THE BEE: OMAHA, THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1921.

Franklin K. Lane. **Ex-Secretary** of Interior, Is Dead

Death Comes Unexpectedly Early Today at Rochester, Minn.-Was Recovering From Operation.

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Edward Island, July 15, 1864, the son of a Canadian doctor who re-moved to California during the boy's childhood, young Lane was educated at the University of Cali-fornia from which he was graduated in 1886. By reason of his scholastic achievements the honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him some years later by his alma mater and by New York and Brown uni-versities and the University of North

Was Editor for Time. Upon leaving college he engaged in newspaper work, becoming part owner and editor of the Tacoma (Wash.) Daily News. In 1889 he was admitted to the bar of California. and from 1897 until 1902 served as corporation counsel of San Francis-co. In the latter year he was the democratic candidate for governor of California, but was not elected He received the party vote of the state legislature in 1903 for United States senator. Appointed a member of the Interstate Commerce commis-sion by President Roosevelt in 1905, later becoming chairman, Mr. Lane was serving in that capacity when he was made secretary of the inte-

rior. During his service on the Inter-state Commerce commission he earned the reputation of being a pro-gressive. His decisions in the railway cases were said to have been almost invariably pleasing to men of advanced ideas. He favored for years a national corporation com-mission similar to the Interstate Commerce commission, with power to regulate all business enterprises engaged in interstate commerce as the most effective remedy for trust evils. He also advocated a commission form of government for Alaska. He was elected a member of the permanent International Railway commission, organized in 1910 at the International Railway congress in Berne, Switzerland.

Helped in Mexico Trouble.

In 1916 Mr. Lane headed the American delegates at a joint conference with high commissioners from Mexico, as a result of which a protocol was signed at Atlantic City and United States troops were

withdrawn from that country. When the United States entered the war in 1917, Secretary Lane in a number of public speeches outlined the country's purposes and urged business men to show "sacrifices as worthy as those of the men on their way to the trenches." In numerous addresses in behalf of the Liberty loans he declared the defeat of the United States was "unthinkable" and that the government was determined to see the war fought to a finish.

ice came



The home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Solso of New Haven, Conn., has en the mecca of neighbors for many blocks around, curious to see the quadruplets born to the couple, attracting the scores of visitors. The four children, three boys and a girl, are fine, healthy specimens and Mrs. Solso was reported to be recovering rapidly enough to be able to leave her bed shortly. Since the birth of the infants, the proud father has stayed home from work to aid in caring for them. James weighs 5½ pounds, Michael, 4½, Salvator, 5, and Angelina, 5 pounds.

Stock Ring Head **Government Mav** Hold Bargain Sale Of Battleships hemently stormed the inspector. He said Sutton was McWhorter's at-

Released Under Bond. Navy Department Studying Wohlberg and Masse were re-leased under \$12,500 bonds each Tuesday at Los Angeles to assure their appearance in Omaha at the next term of federal court, a dis-

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the Neb-Ota company

Advisability of Disposing Of Useless War Craft As Junk. patch states. McWhorter, Wohlberg, Masse and

Washington, May 18 .- A "bargain Chipley are charged, according to sale" of obsolete naval vessels, in-cluding battleships and destroyers, may be held by the Navy department soon, it was indicated today. A the indictments, of having promoted various potash companies in Ne-braska by the sale of stock through the mails. study is being made of ways of get-ting rid of many useless war craft, it was said, and it was indicated that the example of Great Britain might be followed in selling useless ships

to be broken up for junk. There are 21 battleships and as many destroyers carried on the "second line" list and officers say that more than half of the former should be disposed of. All except two battleships are of the "mixed battery" type, most of them carrying four 12inch guns and eight 8-inch guns, while the Kentucky, Illinois and Wis-consin mount obsolete 13-inch main

battery rifles. dictments. is the famous old battleship Oregon, turning troops, urged congress to but it is doubtful if the department federalize the Americanization of will order it scrapped because of senof the Berg company to the newly formed McWhorter and Neb-Ota the foreign-born, aided in the recon- timental considerations. The latest and most useful battleships on the "second line" list are the Michigan and the South Carolina, obth Berg company launched in 1908, but in the opinion May, 1918. of naval men, long since practically valueless except for training. In addition the Navy department has taken steps to dispose of four other vessels. The Indiana was sunk by placed bombs and big gun fire; the Massachusetts became a target for the guns of the coast defense batteries in Florida; the Idaho is being used for radio control ex-"We will attempt to show that they took \$460,000 out of the Berg periments and is destined to take a company in stock and converted it ominent part in the coming bombing tests, and the Kearsarge has been nto cash," said Mr. Peterson. "They tentatively allocated to the army for use in aerial bombing experiments

English Premier Reiterates His Stand on Silesia

Lloyd George Declares Fate Must Be Decided by Supreme Council and Not by Insurgent Korfanty.

