OMAHA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1922. .

# Advocates Sales Tax

Harding Informs Congress General Levy Is Only Feasible Means for Raising Bonus.

## Opposed to Other Plans

Washington, Feb. 16.—President Harding informed congress today he considered a general sales tax the only feasible method of raising funds for a soldiers' bonus.

The executive, in a letter addressed to Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee suggested that unless committee suggested.

ed that unless congress saw fit to enact a sales tax, passage of bonus legislation should be temporarily

postponed.

Declaring that the government had under consideration the disposition of surplus war properties and other transactions which should bring "great relief" to the treasury, the president said it would be wise to et the legislation go over if congress lid not deem it advisable to adopt

the sales tax.

The president's letter was regarded generally at the capital as leaving bonus situation even more complicated than before. Senate and house subcommittees were to meet late in the day to receive and con-sider the White House communica-

#### Sales Tax Lacks Support.

When the sales tax was discussed in the subcommittee last week it was understood that the senators were informed that less than 100 republican votes in the house could be mustered for a sales tax as a method of financing the adjusted compensation. Such a tax had been considered by house leaders as a possibility, but virtually had been discarded.

The text of the president's letter. hich was addressed to Chairman at Cedar Falls, la. He attended the Fordney of the house ways and means committee, follows:

"In accordance with the promise made to yourself and your associates on the senate and house committees charged with the responsibility of formulating pro-posed bonus legislation. I have carefully looked into the program of taxation which has been sug-gested. In addition thereto, I have made inquire into the feasibility of issuing either short time treasury notes or long time bonds to meet the financial obligations which the proposed legislation will impose. It is not possible to comment to you either of the plans suggested.

Suggests Sales Tax. adgment that any compensation legislation en.cted at this time to carry with it the provisions for raising the needed revenues, and I find myself unable to suggest any commendable plan other than that of general sales tax. Such a tax will distribute the cost of rewarding the ex-service men in such a manner that it will be borne by all the people whom they served, and does not commit the government to class imposition of taxes or the resumption of

### Ringling Yacht Burned; Six Persons Injured Lincoln Man Stricken

burdens recently repealed, the

maintenance of which can be justi-

(Turn to Page Two, Column Two.)

Bradentown, Fla., Feb. 16 .- Fire resulting from an explosion on the Salome, owned by John Ringling, millionaire circus man, injured six persons last night and destroyed the vessel which was valued at \$50,000. The injured are Mrs. John Ring-ling, L. C. Wallick, New York hotel man, and Mrs. Wallick, Mrs. Sanford Makeaver, Judge Ernest Hep-penheimer of the New Jersey court vanced that the exertion caused by of errors and appeals and Mrs. Hep-All except Judge Heppenheimer

were reported as having been severeof the Harbine vicinity, coming in the route to Governor Kendall of the burned. The only other persons the early '70s and residing there allows. board the vessel were Capt. C. W.

been caused by a backfire from the engine which ignited the gasoline tank. In a few moments the boat was in flames and it became neces- thur of Basin, Wyo., and a daughter, telegram informing him of his ac-

sary for those on board to leap over- Edith, of Wayne. The accident occurred during a se- Senate Asks Harding for

vere electrical storm. The yacht was of the auxiliary cruiser type, about 40 feet long. It was burned to the water's edge and

### Troops Are Held Ready at

Fort Bliss for Emergency El Paso, Tex., Feb. 18.-Five thou- the first time on the senate floor. and troops at Fort Bliss were being held today ready for any emergency which might arise along the border. They were mobilized last night when fors were scattered in Juarez and El Paso that 3.000 men were assemoling in the hills south of Juarez, and that the Juarez garrison was expected to "turn over." Juarez military and civilian officials strongly denied each report, but admitted they are aware that revolutionists are trying to recruit men in Chihuahua.

### Senate Farm Body

Wishes to Visit Shoals Washington, Feb. 16.—The senate agriculture committee today asked the senate, in a resolution, for authority to visit the Muscle Shoals power and nitrate project in connecion with the committee s consideration of Henry Ford's offer to lease the properties. The resolution, which proposed that the whole committee of 17 make the trip was reerred to the auditing committee because of the expenditures that would be entailed

# President Nebraskan Famous for His Eloquence Is Dead Siman Law

Matthew Gering

Leading Lawyer,

Prominent Democratic Poli-

tician of Platsmouth and

Noted Orator Victim of

Nervous Breakdown.

