

Small Banks Fail To Respond to War Loan Board Offer

Omission May Force Farmers To Organize Own Finance Companies to Get Government Aid.

Unless more country banks of Nebraska make use of the War Finance corporation to secure agricultural credit, the farmers themselves will have to organize co-operative loan companies, C. J. Osborn, president of the Nebraska Farmers' union, has informed officers of the government loan agency. In conference with Senator C. H. Randall, F. W. Thomas, and J. M. Flannigan in the offices of the state committee of the War Finance corporation, he informed them that the farmers were not seeking to go into the banking business, but that at points where the local banks fail to extend credit for farm operations, the farmers would have to provide their own facilities for getting loans. He showed many pathetic letters from farmers who said they still were unable to borrow money to carry on their business and thus prevent having to sell immature stock or other products on an unfavorable market.

373 Applications In.

The War Finance committee is making strenuous efforts to keep its loans up to \$1,000,000 a week through county organizations of bankers and loan companies. Thus far it has received 373 applications for a total of \$6,476,000. In return Washington has approved and ordered paid 168 applications amounting to \$3,091,000. Chairman Thomas put in the mail yesterday recommendations for loans amounting to \$306,000. In the last two days there have been 48 applications, amounting to \$46,000.

Will Help Dairymen.

"The committee hopes that those banks that have failed to do will avail themselves of the funds offered by the War Finance corporation," said Mr. Thomas. "It is noticeable that advances now being made are mainly in the central and eastern parts of the state. The banks in the cattle country of western Nebraska are developing plans for local cattle loan companies, or are turning to the newly formed \$500,000 loan agency, the Nebraska Agricultural Finance corporation, and it ought not to be long before these government funds will be flowing to their patrons."

Central City Celebrates Opening State Aid Bridge

Central City, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Despite the unusual cold prevailing Tuesday, large crowds gathered in Central City to assist in the celebration opening the new state aid bridge spanning the Platte two miles due south of this city. An extensive program was given at the Auditorium with T. C. Martin, chairman of the Hon. Theodore M. Osterman, Merrick county representative, spoke on bridge history. Hamilton county was represented by County Attorney John Rheinhardt, George Leonard, from the state department of public works, also spoke. The early history of Merrick county was related by Attorney Pat Heaton and Robert Rice talked on the future development of the county. Music was furnished by the "Clarks" band, and George H. Gay of Hastings acted as entertainer. Picture shows, dances and roller skating were conducted free.

Citizens Protest Bond In Silver Creek Murder

Lincoln, Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—A dozen citizens of Silver Creek called at the attorney general's office today to protest against the release of John Maxwell and E. P. Hill on bail pending their trial for the murder of Ben V. Cooley at Silver Creek. Mason Wheeler, assistant attorney general, informed them that bond releases on murder charges were handled at the discretion of district judges and advised them to present their arguments to District Judges Post and Button.

Two Shaken Up in Tank Explosion at Grand Island

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The air tank in the Thomas Lane tire shop, near a busy street intersection here, exploded today while being filled, and Thomas Lane Peterson and William Menefee, the former an employe and the latter a patron, were severely shaken up. Nearly all the windows in the building were broken and equipment was scattered everywhere, several pieces of metal being hurled through the boiler plate of the tank.

Budget Commissioner For State Resigns Office

Lincoln, Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Sam H. Lesh, state budget commissioner, today announced his resignation to enter a construction firm. Phil Bross, secretary of trade and commerce, stated that if possible he would handle the work in addition to his other duties as one means of cutting expenditures.

University Places Votes Bible in Public Schools

Lincoln, Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The Board of Education at University Place today voted to install Bible study in the public schools. Whether a student shall take the Bible course is optional and the instruction must be non-sectarian under rules adopted.

Report Relief Bill

Washington, Dec. 20.—The house bill appropriating \$20,000,000 for Russian relief, as recommended by President Harding in his message to congress, was reported to the senate yesterday without amendment.

Girls Hurt in Strike Barrage; Street Cars and Autos Stoned

Street cars and automobiles in the packing house strike district were stoned early yesterday and several persons were injured.

Agnes Engle, 19, 4517 South Twenty-first street, and Gretchen Simmons, same address, clerks at the Cudahy plant, were driving to work in an automobile with Leonard Peterson. At Twenty-ninth and L streets a crowd of men threw stones and bricks, smashing the windshield, fracturing Miss Engle's right arm and bruising Miss Simmons on the body.

A street car was stoned at Twenty-fourth and N streets, nearly every window being broken. Patrolmen C. Paulson and C. Olson, passengers on a car that was attacked at Twenty-fourth and K streets, chased the crowd, firing their revolvers into the air, but caught no one.

Pepper Barrage Reported.

A big crowd of pickets was gathered at the Q street entrance to the Swift plant, including many women. It was reported that a pepper at workers going into the plant.

Brickbats were thrown at a southbound cross-town car at Twenty-fourth and K streets early this morning. One of the missiles struck John H. Flynn, stock yards employe.

Martial Law in Strike Zone Is Threatened by Chief Dempsey

Further violence or street fighting in the packing house strike district on the South Side may mean martial law, Chief of Police Dempsey told two representatives of the Butchers' and Meat Cutters' union in conference at Central police station yesterday.

"Remember," warned Chief Dempsey, "you fellows nor the public at large don't want any military men out there to keep order."

He was talking to J. W. Burns and Frank Lauer, union leaders, who sought the chief's advice on lawful picketing.

Chief Dempsey declared the leaders told him matters were running smoothly for the strikers so far. No complaints were made by Burns or Lauer, Chief Dempsey declared.

Commenting on spasmodic street fights and brick-throwing in the strike zone, Chief Dempsey said: "That's bound to happen, but if it becomes serious I can't say what action I'll take."