London, May 18 .- (By The Asso-Press.)-Prime Minister ciated Lloyd George issued a statement today reiterating the British attitude towards the upper Silesian question expressed by him in his recent speech in the House of Com-mons and disclaiming responsibility for the "distorted reports in the French newspapers."

In the course of the statement he said: "The fate of upper Silesia must be decided by the supreme council and not by Korfanty."

He continued: "Children of the treaty cannot be allowed to break crockery in Europe with impunity. Somebody must place a restraining hand on them, otherwise there will be continual trouble.

Must Carry Out Pact.

"Great Britain cannot consent to tand by whilst the treaty her representatives signed less than two ears ago is being trampled upon." prime minister's statement gan as follows: who resigned. The post carries a salary of \$25,000 a year and an official

"I adhere to the statement I made in the House of Commons on the subject of Silesia. Naturally I can only accept responsibility for what I actually said and not for the trunactually said and not for the truth-cated and distorted reports in the French newspapers. The almost unanimous approval given by the American and the Italian, as well as the British press, to the sentiments I then expressed shows that the Flees to Mexico I then expressed shows that the great nations who stood by the side of France in the war mean to interpret the treaty of Versailles fairly. "I have never witnessed such unanimity on any question," contin-ned the statement. "All shades of opinion in these three countries take

the same view. It would be unfortunate were the French press to take a different view, but we must be tol erant of differences of opinion

mongst ourselves. Scores French Press.

"With all respect I would say to the French press that the habit of treating every expression of allied opinion which does not coincide with their own as an impertinence is raught with mischief. That attiude of mind, if persisted in, will be

The William Berg Potash company which has stockholders in all parts atal to any entente. "The stand taken by the British of the state, is alleged to have been American and Italian governments on Silesia ought not to be offensive drained of its resources for the bene-fit of W. A. McWhorter & Co., and to France. They stand by the treaty of Versailles. They mean to apply

Raise Capital Stock. Raise Capital Stock. The four men were officers in both whether they happen to be for or

ompanies and also the Missouri Val- against Germany. "The fate of upper Silesia must ley Cattle Loan company. They "The fate of upper Silesia must gained control of the William Berg be decided by the supreme council company, raised the capital stock to \$1,000,000, divided it into 10,000 the treaty cannot be allowed to shares at a par value of \$100 each, break crockery in Europe with im-

then launched a campaign through punity. the mails to sell the stock at an in-Future Holds Much.

flated valuation, according to the in-"The course of the world in the coming years cannot be forecast. The The indictments state the four mists ahead are more than usually men transferred money and property dense. Much will depend upon the



Rev. William Merrill Says First Step Taken in Speech Before Alliance for International Friendship.

Chicago, May 18.—The initial step in reduction of armaments had been taken by the United States, the Rev. William Pierson Merrill, chairman of the American branch of the World Alliance for International Friendship, declared in an address before the congress on reduction of armaments. He urged America to adont a policy of reduction rather adopt a policy of reduction rather than expansion, even if other na tions failed to agree to limitation of armaments.

The conference, which is being attended by delegates from 18 states, is being held in connection with the sixth annual meeting of the Alliance for International Friendship. International friendship will re-

store business prosperity and inter-national law will be an effective substitute for wars, Edward A. Filene business man of Boston, said.

"The road back to the plateau of peace is hard," he said. "Progress demands international friendship. peaker of the house of commons, Restoration of business after the war demands that we act and think nationally like good neighbors fight like bad neighbors."

Churches Should Lead.

Rev. Mr. Merrill denounced unrestrained competition in armament as a crime and added that "on the part of America" it was an "unpardonable sin." He declared if the disarma-ment movement failed, part of the responsibility would rest on the Odd Fellows Hold Big

Rail President of Baltimore & Ohio calling a conference from which will come an agreement to cut down ruthlessly, all preparations for war." If other nations refused to join the United States, he declared, he want-cd America to announce a policy of

Europe Too Poor to Buy.

