

Norris Raps Proposals of Hoover

Suggestions as to Conduct of Big Business Organizations Scored by Nebraska Senator.

Nullify Anti-Trust Laws

By GRAFTON WILCOX. Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Secretary of Commerce Hoover's recent suggestions to Attorney General Daugherty as to the conduct of big business organizations would nullify the Sherman antitrust law, in the opinion of Senator Norris of Nebraska.

After studying the letter written by Secretary Hoover to Attorney General Daugherty relating to operations of big business, Senator Norris has risen to protest against it as a proposal to permit organized business activities which would "make the famous Gary dinners sink into insignificance" and kill competition as "dead as a door nail."

Senator Norris, admitting that Attorney General Daugherty has not committed himself to Secretary Hoover's ideas, voices the hope that he will not, and has served notice that he, for one, will cry out against the adoption of any such liberal policy toward trusts as the Hoover letter would sanction.

Repealed by Hoover. "It is quite evident to me," said Senator Norris, "in commenting on Secretary Hoover's letter, that whatever, if anything, is left of the Sherman anti-trust law as it applies to big business, has been repealed by Mr. Hoover. If it means anything, it means that in the future no attempt will be made to prosecute big business because it combines or forms a monopoly, providing it is done according to the methods mapped out in Mr. Hoover's letter, which means in effect, as I understand it, that business concerns that want to combine and form a trust or a monopoly have only to announce that their combination is not in restraint of trade and it is not a monopoly, at least as far as can be ascertained by outside observation."

The Hoover letter referred to outlined to the attorney general certain things that, in the judgment of Secretary Hoover, corporations and organizations could do without violation of the Sherman act, and called upon the attorney general for his opinion.

Outline of Activities. Some of these activities outlined by Mr. Hoover were: Establishment of a standard system of cost accounting through trade associations.

Collection by trade associations of credit information as to financial responsibility of those using the products of the industry.

Co-operative advertising by a trade association for promotion of trade of its members.

Representation by trade association of its members in matters of legislation, rate litigation and railroad transportation questions.

Collection of statistics from each (Turn to Page Two, Column One.)

Woman Gives Up Income to Marry Man of Choice

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 19.—Whether she should remain single all her life and accept the annual income of a trust fund of \$60,000 created by the will of her former fiancé or marry and forfeit it is no longer a problem, if ever it was one, for Miss Eleanor Berlin, 21, of this city.

She was married in New York city today to Raymond L. Goding, a Worcester real estate broker, by whom she was employed as a stenographer.

The will of Charles A. Hamilton of Chicago, to whom Miss Berlin was engaged, provided that if she made her home with his mother in Chicago and never married, she would have the income of a trust fund of \$60,000. The will decreed that Miss Berlin should make her decision when she became 21.

Nebraska Credit Men to Meet in Lincoln February 22

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 19.—How to prevent failures, how to assist the youth, stabilize credits, and hammer home the ethics of business, are a few of the subjects that will be discussed at the annual meeting here of the Nebraska Credit Men's association, February 22. J. H. Tregoe, secretary of the national association, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Tregoe supervises the operation of 10 departments of the national association, which maintains a central credit interchange bureau at St. Louis, a foreign credit interchange bureau in New York, and a Washington bureau of national assistance.

Campaign Launched for Study of Constitution

New York, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—A campaign to have the legislature of every state pass a bill requiring regular courses of study in the constitution of the United States in private and public schools, colleges and universities, has been started by the National Security League, it was announced today.

Rockefeller's Millions Stand in Way of Romance of His Granddaughter

Daughter of Harold McCormick Will Have to Bring Intended Husband to America or Forfeit Interest in Fortune of Oil King.

Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Feb. 19.—Harold F. Rockefeller, father of Mathilde, 16, heiress, who is in love with and proposes to marry Max Oser, 48, a riding master of Zurich, Switzerland, arrived post haste from New York to talk it over with his daughter.

It is understood that the father is not opposed to the marriage, as his first consideration is the happiness of his daughter, but it is thought he will impress her with the fact that if she becomes the wife of the Swiss, she will have to bring him to the United States or forfeit most of her interest in the millions of her grandfather, John D. Rockefeller, who dislikes international romances.

Harold McCormick arrived early Saturday. To avoid the battery of newspaper reporters awaiting him at the station, he alighted from the train when it slowed up at Forty-third street, called a taxicab and proceeded to the home of his daughter, Harold McCormick, who is a resident. He was told she had steadfastly refused to make any statement until she had talked with him.

Surprised at News. "She's a little wonder," said her father. "I don't know how much authority fathers have these days. They have different ideas in Switzerland. The story of my daughter's engagement must have come from Switzerland. I was amazed when I read it in the eastern papers."

