raid, which pulled in more than 100 persons in the police dragnet Saturday night, furnished the basis for an additional charge. Hartly and Brophy are charged with having falsely arrested honest persons and kept them in custody without sufficient grounds to do so.

No actual evidence nor affidavits were shown with the charges, but it is assumed that at least a half of the evidence which the county and state authorities are said to have amassed will be presented at the hearing Thursday afternoon.

Graves Sentenced. Alex R. Graves, convicted of manslaughter in connection with the shooting of Clarence Devault, was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary here today by Judge Hubert Utterback.

In pronouncing the sentence Judge Utterback answered numerous petitions for Graves' parole by saying that if Graves' record at the end of the year was good he would recommend and endeavor to obtain the parole.

Graves is still out on \$10,000 bond pending the final decision on his appeal to the supreme court.

He shot Devault when he found him out riding with Mrs. Graves.

Requests for Funds Total \$5,000,000,000 By June 1, Smoot Says

Washington, April 26.—Deficiency appropriations requested by the various government departments will total \$5,000,000,000 by June 1, Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, predicted in the senate. Requests for deficiency appropriations now on file with the appropriations committee, he said, total \$330,000,000.

The prediction of Senator Smoot, made during consideration of the budget bill, brought from Senator King, democrat, Utah, the statement that the attorney general should take punitive action under the penal statutes against department and bureau heads who expend money in excess of appropriations. Senator King added that unless this was done, soon he would introduce a resolution directing that action be taken to end "this disgrace and scandal."

Law to Stop Food Gambling Urged by Minnesota Man

Washington, April 26.—Laws recently enacted in Minnesota to prevent gambling on grain exchanges and to provide "open markets," were described by L. E. Potter, president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau federation, before the house agriculture committee at hearings on similar measures proposed in congress. Mr. Potter recommended the committee draft some kind of a bill that would prevent gambling in the food products of the nation.

Floods in Arkansas

Texasarkana, Ark., April 26.—Torrential rains last night and early today flooded 3,000 acres of land around Texasarkana, did property damage estimated at more than \$100,000 and put the city pumping station out of commission with the result that Texasarkana is without fire protection or water for commercial or residential use.

Wise Parrot Stops Robbery of Home

Fort Morgan, Colo., April 26.—(Special.)—A parrot prevented burglars from robbing the home of John Cooper here. The prowler had entered the house through a dinow and was ransacking the sideboard of silverware when wise old Polly emitted loud screams. "Mama, mama, come here!" she squawked. Cooper reached the room in time to see the burglar fleeing through the window, leaving the loot behind.

Naval Bill Delayed by House Fight

Demand of Members for Time to Air Views Prevents Vote on Appropriation Measure

New Amendment Offered

By The Associated Press. Washington, April 26.—After an all-day fight over disarmament, the house was forced to quit work tonight without reaching a vote on the naval appropriation bill because of the demand of members for time in which to air their views.

At the end of the long debate there was pending an amendment providing that no part of the appropriation should go into new construction until the president had called an international conference to consider limitation of armament. The amendment proposed by Representative Connelly, democrat, Texas, was precisely like one offered when the bill was before the house in the closing days of the last session by Representative Brooks, republican, Illinois, and rejected by a vote of 5 to 3. Leaders said it would be thrown out by a similar vote when the bill is taken up again Thursday.

The disarmament discussion broke early in the session after Representative Knight, republican, Ohio, had attacked the bill. The Ohio member announced he would vote against the bill because of the contemplated expenditure of \$90,000,000 for new battleships, the general need of economy and the alleged questionable advantages of capital fighting ships in modern naval warfare. The speech started a veritable whirlwind of talk.

Attempts to Check Trend. Seeing where the house was heading, Chairman Kelly of the subcommittee of appropriations in charge of the bill tried to stop it, with a plea that the real disarmament debate be held back until the section relating to new construction had been reached. The chairman's plea prevailed after a sharp verbal clash in which Representative Huddleston, democrat, Alabama, supported the bill, and Representative Deering, republican, Ohio, opposed it.

