

Norton Is Made Head of Farmers

Farm Bureau Avoids Politics and Refuses to Put Gasoline Tax Stand in Resolutions. Favors County Manager

By PAUL GREER. Staff Correspondent, Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—J. N. Norton of Polk county was elected president of the Nebraska Farm Bureau federation. Mr. Norton is a democrat and succeeds Elmer E. Young, republican, of Lexington. Politics, however, did not enter into the selection. In their effort to steer clear of partisan questions, the federation refused to take any stand either for or against the measure, he decried any effort for political advantage and moved successfully that the section be eliminated from the committee report.

W. L. Purdy, a democrat from Madison, led the attack in which J. O. Laurence of Platte Center and Will Peck of Falls City joined him. It was John P. Davis, democrat, of Geneva, who put out the fire. Without taking any stand either for or against the measure, he decried any effort for political advantage and moved successfully that the section be eliminated from the committee report.

Mr. Davis also attempted to cut off consideration of the recommendation that salaries of all state, county and local officials be reduced to the prewar level on the ground that this was partisan, but was defeated on this. The amendment was made, however, that the reduction be limited to accord with the fall in the cost of living, and not to the low basis of the prewar years. A remarkable revelation of the confidence of the farmer in the recovery of farm prices was shown in this debate. Some county officials and others, including legislators, it was declared, are not now getting any too much salary.

When we get out of the hole and begin making money again, we don't want all the town people held down that they can't buy," said C. V. Thompson of West Point. This view prevailed unanimously. However, in another resolution support was indicated for abolishing certain county officials in order to reduce county taxes and propose establishing the county manager form of government.

By a change in the local constitution, the delegates, instead of the executive committee, elected the executive committee, elected the executive committee, elected the executive committee.

Lloyd George Rejects Alliance With France. Cannes, Jan. 6.—(By A. P.)—Premier Lloyd George has decided there can be no question at this time of a normal alliance between France and Great Britain. It is still no good authority, but he held out the prospect of a guarantee to aid France if it is again attacked, as in 1914, under certain conditions.

These are, it is stated, that France co-operate with Great Britain in the economic restoration of Europe and consent to modifications of the German reparations payments on the basis of a half billion gold marks in cash and a billion gold marks in kind, instead of two billion marks in cash.

Lloyd George, addressing the opening session of the council today, warned the allied powers that they could not look to any others but themselves to work out the economic rehabilitation of Europe. He appealed to the allies to set aside prejudices and work together to this end.

Teumseh Forger Blames Bootleggers for Downfall. Teumseh, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles Finney, hotel porter, pleaded guilty to forgery in the district court here and Judge J. B. Raper sentenced him to the penitentiary for from two to five years and fined him \$200.

Finney admitted appropriating a letter at the hotel sent by the Hax Smith Furniture company of St. Joseph to M. C. Fenny, salesman, endorsing a check for \$150 found therein and cashing it at a Teumseh bank.

Japanese Stateaman, Friend of U. S., Dead



Former Premier of Japan Expires at Tokio Home

Marquis Shigenobu Okuma, Known as "Grand Old Man" of Empire, Succumbs at Age of 80.

By The Associated Press. Tokio, Jan. 6.—Marquis Shigenobu Okuma, Japan's octogenarian statesman and former premier, died at his home here today. Washington, Jan. 6.—Count Okuma, whose death at Tokio was reported today, was known as "The Grand Old Man" of Japan and has taken a pre-eminent part in the life of his country for several decades. He was particularly interested in the promotion of a good understanding between his own country and the United States and made it a point to receive at his beautiful home in Tokio all visiting Americans of note.

Grand Island Police Nab Escaped Convict

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles Dunbar, alias Charles Johnson, alias Harold Murphy, who broke jail at Grand Island several months ago, was recaptured at Lincoln, but escaped from jail here, again has been apprehended by Grand Island police, after he broke into a store at Chapman, near here, late Thursday. Dunbar was being held at Lincoln for a Colorado authorities, when he escaped from the Lancaster county officials. While in jail here he was let out as a trusty, but stole the clothes of a fellow prisoner and made his getaway.

Captain Denies Story of Yank Killing in A. E. F.

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—Capt. Russell P. Tyler, who was in charge of the prison camp at Bassens, France, during the war, last night telegraphed the adjutant general of the army denying statements made today before the senate investigating committee by Edwin Dumer of San Francisco. Captain Tyler's telegram said: "I & Fitzgerald killed. It was purely an accident. Fitzgerald was standing in the mess line. An untruly negro prisoner was trying to take a rifle away from a sergeant."

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De Valera Resigns as President

Announces Own and Cabinet's Resignations—Declares Daily Executive Authority Irrevocably Disagreed. Will Seek Re-election

London, Jan. 6.—(By A. P.)—The Daily Eireann in Dublin has decided to vote tomorrow on the ratification of the Anglo-Irish treaty, says a Central News dispatch from Dublin this afternoon. Dublin, Jan. 6.—(By A. P.)—Eamon de Valera, after announcing today in the Daily Eireann his resignation as president of the Irish republic, declared that he was sick at heart, and that, whatever happened, he intended to retire to private life. He spoke with great feeling, with tears in his eyes, when he protested he had never been a party to any political controversy.