Miss Mathilde greeted him shyly. She speaks with a mixed Italian-German accent and admits she has been very lonely here. "Today when it snowed, I was glad, but it is not

Wants Children Reared in U. S. Mr. Rockefeller's wishes are said to have figured importantly in the return of Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick to Chicago from Switzerland last fall.

It is known, further, that additional evidences of a wandering instability in this same Chicago family have, at times, disturbed Mr. Rockefeller mightily. The recent divorce of his daughter, Edith, from the International Harvester millionaire was the first separation in a family record which the old oil king has boasted was clear of such difficulties.

It is altogether likely a Miss McCormick will decide the future of Miss Mathilde.

Sears Indicates Mrs. Olds Will Be Granted Divorce

Also Intimates That Property Valued at \$100,000 Will Be Divided Equally Between Them.

District Judge Sears indicated, at the close of the Olds divorce hearing Saturday afternoon, that he would grant Mrs. Mary Olds, 60, a divorce, and divide the Olds property equally between Mrs. Olds and her husband, Edward Olds, a wealthy retired farmer. The property is estimated at \$100,000.

"It is strange that during this case Mr. Olds has been painted as a bad character," said Judge Sears, "when 20 depositions from residents near his farm at Winfield, Neb., state that they have never heard of Olds beating his wife, or leaving his farm to go out on drunken orgies."

Gives Benefit of Doubt. "Surely the neighbors would know if Olds had done the things credited him in this case,"

Judge Sears sent Mr. and Mrs. Olds into his private office for five minutes, at the close of arguments by attorneys. It came to no agreement. Olds told his attorneys that Mrs. Olds was willing to give him another chance, and wanted him to come back to her.

Robert Olds, a son, was scored by Judge Sears for striking his father, as was brought out in the testimony. Addressing both Mr. and Mrs. Olds, Judge Sears said:

"If you old people would hold to each other as hard as you fought to get each other, you would be a happy couple today. As I say this it brings to memory the old Jewish couple that died when the Titanic sank. The wife refused to leave the ship without her husband, and she died."

"You have been a pair of foolish people," continued Judge Sears. "You should not have left the farm where you raised your family."

To Robert, the son, Judge Sears said: "If you live to be 100 years old, you will find an excuse for knocking down your father. There could be no excuse, except to protect your mother."

Settlement Not Agreed on. Congressman Jeffers, who was co-counsel with Harland Mossman for Mrs. Olds, left for Washington at 6 last night after spending almost a week in Omaha on the case. They were unable to agree with Olds' attorneys on what an equal settlement of the property would be late yesterday afternoon.

The suit for divorce was brought by Mrs. Olds.

Ohio Firm Puts Ban on Bobbed Tresses and Short Dresses

Dayton, O., Feb. 19.—Girls employed by the National Cash Register company are not going to divert the minds of male employees from their work.

They have been asked by the company to forego bobbed hair, short skirts and it is whispered—silk hose and peek-a-boo waists.

"We had to call a halt—didn't want to make the plant a peek-a-boo parlor," said one high official.

Girl employees of the factory were called together this week by the director of their welfare department and told about the new regulations.

They have taken the order good-naturedly, it is said, and the ruling is being complied with.

The National Cash Register company, in this step, has followed the lead of several big department stores of New York and Chicago.

It is believed, however, to be the largest industrial plant in the country to place a ban on bobbed tresses.

Congress to Junk Old Warships

Will Not Spend Dollar on Vessels Unable to Contribute to National Defense, Kelley Says.

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By the Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Congress will not spend one dollar for the upkeep, next year, of old warships that are unable to contribute to national defense, Chairman Kelley of the subcommittee on appropriation, which will frame the next navy bill, announced today.

Opposing the appropriation of \$300,000 asked for by Secretary Denby, Chairman Kelley declined to indicate how much might be cut from the secretary's estimate. By carrying out his program of "junking worthless vessels," it was intimated by the chairman's associates, however, that the figure would be reduced to \$210,000,000 or possibly \$200,000,000.

"I believe that congress will be willing to furnish the necessary men and money for that part of the navy which has a military value," Mr. Kelley declared. "But there are scores of ships costing millions every year which are worthless. I am not going to vote to keep these old ships in commission nor will congress, unless it can be shown that they can contribute to our national defense."

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Asked how he stood on the question of turning the 540 members of the first class at Annapolis back to civil life in June, Mr. Kelley said:

"It may be hard, but the first class will not be commissioned. We will have to be conservative in cutting the officered personnel and in this emergency we cannot swap men for boys. Some of the first class may be taken in to give a sprinkling of fresh life and energy, but with the wholesale reductions necessary the class will have to go. Its members have received a fine education. Their loss will be more sentimental than financial."

