

### Opinions Vary on Methods for Tax Law Change

#### Administration Will Urge Employing Expert With Excess Funds in Old Appropriation.

Lincoln, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Variation of opinion exists as to best methods of appointing a person or a body to study Nebraska's tax laws during the coming year and give results of this study to the legislature at its next regular session.

This is one of the four major propositions submitted to the special session by Governor McKelvie and the administration plan, which probably will be supported by a bill to that effect, is to authorize the state tax commissioner to employ a tax expert or anyone he sees fit to study Nebraska's revenue laws.

"With this idea in view the \$8,000 which Mr. Osborne, the tax commissioner, has announced could be cut from his appropriation will not be included in the new appropriation bill and he can spend any part of it he wishes in carrying out a plan to revise our revenue laws," Governor McKelvie said.

#### Urges Commission.

Another plan was outlined by Representative Dwight Griswold, national leader, who arrived in Lincoln today for the special session. Griswold wishes to see a purely patriotic commission, meaning an unpaid commission, spend several months during the coming year in working for glory and recommend tax revisions to the next session.

"Those commissions have worked on the same proposition before," Governor McKelvie said, "and while they have recommended some very meritorious schemes the legislature has never seen fit to act upon their recommendations."

Griswold is for the gasoline tax and declares that it is growing in popularity by leaps and bounds in his country.

"The false stories of democratic politicians that it was merely new taxes straddled on the shoulders of the farmers are being whittled," Griswold said, "and the people of Nebraska are beginning to realize that the gasoline tax is an answer to the insistent cry for a reduction in taxation of real property and placing the entire burden of road building on the persons who use the roads, the motorists."

#### Democratic Flip-Flop.

Griswold laughed when asked if he would support the \$1,000,000 decreased appropriation bill.

"I sure will," he said. "The most inconsistent thing I ever saw in my life is the flip-flop of the administration's political promises who howled for months for reduced taxes and now that the governor has called a special session primarily to reduce appropriations they are against it. I wonder if the democratic politicians way down in their hearts didn't really want to see the people kept on suffering from high taxes, with no relief, so they could ride into office on a promise to reduce taxes."

"The truth of the matter is that they are right where the governor said they would be, out on their feet with their campaign plans for the next election knocked out from under them."

### McCumber Denies That He Is Radical

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Now the west is in the saddle but imbued with no disposition toward sectional retaliation.

"Whatever may be urged in favor of a free trade policy, had we built our national economic structure on that foundation, I think no right thinking man can fail to understand that a change of that policy today would practically destroy every industry in the United States and bring about a catastrophe, the miseries from which would be beyond description," said Senator McCumber. "This is no time to even dream of initiating a policy, the exact reverse of that which has been in operation for the most part for considerably more than half a century."

#### Must Maintain Tariff.

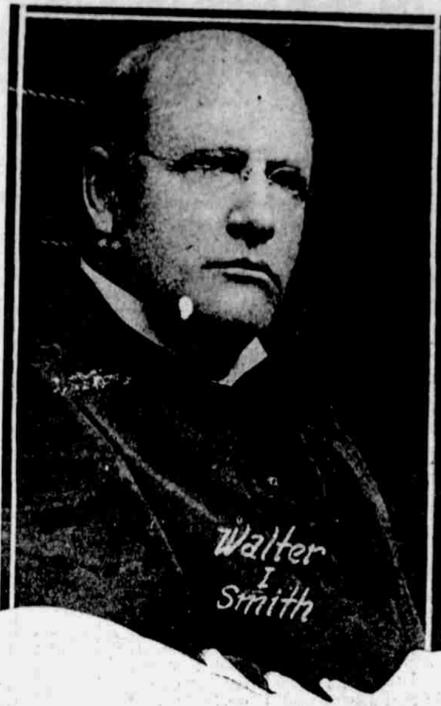
"So, come what will, we must maintain the protective policy in this country. But we must maintain it as a national policy and not as a sectional one. While it is impossible to give of varying conditions, to give every commodity exactly the same degree of protection, we should measure up to that standard just as nearly as we can. At times our surplus any commodity is so great that our price is forced down to nearly a world level, we should, nevertheless, continue the policy, that it may become immediately effective whenever that surplus is reduced. This is especially true of our farm products.

