

President 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 congress saw fit to enact a sales tax, passage of bonus legislation should be temporarily postponed.

Nebraskan Famous for His Eloquence Is Dead



Matthew Gering, Leading Lawyer, Dies in Lincoln

Prominent Democratic Politician of Plattsouth and Noted Orator Victim of Nervous Breakdown.

Plattsouth, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Matthew Gering, 61, prominent attorney, died in the state hospital in Lincoln today. Matthew Gering was born in Bavaria, Germany, September 16, 1861. He came to this country with his parents in 1866, when they settled at Cedar Falls, Ia. He attended the public schools there until 1875. He graduated from Georgetown university, where he had led his classes.

Member Omaha Elks. He was a member of Omaha lodge No. 39 B. P. O. E. He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Eda Henry Harold, Miss Barbara Gering and Miss M. J. Ursula Gering, all of Plattsouth, and one brother, Henry R. Gering, of Omaha.

Ringling Yacht Burned; Six Persons Injured

Bradenton, Fla., Feb. 16.—Fire resulting from an explosion on the Salome, owned by the Ringling millionaire circus man, injured six persons last night and destroyed the vessel which was valued at \$50,000. The injured are Mrs. John Ringling, L. C. Wallick, New York hotel manager, and Mrs. Wallick, Mrs. Sanford Makeover, judge Ernest Hoppenheimer of the New Jersey court of errors and appeals and Mrs. Hoppenheimer.

Lincoln Man Stricken on Road Near Harbire

Fairbury, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The lifeless body of Edward Wrigley of Lincoln was found by Peter Wolters near Harbire. His body was found in the road near the wheel of his automobile, where he was apparently removed a tire. The theory is advanced that the exertion caused by removing the casing brought on apoplexy, from which he died.

Senate Asks Harding for Data on 4-Power Pact

Washington, Feb. 16.—The resolution asking President Harding for full information regarding the negotiations of the four-power Pacific treaty was adopted by the senate today after a debate in which the arms conference policies were discussed for the first time on the senate floor.

LOVE-in-a-MIST

One lover's props were the moonlight, the flowering honey locust and spring; the other's nothing more than grapefruit for breakfast in the diner.

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 connection 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 referred to the scattered committee because of the expenditures that would be entailed.

Siman Law Upheld by High Court

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

Two Justices Dissent

Lincoln, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The supreme court today affirmed the Hamilton county district court in fining Robert T. Meyer, instructor in a parochial school, \$25 for teaching 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 German.

Meyer contended he did not come under the law because it did not forbid teaching German outside of school hours and from 1 to 1:30 could not technically be called school hours. Strengthened by Amendment. Two members of the court joined in a dissenting opinion.

Mrs. Appleby Gets \$500 Heart-Balm

Jury Brings in Verdict After Five-Hour Session—Suit Was for \$35,000.

Mrs. Anna Appleby, suing John Appleby, the brother of her divorced husband, for \$35,000 for alleged breach of promise, was given \$500 by jury in district court last night after it had deliberated five hours.

Kenyon's Resignation Mailed to Governor

Washington, Feb. 16.—The resignation of William S. Kenyon as United States senator from Iowa, to take effect February 24, was today en route to Governor Kendall of Iowa.

Bodies of Los Angeles Boys Found in Snow

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 16.—Members of a searching party returning here today told of finding in the snow drifts in the mountains between Mt. Lowe and Mt. Wilson, 20 miles north of here, the bodies of Wilbur P. Lace and Ben Mustain, Los Angeles high school boys, reported lost more than two weeks ago.

Freight Steamer Reported Without Fuel and Drifting

Boston, Feb. 16.—The freight steamer West Carnifax, Hamburg and Rotterdam, from Galveston, reported 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 position as about 37 1/2 north, longitude 65.54 west, which is about 500 miles southwest of New York.

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 Iowa.

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 here last week by confidence men and that he was returning to Newark to consult his attorneys.

Fort Bliss Continues "Watchful Waiting"

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 16.—Fort Bliss this evening still is mobilized, 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 received.

Chicago Ponzi Seeks \$30,000 From Nebraska

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

O'Neill, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Raymond J. Bischoff, the Chicago Ponzi, at present has a case pending in the district court of 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 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.

Banker-Trader Sacrifices All for Creditors

President of Defunct Homer State Bank Draws Praise of State Commerce Secretary.