The impression was gained from the chairman that he believes a larger number of destroyers could be laid up than the 100 mentioned by the secretary of the navy.

"The navy called for four destroyers for each battleship," he said. "We are to have 18 battleships and by applying this rule we might get along with 72 destroyers in active commission."

An enormous saving can be effected in junking old and worthless ships, especially some of the older cruisers. Take the old Olympia, for example. Last year the cost of operation was \$1,179,000. There is a fine sentimental demand to save her, but she ought to be put some place where there will be no such tax burden.

"Just go down the line and you will find other old hulks costing millions of dollars that are not worth a tinker's damn for defense purposes," Mr. Kelley said, however, he would emphasize that there would be no ruthless cutting of appropriations and that new ships which really make up the navy would be kept in full commission.

Big Passenger Ships Reserved From Sale

Washington, Feb. 19.—Chairman Lasker announced that none of the larger passenger liners now being advertised by the board, together with virtually the entire shipping board fleet for sale to the highest bidder, will be sold until congress acts on the ship subsidy plan which President Harding expects to submit by the end of this week.

The larger ships of the fleet include the leviathan George Washington, and new vessels of the 535 and 502-foot class, as allocated to the Atlantic line. All the vessels of 502 class, Mr. Lasker said, are being advertised with the cargo vessels and the former German and Austrian cargo and passenger vessels in conformity with the Jones act, so that if favorable action is taken on the subsidy proposal, the bids for them will be in hand.

Highway Men to Discuss Direct Line Road at McCook

McCook, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—An important meeting of the Oberlin-McCook-Maywood-North Platte Highway association will be held at McCook Thursday, February 23, at which time the matter of deciding the merits of the Wellfleet or the Maywood direct line will be considered in the hope of deciding this mooted and warmly debated matter.

David City Man Named Columbus School Principal

David City, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—L. B. Mathews has been elected principal of the Columbus schools to succeed O. L. Webb, who comes here as superintendent, at a salary of \$2,400 a year. Mr. Mathews is an ex-service man, and, excepting the time he was in the service, has been principal of the David City schools for the past six years.

Springfield Man Nearly Loses Life as Home Burns

Springfield, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Fire destroyed the five-room home of W. D. Shaal here today. Mr. Shaal was alone in the house at the time of the fire and almost suffocated before rescued. The firemen were unable to save the house or contents. The loss is estimated at \$1,000, partly covered by insurance.

Wharf Rats, Hunting in Big Bands, Kill Calves in Oregon

Pendleton, Ore., Feb. 19.—R. T. Jackson of the United States biological survey verified a report of rat-killing calves in this county. Several days ago County Agent Fred Bennion received a complaint from R. C. Rasmussen of Stanfield that wharf rats had killed four of his calves. Upon investigation, the assistance of the biological survey was requested.

Jackson found that the rats worked in bands, chasing the calves until they were exhausted and then gnawing the flesh about the hoofs killed the animals bleed to death. The rats are being exterminated by a special noisome process, Jackson said.

Hard to Keep His Mind on the Woodpile



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Mrs. Myron Hayward died suddenly Saturday night at her home, 5009 Cass street, of pneumonia. She had been ill but a few days. She was formerly Miss Gertrude Freeman of Racine, Wis., and was 35 years of age.

Miss Catherine Freeman arrived in Omaha from Racine when her sister's condition became critical. Besides her husband, Mrs. Hayward is survived by two children, Charles, 8, and Jane, 6.

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Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 19.—A large audience was in attendance at the new Church of the Nazarene, which was dedicated Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Goodwin giving the dedication sermon. A special musical program was given. The church was erected at a cost of \$12,000.

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Four Railroad Employees Killed in Snowslide

Engine on "Moffat" Line in Colorado Swept Into Canyon—Engineer and Fireman Hurt.

Denver, Feb. 19.—Four employees of the Denver and Salt Lake railroad were killed when a snowslide struck an engine belonging to that road near Loop, Colo., early this morning. The men were swept down a canyon 700 feet deep. Their bodies have not yet been recovered.

Those killed were: WILLIAM MONGARVIS, section foreman.

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A. S. Cane and Thomas Conway, engineer and fireman, respectively, of the engine, escaped with serious injuries and were taken to their homes in Tabernash. Attending physicians said they would recover.

The engine had helped an east-bound train over the Continental Divide and just started back to Tabernash. Eight miles west of Corral, Colo., the station on the Continental Divide, the engine ran out of water as a result of bucking snow that had been piled on the tracks by previous slides. The engine was stopped and the four men who later were killed got out to shovel snow into the tank. The engineer and fireman got inside the tank to distribute the snow and it was to this that railroad officials attributed their escape.