"There is only one reason why America should build the biggest

Washington, May 18 .- The trans- reduction rather than expension, but not to "strip off its armament while for American railroads to be operated successfully under private owner-ship," Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio, declared the senate committee inves-

Mr. Willard 'continued his critiadding that Japan could not comcism of labor union suggestions that railroads could be more economicalpete with America in naval building Iroads could be more economical-managed. 'Railroad management is one of occupations in which it is con ly managed.

the occupations in which it is con-sidered discreditable to succeed," he remarked. "When a railroad presi-dent gets \$50,000 a year, it is regardnavy," he concluded, "and that is the ed as wasteful expenditure and a re-proach to him and his corporation. gratification of national pride and I've advised my own son to take some other line where he would not

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Blue Springs, Neb., May 18.-(Special.)-An entertainment i

be subjected to discredit because he ness aspect of international relations, said that the basic cause of succeeded." American railroads "are good rail- the country's business crisis was roads" and have a record of satis- America's inability to export surplus

factory war service and should be materials because Europe is too poor To get back on her ent with the gov. to nav.

boastfulness."

Hearing As He Takes Nose Dive in Airplane Emporia, Kan., May 18.—A nose dive in an airplane from a height of 4,500 feet yesterday restored the hearing of John Fowler, a farmer living near Emporia. Fowler was unable to hear the noise of the motor until the dive was made. He now can

Farmer Regains His

hear distinctly persons who speak to him. He lost his hearing a year ago.

Kansas Official

field, the rainmaker. After making rain for about a month, prairie farmers have asked

Hatfield to turn off the moisture for a few days. Los Angeles.

Tillers of the soil, who for years have been experiencing drouts are satisfied that Hatfield can de Los Angeles, Cal., May 18.— David E. Gilmore, said to be coun-ty engineer of Reno county, Kan-sas, for whom a reward of \$1,300 liver the rain as per contract and as Hatfield has already made about \$3,000 for his month's work everywas offered by Kansas, was ar-rested on a fugitive warrant here last night by deputy sheriffs. Local officers said they did not know the charge against Gilmore. body is happy except those who continue to sneer at the rainmaker's "scheme."

Whether or not Hatfield's presence in the district is responsible, the fact remains that rain has come since his arrival. Old timers declare Hutchinson, Kan., May 18-David Gilmore, former highway engineer they have never seen such heavy Reno county, arrested in Los precipitations or such a continuous Angeles last night, is wanted here presence of so many heavy clouds. Hatfield has erected his apparatus on the eastern shore of Chappice lake, a substantial body of water on charges of fraud and embezzlement in connection with the ad-ministration of his office. He has been sought for some time, accordwith several small lakes surround ing to the police. Word received today was that Gilmore would reing it, the structure or tower is 24 feet high, supporting a wooden tank 14 feet square. It is stated by Hat-field to be the largest tank he has yet used. He says it is in this that the chemicals are placed which form turn to Hutchinson without extrahe secret process. Meeting at Bloomfield

Rainmaker Asked

To Turn Faucet

Charles Hatfield Is Making

Too Good on Contract to

Furnish Moisture to

Canadian Farmers.

Medicine Hat, Alberta. May 18 .--

Old Jupiter Pluvius must be on friendly terms with Charles M. Hat-

Off for Few Days

Page Sinclair Lewis; Wymore Gets Laugh

cial.)-The annual district meeting of the Northeast Nebraska Odd Fellows association held here was attended by over 500 members. The Bloomfield Odd Fellows base ball team defeated Wymore, Neb., May 18.-(Special.) -Much amusement was found at a social gathering here over a discusteam picked from other lodges in "Main Street," the novel that sion of the district by a score of 7 to 5. A has been attracting such widespread special session of the grand lodge comment. The consensus of opinior was held in charge of Grand Master was that the effete east had best come out here via the midwest route. Charles Naylor .of Chadron and Grand Secretary I. P. Gage of Freand then have the same author write mont, and a large number of past grands received the degree. another story.

The picture presented by those Nearly 1,000 people attended the who laughingly discussed the matter ublic program. Crofton was selected afforded an answer to the book itself. is the place for holding the 1922 ses-The women wore many Paris frocks (not gowns, if you please), the men were at home in their eve-ning clothes, a string orchestra sion and the following officers were elected: President, John Schwartz, Crofton; vice president, W. L. Mc-Donald, Bloomfield; secretary-treas-urer, Mr. Gilson of Crofton. Emerson won first place with the nitiatory degree. Laurel second with he first degree and Crofton third on the second degree. The third degree was conferred by the Bloomfield degree team, but not in competition

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isitors came from six states. Mr. Filene, dealing with the busi A woman is the inventor of a parasol that can be collapsed and converted into a knitting bag.

for honors. Forty-two lodges were

represented at the meeting and the

Bloomfield, Neb., May 18 .- (Spe

played softly behind flowering vines on the wide "porch" and the laugh that went round at the thought of people "back east" being gulled into a feeling of superiority, or pity for the poor people toward whom they use the term "provincial" was cut short by one guest who suggested that an organized effort be made through state chambers of commerce to endeavor to secure tourists to take the midwest, instead of the northern route in their trips across country.