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Agricultural Bloc Opposed by McKelvie

Denver, Colo., Jan. 6.—The agricultural bloc, or any other "class movement," has no place in America, declared Governor Samuel R. McKelvie of Nebraska in an address before the Denver agricultural association. "The people are bound by no class interests," he said. "It is difficult to see the interests of any one class without doing injury to others," the governor said. He predicts failure of the agricultural bloc in the senate.

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Liquor Seized in West Farnam Home

Residence of John J. Chapman Raided by Federal Agents; \$3,000 Stock Taken. The \$25,000 home of John J. Chapman, 6208 Farnam street, was searched by federal prohibition enforcement agents yesterday afternoon and 133 quarts of bonded whiskey and 10 gallons of other liquors, all valued at \$3,000, were confiscated.

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Seeks to Have A. L. Reed and U. S. Trust Company Turn Over \$150,000 They Hold. Abraham L. Reed and the United States Trust company are cited to appear January 10 before County Judge Crawford to give cause why they should not turn over \$150,000 worth of property belonging to the estate of Campbell Fair, former dean of Trinity cathedral, to Mrs. Campbell Fair, widow and executrix, and Campbell Fair, son and administrator.

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Newberry Case Opens in Senate

Beginning of Final Round in Contest to Unseat Michigan Senator Featured by Bitter Fight. Defendant to Take Floor

Washington, Jan. 6.—The senate began today its final discussion of the Newberry case, precipitated by the contest of Henry Ford against the seating of Senator Truman H. Newberry of Michigan, his republican opponent in the 1918 elections, and was told by Senator Spencer, republican, Missouri, chairman of the senate privilege and elections committee, that Senator Newberry himself would take the floor Monday and defend himself against the charges which involve his campaign expenditures.

The subject under a unanimous consent agreement will not be discussed until the senate until disposed of. A vote is expected some time next week. Bitter Fight. During the debate today, Senator Newberry's claim to his seat was denounced and defended. Crowds filled the galleries in anticipation of a bitter fight and they could not be said to be disappointed, for at the outset Senator Caraway, democrat, Arkansas, launched an attack on the Newberry supporters for the position he said they were preparing to take while Senator Spencer and Senator Williams, democrat, Mississippi, soon joined in the debate.

When Senator Spencer announced that he had been informed Senator Newberry would take the floor Monday it was said by leaders that it would be the first time in the two years since his election that the Michigan senator had addressed the senate. There was also a prospect of a speech tomorrow by Senator Townsend, Mr. Newberry's republican colleague, who was said to be prepared to speak for three hours in defense of the junior senator from his state.

Frequent Calls for Order. Senator Williams had not long entered today's debate when the presiding officer was frequently forced to tap for order. As Mississippi senator's shafts produced laughter and occasionally applause from the floor and the galleries, it was Mr. Williams who elicited from Senator Spencer the statement that Senator Newberry would speak in his own defense Monday.

County Makes Drive on Dry Law Violators. Broken Bow, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Custer county officials are making a drive on liquor law violators. A still and about 150 gallons of mash were found at the John Ward farm, 10 miles north of Broken Bow, officers found 13 quarts of the finished product. Warcher paid a fine of \$100 and costs.

English Society Stars Appear in Divorce Lists. London, Jan. 6.—(By A. P.)—A number of names of distinguished persons appear in the list of 1,046 divorce cases to come up at the approaching sittings of the law courts, beginning next Wednesday. Earl Cathcart, petitioning for a divorce, cites the Earl of Craven as co-respondent.

Lady Ronda seeks the restitution of conjugal rights against her husband, Sir Humphrey MacKworth. Lady Belper is petitioning for a divorce. She obtained a restitution decree in July.

Lady Fraser seeks a restitution decree against Sir John Foster Fraser. Borah Presents Resolution to Break Up Pairs in Senate. Washington, Jan. 6.—A resolution designed to break up the long established custom of senate pairs was introduced today by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho. Proposed as an amendment to the senate rules, the resolution specifically provided that hereafter pairs should not be recognized unless a senator was detained at home by illness or absent on official business of the senate.

Man Arrested on Charge of Threatening Burns. New York, Jan. 6.—A man claiming to be Edward Webster of Waterbury, Conn., a lawyer and college graduate, was arrested today, charged with writing threatening letters to William J. Burns, chief of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice. He was held in \$1,000 bail and sent to Bellevue hospital for observation.

Assigned to Fort Crook. Washington, Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Maj. John W. Woodbury, Ordnance department, is relieved from duty at Frankford arsenal, Pennsylvania, and will proceed to headquarters, Seventh corps area, Fort Crook, Neb.

The Weather

Forecast. Saturday fair and warmer. Hourly Temperatures. Table with columns for time and temperature for various locations including Omaha, Lincoln, and other cities.