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On the contrary it was said that Deering and the department of education should be created separately, leaving public health and related subjects to the welfare department.

Organized labor's objections as voiced by Matthew Woll, vice president of the International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, to removal of the women's and children's bureau from the labor department rested on the contention that with them would go supervision of women and children in industry, matters in which labor is held to have a vital interest.

Daugherty Holds U. S. Not Liable for Errors in Slacker Draft Lists

Washington, April 28.—Neither the government nor any individual officer of the government could be held liable in law for the erroneous inclusion of names in the first draft lists prepared by the War department for publication. Attorney General Daugherty holds, in an opinion sent to Secretary Weeks.

Mr. Daugherty said the opinion did not pass on the question of the liability of newspapers for publishing such names, but that he did not believe they could be held liable, since the lists would be official ones previously published by the government.

The draft slacker lists have been prepared for some weeks, but their publication has been held up pending receipt of Mr. Daugherty's opinion by Secretary Weeks.

Suit for \$10,072 is Filed Against Convict

Lincoln, April 26.—(Special.)—Russell Aker, prominent young farmer living near Harvard, has brought suit in the district court here against Herbert S. Harris, formerly superintendent of the schools at Harvard who is now serving a sentence of one to 20 years in the penitentiary for shooting young Aker last May.

Aker asks for \$10,072 damages. Harris and his wife were both charging attention to the same girl, Harris hid in the back of Aker's automobile following a dance and shot and slightly wounded him when Aker and the girl started to drive home.

Blame Not the Dear Girls For Clothes, Says Cleric

Adams, Mass., April 26.—Not the girls themselves, but the trend of the times, was blamed for the clothes worn by young women of today by Rev. Thomas C. O'Connor, pastor of St. Thomas Roman Catholic church in the course of a sermon delivered at the local church. Parents should exercise greater watchfulness and stricter discipline over their daughters, Rev. Father O'Connor declared, and should set an example for young girls to follow. The local priest declared that the present styles have their origin in Paris, but that America is a country of fine purpose and aims and that its own styles should be good enough for its residents.

Wood Reaches Japan.

Yokohama, Japan, April 26.—The New United States shipping board steamer Wenatchee, disabled several days ago en route here on its maiden transpacific voyage, arrived tonight under tow of the Admiral Line freighter Edmore. Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood and W. Cameron Forbes of President Harding's mission to study the Philippine situation and a number of other notable passengers were on board.

Debate on Knox Peace Resolution Delayed

Washington, April 26.—Debate on the Knox peace resolution was postponed until tomorrow. No senators were prepared to begin the discussion, it was explained. That the debate will occupy but a few days was predicted by leaders of both parties.

The substitute for the Knox resolution are to be offered by Senator G. W. Clegg, democrat, Utah. One term of ratification of the terms of the treaty of Versailles, exclusive of the league of nations covenant, and another would be the peace resolution repealing the war resolutions reserving American rights under existing treaties.

Plans for Public Welfare Bureau Warmly Opposed

Federation of Labor Fights Proposal of Harding—Difference of Opinion Develops in Cabinet.

Washington, April 26.—Plans for creation of a new federal department of public welfare, though still in a formative stage, have already aroused enough opposition to indicate that President Harding will have much work to do before whipping the project into final shape.

The matter was up today both at the cabinet meeting and at a conference between Samuel Gompers and other officials of the American Federation of Labor and Secretary Davis and Brigadier General Sawyer, Mr. Harding's personal representative in welfare department preliminary studies.

The labor men voiced objections to transfer of the children's and women's bureaus of the Department of Labor to the proposed new department and the cabinet meeting was said to have developed a difference of opinion as to what had been done with federal educational agencies.

It was indicated that no conclusion was reached by Mr. Harding and his advisers and that the president planned to confer with administrative officers and members of congress before rounding out welfare department plans first presented during his campaign and later formally recommended to congress.

