

Treasury Of Nebraska Is Not "Broke"

Crospey Says State Has Over \$1,000,000—Denies Pique Caused Letter to Governor.

Economy Is Necessary

Lincoln, Aug. 26.—(Special.)—D. B. Crospey, state treasurer, denied today that pique over the refusal of Governor McKelvie to sanction increases in salaries of certain employes in Crospey's office at a time when many salaries were being reduced had anything to do with his action in writing a letter to the governor while the latter was out of the city and releasing it in a democratic newspaper two days before the governor's expected return to Lincoln.

"Oh, no," Crospey said today, "the governor feels that he was acting within his rights under the budget law in refusing the increases." "At the time the refusal was made, Crospey was reporting that three men had gone into court with a mandamus petition to force the salary increases. However, this has not been done.

State Not "Broke." The letter published Thursday forecasted that it might be necessary to issue interest warrants for state expenses for a month or two, until the winter taxes began piling in. "Today, however," Crospey stated that he believed that such a proceeding could be averted and admitted that every year about this time, when the appropriations of a legislature become due and the big tax collections are not due until the following winter, that the treasurer has a formidable appearance and that the economy is necessary. Crospey denied the state was "broke" and again stated that there was more than \$1,000,000 in the treasury today.

George Johnson, state engineer, smiled when he was asked if curtailment of road work in Nebraska at this time would keep any more dollars in the treasury during the lean months from now until winter. "We could cut out the convict road work and save the cost of maintaining the convicts in the road camps," Johnson said. "But as for forcing contractors to quit now in order to keep the treasury filled, it won't do any good, as in every county where the state has made there is a provision that no money shall be paid the contractor from the state treasury until the appropriation money for that specific bit of work is there, and that means they must wait until winter, when the tax money will begin coming in."

Phil Bross, secretary of finance and revenue, explained the situation as follows: "Such conditions will continue until the end of time and continue to grow worse if Nebraska continues to grow and expand unless the legislature does one of two things—either change the time for collecting taxes so that it will dovetail with the time when legislative appropriations become due or create a sinking fund to take off the drain during the lean months." "The appropriations all become due either before or on July 28, while the tax money is not due until this winter, and as the state grows it is a natural sequence that appropriations must keep pace."

Coming Winter to Be Cold One, Weather Sharp Says New York, Aug. 26.—That next winter will be a cold one is the indication of weather data compiled by Dr. C. F. Brooks, formerly meteorologist of the federal weather bureau and now associate professor of meteorology and climatology at the Clark university.

Oldest Senator to Retire At Close of Present Term Hyde Park, Vt., Aug. 26.—A half century of public service entitles a man to a rest, United States Senator Carroll S. Page said, in announcing that upon completion of his present term in March, 1923, he would not be a candidate for re-election. He felt he said, that he had done his full duty, adding that he was the oldest member of the senate and that when his term expired he would have entered upon his 81st year.

International Rotary to Meet in Los Angeles in 1922 Chicago, Aug. 26.—Los Angeles was selected today as the 1922 convention city for the International Rotary club. The selection was made by the board of directors here after a strong invitation had been presented by William H. Stephens, president of the Los Angeles Rotary club.

10-Pound Boy Born to Dr. and Mrs. W.O. Henry



Dr. W. O. Henry, 63, formerly of Omaha, who divorced his wife to marry a trained nurse, is the father of a 10-pound baby boy, born at Los Angeles, August 14, according to word received here.

"He's the most beautiful child ever born in the Angelus hospital," the doctor asserts. "He was divorced from Mrs. Fanny L. Henry, his first wife, May 20, 1920, after 40 years of married life. He married Miss Hazel Henderson, the nurse, in Los Angeles later. She was 23 years old."

Losses on Auto Insurance Is Grave Problem Some Large Companies Have Discontinued Taking Risks on Cars in Cities. Insurance companies issuing policies on motor cars are growing more conservative in accepting this class of business, owing to increasing losses of cars by thefts and fire during the last year. Some of the large companies have discontinued insuring automobiles in the cities.