People of Ireland To Vote Upon Pact

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the minister of the fisheries in the Irish government. Mr. Etchingham, who is an old man, referred to "this treaty of terror" and urged rejection even at the cost of renewed war. He gained a laugh by declaring that Lord Lascelles, who is to marry Princess Mary, would be the first governor general and would be created the duke of Dublin.

The most powerful speech for the treaty was made by Fionan Lynch of South Kerry, one of the secretaries of the plenipotentiaries, who made a reasonable argument for the treaty and declared that the bones of the dead were being rattled indecently in the face of the country. As a fighting man himself, he declared that if he were dead and had any choice he would lead a legion to Collins, Mulcahy, O'Sullivan and Beasley, men with whom he had soldiered in life and who are now all for the treaty. During his speech he declared that he spoke for the people of South Kerry and a woman shouted back at him, "No, no, never."

She was removed by the chief of the Irish republican police.

Griffith and De Valera Clash.

At the end of the morning session Sean T. O'Kelly, the Irish envoy to Paris, put himself on record as being against the treaty. There was an incident at the end of the speaking which illustrates how the bitterness is growing between the factions. Mr. O'Kelly moved a half hour secret session, to begin in the afternoon, to enable Cathal Brugha, the minister of defense, to relate a statement. Mr. Griffith protested, saying: "Are the Irish people to be fooled all the time? He has had three days of secret sessions to say all that he needs to."

Sean de Valera immediately jumped to his feet, saying: "It is unworthy for the other side to suggest that we want secrecy. I am afraid that they have brought more than the treaty back from Downing street."

This caused an angry protest from Mr. Griffith, but eventually Mr. Brugha explained that he wanted to reply to something said at the secret session last week when the facts were not available, and a half hour was granted.

Paper Attacks De Valera.

A remarkable feature of the Irish situation today was the recovery by the Dublin newspapers of their independence. Resenting Mr. Brugha's threat of last night, the Freeman's Journal today revoted its leading editorial to an attack on Mr. De Valera's policy of secrecy, a second to a warning to Erskine Childers that Ireland does not want an Englishman's advice and a third to a direct reply to the attack on newspapers.

Other newspapers also are taking an independent stand. A few months ago one Dublin newspaper which criticized a Sinn Fein policy had 21,000 pounds sterling (roughly \$105,000) worth of machinery smashed. This changed attitude indicates that the papers feel that they have the public behind them.

Tax Slash Ordered By Governor McKelvie

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ported, and if it continued in the future as in the past it will run \$500,000 in excess of the first year's appropriations.

"That looks bad on the surface," said Bross, "but it must be borne in mind that printing and organization at the first of the school year are far in excess of the overhead for the balance of the year."

Normal and university heads demurred at salary reductions at first but acquiesced when the financial suffering of farmers and small home owners, and the reduction of from 10 to 25 per cent in other lines of labor revealed by Governor McKelvie's economic inquiry now under way at Norfolk, was pictured.

Governor McKelvie in discussing the special session reiterated he didn't contemplate asking repeal of

Women Friends Of Strikers March On City Council

Demand Investigation By Commissioners at Alleged Infractions of Sanitary Laws At Packing Houses.

Mothers, wives and women friends of the striking packing house workers, nearly 300 strong, marched from Sixteenth to Leavenworth streets yesterday and stormed the city council chamber, where Mrs. Anna Papek, leader of the women, addressed the city commissioners.

A special committee of commissioners was appointed after the meeting to investigate the charges made by the women. The committee consists of John Hopkins, Joseph Koutsky and Harry B. Zimman. They will investigate charges that the packers are housing men in unsanitary places and are employing men without a physical examination, contrary to law.

The parade was led by Andy Ukels and Jacob H. Davis, president of District Council No. 5 of the Butcher Workmen union.

Davis told the members of the council that in every instance the union leaders were insisting that their men obey the law to the very letter, but that in many cases the strikebreakers had not done so.

May Start on Hastings Auditorium in March

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Building of the municipal auditorium will probably start in February or March. Bonds in the sum of \$175,000 have been sold at par and \$100,000 of the proceeds will be used for the site and a downtown park. The city council has appointed committees to report on the employment of an architect and to negotiate for a site.

Overseas Vet Describes Executions in France

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armistice which he declared was directed by "Hard Boiled" Smith.

"This wrist of mine," said Harrison lifting his left arm, "was broken while trying to save myself from 'Hard Boiled' Smith and a couple of his sergeants."

The witness said he saw men taken to the firing line without gas masks or guns, as a form of punishment.

Pressing the cause of the lynching, Harrison said the victim had been ordered by Smith to sweep the stock yard with a tooth brush, "and they had a little party when he refused."

"Were you court martialed?" Senator Overman, democrat, North Carolina asked.

"Yes. The colonel cursed me and I cursed him back and he had me sent to the firing line after trial. His name? Colonel Holdbrook. If I ever get him, I'll make him remember me."

"They would not give me a gas mask and my trouble today is due to gas, the medical record shows."

Questioned by Senator Watson, democrat, Georgia, whose charges that American soldiers were illegally executed in France led to the inquiry, Taylor, the Philadelphia witness said the evidence in the court martial of the Detroit sergeant was given in French, but an interpreter was in attendance. The crime was assault on a girl.

"Was the man allowed counsel?" Senator Brandegee asked.

"One American officer was there. He asked some questions."

"Was the Detroit sergeant allowed to tell his side of it to the French court?" Senator Watson asked.

"No sir; he was not asked to testify, but he did say he was not responsible for the death of the girl concerned in the charge."

Sioux City Strike Zone Quiet.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 20.—The stock yards strike zone, the scene of a gun battle in which two were slain yesterday, was quiet today.

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