Plattsmouth, Neb., Feb. 16 .-

Special.)-Matthew Gering, 61,

prominent attorney, died in the state

Matthew Gering was born in Baaria, Germany, September 16, 1861.

He came to this country with his parents in 1866, when they settled

public schools there until 1875. He

graduated from Georgetown univer-sity, where he had led his classes.

Reputation as Orator.

gressional convention. At this time

til his nervous breakdown last No-

time he was identified prominently.

Member Omaha Elks.

on Road Near Harbine

LOVE-in-a-MIST

One lover's props were

the moonlight, the flow-

ering honey locust and

spring; the other's noth-

ing more than grapefruit

for breakfast in the

A BLUE RIBBON

love story.

Heaslip Lee in

Next Sunday's Bee

By Fanny

and Red Cross campaigns.

No. 39 B. P. O. E.

espital in Lincoln today.

Dies in Lincoln

Matthew Gering,

# Upheld by High Court

Instructor in Hamilton County Parochial School Fined \$25 for Teaching German Language.

#### Justices Dissent lwo

Lincoln, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The supreme court today affirmed the Hamilton county district court in military force being on outpost duty fining Robert T. Meyer, instructor in a parochial school, \$25 for teaching tance from the city.

the German language against edicts of the Siman language law passed by the legislature in 1919.

Meyer and the school board were charged by the state with evading the law by ostensibly lengthening the noon recess from 12 to 1:30 and using the last half hour of recess to teach

Meyer contended be did not come under the law because it did not for-bid teaching German outside of school hours and from 1 to 1:30 could not technically be called school

Strengthened by Amendment, Two members of the court joined

a dissenting opinion. Mason Wheeler, assistant in the Mason Wheeler, assistant in the office of Attorney General Clarence A. Davis, represented the state in the Chicago Ponzi, at present has a

The Opinion. The opinion, in part, reads: "It is within the power of the leg-

"The statute /prohibiting such teaching whenever pupils of the school should be assembled for purpose of receiving instruction, and was not limited in its aims to those trict Judge Robert R. Dickson of hours only which should be set aside to teaching of the common

#### After winning his degrees in law, he returned to Dakota where he had worked as a bookkeeper before entering college. In 1886 he was nam-Mrs. Appleby Gets ed a member of the territorial conhe established the reputation as an orator which remained with him un-

He removed to Plattsmouth, Neb., Jury Brings in Verdict After in 1887, opened law offices, and in 1888 was elected county attorney out the democratic ticket. From that Five-Hour Session-Suit Was for \$35,000.

Mrs. Anna Appleby, suing John During the war he applied his ora-Appleby, the brother of her divorced torical abilities to the various patrihusband, for \$35,000 for alleged otic drives including Liberty bond breach of promise, was given \$500 by jury in district court last night after it had deliberated five hours. He was a member of Omaha lodge

would appeal the case. -He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Eda Henry Harold, Miss Barbara Gering and Miss Mia Ursu-"I'd give \$500 to charity before I'd give her a cent," he said." After the jury had been given the la Gering, all of Plattsmouth, and case A. L. Sutton called the attenone brother, Henry R. Gering, of tion of District Judge Goss, who has been hearing the case, to the fact The body will be taken to Plattsthat the judge, some 30 years ago,

nouth, where funeral services will be obtained a divorce for Mrs. Apheld Sunday morning. The body then will be brought to Forest Lawn pleby. "Perhaps I shouldn't have heard the case," smiled Judge Goss. "I remember now I did represent Mrs. cemetery in Omaha where it will be

Appleby."
"It's all right," replied Sutton. "I over before telling you. I was avenue, Bird Rockwell and Buch-afraid you might cast a smile in the anan. direction of your former client if I Appleby is a retired Elkhorn farmer and is the brother of Mrs.