Will Hold Meeting. Representatives of insurance companies will discuss the automobile insurance situation at a conference to be held in New York city next month. Omaha insurance men will attend this meeting.

Print of Bare Foot May Lead To Arrest of Robber of Home The print of a bare foot on a varnished floor may lead to the arrest of a robber who Thursday night broke into the home of A. J. Arthur, 316 North Twentieth street, and stole \$35 and his citizenship papers from Arthur's trousers.

Lucy's Methods Too Drastic For Anti-Cigaret League Chicago, Aug. 25.—The resignation of Lucy Page Gaston, head of the Anti-Cigaret League, was announced before the board of directors, which issued a statement that "Miss Gaston's methods were more drastic than the methods approved by the league board of managers."

Oregon Senator Forfeits Bail as Traffic Violator Washington, Aug. 26.—Senator McNary, Oregon, forfeited \$5 bail when he failed to appear in police court to answer the charge of violating a District of Columbia traffic regulation, in operating an automobile past a traffic signal.

The House That Stood Back By C. C. Andrews. A BLUE RIBBON Adventure Story in The Bee Tomorrow

Will Face Jury in Fall Court Term

Bond of Widow of Slaying Auburn. Fixed at \$15,000 Preliminary Hearing.

Find Second Bullet Hole

Auburn, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special.) Mrs. Lucy Neal, charged with first degree murder in connection with the death of her husband, Ben Neal, in their home near Peru, Neb., August 11, was held to district court under \$15,000 bond at the close of her preliminary hearing here, shortly before 3 this afternoon.

She will be tried during the fall term of court. In the summing up of evidence, Attorney Hawzy for the defense declared that there was no mystery about the alleged suicide of Neal and that suspicion against Mrs. Neal had been created by newspaper stories. He asserted there was evidence connecting Mrs. Neal with the alleged crime. (Although the state has a stronger case against the 16-year-old daughter than against the mother, according to Hawzy, there is no evidence to show criminality on the part of either, he said.)

Says Suicide Possible. Judge Lambert, raving for Mrs. Neal, analyzing the testimony of several witnesses, contended that Doctor Vance on the stand had said there were powder smoke marks around the wound in Neal's neck. He also contended that it was physically possible for Neal to have inflicted the wound by discharging a pistol held either in the right or left hand. Lambert scored Sheriff Davis for what he termed the latter's "Sherlock Holmes and Scotland yard methods" of investigating the alleged crime.

County Attorney Armstrong, in a brief talk, stated that his is not an office of mercy, nor is he one to judge whether guilty or not guilty. But in view of the suspicions and evidence in support of the suspicions, he said, it was better for Mrs. Neal and society that she be judged by a jury of her peers. Were she discharged at the preliminary hearing, he asserted, there would always be about her the shadow of suspicion and she and her daughter would forever be vulnerable to the cloud of scandal.

Bond Provided. Immediately after adjournment of the hearing, Mrs. Neal provided bond. The bondsmen are A. M. Engles of the Nemaha county bank at Auburn, wealthy land owner; Mrs. Neal's brother-in-law, J. M. Wright, cashier of the State bank at Stella, and Frank Woodward, Nemaha special administrator of the estate of Mrs. Neal's late husband.

Cut in Rates Would Not Help Grain Movement Rail Official Says Washington, Aug. 26.—Grain is moving in great volume and reductions in freight rates would not increase the movement, F. B. Houghton, freight traffic manager for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, testified before the Interstate Commerce commission. The witness denied charges by representatives of 20 railroad commissions that rates on grain and hay were unreasonable, as compared with rates on other commodities, and exhibited figures showing that the revenue to the roads for transporting a loaded car of grain one mile was 36 cents, a loaded car of hay, 28 cents and an average carload of other commodities, 38 cents.

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London-Brussels Mail Plane Falls in English Channel London, Aug. 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—An airplane carrying mail from London to Brussels fell into the English channel a few miles off Calais, France, today as the result of the explosion of its petrol tank. It is not known whether there were any fatalities.