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Message Explaining Disappearance of Ship Crew Found in Bottle

Norfolk, Va., April 26.—A message purporting to explain the disappearance of the captain and crew of the schooner Carroll A. Deering, mystery ship of Diamond Shoals, reached coast guard officials here from Christopher C. Gray of Buxton, N. C., who declared he had taken it from a bottle washed up just north of Cape Hatteras.

"Deering captured by oil burning boat," the message said. "No chance to escape." It was unsigned, written in ink and partly undecipherable. The Deering, a five-masted craft, commanded by Captain Wornell of Boston and with a crew of 12, sailed from a South American port last winter and was next heard of at daylight on a January morning when it was found fast on the outer shoal with all sail set and no signs of her people. She has gradually disappeared in the sands.

Allied Chancelleries at Work on Reply to U. S.

Paris, April 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—The allied chancelleries are exchanging notes regarding the points raised in the recent note of Charles E. Hughes, United States secretary of state, on the question of mandates with the view of a common reply.

Sugar Sells at Its Lowest Mark Since Early War Days

New York, April 26.—Sugar prices reached the lowest level since 1917 today, when another decline of 1-4 cent in the price of refined sugar was announced by two New York refiners. The reduction brings the cost to the basis of 6-34 cents for fine granulated sugar.

Woman Commissioned To Rank of Major in Texas National Guard

Santa Fe, N. M., April 26.—Mrs. T. H. Baca, wife of former Adjutant General Baca, today was commissioned by Adj. Gen. Henry R. Brown to be assistant adjutant general with the rank of major in the New Mexico National guard. She is the first woman national guard officer in this state, and it is believed in the country.

Mrs. Baca is given the privilege of wearing the uniform and is entitled to the military salute. She has been previously a stenographer in the adjutant general's office and was made assistant by reason of her thorough knowledge of military matters.

An Impasse



Invalid Mother Smells Gas and Finds Girl Dead

Bluffs Woman Crawls Down Stairs From Bed to Discover Body of Daughter on Floor in Kitchen.

After becoming alarmed by the odor of escaping gas yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Mary Frank, 143 Vine street, left the bed in which she has been confined last November and crawled down the stairs on her hands and knees to the kitchen, where she found the dead body of her daughter, Mary, 27, a teacher in the Eighth avenue school.

Her death was accidental, according to Coroner Henry Cutler, and no inquest will be held. The young teacher had gone to the kitchen to light the stove and heat some water. She had been feeling ill for two days, according to the mother, and apparently fainted after she had turned on the gas and before she applied the lighted match to the burner.

The kettle of water was standing half over the burner from which the gas was escaping and the burned match was found on the floor near her hand. She failed to revive from the faint in time to realize the situation and finally was asphyxiated.

Miss Frank made her home with her mother and brother, Dexter, who is employed by the Monarch Manufacturing Co. The father, Henry L. Frank, died many years ago. The sister and brother had joined in the support of their mother.

After discovering her daughter's body, Mrs. Frank managed to telephone the police station before she collapsed, due to the emotional strain in her weakened condition. Dr. Harry Kelly, police surgeon was called, but could not revive the school teacher. The mother is prostrated.

Cantaloupe Grows Appeal To Congress for Relief

Washington, April 26.—Declaring the record crop, valued at \$11,000,000, was threatened with loss through high freight rates, cantaloupe growers of the Imperial valley, California, placed their plight before western members of congress and executive officials.

The cost of growing cantaloupes in the Imperial valley this year, they said, will amount to \$1 a crate, while the average freight charged under present rates total \$1.77 a crate. Inability to market the coming crop, they added, would mean extermination of the industry.

Young Farmer Killed When Automobile Runs Into Bank

Friend, Neb., April 26.—(Special.)—Leslie Blanchard, 25 year farmer, was killed about three miles north of this city when his car ran into a bank by the side of the road. Blanchard had been in town and started to drive to his farm home just ahead of a storm. The body was found by a farmer who was on his way to town. The car had evidently been overturned and righted again as the body was lying on the ground with a cream can under the small of the back and the front wheel of the car resting on the victim's throat. His jaw was broken and chest mashed. He was unmarried and lived with his mother, Mrs. Martha Blanchard.