"It is worse than a mistake to assume that the average westerner is not at heart a protectionist. I think I am well within the bounds of accuracy when I say that the percentage of believers of that doctrine is considerably greater in the west than in any other section of the country, certainly far greater than in the state of New York. All the western man asks is that the protection accorded be reasonable, and that he shall be a sharer in its benefits directly as well as indirectly. Every real friend of protection will freely accord him that right."

#### Costs Have Mounted.

"The cost of production of nearly every commodity in the United States has increased from 100 to 150 per cent over the prewar cost. The cost of production in some of the countries which will contest for supremacy in our American markets has greatly decreased. Old world countries, spurred on by necessity, are preparing for a most extended invasion of the American market. The utter collapse of the standard of monetary values in many countries of the world, the circulating medium in some having become almost worthless, has added to the chaotic conditions surrounding us and increased our perplexities. We shall need in the solution of our industrial and financial problems the patriotic assistance and co-operation

### Judge Walter I. Smith Reported Critically Ill



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Judge Walter I. Smith of Council Bluffs is reported in a very critical condition in Mercy hospital in the Bluffs.

Dr. F. W. Houghton, family physician, announced a conference of specialists held little hope for his recovery.

The judge is suffering partial paralysis following a stroke of apoplexy two years ago last August. He rallied yesterday after having passed a severe night.

His brother, Forrest Smith, 438 North Thirty-eighth avenue, Omaha, was reported unchanged in condition yesterday. Forrest Smith was reported near death from cancer several weeks ago.

Only last October Chief Justice William Howard Taft, who when appointed, named Judge Smith, of prominence in their chosen work.

of every section of the country, as well as the helpful patience of the whole American public.

The republican party is the party of protection, and while no policy can with magic touch immediately revive a paralyzed world, I am certain we can greatly accelerate our industrial convalescence by directing our energies toward national and not along sectional lines.

#### Styles Self Protectionist.

"Speaking personally, while I am aware that I have often been considered as too ultra-conservative to satisfy the views of some elements of the west, it is new to me to be informed through some of our eastern journals that I am dangerously radical. Standing between these two viewpoints, I derive some consolation from the fact that I know myself exactly where I stand. I am a protectionist, but not a spotted one. I am a conservative, and must remain so. I believe in progress and in keeping abreast of the time. But I want to progress upward and not downward, forward and not backward. The same conservative and business-like course that prevents disaster and assures success in business enterprises is just as applicable in the conduct of national affairs."

Senator McCumber said that if the foreign loan refunding bill and soldiers' bonus bill were passed there would be "no difficulty in making one hand wash the other."

#### Wants Debts Funded.

"We want these foreign obligations funded immediately, to the end that the countries owing us may know just what their obligations are, when and how they are to be met, and we shall begin to realize interest on these obligations. I think we should be more liberal in the extension of time for payment of both principal and accrued interest, and most reasonable in the matter of interest rates," the senator continued.

"We must remember that these principal debtor nations were for three years engaged in the most desperate struggle the world has ever witnessed before we entered the conflict; that we reaped immense profits out of their miseries during those years, and that the loans we made them after we entered the war were, for the most part, simply credits which were paid out to American producers for goods furnished them, also at a very high price.

### Postal Clerk Is Held on Charge of Looting Mail

#### Arrested at End of Duty Tour With 13 Letters Containing \$148—Long Hunt Ended.

Frank J. Panowicz, 33, 3416 Pratt street, a clerk in the central post office, was arrested when he went off duty Friday night by Postal Inspectors Coble, H. A. Roland and F. M. Williams.

In his pockets were found 13 letters, containing a total of \$148. He is in the county jail.

Officers have been on the trail of postal thefts for about five months. They say they also found two decoy checks, sent by themselves, in his possession.

Among the letters found in Panowicz's pockets was one addressed to Rev. Father Edward McCarthy, St. Columban Mission, and others to the Bedden Clothing company, Chinese Mission and Near East Relief.

The penalty for this crime is one to five years for each count.

Panowicz has been employed by the Omaha postoffice for seven years, first as a carrier and lately as distributor of incoming mail. He left the service for a short time and was in the real estate business in the Paxton block, but returned to the postal service.

His wife is one of the beautiful young matrons of the north side.