Mathias Erzberger Former German Premier, Murdered

Storm Center of Political Maelstrom for Many Years Victim of Assassin's Bullet.

Erzberger, German vice premier and minister of finance, was shot and wounded on January 26, 1920, as he was leaving the criminal court building in Berlin, after attending a hearing in a libel suit he had brought against Dr. Karl Helfferich, the former German vice chancellor. His assailant gave his name as Oltwig von Hirschfeld, a former cadet officer, 20, a student, and son of a Berlin bank official.

Von Hirschfeld was arrested and was quoted as saying he considered Erzberger dangerous to the empire. The assailant fired two shots at Erzberger as the minister was entering his automobile. One bullet glanced off the minister's watch chain and another entered his shoulder.

Was Storm Center. Erzberger roused a storm in Germany in July, 1917, more than a year before the armistice, by proposing a resolution in the German Reichstag in favor of a peace without annexations and for parliamentary reform. Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg declared this formula was unacceptable and Dr. Helfferich subsequently blamed Erzberger's peace proposal for the moral collapse of the German people. The former vice chancellor accused Erzberger of high treason, denounced him as "a menace to the purity of our public life" and invited him to bring suit for libel.

On Peace Commission. As a member of the German armistice delegation he conducted negotiations with Marshal Foch and later headed the majority-socialists in a movement to form a new ministry and sign the peace treaty. His attitude throughout the armistice negotiations aroused against him the indignation of the German military authorities, and in June, 1919, it was



DR. MATTHIAS ERZBERGER, reported that his residence had been fired upon by a Berlin mob. A plot said to have been formed by members of the officers' corps at Potsdam to assassinate him was revealed in September following.

Against Profiteers. He is said to have been a pan-German during the early part of the war and to have engaged actively in spreading German propaganda. He was accused of having recommended the use by German troops of the flame thrower. Later he declared Germany's U-boat war had failed and advocated its abandonment. Some time prior to the armistice he published a book in which he outlined a plan for a league of nations.

Call for Legion's Headquarters of Meet Is Sent Out Burlington, Ia., Aug. 26.—Federal officers raided a cabin on the Mississippi, opposite Burlington, Thursday, which they claim is the headquarters of the illegal sale of narcotic drugs in western Illinois and eastern Iowa. They have worked a year to locate the plant.

Sea Gulls Destroy Insects In North Dakota Fields Mandan, N. D., Aug. 26.—Thousands of sea gulls suddenly have appeared in the district east of Washburn, in McLean county, and swooping down on grain fields, are cleaning out the grasshoppers which in that area have damaged crops, more than dry weather.

Light Opera Star Must Pay Wife \$250 Weekly Alimony New York, Aug. 26.—Mrs. Sidonie B. Steel secured an order from Justice Wasservogel of the supreme court, requiring John W. Steel, the light opera tenor, to pay her \$250 a week alimony and \$1,250 as counsel fees, pending the determination of her suit for a separation which she filed three weeks ago.

Here Are Some of the Special Features Offered in The Bee for Next Sunday: "THE HOUSE THAT STOOD BACK"—A fascinating Blue Ribbon story by A. C. Andrews. Barraclough started out to paint the town red, but a woman and some purple curtains altered his plans.

OTOGRAVURE SOME MORE Scenes from Camp Brewster, where Omaha Y. W. C. A. girls frolic in summer. A bright, snappy and diversified Woman's Section. "The Married Life of Helen and Warren," by Mabel Hebert Urner. "How to Be a Movie Child," by James J. Montague. A complete Sports Section, with art features and articles by special writers.

Sinn Fein Reject All Proposals

Dail Eireann, However, Expresses Willingness to Negotiate on Principle of Government by Consent.

Will Fight If Necessary

By The Associated Press. London, Aug. 26.—The British government's peace proposals were laid before the Dail Eireann, which rejected them unanimously but is willing to negotiate on the principle of government by consent of the governed, Eamon De Valera says in his reply to Mr. Lloyd George, the British prime minister.

Rejection Is Unanimous. The letter, which bears the date of August 24, reads: "The anticipatory judgment I gave in my reply of August 10 has been confirmed. I laid the proposals of your government before the Dail Eireann and by a unanimous vote it has rejected them."