Big Increase in Pay Roll Of Canadian Railroad

Ottawa, Ont., April 26.—The pay roll of the Canadian National railway increased from \$43,265,881 to \$81,347,880 between June 20, 1918, and the end of last year. A. J. Mitchell, vice president in charge of finance, told the house of commons, which is investigating government owned railways and shipping. He attributed the increase to the McCord wage awards.

Express Company Sued

Walter Weidman, a hotel cook, sued the Igo Express company for \$10,000 in district court yesterday, alleging he was injured by an Igo truck at Sixteenth and Burt streets, January 29.

Senate Confirms Army Nominations

Brigadier General Edwards and 11 Other Officers Promoted to Major Generals.

Washington, April 26.—Nominations of Brig. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards and 11 other brigadier generals to be major generals, were confirmed late today by the senate.

Nominations of 14 colonels to be brigadier generals also were confirmed.

Opposition to General Edwards, which had developed in the military committee, was carried to the senate floor. Senator McKellar, democrat, Tennessee, led the fight against him and forced a roll call upon which there were only five negative votes against confirmation. All of these were democrats.

The vote for Edwards was 55, including several democratic senators. A large number of senators were absent.

The senate also confirmed a number of army officers to be brigadier generals in charge of War department bureaus. Among these were Charles T. Menoher to be chief of the air service; George O. Squier to be chief signal officer, and John L. Chamberlain to be inspector general.

Charles G. Dawes of Chicago was confirmed as a brigadier general in the reserve corps and the senate also approved several hundred minor promotions in the army.

Eight Reported Dead In Southern Tornado; Telegraph Wires Down

Hattiesburg, Miss., April 26.—A tornado hit the town of Braxton this afternoon and demolished every business house except the bank.

"There was no connection between here and Braxton tonight, but reports from Mendenhall, the county seat of Simpson county in which Braxton is situated, said eight persons had been killed and a number injured.

Braxton is a town of about 600 inhabitants on the Gulf and Ship Island railroad, 30 miles from Jackson.

Four Injured in Auto Crash Near Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., April 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Four persons were injured in an auto accident on the Cornhusker highway 15 miles north of Beatrice when a car crashed into another machine and rolled into the ditch.

The injured, all occupants of the ditched car, are: J. W. Kelley, leg and arm broken; W. E. Kelly, severely cut and bruised; Mrs. W. T. Kelly and her sister, severe contusions about head. The driver of the other machine, escaped injury. The ditched car caught fire as it rolled over on its side, but the flames were extinguished. The injured were brought to a hospital here. They reside at Beaver City and were en route to Winfield, Kan.

The Weather

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Senate Passes Budget Measure Without Roll Call

Prompt Action in House Promised on Bill Which Was Voted by President Wilson.

Washington, April 26.—Brief debate preceded the final vote on the budget bill, which was passed today by the senate without a roll call.

It was introduced originally by Senator McCormick, republican, Illinois, passed by both the senate and house during the Sixty-sixth congress, vetoed by President Wilson and then repassed by the house with the sections found objectionable by the executive stricken out. The senate, however, failed to act on the measure after the president's veto.

The measure, as passed today, now goes to the house where prompt action is expected.

The bill provides for a bureau of the budget in the Treasury department to prepare the estimates of appropriations, needed by the various departments. The bureau would have as its head a director of the budget, appointed by the president with the consent of the senate, for a term of seven years with an annual salary of \$10,000.

The offices of comptroller and assistant comptroller of the treasury would be abolished under the revised bill, and in their stead offices of comptroller general and assistant comptroller general would be created.

Efforts of democrats were directed toward scaling down the salaries of offices provided for in the bill. Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, called attention to the adoption of an additional office in the budget bureau.