Pt. Hon

John H

Whitley

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Whitley had been elevated to the

speakership, having been recently elected to succeed Speaker Lowther,

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plans for the employment of restruction of France and other wartorn nations and advocated immediate passage of a bill to give farms to soldiers. He was also active in the council for national defense and the American Red Cross.

Secretary Lane was a keen sup-porter of the league of nations covenant and advocated ratification of the peace treaty of Versailles. Mr. Lane married in 1893 Miss Anne Wintermute of Tacoma, Wash. Two children were born to them, Mrs. Nancy Lane Kauffman of Washington and Lieut. Franklin K. Lane, jr., U. S. A., of Los Angeles.

Harding Sends Message to Widow of Franklin K. Lane

this summer. Washington, May 18.-President Harding sent the following message of condolence today to Mrs. Frank-

lin K. Lane at Rochester: I have just learned of the death

of your distinguished husband and am wiring to express my very great shock and my exceedingly deep sorrow over his untimely passing. He was an outstanding American who rendered most distinguished service to his country and found an abiding place in the affections of all who knew him well. Mrs. Harding joins me in an expression of most sym-pathetic condolence."

Omaha Telegraph Manager

Gives Address at Sidney Sidney, Neb., May 18 .- (Special.) -Over 60 business men heard Charles B. Hudson, district commer-cial manager of the Western Union Telegraph company of Omaha, deliver an address, "Time Is Money; How to Manufacture Time." at the weekluncheon of the Sidney Chamber Commerce. The talk was interesting and pertinent to present busi-ness conditions. With the telegraph being a barometer of business conditions it is evident that Sidney is one of the livest towns in Nebraska, Mr. Hudson said.

Speaks on Taxation.

Superior, Neb., May 18.—(Special.) —John Z. White spoke here under the auspices of the Superior Order of Shifters on "Taxation in Relation to Community Development."

Hubbard heard again that wild cry coming from an open boat at Point Reyes.



Blue Springs Seniors

To Graduate Thursday The indictment cites as one overt Blue Springs, Neb., May 18 .- (Speact of using the mail to defraud act of using the mail to defraud newspaper advertisements, which stated no stock was issued in the Berg company except for value, and that all stock was paid up when is-sued. It alleges the four men is-sued \$300,000 worth of the stock to cial.)-Commencement exercises at the high school will begin with the delivery of the baccalaureate sermon Sunday by Rev. J. Franklin Haas, pastor of the First Methodist church of Beatrice. Class play, May 24, "The Arrival of Kitty." Commence-ment exerices May 26, with address themselves without consideration to the company. by Dr. Roy J. Pool, University of Nebraska. Mr. Peterson declares investiga-

Cheyenne County Will

Graduate 100 Pupils Lodgepole, Neb., May 18 .- (Speial.)-Commencement exercises for the county eighth grade graduates, will be held at Sidney, May 25. Supt. J. A. Sexson of the Sterling (Colo.) chools will deliver the address. It trial, he said. is expected that over a hundred pr pils will receive diplomas.

'Class Night" at Wymore

Beatrice, Neb., May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—William A. Wolfe, 62, president of Nebraska State bank of To Precede Commencement Wymore, Neb., May 18 .- (Speclass night immediately before the this city, philantropist, and prominterests of Beatrice since 1889, died ommencement to give students a chance to have a social time all their own, and at the same time perhere after a few days' illness with pneumonia. He was reputed to be worth \$500,000. He is survived by widow and one daughter. mitting them to make vacation arrangements in a definite manner.

Man Gets 8 Years in Pen **Rail Shops Closed.**

fected.

For Assaulting Girl, 8 Montreal, May 18 .- The Grand Walter R. Johnson was sentenced Trunk railway announced that its shops at Pointe Ste Charles would to the penitentiary for eight years by District Judge Troup yesterday be closed 10 days, beginning Monaiter he pleaded guilty on charges of assaulting Evaline Dahlke, 8, 202 day, because of slack operations. It is understood that the Canadian Pa-North Nineteenth street, January 11. cific also will close its Angus shops. Approximately 6,000 men will be af-

Improving Roads.

Sidney to Dalton is receiving spe-

cial attention, and when completed will be one of the best in the state

Lincoln Association Meets.

Salem . Neb., May 18 .- (Special.)