#### Fairbury, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The lifeless body of Edward Wrigly of Lincoln was found by Peter Wolters near Harbine. His body was found in the Appleby's divorced husband, Kenyon's Resignation road near the wheel of his automo-

Mailed to Governor Washington, Feb. 16 .- The resignation of William S. Kenyon as removing the casing brought on apoplexy, from which he died. United States senator from Iowa, to Mr. Wrigly was a former resident take effect February 24, was today

Senator Kenyon, who is resigning until his retirement to Lincoln, Jarriot, the master and his son, who about seven years ago. His body to take the federal circuit judgeship, was found close to his old farm and to which he recently was appointed his His body to take the federal circuit judgeship, The explosion was said to have it is supposed that he was on his by President Harding, mailed his way to visit the old place.

He is survived by his wife, two late yesterday, it was learned today. resignation to the Iowa governor sons, John of Derbys, Ia., and Ar. He also sent the Iowa executive a

#### Bodies of Los Angeles Data on 4-Power Pact

Boys Found in Snow Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 16.-Mem-Washington, Feb. 16 .- The resobers of a searching party returning here today told of finding in the lution asking President Harding for full information regarding the negosnow drifts in the mountains betiations of the four-power Pacific tween Mt. Lowe and Mt. Wilson, 20 treaty was adopted by the senate tomiles north of here, the bodies of day after a debate in which the arms Wilbur P. Lace and Ben Mustain, conference policies were discussed for Los Angeles high school boys, reported lost more than two weeks

> ago. The boys had started for a ranch but were caught in the recent record

> At one time the boys thought they had escaped the perils of the storm, as shown by a note the searchers found in a mountain cabin.

#### Finance Corporation Lends \$497,000 to State Farmers

Washington. Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The War Finance corporation announced today that it had approved advances of \$434,000 in Nebraska for agricultural and livestock purposes, and \$497,000 in

Swindled of Life's Savings St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 16.—Morris Heller, of Newark, N. J., before leaving here for Newark last night, announced that he had been defrauded of his life's savings of \$105,000 Annie Wilcox of Tekamah, were here last week by confidence men married Wednesday by Rev. A. S. and that he was returning to Newark to consult his attorneys. church.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 16.—Fort Bliss this evening still is mobilired, maintaining its "watchful waiting" policy since last night when troops were held in readiness to protect the border, after reports of an expected raid on Juarez by rebel forces were re-

"The status is the same as last night," it was officially announced at Brig. Gen. R. L. Howze's office this evenin, "However, men will not be confined strictly to camp. To will be permitted to attend will be permitted to attend monthly prize fight, which is heard within the post area."

In Juarez the situation is practical by unchanged. Military and civil officers on the alert.

Only a skeleton guard is on duty at the garrison in the downtown dis-trict of Juarez, the remainder of the

## Chicago Ponzi Seeks \$30,000 From Nebraska

Suit Tried to Recover Funds Lost by Failure of Brown County Bank at Long Pine.

case pending in the district court of At the last session the Siman law was strengthened by passing the Reed-Norval law.

Brown county, Nebraska, growing out of the failure of the Brown County bank of Long Pine, in which he is seeking to recover from the Nebraska state guarantee fund \$30,000 for certificates of deposit "It is within the power of the legislature to say that education of a child in primary grades shall not be conducted in a foreign language, and prevent teaching of foreign language until he is thoroughly grounded in English.

which he alleges he paid \$24,000 for and which were issued by the bank in the name of H. F. Bird of Brown county and taken by Bird and Howard O. Wilson, cashier of the bank, to Chicago, where they were sold to Bischoff. The state is resisting the payment of these certificates, one of teaching was intended to prohibit its the grounds being that they were

O'Neill.

Bischoff testified in person at the rs. Appleby Gets
\$500 Heart-Balm

y Brings in Verdict After

Bischoff testified in person at the hearing that he purchased the certificates through S. P. Buchanan, whom he described as "my broker executing my orders for the purchase and sale of bonds on the New York Stock exchange." He testified that a very great condition of confidence existed between them and that his transactions with Buchanan amounted to as high as \$100,000 a day.