The fortune of the dead man is estimated in the millions. He made his start as a dealer in dairy products and established a great stock farm of thoroughbred steers and cattle which have won hundreds of prizes throughout the country.

California Governor to Decide Extradition Case

Sacramento, Cal., April 26.—A decision upon the request of the state of North Carolina for the extradition from California of Mrs. Marian A. Barrett and Ashfield Stow, charged with having kidnaped from Asheville, N. C., Mrs. Barrett's son, William, 12, whose custody had been awarded the father, Dr. Frederick Barrett of New York, by the New York supreme court, was taken upon advice by Gov. William D. Stephens of California.

Counsel for Mrs. Barrett contested the extradition on the ground that Andrew F. Fraser, a New York attorney, who said he represented the boy's father, was acting as special prosecutor in the proceedings for the state of North Carolina and that a criminal process was being resorted to enforce a civil matter.

Landis May Be Candidate For New Mayor of Chicago

Chicago, April 26.—Kenesaw Mountain Landis, federal court judge and regarded as a forceful campaigner, may be brought out as a non-partisan candidate for mayor of Chicago, if indications observed today mean anything. Sidlights pointing to this possibility were seen as republicans and democrats met today to name a non-partisan judicial ticket to oppose the Thompson slate.

The majority race is two years away, but William Hale Thompson, incumbent, has already intimated that he will again be a candidate.

May Head War Risk Bureau

Washington, April 26.—Col. Charles Forbes of Seattle is understood to be under consideration by President Harding for appointment as director of the war risk bureau to succeed R. G. Cholmeley-Jones.

Proposals Of Germany Insufficient

Greater Concessions Must Be Made Before Resumption of Reparations Negotiations With Allies Possible.

Cabinet Considers Note

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING, Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, April 26.—Far greater concessions by Germany to the allied ambassadors on the new German proposals, the situation appeared unfavorable to the transmission of the Berlin note to the allies by the United States as a basis of discussion.

After a day of conferences between Secretary of State Hughes and the allied ambassadors on the new German proposals, the situation appeared unfavorable to the transmission of the Berlin note to the allies by the United States as a basis of discussion.

The ambassadors of the allied powers pointed out to Mr. Hughes numerous major features of the German proposals that are wholly unacceptable. The Berlin note has been in the possession of the chancelleries in the allied capitals since yesterday and the British, French, Italian and Belgian ambassadors were receiving today the instructions of their governments as to the attitude to be assumed in discussing the matter with Mr. Hughes.

Final Decision Today. Whether the allied envoys were a unit in rejecting the German counter-proposal is not clear, but there is every indication that Mr. Hughes will know definitely by tomorrow the final decision of the governments concerned.

The German note, which was received in Washington late last night, was submitted by Mr. Hughes to the meeting of the president and his cabinet this forenoon. There ensued an extended discussion in which the Berlin counter proposals were analyzed by the cabinet members. It is clear that the cabinet proposed the note a "proper basis of discussion," though there was a general disposition to regard the proposals worthy of informal submission to the allies for their opinion thereon.

It was noted that the principal concession by Germany is to make a total reparations amount considerably higher than ever before. The principal sum Germany is willing to pay is approximately \$12,500,000,000. The allies have fixed the principal sum at \$21,000,000,000. With interest added, the total amount Germany is willing to pay is \$30,000,000,000.

Aged Millionaire Cuts Off His Young Bride in His Will

Atlantic City, N. J., April 26.—G. M. Oyster, 73, millionaire, who died early Monday, cut his bride, 25, off without a cent, it was reported here yesterday.

Oyster was said to have added a codicil to his will last Saturday to deprive the young woman of a share in his big estate. It is said one of the hotel employes was a witness to the codicil.

Mrs. Oyster was not with her husband at any time during his illness, which lasted several days. She telephoned during the night to inquire as to his condition. Friends of the bride declared that her husband had allowed her \$1000 a week for pin money. They were married January 15.

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