Lincoln, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Forty years ago J. O'Connor arrived at Homer, Neb., with a sack over his shoulder filled with trinkets which he traded to Indians for land allotments. Yesterday O'Connor, at the age of 70, walked from his beautiful home with a suitcase holding his personal effects, all he had left in worldly possessions.

Receivership Asked for Railway Laborers Union

Toledo, O., Feb. 16.—Appointment of a receiver for the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers is asked in a petition filed in federal court here last yesterday by the Bacon Brothers company of Toledo, it became known today.

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 to the gallows tomorrow to pay with his life for the death of two men he brutally murdered in order to obtain an automobile. Church, who 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 a chair on the trap.

Deadlock Reported on Proposed Steel Merger

New York, Feb. 16.—A deadlock has been reached in the proposed merger of several of the independent western steel producing companies, according to report current yesterday. The outcome of the proposed merger hinges largely on the questions of valuations and securities. On this question no agreement has been reached.

Omaha Women Must Serve Sentence for Shoplifting

Lincoln, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Maude Robinson and Grace Slade, Omaha women, must serve from 1 to 7 years in the penitentiary for shoplifting in Lincoln, under an opinion handed down today by supreme court affirming sentence of the Lancaster county district court.

Tekamah Couple Wed.

Robert Parke Loitis and Miss Annie Wilcox of Tekamah, were married Wednesday by Rev. A. S. Buell of the Trinity Methodist church.

"Let's Keep Them All---What Do You Say?"



State Officials Take Control of Pyramid Mutual

Insurance Company Organized Year Ago by Former Lion Bonding Men Is Declared Insolvent.

The bureau of insurance of the state department of trade and commerce, through W. B. Young, chief of the bureau, assumed charge of the affairs of the Pyramid Mutual accident company, 1708 Dodge street, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Young was accompanied by J. B. Chase, deputy attorney general.

Coroner's Jury Not Able to Solve Double Death

Chicago, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—A 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.

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.

Fire Destroys Fort Dodge Building; Loss Is \$300,000

Fort Dodge, Ia., Feb. 16.—The Snell shops building, a business block, occupied by 11 firms, was destroyed by fire here early today. The loss is estimated at more than \$300,000.

Sentenced to Church

Chicago, Feb. 16.—George Moring, 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 theft of automobile accessories.

More Light on Pacific Pact Asked

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

Other Agreements Read

By The Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Senate debate 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 cross currents in senate opinion, but failed to develop definitely the relative strength of supporters and opponents of the formal request for information. The resolution had the support of republican and democratic leaders alike and was approved without a record vote.

While it awaited the president's reply, the foreign relations committee decided to go ahead with other treaties resulting from the arms negotiations in the hope that all of them might be pressed to ratification without delay. At a meeting late in the day, the committee completed its reading of the naval limitation and submarine treaties in view of bringing to light any indication of opposition. Tomorrow it will read through the general arm eastern and Chinese tariff pacts.

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 phrasing, it promptly was accepted by Senators Lodge of Massachusetts and Underwood of Alabama, republican and democratic leaders, respectively, and both members of the American delegation to the arms conference, although each declared he knew of no informal talks regarding the four-power negotiations that was not ready before the senate.

Troops Will Be Withdrawn From Nebraska City

Lincoln, Feb. 16.—The state of martial law which has been in existence in Four Mile precinct at Nebraska City, in Otoe county, since January 28, ceased at 10 today by a proclamation of Governor McKelvie, stating "that violence and disorder had been suppressed and there was no further need of martial law."

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

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"

The "heads of delegation," Mr. Underwood added, conducted directly most of the international exchanges leading up to the treaty. Declaring himself "amazed" that no minutes of so important a discussion had been kept, Senator Hitchcock replied that his resolution at least might secure the information being thrown on certain questions raised in regard to the interpretation of the treaty terms. Senator Johnson, republican, California, also declared a further explanation was due the senate and the American people from the 900-page book of data submitted with the treaties contained scarcely a reference to the four-power pact.

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

Ridgefield Park, N. J., Feb. 16.—Five persons died in their 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.

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.

The Weather

Forecast. Friday fair; rising temperature. Hourly Temperatures. 8 a. m. 39 10 a. m. 40 12 m. 41 2 p. m. 42 4 p. m. 43 6 p. m. 44 8 p. m. 43 10 p. m. 42 11 p. m. 41