Ord to Organize K. C. Ord, Neb., May 18 .- (Special.)-

A new council of Knights of Colum-bus will be organized in Ord, May 22, when over 70 new members will Lodgepole, Neb., May 18 .- (Special.)-Excellent work is being done be taken into the order. on roads in the north part of Chey-enne county. The highway from **Baby Takes Poison.**

York, Neb., May 18.-(Special Telegram.)-Rollie Earl Klone, 2, son of Mrs. Elmer Klone died at his home Wednesday after he had caten poison tablets he found.

Lodgepole Commencement. -The 42d annual meeting of the Lincoln Association of the Congre-Lodgepole, Neb., May 18.-(Spe-cial.)-Capt. W. H. Munson gave the gational churches was held here. The commencement address to the senior sessions lasted two days. A large crowd was in attendance class of the high school here.

allies holding together. "Apart from treaty obligations, projects without consideration to the events which cannot be foreseen nust determine the future groupings Sale of the Berg stock started in of the nations, and the future of the

world and especially of Europe will The government will attempt to be determined by old or new prove the four men purchased potash friendships. leases in northwestern Nebraska for "Under these circumstances the

\$25,000 of the Berg company's money, treaty of Versailles is a document of then sold them to the same company infinite moment-especially to the for \$300,000, Assistant United States nations of the entente. It binds us District Attorney Peterson said. together when there is so much to Treasury Is Drained.

divide us. Those who treat its provisions as if they were the sport of passion and prejudice may not have to live log to regret their hot-headedness."

built a potash plant at Merriman, Neb., with part of the money re-ceived through the sale of stock, but they had so drained the com-Fairbury Women Injured When Train Hits Buggy

Fairbury Neb., May 18 .- (Spe cial Telegram.)-Mesdames Chester and Charles Wilcoxen and a small

girl narrowly escaped death this aft-ernoon when a Rock Island engine struck the horse which they were driving. The horse was instantly killed and the buggy completely demolished. The women were returning from the cemetery and view of the approaching train was shut off by empty box cars. Both women

were hurt and it is feared that Mrs. Chester Wilcoxen is seriously injured.

Bandits Tie Up Family

While Looting Home Franklin, Neb., May 18.-(Special.) -Masked bandits armed with shotguns entered the home of August Hundt, north of Riverton, and es-caped with \$100 in cash. Mr. Hundt his wife and aughter were bound while the robbers looted their home. Bloodhounds were placed on the trail but were unable to trace the men due to the crowd that had sur-

rounded the house immediately after the news of the outrage became known.

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ernment on "a liberal basis," Presi- Europe must have America's assistdent A. H. Smith of the New York ance, he said,

The plan to ask the 150,000 clergy-Central testified. The assertion concerning a liberal settlement provoked considerable discussion, during which Chairman Cummins said that the lawmakers "never dreamed that the settlement have their organizations communiover government ownership would cate with their senators and repredragging on this long, but some sentatives relative to the calling of a of the railroads haven't even preconference on disarmament, sented their accounts."

A statistical summary was pre-sented by Mr. Smith showing that Nemaha Valley Pioneer Dies at Table Rock Home the New York Central in 1916, spent Table Rock, Neb., May 18 .- (Speonly 64 per cent of its revenues on operating expenses, while in 1920 it spent 93.8 per cent, though its revcial.)-James H. Purcell, 89, died at his home here. He was among the enues had been markedly in-creased. Increase in the cost of laearliest pioneers of the Nemaha valley, having settled one mile north-east of Table Rock in 1860. He is bor was the chief factor in the insurvived by a widow, three sons and creased ratio, he said. **Blue Springs Hi-Y Girls**

a daughter, as follows: Willard W. Table Rock; M. L. Purcell, Lincoln, and Mrs. Della McCoy, Table Rock.

Table Rock Pays Homage

which 70 students participated was To Victim of World War staged in the auditorium of the High school. The receipts will be used Table Rock, Neb., May 18 .-- (Spccial.)-The body of Hugh Ellsworth DeHart, killed in battle, arrived here to defray the expenses for a student to represent the school at the summer vacation conference to be held and funeral services were held in the M. E. church. The services were

n June at Lake Okoboji. under the auspices of the American Legion, G. A. R. and W. R. C. All The play was under the auspices of the girls affiliated with the Hi Y. The program included two short business houses were closed during plays and a folk dance in costume. the services and the flag in the public All grades were represented. park hung at half-mast all day.



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tion shows the four gained control of the William Berg company char-ter, and were thus able to sell stock without going before the state "blue sky" board, as they would have done had they formed a new company. Postoffice Inspector Coble, who handled the case, has a large chest filled with evidence, which will be introduced when the case comes to

pany that it had no reserve to oper-

Beatrice Bank President Is Victim of Pneumonia