Tone in Conciliatory. "We cannot believe that your government intended to commit itself to the principle of sheer militarism, restrictive of international morality and fatal to the world's peace. If a small nation's right to independence is forfeit when a more powerful neighbor covets its territory for military or other advantage it is supposed to confer there is an end to liberty. No longer can any small nation claim the right to a separate existence. Holland and Denmark can be made subservient to Germany, Belgium to Germany or to France, Portugal to Spain."

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Habeas Corpus Petition Is Granted Slayer of Priest San Francisco, Aug. 25.—A petition for a writ of habeas corpus to obtain the release from custody of William A. Hightower, who is in the San Mateo county jail at Redwood City on a charge of murdering Rev. Patrick E. Heslin, Catholic priest, was granted Thursday by the district court of appeal. It is made returnable on Monday at 10 a. m.

Dies in Motor Accident Near Colorado Springs



Margaret S. Colvin. While on a vacation trip to Colorado Springs, Miss Margaret Colvin, teacher in the High School of Commerce, was killed in an auto accident Thursday.

Her sister, Mrs. A. G. Grimm, employed at Orchard-Wilhelm and four others in the same store, were in the party. Two others, Miss Myrtle Fitz Roberts and Miss Frances Atwell of Blair were injured, but not seriously.

The others were Mrs. Florence Niswonger and Mrs. C. G. Martin, wife of a store buyer. Miss Colvin's brother, Henry Colvin, 2218 North Eighteenth street; Mr. Martin and John Fitz Roberts, father of Miss Roberts, who was formerly vocational supervisor for Omaha schools, left for Colorado when news came of the accident.

America's Rights Are Guaranteed By German Treaty Text of Pact Ending War With Germany Made Public By Government Officials. Washington, Aug. 26.—Signature of the treaty of peace between the United States and Germany was formally announced at the State department Thursday night by Secretary Hughes.

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The Weather - Nebraska—Fair Saturday and probably Sunday; somewhat warmer Saturday in north and west portions. Iowa—Partly cloudy Saturday and probably Sunday; not much change in temperature. Hourly Temperatures.

Return Of U.S. Troops Forecast

Withdrawal of American Forces in Germany Soon After Ratification of Treaty Is Expected.

Would Lighten Expense

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Lead Wire. Washington, Aug. 26.—Early withdrawal of American troops from the Rhine, following ratification of the peace treaty with Germany, is foreshadowed by authoritative information forthcoming from the White House. The Harding administration, it is stated, does not believe in adding to the burdens of the Germans by continuing the expense upon Germany of maintaining forces of occupation any longer than is necessary.

Question of Policy. This is purely a question of policy and the United States has full freedom to act in this matter as it sees fit. That this policy will be to withdraw the troops as soon as appears feasible after the ratification of the treaty, in order to lighten the burden of expense borne by Germany, is indicated by the statement made at the White House.

Achieves Purpose. The treaty with Germany, it was pointed out, achieves the purpose enunciated in the Harding inaugural to disentangle the United States from participation in European affairs of no concern to America. It gives the United States the same status in the war settlement as the allies except as to the location of nations and the political, boundary and other matters of purely European concern.

Order of Foresters Officers Re-Elected National officers of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters were re-elected Thursday at a business session at the quadrennial convention being held in Omaha this week. The women are in session at the Knights of Columbus hall, Twenty-third and Harney streets.

Ask Audit for Estate of Trinity Cathedral Dean Mrs. Mary S. Fair, widow of the late Campbell Fair, dean of Trinity cathedral, and Campbell W. Fair and James Fair, his sons, who are already tangled up in county court over the handling of the estate, today filed a petition asking that an audit be ordered of the records of Richard F. Hall, the Potter Valentine company, Abraham L. Reed and the United States Trust company, all of whom handled the late dean's \$100,000 estate.

108 Degrees at York York, Neb., Aug. 26.—Government thermometers registered 108 degrees here today at 2 o'clock.