Describes Brokers-E. R. Rockwell, whom Bischoff described as "a Chicago broker of no Chicago, were mentioned by Bis- allotments. choff in the deal, also the Great Lakes Trust company of Chicago, Appleby declared last night he his bankers, and Assistant Cashier

Augustus of the trust company. At the hearing December 20, last year, in establishing his identity, Bischoff described his business as finance, consisting of brokerage, financing corporations and investments and banking business and that he had resided in Chicago four

ears.
Bischoff testified that he paid cashier's check of \$24,000 and \$4,500 in cash for the certificates and was informed that later the \$4,500 was split between Luther F. Binkley, thought I'd wait until the trial was Chicago attorney, 3013 East Wood

Biscoff, when asked what he understood by a bank deposit, said, I take notes, bills of exchange, acceptances and deposit them in my bank and get credit for them and they immediately become deposits against which I can draw cash. P. N. Dole, Chicago lawyer, and

Burnham Testifies.

C. E. Burnham, president of the Norfolk National bank, a director of the Federal Reserve bank, until January 1, 1921, and a director in the Tilden National, the Citizens State bank, the Stanton National and the Norfolk Savings bank, testified at the hearing that it was a common practice in Nebraska among state banks to issue certificates of deposits without the deposit of money, with the tacit consent at least of the state banking board; that it was a matter of very frequent occurrence and that the state banking board had taken no action to stop such practice to his knowledge. He afirmed that it was a common practice at the time for the sale of these certificates to be negotiated and that it had become a common practice to issue certificates of deposit for notes put in banks or any other collateral which the bank recognizes

#### Freight Steamer Reported Without Fuel and Drifting

Boston, Feb. 16.-The freight steamer West Carnifax, Hamburg and Rotterdam, for Galveston, re-ported by radio last night that she was without fuel or rations and was drifting southwest at a rate of two miles an hour. She gave her posi-tion as latitude 37.40 north, longitude 65.54 west, which is about 500 miles southeast of New York Other messages picked up here indicated that the Steamer Eldaria,

sel. Arrangements were made to send out the coast guard cutter Tampa this morning. Tekamah Couple Wed. Robert Parke Loftis and Miss Buell of the Trinity Methodist

Havre for New York, had gone to

the assistance of the distressed ves-

# Fort Bliss Continues "Watchful Waiting" "Let's Keep Them All---What Do You Say?"



# Banker-Trader Sacrifices All for Creditors

President of Defunct Homer Insurance Company Organ-State Bank Draws Praise of State Commerce

Secretary.

possessions,

"During the war when everything and because of questioned financial

was at peak prices O'Connor pur-chased land with unlimited credit which was valued at \$300,000," Hart said today. "He has voluntarily sacrificed lows:

acres of land at peak prices. in the numerous failures of the last represent said company."

was in a better state of affairs as the two years."

was in a better state of affairs as the represent said company result of military occupation is con-

#### Receivership Asked for Railway Laborers Union

Toledo, O., Feb. 16.-Appointment of a receiver for the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes and Railway Shop Laborers is asked in a petition filed in federal Bacon Brothers company of Toledo,

it became known today The petition asks that the receiver take possession of all property of the brotherhood within the jurisdiction of this court, including all money on deposit with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' Co-Operative National bank of Cleveland, and that a temporary restraining order to the gallows tomorrow to pay be issued enjoining E. Frank with his life for the death of two Grable, individually and as president men he brutally murdered in order of the brotherhood, and all other to obtain an automobile. Church, who officers from withdrawing, transferring, assigning or encumering any of the funds of the brotherhood on

### Deadlock Reported on

Proposed Steel Merger New York, Feb. 16.-A deadlock Phonograph Music has been reached in the proposed merger of several of the independent western steel producing companies, according to report current yester-

The outcome of the proposed mer question no agreement has

### Omaha Women Must Serve

Sentence for Shoplifting Fire Destroys Fort Dodge Lincoln, Feb. 16.-(Special.) Maude Robinson and Grace Slade, Omaha women, must serve from 1 to 7 years in the penitentiary for Snell shops building, a business shoplifting in Lincoln, under an block, occupied by 11 firms, was dethe Lancaster county district court. | 000.

# **State Officials** Take Control of **Pyramid Mutual**

ized Year Ago by Former Lion Bonding Men Is Declared Insolvent.