### Alliance Bank to Get War Finance Money

Alliance, Neb., Jan. 21.—The Northwestern Cattle Loan & Investment company is the name of a new organization formed in Alliance by the officers of the First state bank of this city. It is capitalized at \$50,000, and its purpose is to secure loans through the War Finance corporation to aid livestock men of this section.

The following officers, all of whom are connected with the First State bank, were elected: President, H. A. Copey; vice president, Jay O. Walker; secretary-treasurer, Charles Britton; directors, the three named above, together with Fred Hayes and Miss Beatrice O'Brien.

The charter for the new company has been received and the organization is already in operation. Applications of stockmen for loans aggregating approximately \$200,000 have been received, several of which have been approved by the company. Two applications, one for \$11,500 and one for \$5,000, have been approved by the Omaha board of the War Finance corporation and these have been forwarded to Washington for final approval.

### American Proposals on Chinese Are Adopted

Washington, Jan. 21.—(By A. P.)—The American proposal to make public international commitments relating to China was adopted in a much amended form today by the far eastern committee of the arms conference.

"Every contract of the public character described which may be concluded hereafter shall be notified by the governments concerned within sixty (60) days after the receipt of information of its conclusion to the powers who are signatories of or adherents to this agreement.

"The Chinese government agrees to notify in the conditions laid down in this agreement, every treaty agreement or contract of the character indicated herein which has been or may hereafter be concluded by that government or by any local authority in China with any foreign power or the nationals of any foreign power whether party to this agreement or not, so far as the information is in its possession.

"The governments of powers having treaty relations with China which are not represented at the present conference, shall be invited to adhere to this agreement. The United States government, as convener of this conference, undertakes to communicate this agreement to the governments of the said powers, with a view to obtaining their adherence thereto as soon as possible."

On Monday the far east committee hopes to receive recommendations from its expert committee on measures dealing with the Chinese railways situation.

### She Is Most Popular Girl in Plattsmouth



Miss Kathryn Novotny, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Novotny of Plattsmouth, was voted the most popular girl of Plattsmouth at the Knights of Columbus bazaar which closed there Thursday evening. Miss Novotny is employed in Omaha. She is a sister of Mrs. Joseph Kvapil, 2834 South Twenty-first street.

### Nations to Put End to Secret Treaties

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#### To File All Contracts.

"The several powers other than China will file with the secretariat-general of the conference, at their earliest convenience, for transmission to the participating powers a list as nearly complete as may be possible, of all those contracts between their nationals of the one part, and the Chinese government or any of its administrative subdivisions or local authorities, of the other part, which involve any concession, franchise, option or preference with respect to railway construction, mining, forestry, navigation, river conservancy, harbor works, reclamation, electrical communications, or other public works, or public services, or for the sale of arms or ammunition, or which involve a lien upon any of the public revenues or properties of the Chinese government or any of its administrative subdivisions. There shall be, in the case of each document so listed, either a citation to a published text, or a copy of the text itself.

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### Find Omaha Man Dying From Poison

#### Discovered Unconscious in Hotel Room With Woman Who Also Is Expected to Die.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—Alfred Andrew Nichols of Omaha, recently discharged from the United States navy, and Miss Edith Gerald, Jackson hotel, were found unconscious in a room in the Grand hotel by a maid yesterday.

The couple registered at the hotel as man and wife Thursday, taking the room for a week. They were not seen again until found by the maid when she went to clean the room. On the floor were two whisky bottles, a bottle labeled "carbolio acid," and another marked "bichloride of mercury."

Both were taken to the Passavant hospital.

Late last night they were still unconscious. Doctors believe they took poison with whisky and that they probably will die.

In Nichols' pocket was found a letter addressed to Miss Katherine Boschulte, 2437 Brooklyn avenue, protesting his undying love and faithfulness.

"It won't be long till March, and I'll be here waiting for you—have no one else but you," he wrote.

A search of city directories last night failed to disclose the name Alfred Andrew Nichols.

### Gas Test at Columbus Is Above Omaha Average

Columbus, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Charles F. Crowley of Omaha, chemist, employed by the city council to make a series of tests of the quality of gas manufactured by the Columbus Gas company, found the heat-content to average 82.2 British Thermal units gross, which is about 10 more than Omaha, and that the gas is of good heating quality.

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