The slide swept the engine from the tracks and into the canyon. The engine turned over twice on the way down, but the men inside were protected by the walls of the tank.

Officials here tonight said that it was probable neither the bodies nor the engine could be recovered before spring. The road is commonly called the "Moffat."

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Sentiment for Mondell Bonus Plan Growing

Proposal to Finance Initial Supply Bills Gaining Favor.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The soldiers' bonus situation continued to be so nebulous that republican house leaders still were unprepared to venture even a guess as to what plan of financing ultimately would be agreed upon. It was understood to be their disposition to let the question simmer a while longer in the hope that sentiment would so shape itself as to facilitate the task of those who will frame the measure.

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Valuable Horses Lost in Indianapolis Fire

Indianapolis, Feb. 19.—The large brick horse barn at the Indiana State Fair grounds here and about 100 valuable horses were burned today, causing a loss estimated at \$200,000. Three horses also were burned, two of them seriously, and attempted to rescue the animals.

According to Assistant Fire Chief Hoyl, the fire started from an oil stove in the loft and the flames spread rapidly, trapping animals and sleeping hostlers in the burning building.

The dead horses are said to include 60 of the 67 sent here from Camp Knox for use of Batteries A and C. Several polo ponies, Governor Warrenton's famous "Angels" were recently discovered in the garret of the Cherboung town hall, where they had been forgotten under layers of dust for many years. Cleaned and framed, they are now exhibited in the Cherboung museum.

Twenty Millet Canvases Are Discovered in France

Paris, Feb. 19.—Twenty canvases of Jean Francois Millet, the painter of the famous "Angels" were recently discovered in the garret of the Cherboung town hall, where they had been forgotten under layers of dust for many years. Cleaned and framed, they are now exhibited in the Cherboung museum.

One series of six paintings is especially interesting. They are portraits painted when Millet was 27, of his mother, great grandmother, aunt, father-in-law, brother-in-law and a portrait of himself by himself.

Millet was a native of Greville, a little village a few miles from Cherboung.

Attacks Against British Subjects in Egypt Continue

London, Feb. 19.—A dispatch to the London Times from Cairo says a series of attacks on Englishmen during the last week appears to confirm statements recently attributed to responsible Egyptian circles that an Englishman would be shot daily until the return of Said Zaglot Pasha, former minister of justice, who some time ago was arrested by British authorities.

The dispatch adds that there appears to be no doubt these attacks are directed against Englishmen irrespective of their position or character.

France Is Unable to Pay Debts

Official Declaration of Inability to Meet Obligations to United States Expected Soon.

Expert Gives Opinion

Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Administration officials believe a statement by M. Louis Loucheur, former French minister of devastated regions, that France is unable to meet its obligations to the United States, in an interview called in this country, M. Loucheur, one of the financial authorities of France, declared that nothing is to be gained by concealing the fact that his government is unable to meet its financial obligations.

M. Loucheur's statement has been brought to the attention of President Harding, secretary of the Treasury Mellon and Secretary of Commerce Hoover, the three officials who will have most to do with fixing this government's policy when the time comes to deal definitely with the allied indebtedness.

McCormick Not Surprised. Senator McCormick of Illinois, whose resolution adopted by the senate January 16, is believed to have prompted M. Loucheur to present France's situation, expressed no surprise when he read the interview.

"I believe," said Senator McCormick, "that this is the first official intimation we have had from high French sources that France will not pay her loan."

He stated that M. Loucheur merely declared publicly, and in a sense officially, what other Frenchmen had been saying privately for months. He recalled that Paris newspapers had suggested, in recent weeks, that the debts of France could only be paid if Germany met its reparations payments and if Russia paid what it had borrowed from France before the war.

Loans Without Conditions. The American loans to France, the senator contends, were made without conditions as to repayment and he urges that France and other debtor nations should at least make an effort in good faith to meet the interest charges.

The resolution he put through the senate asked the State department to transmit all information in its possession relative to the revenues, expenditures and deficits of the European states—showing the annual cost of land armaments, including both ordinary and extraordinary expenditures and the sum of interest annually due from the several states, on account of the loans made to them by the United States.

The secretary of state has not yet replied to this senate resolution, but Senator McCormick thinks its passage, together with a subsequent statement by him published in a Paris newspaper, possibly facilitated the expression of the nonpayment views of M. Loucheur.

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The Weather

Nebraska—Unsettled Monday and Tuesday, possibly rain or snow; not much change in temperature. Iowa—Increasing cloudiness Monday followed by rain or snow by night and on Tuesday; moderate temperature. Hourly Temperatures.