Feb. 16. - (Special.) - The bureau of insurance of the about town who does everything and anything he can," he said, represented Bird and Wilson in the deal, sented Bird and Wilson in the deal, Harry A. Massey & Co., traders of which he traded to Indians for land dent company, 1708 Dodge street, proclamation of Governor McKelvie,

> keeper and ther to president of the day. February 6, the bureau of in- today. Homer State bank, which was closed surance notified the Pyramid comyesterday by J. E. Hart, secretary of pany to cease writing new business the period of martial law, as well as due the senate and the department of trade and com- in this state, on account of the com- the military court created to punish people, since the 900-page book of

> > condition. Says Condition Crippled.

Insurance men were officially advised by Mr. Young further as fol-lows: "An examination of the comeverything he had in the world to pany by this department shows them carry out the provisions of the court Bermuda. satisfy his creditors from whom he to be in such a condition that they and "conscientiously continue to preborrowed money to buy hundreds of will be unable to reinsure or continue serve peace and order in the precinct." "It is the biggest, voluntary, perwill be necessary that this departwhich the military conducted itself sonal sacrifice made by any banker ment suspend your agent's license to and satisfaction that the community

Thanks to O'Connor's action in have agreed to surrender their af- tained in a statement of the govern-P. N. Dole, Chicago lawyer, and turning over everything to liquidate fairs to the state insurance depart- or. Not a single shot was fired by Joseph B. Fradenburg of Omaha the failed bank, Hart stated that ment without taking advantage of the troops during the three weeks' ment without taking advantage of the troops during the three weeks' were Bischoff's attorneys at Long eventually the failure would not cost the 90-day provision which they Pine. they stay. financial embarrassment," said Mr. Coroner's Jury Not Able

### Directors Approve Move.

This arrangement was approved at a meeting of the directors yesterday afternoon in the offices of the com-The officers of the Pyramid com-

pany are F. B. Alldredge, president; court here late yesterday by the W. F. Leech, vice president, and J. (Turn to Page Two, Column Three.)

#### Harvey Church Carried to Death Cell in Stretcher Chicago, Feb. 16 .- Harvey Church was wheeled to the death cell in the

county jail on a stretcher today to spend the last 24 hours before going has been forcibly fed through a tube for several days since going on a hunger strike, fought viciously as his guards wheeled him down the corridors. It is planned to wheel him to the gallows and strap him in

Quiets Boy Under Knife in general only gradual betterment Chicago, Feb. 16 .- A boy 16 years old underwent a serious operation while listening to a phonograph playing "Livery Stable Blues" here yesger hinges largely on the questions terday. Only a local anaesthetic was of valuations and securities. On this used. The boy had had other operabeen tions, the physician said, and hated anaesthetics, so music was tried to keep his mind occupied. It was successful, the physician said.

Building; Loss Is \$300,000 Fort Dodge, Ia., Feb. 16.—The Snell shops building, a business opinion handed down today by su- stroved by fire here early today. The preme court affirming sentence of loss is estimated at more than \$300,-

# Troops Will Be Withdrawn From Nebraska City

No Further Need of Martial Law, Governor's Proclamation States-Military Sentences to Stand.

Lincoln. Feb. 16.-The state of

the affairs of this company followed men, sent there to put down dis- ing thrown on certain questions In the 40 years he was trans- the mailing of letters to insurance orders growing out of a strike of raised in regard to the interpretaformed from Indian trader to store- men, advising them that on Mon- packing house workers will evacuate tion of the treaty terms.

Military orders established during declared a further explanation was pany's inability to pay policy claims violators, ceased to function with the data submitted with the treaties termination of military rule, accord- contained scarcely a reference to ing to the proclamation. Sentences the four-power pact. imposed by the court, however, as they now exist or shall be modified,

Chicago, Feb. 16.—(Special)—A respected under the treaty pro-coroner's jury here yesterday was unable to solve the double death mystery surrounding the finding of Alfred Andrew Nichols of Omaha and Mrs. Ursula Thompson Rogers, former actress and widow of a Kentucky millionaire, fatally poisoned in

a hotel here January 21. The verdict of the jury held that Mrs. Rogers died from poison administered either accidentally or intentionally. Nichols was said to have taken his own life. The inquest was called over the Rogers woman when police were working on a murder theory.

### **Business Conditions**

Gradually Improving Washington, Feb. 16. - Business conditions throughout the country are better than they were a year ago, in the view of treasury officials who declared, however, that the improvement has been gradual and there was no immediate prospect of a sudden pickup in business activities. Some seasonable activity might be looked for in the spring, they asserted, but

### The Weather

Forecast.

Friday fair; rising temperature. Hourly Temperatures. Highest Thursday.

# More Light on Pacific Pact Asked

Senate Resolution Presented by Hitchcock Requests Full Information on Four-Power Treaty Negotiations.

## Other Agreements Read

Washington, Feb. 16,-Senate de-

By The Associated Press.

bate on the four-power Pacific treaty began today with a preliminary tilt resulting in a request to President Harding for all available information as to how the treaty was negotiated. An hour of general discussion which brought to the surface various ross currents of senate opinion, but failed to develop definitely the rela-tively strength of supporters and op-ponents of the treaty, preceded adoption of the formal request for information. The resolution had the sub-

port of republican and democratic leaders alike and was approved without a record vote. While it awaited the president's reply, the foreign relations committee ecided to go ahead with other treaties respiting from the arms nepoti-ation, in the hope that all of them might be pressed to ratification with-out delay. At a meeting late in the day, the committee completed its reading of the naval limitation and submarine treaties it count bringing to light any indication of opposition. Tomorrow it will read through the general far eastern and Chinese

Hitchcock Presents Resolution. Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, ranking democrat member of the committee and leader of the unsuccessful fight for the ratification of the treaty of Versailles, presented the resolution requesting full information from the president. With some minor changes in phrasology, it promptly was accepted by Senators Lodge of Massachusetts and Under-wood of Alabama, republican and democratic leaders, respectively, and both members of the American delegation to the arms conference, al-though each declared he knew of no information regarded the four-power

negotiations that was not a ready before the senate.

Senator Underwood, explaining at length why no record of the negotiations was kept, declared the discussions could not be carried on in

a public way because they concerned principally the abrogation of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, on which the American delegation could speak only by private suggestion.

Hitchcock "Amazed." Declaring himself "amazed" that Yesterday O'Connor, at the age of yesterday afternoon. Mr. Young stating "that violence and disorder no minutes of so important a discussion has beautiful home was accompanied by J. B. Chase, with a suitcase holding his personal effects, all he had left in worldly afterney general.

The intervention of the state into The remaining units of guards—least might result in some light be-Johnson, republican, California, also

> When President Harding will reply to the resolution was uncertain,

It was indicated, however, that action would be taken as quickly as possible because of the president's treaties completed without delay. In order that the full scope and intent of the four-power agreement might be understood, Mr. Lodge put into the senate record a copy of a note sent by the four signatory powers to Portugal and the Netherlands. spected in the same manner as those nations in the Pacific would be respected in the same manner as these to Solve Double Death of the signatories which are to be

#### 5 Die in N. J. Town in 5 Days From Poisonous Liquor

Ridgefield Park, N. J., Feb. 16 .-Five persons have died from drinking poisonous liquors here in the last five days. Discovery of the source of the liquor was made today upon the death of Charles Kelly, railroad gate tender, when his daughter made affidavit that he had purchased the

liquor from John Best.
Before Best could be located he also had succumber to alcoholic poisoning. Detectives who visited Best's home found his son. Harry Best, desperately ill. He was taken to a hospital where he died without re-

gaining consciousness. Investigations by the police ealed that two men who died at a Hackensack hospital recently had

## purchased liquor from Best.

Rickenbacker Delayed by Snowstorm in Sierras San Francisco, Feb. 16.-Eddie Rickenbacker, American ace, who was due to complete a flight from Omaha to San Francisco today in an airplane of the mail service, will not arrive until 9 tomorrow morning, on account of heavy snow storms in the Sierra Nevada mountains, according to word received from Reno by radio

#### message to service officials here. Sentenced to Church

Chicago, Feb. 16.-George Moh-ring, 22, and his brother, Robert, 18. must attend church regularly and must get down on their knees before their mother and beg forgiveness for the trouble they have caused her, under the terms of a sentence imposed on them yesterday.
The boys were arrested for their of